

Modoc C OF C Incorporates

ALTURAS, Feb. 17.—With the appointment of A. B. Wilson, local manager of California Oregon Power company in this territory, as president of the Modoc County chamber of commerce, and a new board of directors, it was decided to incorporate.

Articles of incorporation are being drawn up by District Attorney Charles Lederer. It was also decided that a full time secretary be employed.

Contacts have been made with the state chamber of commerce looking for a competent man to take over the reins of the Modoc organization.

According to information available, more than 50 homes will be in the process of construction in Alturas as soon as weather permits. A highway program will also be in progress and a large number of men will be added to the payrolls of the county.

Merrill

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker are vacationing in Wichita, Kas., where they are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillispie, well known in this community. Walker and Mrs. Gillispie, the former Willa Lee Walker, are brother and sister and Gillispie was injured some time ago in a plane accident.

Hilary Winebarger, leader of the Merrill Baby Beef club, has returned from Corvallis where he attended a meeting of 4-H leaders.

Two post season basketball games will be played on the home court when the Klamath Wildcats meet the Mustangs February 25.

The Loyal Order of Moose is sponsoring a series of four card parties to be held during the winter in the Oddfellows hall. First of the series was February 6 with pinochle being played. High score went to Mrs. Lillian Thomason and Jack Adams, and low to Mrs. Elmer Stukel and

Langell Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hunt are parents of a baby daughter, born February 7, in Palo Alto, Calif. She has been named Janet and is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bechholdt. The Bechholdts have been in Palo Alto since Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grallen entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potuck and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Randall at dinner on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Noble and Mrs. Anna Gift left Tuesday morning for Oakland, Calif. Mrs. Gift has been visiting here for several weeks.

Mrs. Elliott House and Mrs. Bill Burnett and children spent Tuesday with Cora Leavitt. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Frank Brown and Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson and L. A. Constans.

Mrs. Mary Dearborn and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dearborn and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dearborn and family on February 11, celebrating Mike's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Perkins of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Novotny were Sunday visitors at the Elliott House home.

Earl Kent is spending two weeks at Olympia, Wash., with Mrs. Kent.

L. A. Constans recently sold his place in Langell valley to Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Godsey.

Mrs. D. L. House and daughter

Lester Wilson. The traveling award went to Mrs. Frank Hadley. A grand prize will be given at the close of the series to both woman and man holders of high scores.

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Grants Pass, Oregon, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1947
at Drs. Scheetz and Smith

Ashland, Oregon, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1947
at Dr. Blanch Rice

Medford, Oregon, Thursday, Feb. 20, 1947
at 204 Medford Building

ter returned home last week from a visit to Phoenix, Ariz., with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Ross of Bonanza spent the week-end in Klamath Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross.

Dick Pepple and Mike Brown came home from college at Ashland to spend the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Wes Dearborn and Mrs. Les Leavitt visited in Klamath Falls Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dearborn.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis who returned last week from a three-week honeymoon in Nevada and California. Mrs. Davis was the former Beth Parker of Hildebrand before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marchant have moved to their ranch in upper Langell valley which they purchased recently.

LaRue House was a dinner guest at the Leavitt home on Tuesday evening.

Paul, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dearborn has been ill and receiving medical care in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pepple were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Brown on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Paul Monroe has returned home after spending the past month in southern California with her mother, sister, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Thomas and Margaret Jane are also home from two weeks at Berkeley with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Henry Thomas.

The Swing quintet, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rupert, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Novotny, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potuck and Mr. and Mrs. George Fernlund went to Medford on February 8 and played over radio station KMED.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett and children spent the week-end at Tulelake with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Van Buskirk and children.

Jim Womack spent Sunday at the Leavitt home.

Mary Ann Wilson spent the week-end at Hildebrand with Mary Ann Parker.

Bly

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dishna had as their guest last week Dishna's father, S. C. Dishna of Montana, and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bland of Auburn, Wash.

Mrs. Ross McMillan left Friday evening for a week's vacation which she will spend visiting her parents and her daughter Vera, all at Bremerton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cary, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Powell, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley attended a party for forest service employees at Lakeview Thursday evening.

A. A. Protsman returned home February 4 from Portland where he was called by the death of his nephew, Ben Protsman. He was accompanied home by his brother, Ben, from Lansing, Ia., who will spend a few weeks visiting here.

Young Protsman died January 28 at Moscow, Ida. He formerly lived in Bly and was employed at Ivory Pine. Funeral services were held at Molalla, Ore., on February 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Monte Cline and daughter Marian left Thursday for a two weeks vacation to be spent in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Gordon and family who have made their home in Bly for several years, left January 27 to live at Marsing, Ida. The Gordons sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arterbury.

Mr. and Mrs. John Becande have returned home after spending some time with relatives in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and children spent the week-end visiting in Paisley, Ore.

Jack Harrison made a business trip to Idaho the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cummings and daughter visited last week at Paisley.

Herb Hadley and F. H. Armstrong are spending the week in Lakeview on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Miller and children of Corning, Calif., spent the past week-end visiting Mrs. Miller's brothers, Ernie and Al Coke and family.

Keno

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith returned recently from a trip of about a week into the northern part of California.

The Heiderer family and the Tony Buckingham family made a trip to southern California recently, returning to their homes at Ellingson Mill week before last. They report a good trip and a splendid visit with relatives living near Los Angeles.

The W. L. Perkins family has moved into the Puckett house across from the post office.

Mr. Dan Scherer and new baby daughter are now at home. The little girl is about two weeks old. Another new resident of Keno who has never been mentioned in this column is the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lummus. He was born the day before Christmas.

Mrs. C. R. Morgan is visiting relatives in the eastern states.

Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Huck of Beatty visited over the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith. The Hucks formerly lived in Keno.

Mrs. T. E. Deckard and children are visiting at the home of Mrs. Deckard's mother, Mrs. Barger, in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Howard and Sherry left for Portland on Wednesday. They expect to bring Larry home with them for a while. Larry is receiving medical care at the hospital in Portland.

Vernon Heads Convention Group
LAKEVIEW, Feb. 17 — Will P. Vernon, Goose Lake valley rancher, who last week was named to head the Lake County chamber of commerce's activities in connection with preparing for and staging the annual convention here this spring of the Oregon Cattle and Horse

Raisers' association, has become general chairman of the convention.

The convention, which is expected to bring about 600 visitors to Lakeview, in late May or early June, is being conducted jointly by the chamber and stockmen. Vernon's appointment was made on behalf of the chamber by President Ray Harlan and for the stockgrowers by President W. B. Snider of Paisley.

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Alturans To Make Mexico Trip

ALTURAS, Feb. 17 — Two local men, Paul Baker, attorney, and Drace Fountain, contractor, will be the guests of Frank Belcher, formerly of the First National bank of San Diego, on a hunting trip to Mexico.

They will fly from San Francisco with Frank Fuller, and while in the northern province of Mexico will be the guests of

Governor Andreote of that section. They will hunt ducks, geese and doves.

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	COST—PRESENT RATE	RATE INCREASE	TOTAL—AFTER INCREASE
ASHLAND - MEDFORD ROSEBURG - KLAMATH FALLS GRANTS PASS			14.7 cents
PORTLAND - SALEM CORVALLIS - ALBANY			14.2 cents

Above average customer costs are compared with Oregon's largest operating gas utility which has the state's lowest average rates. This chart indicates our rates compare favorably with the state's largest and most efficient operating utility.

Higher Operating Costs Make Rate Increases Necessary

The following increases in Operating Costs necessitate an increase in rates to assure our customers of dependable and efficient service.

- FUEL** — Cost increased 41% since 1941.
- TAXES** — Our taxes for the support of good government in the communities we serve have increased 62%.
- WAGES** — 1946 labor costs show an increase of 108% over 1941 costs. Increased living costs for employees necessitated upward adjustment of wages.
- NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURES** — \$123,640.00 was expended for additional facilities to adequately serve our Oregon customers during 1946. \$180,000.00 will be needed for the same purpose during 1947.

For some time our Southern Oregon Gas Business has been losing money. No Public Utility system can operate with a deficit and stay healthy.

Our request for increased rates will add approximately 4 cents a day to the gas bill of the average home. Under the circumstances we feel you will agree our request is just.

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