

Klamath People Get Word From Orient

Long-awaited word from their daughter, Mary, now Mrs. Don Smith, was received a few days ago by Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Thomas of 828 Pacific Terrace. Don and Mary are in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he holds a position with Morrison-Knudsen Construction company. Recent headlines on trouble in and around that sector made their daughter's letter doubly welcome for the Thomases.

Sections of the note home to her family tell of Mary's interesting life in the Orient.

"One very important thing I haven't told you is that I received my five pieces of baggage. They were in perfect condition except for a minor thing or two and I was tickled to get them. It was almost five months to the day since I left home that they arrived. I don't remember whether or not I told you about the difficulties we've had with personal luggage being pilfered upon its arrival here, but we've really had a time. They still don't know whether it happens on the boat, in the warehouse at Karachi or between Karachi and Kandahar.

"Well, one day they told us my luggage was in the warehouse in Kandahar and would be sent out on a truck the next day. Well, we waited and waited and thought the truck had got lost when we got word that it had tipped over between here and Kandahar. Well, that was almost the last straw. I could just see the broken fragments of dishes and everything else that was fragile. At that time, too, I didn't know if everything was in the boxes or if they were empty (from pilferage). The truck finally was towed into Kabul, and we took the boxes home and opened them all in one night. Believe it or not, there wasn't one single dish or glass broken."

Telling of the weather, Mary adds, "The weather turned cold here just before the trunks came and I was certainly glad to get some winter clothing. We've had quite cold weather ever since and have fires going all the time. We purchased some coal briquettes and a huge amount of wood and hope to keep warm this winter. It is very difficult to get oil here to burn in a stove so we bought little wood or coal stoves for the different rooms.

"Another thing — we haven't boiled any water that we drink for the last five months and we're all perfectly okay. We were careful to drink only the water that comes from the Paghman river which has been tested but other than that, we don't take any precautions with the water."

Mary completed her letter with word that they should be home in two years if all goes well. Previously the young Smiths were in Alaska, and Mary added that when there is nice weather in Kabul, "I sort of like it after being in Alaska for so long."

Friends may reach them by writing in care of the Morrison-Knudsen company, M-K Afghanistan, Inc., Kabul, Afghanistan.

Mid-Week SOCIETY

Guest Speaker

A special guest speaker will appear before members of the Klamath Falls Woman's Library club Monday, January 12. The meeting will be held in the city library club-rooms at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Mabel Holt, supervisor of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Holt is a graduate of Reed college and spent two years in the school of social service administration at the University of Chicago. In addition she trained for two years at Bolz Roberts university in Chicago in psychiatric work. The speaker is a well-known lecturer, and the program promises to be of special interest.

Buffet Dinner

CHILOQUIN—Mrs. Cora Crystal was hostess at a Christmas Eve buffet dinner at her William River ranch. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ball of Fort Klamath Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crawford and Coralie, Mrs. Charlotte Mayfield and Patricia Cole, all of Klamath Falls, Marie Ingall of Tulelake, Dan Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy and Bob Wampler.



WED AT the First Covenant church December 26, were Alice Eastman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eastman of Klamath Falls, and Sheibert Rhodus of Smith River, Calif. Vows were exchanged by candlelight at 7:30 in the evening. —Jones-Miller.

Reception

CHILOQUIN — Mrs. Athel B. Roser gave a reception on Tuesday night, December 30, from 8 to 10 o'clock at the Gerry Wolff residence, in honor of Mrs. Roser's daughter Linda, who recently announced her engagement to Don Smith, formerly of Chilochin but now of Corvallis.

Receiving guests were Mrs. Roser and her two daughters, Linda and Lorna. The lace-covered table was centered by a Christmas pot set and crystal candelabra holding tall red tapers. Presiding at the silver coffee and tea service was Mrs. Walter Zimmerman. Mrs. Harold Maljory, aunt of the guest of honor, from Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Lou Kellison served the large cake, which was decorated with poinsettias of frosting and "Good Wishes, Don and Linda."

Small favors which had been hand-painted by the guest of honor and her mother were presented to the guests. Covers showed tiny bluebirds on a branch. Inside was the message, "June, Don and Linda."

In charge of the guest book was Ann McKell. Assisting throughout the rooms were Jean McKell, Mrs. Gerry Wolff and Mrs. Charles Warren. "O Holy Night" was sung by Ann McKell and Elida DeBortoli sang "My Hero" and "Smiling Through."

Holiday Rites

Alva Cummings of this city became the bride of Roy C. Hollister, also of Klamath Falls, in a New Year's Day ceremony read in Reno, Nev.

After a few days in the Nevada city, the new Mr. and Mrs. Hollister returned by plane to Klamath Falls where they are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bishop of Weyerhaeuser, visited here between the Christmas and New Year holidays with her parents. She left Monday morning by plane to report back to Oak Knoll hospital, the United States naval hospital at Oakland, California.

Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Whitney, (Patty Fleet), are expected the first of the week from Aberdeen, Wash. They spend several days with Patty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Fleet of Lakeshore drive.

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FAR FROM HOME are Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Smith, Mrs. Smith is the former Mary Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Thomas of 828 Pacific Terrace. The Smiths are in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he holds a position with a construction firm.

Entertained

LANGELL VALLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Orville DeVaul entertained with a party at their home Christmas night. About 75 friends attended and enjoyed an evening of dancing. Refreshments were served late in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hamaby entertained today at their home for Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Livesley and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drager, all of Salem, holiday visitors here. About 50 guests were present.

A few days' skiing was planned to climax Christmas vacation by Maxine Liskey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Liskey, Maxine, after a holiday visit home from Oregon State college at Corvallis, left Thursday night for Portland. There she was joined by Betty Decker of that city and the two will enjoy a winter outing at Mt. Hood until time to leave for classes next Monday.

Holiday Affair

HENLEY—One of the many holiday gatherings was a Yuletide party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beymer Jr. An evening of pinocle was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dehlinger, Sammy and Delbert; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beymer Sr., Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallin and Mr. and Mrs. Beymer Jr.

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