

WILLARD EMPIRE NEWS

New Pine Creek

A number of local Masons and Eastern Star members attended the joint installation of officers at Ft. Bidwell last Friday evening. Installing Officer Reynolds of Alturas presided over the Masons while Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Smith of Willow Ranch were installing officers for the Eastern Star. Mrs. Sarah Johnston is the new worthy matron who was installed in ceremonial splendor for the coming year and Emil Risley, now living on his ranch at Ft. Bidwell, was re-elected worthy master.

A big banquet preceded the meeting and Jane Ward sang a special song number at the presentation ceremony.

Andrew W. Lightle was taken to the Alturas hospital last Monday suffering with a mangled arm which was caught in the tie-up machine at the Willow Ranch Lumber company's box factory where he is employed as a handy man. He was repairing the machine at the time and accidentally tripped the switch putting the feed belt in motion. The belt sucked his hand into the machine and rendered him helpless to do anything until help came and the machine was turned off and the belt pulled back, reversely so his arm could be taken out.

Lightle has been most unfortunate with bad luck lately for he had just recently returned to work from having his finger broken and it was the same hand with the splintered forefinger that was pulled into the machine. He has suffered immeasurably from the wound but was resting easier on Tuesday.

Andy has also had two black-out attacks recently caused from nervous disorder or stomach ulcers. Considering all this bad luck coming on top of his wife's recent major operation, Andy has the fullest sympathy of his many friends.

The Boy Scouts went on a prospecting hike last Sunday, out on Sugar Hill point, near where Harvey Porter has a quicksilver mine prospect.

The purpose of the hike was to acquaint the boys with cinnabar ore, to explore a certain cave around which hangs a gold nugget myth, and also to give the boys some practical experience in cooking.

The boys put in what was supposed to be the delicious elements of a dutch oven stew and built up a big fire over same prior to their explorations. All might have been well but the boys stayed away too long and upon their return the stew was burned to a brown crisp. So the Scouts had to rely upon a wholly inadequate supply of sandwiches.

Mrs. Harry Newman and son Raymond and Mrs. Ida Mae Walker returned home last Monday after spending two weeks visiting in Medford and Grants Pass. The girls, Donna and Ruth, visited the two weeks with relatives at Hill, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman returned on Friday evening after spending three weeks visiting in Burns, Eugene and other coastal points during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander returned last week from spending a month or two traveling and visiting in California, Arizona, Colorado and Utah. With them returned Mr. and Mrs. Terry from Salt Lake City, who are visiting with them for a time. The Alexanders had a wonderful trip and are now ready to go to work again.

Clifford Partin, Mark Partin, and Alvin McKune returned Sunday from Prineville, Ore., where they attended a big IOOF lodge meeting.

The meeting included the conferring of the Royal Purple degree of the encampment and the installation of officers for three lodges, Central Oregon, Bend and Lakeview groups. The visitors reported having a big time.

There will be a regular meeting of the East Side grange this Saturday evening.

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Mrs. Tom Cimmiyotti has returned to her home in Condon after a week spent with her sister and family. Mrs. Bill Marshall, Mrs. Marshall and infant daughter, Barbara Jean, came home from the hospital the early part of January.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Barnes were hosts Saturday night to a grange-sponsored card party at the Olene community hall. There were eight tables in play and high score went to Wynn Kinney and Mrs. Stanley Masten, low to Mrs. Rex High and Jack Roper.

Mrs. Bill Garrett has received word that her sister, Mrs. Vada Wilson of The Dalles, is improving after a serious illness.

Mrs. O. L. Brown is spending this week in town with her father, B. S. Grigsby.

Mrs. John Marshall and daughter, Ann, spent Tuesday at the Basil Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snyder of Klamath Falls spent Sunday with the Marion Barnes.

Fort Klamath

The regular monthly meeting of the Fort Klamath club was held Friday afternoon in the clubhouse, the meeting having been postponed one week due to the holidays. Mrs. W. B. Heseock, president, was in the chair for the first time since her recent election to the office, and during the business session, plans were made and committees appointed for the March of Dimes dance for the infantile paralysis fund to be held here on Saturday night, January 24.

The matter of the club providing some form of recreation for the youth of Fort Klamath was brought up and discussed at some length, with no action being taken. Inasmuch as there is no theatre or other form of diversion here for local youngsters, it was felt that the club should sponsor some form of entertainment, the matter being tabled until later.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Frank Denton and Mrs. H. T. Williams were hostesses to those present, when a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served to the following: Mrs. W. B. Heseock, Mrs. Raymond S. Loosley, Mrs. Richard Young, Mrs. Ord Pritchett, Mrs. James Van Wormer, Mrs. Marvin Roeder, Mrs. Ray Prowell, Mrs. William A. Page, Mrs. William C. Haecker, Mrs. Nettie J. Bishop, Mrs. R. O. Varnum, and a visitor, Mrs. Fern Head, who is making her home here with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Prowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sisemore and daughter Jo Ann returned last week from Berkeley, Calif., where they spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bressler.

Charles M. Shanahan has returned from a trip to Dubuque, Ia., where he visited his sister, Sister Mary Alphonse, who is a patient at Mt. Carmel hospital in Dubuque. Sister Mary Alphonse visited here with her brother last summer and since going back home has become almost totally blind, her condition being pronounced hopeless by doctors. Although she is of advanced years during her visit here Sister Mary Alphonse appeared very well and enjoyed the western mountain scenery and especially a trip to Crater lake during her stay. Those who met her during her visit will regret to hear of her illness. She has been a nun for over 50 years.

Donald Roeder was able to resume his classes at Chiloquin High school this week, although he is on crutches with his left leg in a cast as a result of a broken bone in his ankle due to an accident while skiing last week-end, not in the park as previously reported, but near the Wilson auto court north of Fort Klamath. The cast will be removed from the injured ankle in four weeks.

Bert Gray is under the care of a Klamath Falls physician following the development of a painful malady which was diagnosed by his doctor as fish poisoning. Gray is a veteran employe of the state fish hatchery at Crooked creek south of here, and the illness from which he is suffering is caused from handling the fish, according to report, the strange malady being especially prevalent in Alaska among fishermen.

Hitchcock Is Rotary Speaker

Phil Hitchcock, president of the West-Hitchcock corporation of Klamath Falls and president of the Klamath County chamber of commerce, used prospective basin development as his theme as he spoke before the Klamath Rotary club at the regular weekly meeting at the Willard hotel Friday.

Hitchcock sketched the general thinking of the board of directors of the local chamber regarding potential economic development of the entire basin area and noted the marked similarity between Portland and Klamath problems.

"Of utmost significance to our area," Hitchcock stated, "is the fact that Klamath Falls now ranks as the fourth distributive trade center in the entire Northwest."

George Davis acted as chairman of the day.

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Girl Scout News

The first clothes for Friendship kit to be completed by Klamath Girl Scouts has been turned in to the Scout office by Brownie troop 35 of Henley, and Mrs. Ruby Ralston, leader, and her girls are to be congratulated on being so prompt and efficient. This clothing kit, and many others the Klamath Girl Scouts are working on, will help reach the goal of 100,000 boxes of clothing to be sent overseas this year by the National Girl Scout organization to help make a better life for many needy boys and girls in the war-devastated countries of Europe.

The Henley Brownie Scouts collected and made clothing for a girl from 7 to 8 years of age, and included many items like stockings, skirts, underwear, bandannas and even safety pins. Troop 35 is composed of Dorothy Askland, Sandra Brunton, Linda Delap, Caroline DeVoss, Dora Jean DeVoss, Darlene Enloe, Charlene Finchum, Sheila Finchum, Beverly Luper, Sandra Propst, Darlene Ralston, Patsy Ralston, Jean Taylor, Martha Tuback and Susie Williams.

Swimmers

The Girl Scout organization is also very pleased with the progress of the swimming program being held on the second Friday of each month. The second class was held last Friday with a record group of 201 girls. Intermediate Scouts and Camp Fire Girls made up the largest group with 115, Brownie Scouts and Blue Bird Camp Fire Girls came next with 80, and Senior Scouts and Camp Fire Girls had six. Of the 201 total, 156 were present for the first time. The classes were understandably crowded, so the recreation department has provided the pool for use on the fourth Wednesdays of every month. In the future, the girls registered will be divided into smaller classes and notified by mail of the time their class starts. At the recent class, Ella Redkey and Mrs. James Pinniger and Mrs. Larry Watkins of the Girl Scouts, and Virginia Denton and Naomi French of the Camp Fire organization, and Betty Pinniger, a senior Scout, helped with the instruction and registration.

The girls taking part in this program are urged to practice as much as possible between sessions, and to do this, they may take advantage of the open swimming dates for the high school pool. On Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5, the pool is open to the public with admission being 10 cents for those under 12 and 25 cents for over 12. On Saturday evening the hours are from 5 to 9 and the charge is 25 cents and 50 cents. On Wednesday the pool is available for private swimming groups. Thursday evening is reserved for high school students at a 25 cents per person fee, and Fridays are reserved for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. The city recreation department is to be thanked for setting up this fine program to promote better swimming, and further information on the use of the pool may be obtained by calling Sam Smith at the recreation department in the city hall. The phone is 7112.

Committee Session

Something new was added to a recent meeting of the out-of-doors committee when Senior Scouts were invited to sit in on the proceedings and give their opinions and view points. The girls chosen for this were Cleo Cadwell and Ida Tennafoss. The rest of the members attending were Vern Owens, Mrs. James Pinniger, Mrs. Keith Cobo, Mrs. William Bond and Miss Redkey.

Shasta Scouts

The meeting of the Shasta Girl Scout troop on January 6 was visited by Miss Redkey and the troop was divided into patrols and told of camp plans. The patrols chose leaders and names and worked on their second class rank work.

The Girl Scout office has released an interesting report showing the rapid growth of Girl Scouting in this area in 1947. The grand total of girls participating in Scouting jumped from 824 to 758 in one year, with Intermediates leading the way with an increase from 256 to 441. Brownies added 28 members, growing from 265 to 293. An entirely new field was opened to high school girls when two senior troops were organized, increasing the Senior Scouts from nothing to 24. Adult

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And to my business associate, Spike O'Toole, I leave the territory between 5th avenue and 4th avenue, bounded on the north by Jason street and on the south by Bond street, to be developed commercially as he sees fit!"

Boyle's Column

"The Lockup" Guards The Secrets Of Crop Reports

By HAL BOYLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The present senate inquiry into grain speculation recalls the famous "case of the jiggled windowshade," an historic scandal in the department of agriculture.

The federal employe who jiggled the windowshade was reported to have made more than year by this one act than the president of the United States received in salary—then \$50,000.

It was back in 1905. The man had just seen a secret crop report. By adjusting the windowshade he signalled to a conspirator outside whether the crop would be larger or smaller than expected.

What difference would that news make?

Well, the prices on a commodity market rise in normal times if a small crop is forecast and fall if a huge crop is in sight. A trader who finds out this information in advance can thus buy or sell before the price changes and reap a profit. When he is dealing in hundreds of thousands of bushels, even a slight price change can make him big money.

Foolproof System

The outcry over the jiggled windowshade led the department of agriculture to put in a foolproof system to assure that no news of its crop estimates would leak out until they were to be made public.

To do this the newly created crop reporting board devised "the lock-up." This is a block-long corridor

volunteer workers increased proportionately, from 112 in 1946 to 192 in 1947. Anyone connected with Girl Scouting can well be proud of this report.

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Flood Control Project Eyed

PORTLAND, Jan. 17 (AP)—A flood-free era of growing industrialization of the Willamette valley was envisioned today by sponsors of the Willamette valley project and a new lock at the Oregon City falls.

Col. O. E. Walsh told the Portland chamber of commerce yesterday that the project would bring 45 per cent of the valley under flood control, and with proper operation of the 20 reservoirs planned, the river level could be maintained.

He said the reservoirs also would permit irrigation of 421,000 acres and generation of 387,000 kilowatts of power.

Sponsors of the new lock at Oregon City asserted it would promote establishment of a decentralized industry up the valley.

Walter Buse, Oregon City, Clackamas county chairman of the Willamette valley project committee, said the present hand-operated locks handled 58,000 tons of traffic in 1915 and 2,397,000 tons last year. An electric single-lift lock is needed, he said. Cost was estimated at \$7,000,000.

The Portland chamber sent a resolution to the Oregon delegation in congress urging support for the Willamette project funds.

to the man with the windowshade, and he referred me to an information specialist who is making a study of the case.

"The best I have been able to learn," the information man said, "is that he was fined \$5000 after a long trial. But oldtimers in the department say he probably had made \$70,000 out of one deal he pulled. He is dead now, but nobody is sure whether he died in disgrace or a millionaire."

How many windowshades he toyed with before he was caught is unknown, but he pulled at least one other fast trick. Department records show that in June, 1908, he changed the official forecast of a 14.9 per cent decrease in the cotton crop to 11.4 per cent.

This apparently suited his speculative purposes better.

"The odd thing was that the final figure at the end of the year showed the actual decrease was nearer 11 than 14 per cent," said the information specialist.

The fellow must have made a deal with the weather, too.

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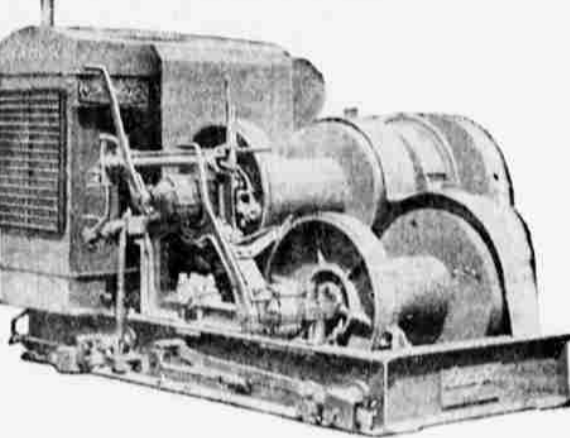
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then go home and tell your friends what a good time you had at the Yukon. Remember, let the ducks buy their wrist watches in Klamath Falls but do all your shopping in Tulelake. Being desirous to please at the Yukon, Jo and Charlie say: "Come As You Are!"