MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

Good Snow Conditions Call Skiers To Willamette Area

CASCADE SUMMIT, Feb. 3—Six inches of newly fallen snow plus a steady, light snowfall, afforded perfect skiing conditions for week-end skiers in the Willamette ski area. Over 100 cars were parked in the space provided and the Greyhound bus and other cars in a lot further down on the highway.

Highlighting activities on Sunday was the fourth class test run cross country by 35 ski-school students who received certificates for their accomplishments. Requirements for passing includes level skiing, kick turns, right and left, herringbone, straight downhill running, across and uphill traverse, and snow plows combined with connected turns and breaking speed. To make the run more realistic, various hills are given special names such as Beginner's, Gullion, Ski-school, Korn, Temple and Highway Flats.

According to George Korn, Oregon Sports association head, recreational skiers have been demanding a program of proficiency test ratings which provide standards for skiing and thereby lessens the possibility of major accidents on the runway caused by uncontrolled dashes down thickly populated slopes. To answer this need, the association has adopted a plan consisting of three sets of tests and providing for first class awards to outstanding skiers in mountaineering, competition and patrol. Switzerland used the program for 20 years with such successful results that it was adapted for use in this territory by the Pacific Northwest Ski association and the National association, which are now being followed by divisions in California and the East.

Advanced skiers who constantly practice at the Willamette ski-tow include Bill McCracken, Bruce Chase and Don Temple, winners of first, second and third places, respectively, in the 1947 Junior Boys obsidian competition; Harold Trotter and Tony Vogel, officers of the ski patrol; Robert W. Pfeiffer of the civilian air patrol, and Jack Meissner, who will shortly make a 300-mile Timberline to Crater lake ski-trek under sponsorship of "White Stag."

Mt. Laki

The Mt. Laki Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Gus Hilyard with Mrs. Harry Booth assisting Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Brown. Plans were made for the coming year and committees appointed. Friends and neighbors present were Mrs. William Blackman, Mrs. E. E. McClay, Mrs. Sam Enman, Mrs. W. M. Williams, Mrs. Alvin Cheyne, Mrs. Albert Stone, Mrs. Gray Brannon, Mrs. A. R. Campbell, Mrs. Ira Orem, Mrs. Jay Manning, Mrs. Lawrence Birk, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. Crystal Cheyne, Mrs. Don Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Elliott and Mrs. C. J. Hess.

Mrs. L. A. West, Mrs. I. W. White, Mrs. Scott Thompson, Mrs Estella Hill, Mrs. O. L. Brown, Mrs. R. L. Fleming, Mrs. Harry Booth and Mrs. Gus Hilyard.

Mrs. A. R. Campbell led the devotionals. The next meeting will be February 25 at the home of Mrs. Earl Mack. Mrs. Enman will have charge of the program and Mrs. Williams the devotionals.

A birthday dinner was held Sunday at the Clarence Weber home honoring Mrs. Holzhouser, mother of Mrs. Weber. Guests were Mrs. Holzhouser, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tucker, Jean Tucker, Helen and Leland Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Reiling were hosts at a dinner party Tuesday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson of Tulelake, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fiegi, Carolyn and Lee Fiegi.

At the last meeting of Poe Valley grange an interesting contest was held between the men and the women, losers to buy chicken dinners for the winners. The men were hosts on Sunday evening at the Red Rock Chicken inn with 19 members present.

Wocus

Moving to Wocus recently were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Karnes and family of three children, Wayne, Richard and Sue. They are occupying the house recently vacated by the Johnnie Laneys. With the Karnes is the mother of Mrs. Karnes, widow of the late Charles Angel of Stanley, Wis. Mr. Karnes is employed at the Oregon avenue garage.

The last meeting of the Get-Together club was held at the home of Mrs. James Helm, January 7. Thirteen members were present, honoring Mrs. Don McGee with a stork shower. Refreshments were served. The club operates without a chairman, or any other officer. Membership is increasing and each lady takes her turn at entertaining the club, planning the recreation and refreshments. The only suggestion ever made was that "turns" would be in alphabetical order. There are no dues and the aim of the club is to inject a feeling of sociability and goodwill to your neighbor. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Paul Buck, Wednesday at 1 p. m.

According to word received from Mrs. Johnnie Laney, who recently took her children and joined her husband at Luna, N. M., where they have a large cattle ranch, the weather has been extremely cold, 20 and 25 degrees below zero, and is retarding the progress of setting fence posts around the large acreage. The Laneys plan to raise beef type cattle for the market. Mrs. Laney says she gets lonesome on the ranch and would like for someone to send her The Herald and News so she could keep posted on the "goings-on" of the Wocus people and Klamath Falls folk.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shumate are happy again to have back home their infant son who has been taking treatments at the Doernbecher hospital in Portland, for a skin disease. The baby seems to be well on the way to a complete recovery.

Don McGee is helping his brother Howard on his ranch at Fort Rock, Ore. Don's wife is in New York visiting her mother.

The unfinished pumice tile dwelling of the late Samuel Ackerman saddens the heart of his many friends when they pause to look at, what was to be to Sam, his "dream home and auto court." The elaborate plate glass window in the front room, and the specially built fireplace of red brick, "was something to be proud of," Sam said. The living monuments of trees from all over the United States was to Ackerman a source of pride, and he worked early and late, aside from his tailor shop in town, to improve the grounds, so, said he "Wocus would be proud to have him as a neighbor." The weeping, white birch tree in front of the house stands in evidence as part of Sam's inner nature to want to help beautify the world with something that would live on and on.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard regret to announce that, due to the H and H auction mart being used to house merchandise belonging to other people, the use of the building to hold Wocus community meetings will no longer be available. Club Chairman Dorothea Buck says she will try to secure another meeting place, and asks anyone who has room to offer for the purpose of club gatherings to contact her at the earliest possible moment. Until another meeting place is available, the regular February meeting has been postponed.

Four-H News

4-H club leaders from 21 Western Oregon counties gathered for three days on the Oregon State college campus last week for a training conference and to develop plans for ensuing coming year.

Klamath county's delegation made up a portion of the attendance of 261 leaders. The leaders who attended were Mrs. Earl Mack, Mrs. Jessie Keady, Mrs. William Gourley, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Claude Williams, Edgar Hoffman, Earl Wilson, and Martin Brown.

Outstanding feature of the banquet sponsored by the Sears Roebuck Foundation was the first presentative of new Governor Snell 4-H achievements awards to be given annually to the boy and girl nominated as Oregon's entries in the national achievement contests. First winners are Bonnie Klein, Marion county, and Bill Headrick, Clackamas county.

The Snell awards were proposed by the late governor about a year ago. Since his death they take on a memorial nature and were presented by his son, Dr. William E. Snell, Salem.

Service pins for leadership were also distributed at the banquet. Local leaders who received recognition for five years of leadership were Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Jessie Keady, and Edgar Hoffman.

Among speakers who took part in the program was Elwain H. Greenwood, secretary of the Oregon bankers association. In 1948, the bankers association is allotting over $3000 to further the Oregon 4-H club program.

The clothing I Needle club members from Altamont school have completed their needle cases and pincushion, and have started their third article.

This group was organized in October, and meets every other Monday. The officers are Bondell Crawford, president; Jamis Horne, vice president; Sharon Thompson, secretary; and Mrs. Anna Mundlin leader.

Mary Elsemore,
News Reporter.

At a meeting held at the home of Illys Smalley on January 25, the members of the Malin Beef club chose the name "Malin Showbusters."

New members are to be initiated at the next meeting.

The president, Patti Smith, selected members to give special reports at future meetings.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Smalley to members. Patti and Buddy Smith, Jimmy Parker, Barbara Cornett, Molly and Martha McAuliffe, Stuart Hensel, Eddie McAuliffe, Illys Smalley, Elliot West, and Ronanne and Kathleen Wilson, and guests Mrs. Parker, Virginia and Denny, Mrs. Cornett and James Marshall, George and Jerry Smalley, Mrs. Guy Dutton, Creta Mae, and Barbara and Leader Earl Wilson.

Kathleen Wilson,
News Reporter.

The Merrill Baby Beef club held a meeting Friday in the Merrill high school. Billy Gasser, president, called the meeting to order. The club voted not to pay dues but instead to have other projects to finance their activities. The meeting was then adjourned to meet next week.

Those present were Billy Gasser, Hilery Winebarger, Lila Winebarger, Fay Gasser, Danny Barry, Jimmy Walker, Keith Winebarger and Bill Hill. There was one sheep club member, Bobby Gasser present. H. B. Winebarger, the leader, was also there.

Danny Barry,
News Reporter.

Pupils March Out Of Burning School

SWEET HOME, Feb. 3 (AP)—Pupils of the Holly grade school marched to safety yesterday when fire broke out and destroyed the building.

Firemen said the flames spread from a defective flue.

The three-room school has an enrollment of 72. Temporary classrooms are planned in a near-by Grange hall or church.

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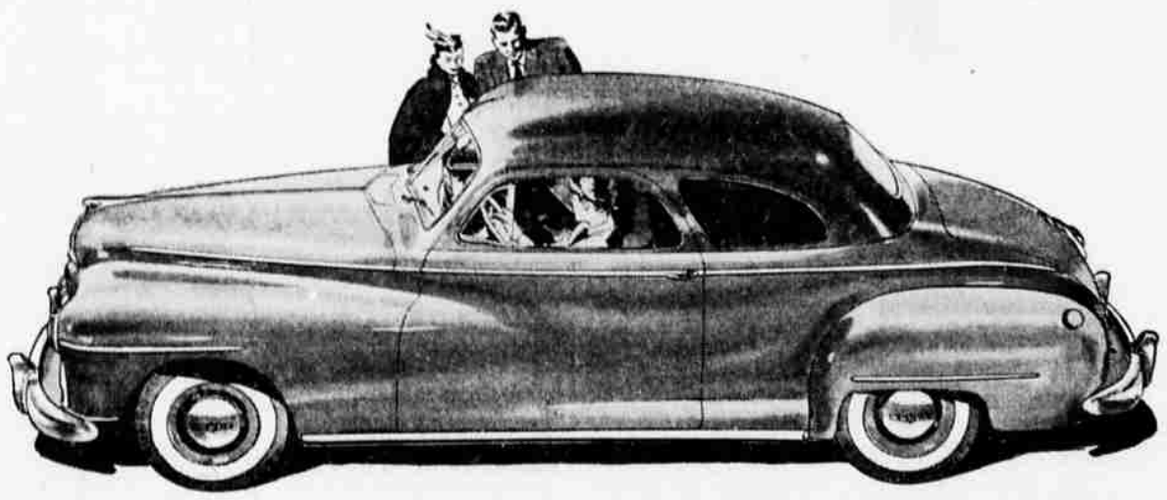

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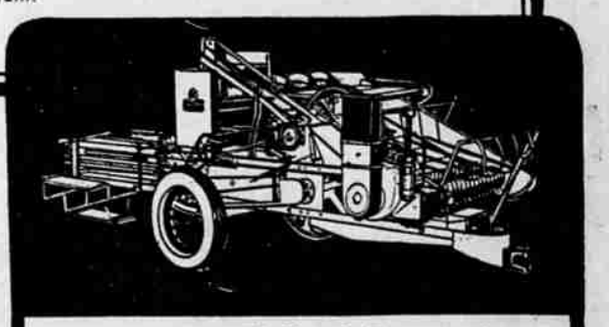

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