

Waltraud Dietsche Home From Japan

After two and a half years in the Far East, Waltraud Dietsche has returned to Klamath Falls. Miss Dietsche is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. Dietsche on North 7th street.

Her job as a radio script writer for the government information and education division took her to the Philippines, Okinawa, and most recently, Japan, where she spent 18 months.

The most immediate and strongest impression of Japan, Miss Dietsche said, is the natural beauty and grace of the country. Immediately noticed by foreign visitors, too, is the optimism and friendliness, whether or not it is simulated, of the Japanese people.

The food situation is not bad in Japan, "as a matter of fact, some of the people look quite plump," Miss Dietsche said. "The near-starvation conditions in India and China and the situation of the rich having all the food and the poor none, does not exist in Japan, probably because of the efficient rationing system in operation there, she added.

"Clothing is another thing again. Most of Japan's famed silk is used for export in exchange for foreign goods, and little remains for home consumption. Even the weather people are in tatters. "The clothing situation is bad. Japan is really a nation in rags," Miss Dietsche said.

As for her future plans, Miss Dietsche is undecided. Right now, a few weeks of rest at home are in order, she said.

Luncheon

Seventeen members and three guests attended the luncheon and meeting of the Friendly circle, held Thursday, March 11 at the home of Maude Edwards, 2450 Orchard way. Guests were Agnes Lowe, Dacie Hoser and Anna Sutton.

During the business meeting it was decided to make a contribution to the Red Cross and also to the Easter Seal campaign. The white elephant, given at each meeting, went to Lizzie Little. After the meeting adjourned, the afternoon was given over to a going-away party for Mrs. Fritz Vance and Mrs. W. W. Corey, who will soon leave to make their home in Eugene. They received gifts given jointly by the Friendly circle and the Oldie Pinocchio club.

The place for the next meeting will be announced later.

Farewell Affair

CHILQUIN — A farewell party was given on Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren, who left on Monday for Redding, Calif. High awards were given in pinocle to G. D. McKell, and in bridge to Mrs. McKell. Mrs. A. F. Blockinger received a consolation award and a farewell gift of sterling silver was presented by the guests to Mr. and Mrs. Warren.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gieniger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Blockinger, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McKell, the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Wolf, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren.

Bridal Prizes

LYNDELL — Lyndell Harrison was hostess to her bride club at her home Friday evening, March 5.

Two tables were in play with high going to Elizabeth Campbell, second to Lyndell Harrison, traveling to Nishia Hadley and consolation to Thelma Abbott.

Refreshments were served to Helen Smith, Betty Armstrong, Betty Hyde, Elizabeth Campbell, Lynn Kendall, Nishia Hadley, Thelma Abbott and the hostess.

Dinner Dance

Ronald Lodge 39 enjoyed a dinner dance in the banquet room of the Winema hotel. Specially honored were new members.

Mrs. Mikal Vogndt will leave March 23 for a visit at her former home in Norway, and Agnor Jordaner is making plans for a visit to Norway in June. Both were among the honored guests.



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TINY tot is Lindo Lee Fernlund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fernlund of Bonanza. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fernlund, also of Bonanza, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scheble of Medford.

Celebration

Jimmy Swansen's ninth birthday was celebrated in fitting style last Sunday when a group of friends was treated to a theatre party followed by birthday cake and ice cream at the home of Jimmy's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Merle Swansen on LeRoy street.

Guests included Sue Thompson, Evelyn Deets, Wanda Davis, Susan Porter, Beverly Swansen, Doug Van Buskirk, Monte Voight, Martin Snyder, Alan Hahn, Stephen Molinare, David Macartney, Jimmy Southwell, Robert Swansen, Gary Curtis, Brian Jacobs and Roger Bennett.

Pinocle

The Hazbins of the Eagles auxiliary met Wednesday with Mrs. Maude Larson, Mrs. Annette Wilcher received high in pinocle, and Mrs. May Eck second.

The special prize went to Mrs. Stella Persell, Mrs. Francis Herbert will be the next hostess. The date will be announced later.

Birthday Observed

Jean Hilton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Hilton of Hillsdale, arrived home from the University of Oregon Thursday evening in time to celebrate her birthday anniversary with a family dinner to which a few close friends were also invited. Jean is here until after Easter.

Speaker List For Schools Released

The Oregon state system of higher education has released the list of high school commencement speakers who will be available from Southern Oregon college. On the list were Laurence Butler, instructor in science; Arthur Kreisman, assistant professor of English and languages; Roy McNeal, professor of geography; Leon Mulling, instructor in English; John Senula, instructor in psychology; Elmo Stevenson, president; Arthur Taylor, of social science; Otto Wilda, associate professor of art; Clifford Williams, director of training school; Mabel Winston, dean of women and registrar, and Marshall Woodell, dean of men.

BOOM
PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—Construction of new buildings is booming here this month.

So far in March, permits for construction total \$5,055,470—far more than the entire month totals of most recent months. If the pace continues, a new record will be set by the month's end.

Additional Mail Service For Lake OK'd

LAKEVIEW, March 20 — Additional star route mail service between Lakeview and Klamath Falls has been authorized by the post office department, effective April 1, and will provide overnight mail service between Lakeview and Portland as well as other points.

Postmaster Fred Pratt has been instructed to hire a carrier on a temporary basis. Several Lakeview and Klamath Falls men put in bids for the job about two months ago when the service was first requested, but no contracts were let on the bid basis.

The service will be in addition to the present star route which now brings mail from Klamath Falls once daily.

Under the new service, mail will leave Lakeview at 6:30 p. m. daily except Sunday and will connect with a train to Portland that will permit delivery there the following morning. Incoming the truck will leave Klamath Falls at 2:30 a. m. daily except Mondays and will bring mail from a train that left Portland at 5:10 the previous evening.

Service to and from other points, north and south, including airmail, will be similarly benefited. The service in the past has necessitated as much as two days from Lakeview to Portland.

The new route was authorized on recommendation of Fred H. Twoby, Portland, district superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, who offered the plan after a chamber of commerce group, headed by Hugh Mercer, sought a star route by truck via Bend.

US Broadcasts Jammed Up

MANILA, March 20 (AP)—Mysterious radio transmitters have been blocking out Voice of America broadcasts destined for Eastern Russia and the Orient the past three weeks, it was learned reliably today.

The jamming is so thorough and so many transmitters are used that experts here suspect some of them may be aboard ships at sea.

American direction finders on land and sea are trying to track down the source of the interference.

Sources at General MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo confirmed the report. They said as far as they know the jamming transmitters have not yet been located.

The jamming begins when U. S. information service Russian language broadcasts from New York start up. These are beamed for the powerful U.S.I. radio station at Malolos, 24 miles northwest of Manila. Malolos then relays the broadcasts on to the Orient. The Malolos station has been in operation since last September.

Rail Service To Be Restored

ASTORIA, Ore., March 20 (AP)—Rail service between Astoria and Portland was to be resumed today after repairs at Svensen, the scene of a freight train derailment yesterday.

The Portland-bound locomotive and seven freight cars went off the track. No one was injured.

The Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad company said the derailment occurred at the west switch to Svensen, but did not explain the cause. Svensen is 10 miles east of here.

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Extension Unit News

KLAMATH FALLS

Foreign cookery was the project at the Klamath Falls unit meeting held at the Lutheran church on March 17. Forty-one home-makers attended.

Mrs. Paul A. Lee and Mrs. T. J. O'Hara were project leaders, preparing a Chinese dinner. Mrs. Lee gave ideas for invitations, table decorations, placecards, games and prizes for an Oriental party. Mrs. O'Hara gave an excellent ravioli recipe.

The dinner was served at noon from a cleverly decorated table. Mrs. Mark Taylor poured the tea and candied ginger and almonds were served as dessert. Hostesses were Mrs. T. J. Webb, Mrs. John Selby, Mrs. Frank Lambro and Mrs. John Glubrecht.

The business meeting included suggestions for next year's study and plans for exhibits for the Homemakers' Festival, April 30.

Officers elected for next year were Mrs. Lawrence A. French, chairman; Mrs. Ken Samson, vice chairman; Mrs. Wilbur Tilford, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting will be on parent-adolescent relationship, at the Lutheran church, April 21, at 10 a. m.

Atom Eyed To Boost Output Of Farm Crops

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The government set out today to see if the atom can be used as a weapon against hunger.

The atomic energy commission and the agriculture department announced that they will investigate the effect on plant growth of radioactive by-products of the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic plant.

The commission will pay for the experiments and provide special materials.

Although the agriculture department already is conducting some 200 different studies with radioactive materials, this will be the first check into their fertilizing powers.

Department officials said the studies might show farmers (1) how to boost their crop yields many times over and (2) how to develop varieties better able to fight off disease.

If government scientists find atomic materials can be used to produce better plants and greater yields, the next step would be to find ways of making them available to farmers.

Reports of unusually good crops near Nagasaki—Japanese city hit by an atomic bomb—have "stimulated interest in the problem," the announcement said.

But, it added, investigations by qualified scientists "fail to reveal any basis for the claim that radiation from the atomic bomb benefited the crop."

Twilight Proves A Time Of Beautiful Colors

Between day and night there intervenes that delightful season of slowly darkening skies, the glow-in-the-dark twilight. Many of us simply take for granted this interesting transition period and never in a lifetime make even one careful observation of its changing lights and charming sky colors.

Were the earth without any air covering—as is the moon—at sunset in any locality deep night would immediately prevail. Twilight comes from the reflection of sunlight from the part of our atmosphere extending from near the earth up to 50 miles above it. Shortly after sunset we get most of the reflection from the lower and denser sections which are quite dust-laden. This gives strong twilight. Later, as the sun sinks farther below the horizon, its rays strike only the higher, thinner air. Above 50 miles, the atmosphere is too rare and distant for human eyes to detect reflections from it. When the sun reaches 16 degrees below the skyline, its rays can illuminate no air below the 50-mile limit—and astronomical twilight ends.

At the equator, where old Sol always sinks straight down below the horizon, twilight is shorter than anywhere else in the world. In our middle northern latitude, and especially during summer, the sun goes down at a considerable slant northward and requires much longer than at the equator to get 16 degrees below the skyline. At 50° latitude around the time of the longest days, some twilight exists in the northern sky all night. Still farther north this is much more pronounced in every respect.

A most interesting spectacle shortly after sundown is the rising in the east of the dark twilight arc. This comes up opposite the place of sunset, so in early spring is nearly due east. This is best observed when the sky is unusually clear.

Let us watch the eastern skyline while strong twilight still fills the entire sky. Soon a diffuse, pinkish fringe rests on the horizon. Almost imperceptibly it widens and rises assuming the shape—but not the colors—of a rainbow. Now it is seen that all the space beneath the narrow curve of pink is deep blue and very dark. This is actually the shadow of the earth on its own atmosphere and within its boundaries all twilight tints have already departed and real night has arrived.

When low, the top of this blue arc is definite and distinctly curved. As it goes higher, it widens until it fills the entire east. Long before it reaches the zenith, its edge becomes

Meissner On Final Lap

CASCADE SUMMIT, March 20—Jack Meissner departed yesterday afternoon from Cascade Summit to continue on the final lap of his 300-mile ski-trek accompanied by Don Temple of Oakridge and Gordon Bissell of Eugene. The boys intended to reach Meissner's trapper cabin about five miles from his home and rest there overnight. Meissner estimates the time of arrival at Crater lake as Saturday, March 27, providing that weather conditions allow them to progress on scheduled time. Temple and Bissell were first and second place winners respectively in the junior boys race held at Willamette ski area March 14, and both are Obidians.

Milk Price Row Flares

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—The fight over the price of milk in Portland was up before the state director of agriculture again today.

A higher profit margin was asked by the Portland milk distributors association on the ground that competition here had cut profits heavily.

Trade sources said this stemmed from a chain store's recent action in selling milk with a butterfat content of 3.8 per cent—higher than average.

The same sources said there were three ways to increase profits: By a retail price increase; by reducing the price paid to farmers; by lowering the butterfat content.

The law now allows a butterfat content ranging from 3.2 to 4.3 per cent. An order limiting butterfat to 3.5 per cent would stop the chain store from selling its richer milk at standard prices.

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Cooperative To Open April 10

LAKEVIEW, March 20 — Interstate Cooperatives will open its new store here on April 10 with open house and special entertainment, it was announced this week by Alva Weekly, manager.

The new spacious "Base of Operations" has been completed on modern design. Located across the street from the present Co-Op warehouse and office, it features a large display room in front with modernized parts department. The basic design was furnished by International Harvester corporation, revised to fit local conditions.

Weekly plans to hold open house for the public from 1 to 5 p. m. and to have special entertainment in the evening from 7:30 to 10.

Lake Store Purchase Told

LAKEVIEW, March 20 — Walter and Grace McCaw have purchased the local Sprouse-Reitz store and took possession Thursday, March 12. The store will be known in the future as "McCaw's Variety Store."

Mr. and Mrs. McCaw are well known in Lake county. They operated the store for Sprouse-Reitz for 10 years prior to March, 1946, when they were transferred to Hillsboro, Ore., where McCaw has been manager for S-R the past two years.

Harold Thompson, who has been S-R manager here for the past two years, and Mrs. Thompson left last week-end for Sunnyside, Wash., where he will manage the Haskins Company store, a firm he was with for several years prior to joining Sprouse-Reitz after his release from the navy.

Meet Earl T. Newbry

Southern Oregon's only member of the State Board of Control, at a dinner meeting for the public arranged by the Young Republican Club.

WHO Earl T. Newbry

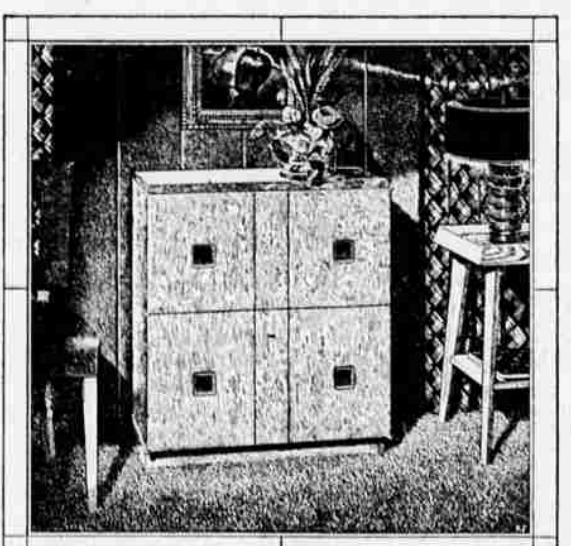
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