

Midland Empire News

Westside

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crowl returned home Wednesday after enjoying a trip to Payette, Idaho, via Burns. Mrs. Crowl, daughter of Fort Bidwell, the Crowl's daughter, drove them on their trip.

Miss Arla Buck spent two days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Bill Strong.

Mrs. Les Pardee is employed at the Lakeview creamery as bookkeeper.

Friends are sorry to learn that Mr. D. M. Quigley suffered a recent stroke. He is in Lakeview where he has been living for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dameron and family called on the Merle O'Neil's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kolb made a trip to Ashland Friday, where they visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts have returned home after a two weeks honeymoon trip back east. She was formerly Florence Morris.

A wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kolb on Saturday evening in honor of their son and his new bride Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kolb. The couple was married in Reno on Friday. She was formerly Miss Marie Eunis of Klamath county. The couple will live at Raymond's camp where the groom is employed.

Other guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams and two children, Orville Stewart and Beryl Blagie of Klamath county. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Caldwell and two children from Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle O'Neil and children stayed overnight on Saturday with relatives near New Pine Creek. They returned home Sunday evening.

Hank Albertson and Richard Buck worked several days last week at Yokum Valley.

A dance will be held at the Westside grange hall October 8, sponsored by the Westside grange and put on by the Catholic ladies.

The Westside grange will meet on their regular meeting night, October 1.

Visiting over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kolb was his sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Walter and Joyce of Sacramento.

Jack Bolton left Wednesday for Ashland where he will attend college.

Charles Stiles left last week for Tulelake. He plans to return soon. His wife stayed here on the ranch while he is gone.

Dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Merle O'Neil were Mr. and Mrs. Lee O'Neil, Michael and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil and Mrs. Pearl Smith of Boise, Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sipp and children spent several days recently visiting relatives at Mollala, Ore. Lunny Sipp celebrated his birthday with a dinner at his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Deck formerly of Westside. While they were gone they also visited Mr. Sipp's grandmother and sister. They came back via the coast highway, arriving Tuesday.

The state grange conference which met with the Westside grange on September 23 was a huge success. Grange members visiting from other points were from Eastside, Thomas Creek, Summers lake, Klamath county and Westside. State grange officers present included Elmer McLaure, state grange overseer, acting as master in the absence of Morton Tompkins; Bertha J. Beck, state grange secretary, Portland; Mrs. Beulah Moore, state lecturer, Oregon City; Mrs. Ethel Lathrop, state home economic chairman, Medford; Helen Roberts, state juvenile superintendent, Reedsport; Mrs. Howe, state deputy, Medford.

The meeting time was taken up with talks, and supper was served at 8:30 by the ladies of the Westside group. Table decorations consisted of blue and gold grange colors. Paper streamers decorated the dining room windows. Center pieces of marigold and aster bouquet were on the table.

Mrs. Imogene Batman provided musical entertainment, and community singing was led by the state grange lecturer.

Mr. Thayer of New Pine Creek and Mr. Scofield of Valley Falls, visiting teachers of the Latter Day Saints church in Lakeview, were

calling in this locality one evening last week.

Mr. J. W. Gray has been very ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. A. Haven. His son is here from Lebanon, Ore., to help care for him. He is much improved at this time.

Mrs. Homer Kent of Lakeview, and Mr. Wallein from Caldwell, Ida., were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Treffinger Tuesday afternoon.

Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Wendell Neasham on September 22. Those ladies attending were, Lou Roberts, Elvina Treffinger, Pearl Smith of Boise, Ida., Ellen O'Neil, Helen Buck, Geneva Bernard, Myrna Neasham, Edith Morrill, and two guests were present. Mrs. Van Cleave and Mrs. Moore, also the hostess Blirley Neasham. After the meeting was closed, refreshments were served. Next meeting will be October 13 with Ellen O'Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Christiansen Sr. spent three days last week attending to business matters in Klamath county.

Mr. and Mrs. George Treffinger and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Roberts went to New Pine Creek on Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Peterson and Mrs. Bob Peterson left Saturday for a week trip to Washington where they will visit relatives and enjoy a vacation. Word has been received here by relatives that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackburn of Vale are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Mrs. Blackburn was formerly Della Albertson of Westside.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strong also have a new baby daughter born Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bernard are the grandparents. The baby's name is Helen Sandra.

Mrs. Pearl Smith left for Boise Saturday after spending two weeks here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Ashcraft made a trip last week to Burns with a load of baled hay.

This western dance which was given Saturday night by the Dry Creek mothers club was a success. Those taking prizes at the dance were Mr. and Mrs. Kerr of Lakeview, "best western-dressed couple"; Harold Thompson and Maurine Evans jitterbug contest; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Foster, waltz contest.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Robinson and son Jimmy, San Francisco, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walt Roberts and other relatives at Pine Creek. Mr. Robinson is a nephew of Lou Roberts, and Mrs. Robinson is a daughter of Martin Hammersly of New Pine Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Vincent are moving October 1 from the Charles Roberts place to the Lutterman ranch in Thomas creek area.

Biff and Charlotte Price of Yreka, Calif., visited Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Newman last week.

There will be a film, "We Also Received," shown at the grange hall at 7:30, Sunday evening by the Westside Sunday school.

Westside Mother's club will meet October 5 at 2 p.m. at the school house. All mothers are urged to attend.

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Oregon Fire District Plots Strategy Of Guarding Vast Stretch Of Forest

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Old time foresters think the answer to the forest fire evil has been found in northwestern Oregon's "Tillamook burn" area, a vast 500-mile square where fire has left tinder-dry snags on the mountains. Millions of tiny new trees are growing there, and an area of 3500 square miles, centering around the burn, is loaded with virgin timber.

This year could be another dangerous one for the forests. It's been a long, dry spring and a hot, dry summer in the northwest. The stage is set. But the rampant forest fires have a new opponent in 1949.

The Oregon fire district has a plan, which they've dubbed "Operation Powder Keg" in honor of its potential explosiveness. The striking arm of the plan is a group of highly-trained crews, ready to "get there quick and douse it."

The 155 men in the crews have 3500 square miles to patrol.

With District Warden Ed Schroeder supervising, every section of the district is connected with his headquarters by mobile and lookout-tower shortwave radio. Fire trucks and



SIGNALS: Mettlick notifies fire district headquarters over shortwave radio giving details . . .

crews are stationed at strategic spots throughout the district, and radio-equipped fire trucks are constantly on patrol.

Schroeder's huge responsibility, the largest in the state, is divided into nine sub-districts. Each is geared to hit any fire inside its border minutes after the first smoke warning.

But any report of fire within the burn section immediately becomes a district-wide problem. A new forest fire plan, which foresters say may set a national pattern, goes into action automatically.

If the call comes through on a day that is not too dry or too windy, all sub-districts are alerted. But they do not go into action until the smoke is verified as a forest fire.

If the humidity is low and the wind is whipping down the mountainsides the crews don't wait for the verification. A fire could sweep across miles in minutes, so any smoke report gets instant response.

Forest fire trucks converge on the smoke-report-area over 1000 miles of fire patrol and logging roads plus county and state highways. Initial



SUPPORT: Crews of fire fighters dash for trucks and get to the blaze within 30 minutes.

crews armed with back-tanks and pressure hand pumps, fire axes, portable power pumps and tree-fell-

ing equipment are on the blaze in less than 30 minutes.

Another hour will see support fighters from the rest of the district bringing in more power and hand equipment. At least two bulldozers will be on the job via fast truck-trailer units. More will be along shortly.

The headquarters dispatcher, Mitch Mitchell, will have alerted cooperating logging crews, who will move in with 60 bulldozers and several hundred timber-filling crews with power saws to drop trees and snags in the path of the flames.

Back of that is equipment for 700 more men at fire district headquarters. Behind them are 5000 more fighters under state headquarters, at Salem.

Backbone of the initial attack crews are 800 "Red Hats," college and high school youths trained in the science of fighting forest fires.

While not fighting fires, they work on fire prevention, construction and maintenance projects. In ten-man crews, each under a veteran woodsman, they are scattered throughout the district.

The Red Hats, first at the scene,

usually are able to effect a "quicker control" report. If they can't, there are ample reinforcements behind them.

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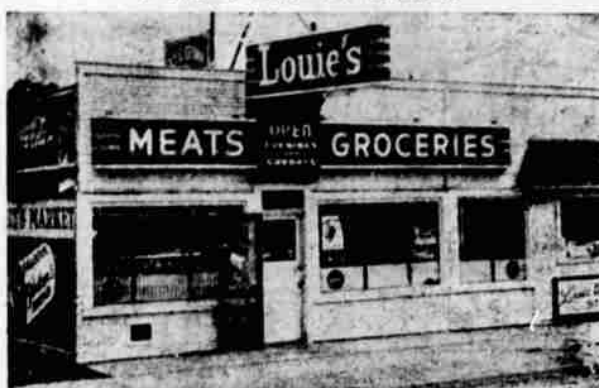
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