

Lakeview, Klamath's Close And Good Neighbor, Bustling City with Healthy Economy

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Lying due east of Klamath Falls a matter of some 100 miles, is the town of Lakeview, one of the best if not the closest neighbors Klamath has in the high desert country. In the heart of the south central Oregon cattle country Lakeview splits its business and work about fifty-fifty between the cattlemen and farmers and the lumber interests that maintain three major mills in the city alone.

Leaving Klamath Falls you drive out to the Merrill junction and turn left onto highway 66 and head east in a long loop that bears to the north through Beatty and Bly, then swings in a southerly direction again to take you into the town of Lakeview. The country in between the two points is a mixture of everything from highly developed farms to expanses of nothing but sagebrush, bitterbrush and scattered grass. Immediately after leaving the little valley of Lost river you start to climb, going up a slight ridge, dropping down into Dairy, then starting the climb up the sloping shoulder of Bly mountain.

Climb
Wheat stubble covers much of this area at this time of year before you climb out of the farm area. Then you are on the mountain slope and winding upward with Yalnah butte looming over on your right. You drop off the mountain into Beatty, then shortly hit a bend of Sprague river and wind along through that pleasant country for a few miles until you come to Bly. Not too long after leaving Bly you start up Quartz Mountain, finally reaching the pass at an elevation of 5504 feet. You drop swiftly down the east slope of the mountain and hit the flat again at Drew's reservoir, where water for irrigation is stored by the cattlemen and farmers of the area. From the reservoir it is a straight shot to the town, nestling under the backdrop of Abert Rim. Lakeview is a main route stop on the Three Flays Highway, one of the three major arteries that cut across Lake county. Highway 395 crosses the T north and south at the end of 66.

Busy
The town itself boasts a population of 3800 people, most of them busy at a full time job. Smoothly paved, well lighted, wide streets make driving easy in the town. One of the first things you see if you go in along the main route is a huge sign, permanent, soaring across the street and bearing the legend "Lakeview, Gateway To Hart Mountain."

Throughout the state of Oregon as a whole Lakeview is probably better known as the jumping off spot for the famous Hart Mountain antelope trek than for any other one thing. That trek is one of the biggest community undertakings, considering the size of the town, now being carried on in the state. It all started back in 1932 when the chamber of commerce played host to a small group of men from Oregon and California at the historic Blue Sky hotel site on Hart mountain, lying over 8000 feet into the sky. Out of that gathering has grown not only a 276,000 acre refuge, but a yearly trek for hundreds of men who cheerfully fall in with the rules "no guns, no dogs, no women" for a three day get-together.

Last year some 274 men gathered

at the camp site, located in a grove of trees far up the side of the mountain, where they were given a chance to breathe fresh air, talk without listening to a telephone and feed more good beefsteak and barbecued beef than anyone could expect to eat. People from all over the United States have gathered at this most famous water hole, to go home happy and thinking that Lakeview is a pretty swell town to have done all this for them.

Lumbering in Lakeview is carried on to the tune of a \$3,000,000 payroll. Remanufacturing is high on the list, with an average of 92 per cent man hours of remanufacture per 1000 feet of lumber. Sash and door work, box work and boards of all descriptions pour out of the mills sent supplied by rail and truck. Stockmen and farmers run up a total of better than \$7,000,000 in agricultural products every year, with beef cattle high on the list. Better than 75,000 head of cows range over Lake county land, with about 40 or 45 thousand of that total saleable. They have quite a lot of land to roam around in as Lake county has about 5,000,000 acres of land within its borders.

Founded
The town was founded about 1878 when the first stockmen came into the area and built their rude log cabins on the rolling meadows and started to raise cattle and horses. The town was named in 1879 on the suggestion of John Moon, an early day rancher along the shores of Goose lake, which stretches away to the southeast of the town. Moon and a man named M. W. Bullard were partners in a horse ranch, and it was Bullard who donated the land on which to build the courthouse and much more of the present townsite. The canyon running into the central part of town is called Bullard canyon in his honor. Lakeview was incorporated in 1880, and started the fast march to modern day progress when electricity was brought into the area in 1908.

Fires
Like most of the early day towns of this area Lakeview was plagued with fires. The first disastrous blaze to strike was in 1900 when a curtain blew across a lighted candle in some building and touched off an inferno that wiped out 11 blocks of the business district, practically the entire town, before it was stopped. Stubbornly the people rebuilt and lived in peace again until 1916 when the second great fire struck and wiped out several blocks of homes and business buildings in the Bullard canyon area. That, however, was the last major fire in the area and the growth of Lakeview has gone on unimpeded since.

New buildings are going up to house new industries and businesses, giving the town a fresh appearance. Cattlemen and loggers both have cooperated to keep up the work of range and forest improvement to insure a plentiful supply of both grass and timber. Efforts are being pushed to obtain a federal sustained yield unit for the area. If you are interested in the early days of the town walk a couple of blocks out along E street and call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Schminck. In the basement of their modern home is one of the most complete private museums anywhere in the Northwest. Here the couple have gathered together ev-

everything from old rope-sprung beds, lanterns, sewing machines and wooden tar buckets to collections of early day crystal and glassware, silver spoons, china and untold volumes of the history and lore of the Lake county area. It is well worth your time to make the trip.

Or go two miles north of Lakeview along the highway and watch the bands of almost tame Canada honkers settle down within a few feet of you at the Hot Springs hotel, where a continuous geyser spouts steaming water upwards and a strange species of fish lives in the near boiling water. On beyond that lies Abert Lake and Hart Lake and the spectacular Abert rim, the largest exposed fault in North America. Everything you could want, from scenery to business, from hunting to fishing and hiking are to be found in this eastern community. Klamath Falls truly pays tribute to and gladly salutes their good neighbor to the east.

Holy Year Events Planned

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Holy Year Central committee has announced an initial list of 15 international religious congresses and four non-religious to be held during the 1950 jubilee. The religious congresses will include the Third International Congress of Catholic Journalists, promoted by the International Union of the Catholic press February 16 to 18.

Another congress to be held early in the year that will be of the "Adherents to the Hospitality of Our



FIRST BALE—Callie Boggan, of a Culberson County, Texas, ranching family, sits on the first bale of cotton ever to be grown in that county. Discovery of a huge underground water supply near Van Horn, the county seat, made the bale possible.



FOR "THAT DAY" IN ARABIA—Far from home in the American community of Ras Tanura in Saudi Arabia, 2500 Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving in the traditional manner. Here, Mrs. Warren Johnson, from San Jose, Calif., wife of an oil company employee, shows her youngster the real Thanksgiving turkeys from the U. S. A.

Lady of Lourdes, March 2 to 8. Non-religious congresses to be held in Rome will include the International chambers of commerce, April 23 to 30.

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Some people need milk for nutrition but for various reasons can't or won't drink it. A University of California research project found that powdered milk mixed into the dough of whole-wheat bread, makes the bread more nourishing, stay fresh longer, less crumbly, and better for toast.

Fewer Lambs For Feeders

The reduced number of available feeder lambs continue to point to a smaller number of sheep and lambs to be fed for the coming winter and spring market. Feed supplies are abundant and the demand for feeder lambs has been and continues exceptionally strong. A few of the corn belt states may feed more lambs than last year, due to a heavy early move-

ment of lambs from the Northwest and the plains states. With few exceptions, marked reductions are evident in the west.

The price of feeder lambs on the Denver market advanced moderately during October. On November 1, feeder lamb prices were about \$24 per hundred pounds, compared with about \$23.30 a year ago.

Ninth annual meeting, Western Knights association, army, Friday, 25th.

Klamath Cattlemen To Meet Here Monday

Cattlemen of Klamath county will meet Monday night at the Winema hotel for a dinner and meeting, concerning present cattle problems, according to J. D. Vertrees, assistant county agent.

Brand regulations, laws, and re-registration will be discussed since the brand committee for the county will be reactivated.

Other Questions
Other questions as to Bang's disease, T. M. control, and eradication also will be discussed at the meeting.

Corman Turner, secretary of the state association, will attend the meeting, presenting ideas relative to the state and county organizations.

Spring
Since Klamath county cattlemen will be host to the state cattlemen's association annual convention here next spring, part of the meeting will be devoted to arrangements and meeting.

Dinner will be served at the hotel at 7 p. m. and the meeting will follow. Vertrees, acting secretary of the county association, requests that cattlemen planning to attend the dinner send in their requests for reservations to him at the county agent's office.



COTTON NEXT—J. W. Shannon of Marfa, Texas, foreman of a large Culberson County farm, looks at the long grass which will give way to cotton now that a huge underground water supply has been located near Van Horn, Texas.

Streptomycin Tried on Plants

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—The same streptomycin that kills germs in people works—to an extent—on plant seeds.

In experiments conducted by Dr. Peter A. Ark, plant pathologist at the University of California, the drug kept cucumbers free of the bacteria causing leaf spot and prevented bacterial canker in tomatoes.

Want Ads don't cost—they pay!

Postman's Worries Pay Off

WASHINGTON (AP)—A postman noticed a car parked along his route. Thinking it might contain a postal inspector, he kept a close eye on it.

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