

It Happened This Way in New Pine Creek

By IRVIN FARIS

Last Sunday Dec. 7th G-R-r-r-r! Pardon—just can't help but think (with still a wee bit of a rankling bitterness) what happened 11 years ago on that same but far more gloomy day—when, at 6:15 a.m., cunning, efficient Captain Mitsuo Fuchida led 183 war planes in a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

The death dealing armada included 81 dive bombers, 49 level bombers, 40 torpedo planes and 43 fighters, all of which hopped off six air-craft carriers huddled ominously just a 1000 miles from the Hawaiian Islands so woefully undetected. That fatal early morning as Fuchida shot through the air with his fleet of destruction toward his target he became worried. He had not heard from the two planes he had dispatched earlier that were to give him the much needed weather report over the harbor. But he turned in the breakfast music coming from the base at the close of which, very accommodatingly, full weather report was given, that enabled him to change his tactical approach to effectively put eleven of our battleships and cruisers out of commission lying peacefully in the harbor—so say nothing of the three destroyers, one target ship, one minesweeper, one seaplane tender, and one repair vessel that were also damaged. Criminally! How did we ever weather such a blow!

It took intestinal fortitude but — and some of those boys who had a hand in our recovery from same are represented in the local Warren Welch Post, No. 9737 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This local chapter met last Sunday Dec. 7th at the Antler's Hall with another philanthropic mission in mind. They have decided to undertake the responsibility of putting on a safety campaign for Young America that is growing up in our schools and towns.

Objective—protect the lives of children in town here, at Kelly Creek school just north of town; the State Line School just south of town, the Willow Ranch school and the Davis Creek school.

It has been common criticism for many months that cars speeding across the state line have failed to adhere to the road signs at the approach of either school at the village. What does "Speed Limit 25 Miles Per Hour" mean? As these signs go unheeded the lives of the children are endangered. This fact alone gives rise to the ever existing need of a vigorous safety campaign!

Purpose—to focalize the attention of motorists and the local citizenry that—since highway 395 is becoming more and more popular as a travel artery — something must be done!

The first step of the Vets will be to arouse public interest in the undertaking. They are going to sponsor a safety essay contest in the four schools above mentioned. The student body having the winning essay writer in its group will receive an award—probably a silver loving cup which the school will be entitled to possess for one year. Then another similar contest will be sponsored. The exact subject to be written about regarding safety will be announced later. Charles (Chuck) Mawhinney, an officer of the post, said the second step in the project will be a poster campaign of strong eye-appeal that will make every motorist conscious of his or her endangerment to the lives of the children when they travel at excessive speed through a town or past a school building.

A third phase of the campaign will be to enlist the cooperation of the Oregon and California State Police to actively assist in the program by making 11 more frequent trips past these four locations so they can tag the speedsters and (2) make occasional safety talks to the school assemblies to acquaint the pupils with the seriousness of their improper behavior in regard to traffic safety.

A fourth endeavor of the vets' program will be an attempt to build walk-ways from the towns to the schoolhouses so that it will not be necessary for the children to travel the highway while going to and from school — where a thoughtless motorist may either be speeding or negligently attending the business of driving.

Mr. Mawhinney strongly emphasizes that before the post can do very much it will be necessary to have the whole-hearted support of the townfolk of the three towns involved—especially in regard to building walk-ways to the schools. The state highway departments have already stated their position — that they are not authorized to spend money on such civic improvements. It resolves therefore as a specific burden resting upon the shoulders of the people whose children will benefit by same.

A fifth factor in the safety project will be the erection of more stop signs at the town intersections and side roads; larger signs and safety crossings, painted on the highway at the schoolhouses.

Watch this column for news of the progress of the Vets' safety campaign.

At the Kelly Creek PTA meeting held last Friday evening in

the schoolhouse the matter of a walk-way and other safety features for the school children were also discussed. A committee was appointed to investigate every angle of safety measures to be pursued.

A feature of the meeting was a talk by Carroll L. Brown who spoke on India. His message largely concerned his experiences and observations made while a merchant seaman, visiting at the main ports of that country—first in 1937 and again in 1945.

Even though a life in India means very little because of the famished conditions which prevail there, still there are many people there who have very definite ideas about the English speaking peoples. They have been exploited so severely in the past that they are very skeptical and that is the reason they are receptive—fertile soil for the broadcastings of communism. In Mr. Brown's opinion this nation—both for the sake of its own expanding commerce and for the betterment of world tension and unrest—should be looking westward to India rather than eastward to Europe.

"We can help those people immensely over there if we'd go at it right, in a friendly, helpful manner," Mr. Brown said. "They need help and the nation or nations that are most active in lending them a helping hand are going to receive the blessings of India—whatever they may be."



NEW MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL Women's Club were initiated in a colorful ceremony at a dinner meeting at the Willard Hotel recently. Standing (l to r) Bernice Elliott, Inez Chase, Ruth Doerr, Frances Kendall, Bur-



GREETED BY... friends at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Patterson Sr., 524 N. 2nd Street, were Airman 2/c Harold Paul Patterson and his bride, the former Patricia Anne Henry. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry, pioneer family of Brookings. A student at Southern Oregon College, she will leave there Dec. 19, to join her husband at March Field. She will continue her teacher's course in California. Patterson studied interior decorating at New York City Parson School of Design before entering the service. They were married Nov. 29 in Brookings and the reception for them was Dec. 5.

and helped serve. Nice Eh?

Earl Hindle who has been in the hospital in Lakeview for the last few days was expected to be brought home soon now. The cause of his sickness was not disclosed.

The death of Jesse Branson, age 66, and a resident of Eagleview, came as a shocking surprise to friends and immediate members of the family. He died suddenly at his home of a heart attack. Funeral services were held Monday in Cedarville. He is survived by his wife, Clara, and an only son, Oscar Branson, New Pine Creek and two grand-children.

Bob Hirt and son, Robert Jr., left in the snow storm Monday for their home in Eugene. Bob loves to hunt and he likes this country in spite of the more severe winters. He might even buy a modest ranch in these parts some day he said. This was his third trip during the hunting season and only once did he fail to take home the limit of geese and ducks. We wondered if he was able to get home — roads might be blocked!

The Home economics club met last Thursday at the Grange Hall. Fifteen members were present who concentrated on making plans for the big Christmas party to be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 15. There will be a potluck and dinner and Christmas tree. The hostess for the meeting was Mrs. VJ Bishop who served jello, cake and coffee.

The next meeting of the club will be held Jan. 15.

PLAYS PRESENTED BY MERRILL HIGH

MERRILL—Three one-act plays were presented by the freshman, sophomore and junior classes of Merrill High, Friday evening Dec. 5. Helen Rambo was the director of the plays, which were well received by a capacity crowd.

"Life of the Party" by Donald Payton, was the offering of the juniors, with the following cast: Wilbur Maxwell, Gary Walters; Betty Lou Maxwell, Darlene Barkhurst; Connie Maxwell, Connie Reeves; Mrs. Maxwell, Yvonne Conner; Mr. Maxwell, Dick Fields; Bernadine Smith, Cora Williams; Mary Brown, Nancy Williams; Judy Martin, Janet Dierdorff; Jack, Don Heaton; Bob, Johnny O'Neil; Frank, Mike Garhagy; and Cliff, Dale McCulloch.

"Whodunnit", a mystery by Millard Crosby, featured freshman class students. Jimmy Barry played sheriff Jeremiah Pippin; Doris Raines was Mrs. Walter Beardsley; Mary Lou Turner was Marnie Johnson; Alice Kischel was Geraldine Malcolm; Larry Everston was Carl Fielding; Dorothy Polmanteer was Mary Jenkins; and Jackie Barry was "An Unexpected Arrival."

The sophomore class also presented "The Little Red School House" by Millard Crosby, with the following cast: Mary Bronson, Peggy Noonan; Ezra Porter, Bill Gilchrist; Mrs. Ezra Porter, Carol Poe; Clarissa Porter, Loreta Lemler; Butch Callahan, Earl Loper; Mayberry Flinter, Lee Wolfram; Flash Graham, Billy Green; Elsa Schmidt, Nancy Dewey; Pewee Reis, Leroy Johnson; Midge Reis, Joyce Haskins; Marigold Talbot, Dobros Comer; Tessa Talent, Frances Barber; and Hildegarde LaVerne Sharon Kolthoff, and Tubby Find, Ed McCulloch.

Furniture for the stage settings was loaned by L. E. Stewart, John O'Neil, Mrs. Vern Haskins, R. L. Drago, and Dallas Dierdorff.

Cliff Honeycutt, Danny Barry, and Bill Hill were in charge of the staging and lighting.

PIANO RECITAL AT RANCH HOME

EAST SIDE—Mrs. Helen Bradley entertained Sunday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m., when she presented her piano and accordion students in a Christmas recital at her home, the Double Arrow Ranch, south of Lakeview.

Each of the pupils participating invited their parents to attend the following program:

"On Top of Old Smokey," Margaret Robnett; "Jingle Bells," Sherril Leahmann; "Skate, Skate, Skate," Betty Elliott; "Santa Lucia," Sherry James; "Over the Waves," Joyce Robnett; "Christmas Story," Gloria Ayout; "Beautiful Days," Mary Jo James; "Boogie Woogie Clown," Mike Smith; "Silent Night," Mike Ray; "Spanish Dancer," Judy Snider; "Jule Day Polka," Layne Clifton; "Blue Bird Waltz," Donna Chambers; "Mr. and Mrs. Woodpecker," Janet Falls; "Merry Widow Waltz," Susan Wilbur; "Saltwater Boogie," David Elliott; "Starlight Waltz," Carla Lange; "Syncopeed Clock," Audrey Millsap; "Two Little Frogs," Ronda Rutesman; "Alone, Alone," Sandra Watts; "Two o'clock Boogie," George Laxague; "Sharpshooter's March," and "LaSpagnola, accordion band.

This concluded the first recital, after which a short intermission was held, with games being played and refreshments served. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree added to the festive occasion.

The second recital was presented as follows: "The Storm," Francene Elliott; "Missouri Waltz," Anna May Fisher; "Alone, Alone," Clyde Elliott; "Black Hawk Waltz," George Laxague; "Tosoro Mio," Phillip Wilbur and Barbara Fisher; "Minuet by Padrewski," Jean Storlie; "Tico Tico," Dixie Hammett; "Quarter," German Airs," George, Barbara, Larry and Don Storlie.

"Il Siro," Larry Storlie; "Wabash Blues," Gordon Elliott; "La Camparsita," Phillip Wilbur; "Hot Fingers," Barbara Fisher; "Gondola," Mognart, Merleue Wells; "Baxophone Waltz," Coleen Sweeney and Sonny Ray; "Canevasana March," Coleen Sweeney; "Two o'clock Boogie," Georgia Laxague; "Firing Line," Merleue and Clyde; "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," Maxine Bunch; "Blue Tango," Merleue Wells; "Fantasy," by Chopin, Dana Young; "Sharpshooter's March," accordion band.

There were students and their parents from Brookings, Willow Ranch, Calif.; Lakeview, West of Lakeview, and New Pine Creek.

Paisley

By MRS. CLYDE BRAMLETT

Mrs. Ross Banister is in serious condition at Lakeview Hospital following a stroke Saturday evening.

Mrs. Banister, suffered a stroke last spring but was thought to be on the way to complete recovery, but returned from Lakeview Saturday evening about six with her husband, a U.S. Forest worker. She suffered the second stroke a few minutes after entering her home. Mrs. Banister is well known for her work in civic affairs and is prominent in church circles.

Robert Cutler, state highway employee, was taken to Lakeview Hospital Tuesday afternoon after suffering a heart attack.

Cutler was at the A. L. Wallmire home when he was stricken. The disaster star from Lakeview was called and moved Cutler to the hospital.

Highway snow plows worked round the clock Saturday and Sunday to keep the road open. The high wind blew several trees down and blew part of the roof from the Adams Mill. Electricity was off but was restored before deep freezers suffered too much.

Paisley is without telephone service north due to the telephone lines being down near Hy.

The Valley Falls Home L.C. Club will meet at the Grange hall Friday afternoon for its annual Christmas party, at which time secret pairs will be revealed and a Christmas tree will hold exchange gifts. Mrs. Ves Carroll and Peggy Davis are serving.

At the meeting of the Oregon division of Isaac Walton League of America, Dr. Alvin A. Calhoun was elected one of the group's four new vice presidents.

Dr. Calhoun is widely known in the Valley Falls community where he and his wife have visited frequently from their home in Tillamook.

On their visits they take active part in Grange affairs and Thanksgiving attended the Grange dinner and entertained with moving pictures in the afternoon.

Paisley's only nonagenarian was 90 years old Dec. 3. Samuel Haggley is in good health and does his own shopping around town although his eyesight has become badly impaired. He lives alone and does his own house work and cooking.

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