



ENTERTAINMENT, music and food were offered to the teenage group, when the Elk's Club opened its doors to them last Saturday, Dec. 13. Baldy Evans' orchestra was taking a rest

when the above picture was taken. Planned especially for high school students and friends, the holiday "Teenager" dance is an annual event.

—Photos by Kettler

It Happened This Way in New Pine Creek

By IRVIN FARIS

Early last Sunday morning after several months of preparation — which included the disposition of most their property except for a few well-chosen essentials — with a tingling spirit of adventure, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ashton departed from our village bound for Lima, Peru, in South America. And there is a strange land with a foreign tongue to come with — they will endeavour to make a new home.

Mrs. Birdie Cuzon kindly arose that morning and prepared for them a lovely breakfast. Such a nice departing gesture it was — both befitting of this approaching Yuletide season and — it should furnish a warmish in the memory of the Ashton's for their old home town when thinking back at the nearly six years they spent in the satellite town — now far, far away.

The departure of the Ashtons marks up an episode for the New Pine Creek Paint Company which they founded and, financially, did quite well at too. They will board a ship at Seattle for Balboa and from there on to Lima. There they have only a single friend, Mrs. Clara O'Connor, who will meet their ship and later introduce them to her friends and relatives who have favorable connections. Claude expects to get into either the building game now flourishing in and around Lima or into some branch of the oil industry which is also reported going strong in that locality. Their friends behind wish them luck and will be glad to hear from them in far distant Peru.

It was a while of a dance that the Willow Ranch firemen had at the Grange Hall here last Saturday night. It grossed over \$500. This is proof that the local community covering both sides of the line, together with the surrounding communities of Willow Ranch, Davis Creek, Lakeview and even Alturas, are solidly behind the firemen and are sympathetic with the problems of firemen in these out-lying districts where the money to buy firefighting equipment must be raised in some such manner. About \$60 was taken in from the very generous supper that was served.

Officials of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the VFW of NPC—recently received word from—oh, musta been the North Pole—that Santa Claus will make a whistle stop (probably just a short snort—from his glorified reindeer) at the Antler's Hall on Dec. 22.

Listen! Kiddos! don't forget this date. Cause from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Santa—the merry old soul—will bring a great big bag of joy to all you kids. So be on hand at that time at the Antler's Hall to get your treats direct from Santa. Remember—All grammar school

children and pre-school children of this area are requested by Santa to be on hand without fail. This news from Santa's talk was the principal business talked about by the ladies at their meeting held week ago last Monday evening in the Antler's Hall. The auxiliary has 27 members and all are elated with the privilege of sponsoring Santa upon this occasion.

Ranger Robert H. Hayes and family returned last Saturday from a month's trip to the side of the Rockies. There they visited Mr. Hayes' parents at their ranch home not far from the Yellowstone Park. They had a grand visit and a splendid trip but coming home was not without a wee bit of excitement.

While drifting down the snow-walled highway off the Tetons they passed a car that hogged a bit and crowded them over too far. Their right front wheel caught in the snow and sucked them off the road into the deep snow that literally buried their car. No damage was done they discovered, after digging out and getting pulled back onto the road.

The Happy Hour Club held their Christmas party last night—Dec. 15—it featured a swell banquet dinner followed by a program and an exchange of gifts. Everyone present—there were 74 of 'em and all seemed to have a grand time. Andy Lightle—bless me if he doesn't have the worst luck! well he had a tough break last Friday while sawing his limb wood. He had a huge limb that was far too heavy for his left arm to handle but he was trying his darnedest to lift it up in place on the mandrel when he slipped on the ice and snow and fell into the saw, cutting the meaty part of his right fore-arm. Several stitches had to be taken in the outer part of the wound and the ligament had to be sewn together that controls the third finger of the right hand. His finger now is stiff and useless but he was encouraged some by his attending physician at Alturas who said that it might lumber up and be all right when the tendon knitted and healed. His arm is badly swollen and very sore now. Ernest Robnett shipped two truck loads of cattle last week to the San Francisco market. One of those truck loads were probably as nice a load of beef that ever

went to market. Those critters—23 of 'em, averaged 1340 pounds a piece. That's not a lot of bull but just a whole lot of fine eatin'.

Nolan R. Runnels left for Quincy, Calif., today where he has been temporarily assigned to a new highway job. Seniority kept him from staying on his job at Camp 39 down at Davis Creek. He intends to be back in six months if not sooner. His wife and little boy will go to Canby, Ore., up near Portland, to stay with her parents until after the holidays. Then she intends to join her hubby either at Quincy or back here, depending upon developments.

The Youth Club held its regular meeting last Wednesday evening with acting president Harvey McLain presiding. After the roll call and minutes—a motion was approved that the next meeting which falls on Christmas Eve, be cancelled. This concluded the short business meeting and the rest of the evening was spent in folk dancing.

We just returned from the Home Ec Christmas Party held this Tuesday night in the Grange Hall at which 34 Home Ec ladies and their families enjoyed some very fine food and plenty of it. Then the ladies who are the bulk of the Grange organization held their meeting and had an exchange of gifts from their secret pals—while the men folk looked on—peaceful brings contentment.

Then there was the singing of the familiar Christmas carols and hymns for those who felt like stretching their vocal cords. But probably the nicest sentiment of the evening was expressed by a piece that was read by Mrs. Bona Faris but written largely by the Home Ec chairman, Mrs. Nera Mulkey. I want you to hear it:

What is Christmas?
Christmas is a thousand things...
It's a white night, and an Angel's song
A giant star, and a tiny stable—
with a manger,
And straw, and swaddling clothes.
Christmas is a chime—a boy soprano
And a Silent Night... come

carolers and the First Noel...
The tinkle of a bell on a sleigh,
of a coin in a cup.
Christmas is Dickens, and Scrooge
and Tiny Tim.
It's holly on the door, and a candle
in the window...

The scent of pine and the sparkle of tinsel.
Christmas is red and green and blue and silver.
Christmas is a shimmering white.
Christmas is cards, and ribbon,
and tissue paper.

It's a trip home or to Grandma's—an open latch
And a warm hand clasp, too.
It's turkey, and biscuits—cranberry
pies and mince-meat pie.
Christmas is friendship and kindness—
Not one friend but in forgetting
selfishness.

Being a friend to all.
Christmas is helping—nor hurting
—smiling not snobbing.
Christmas is cold, and warmth—
forgiveness and friendly love.
Christmas is a prayer... a renewed
pledge for an
Ancient Hope and may we all join
in that prayer for
"Peace on Earth, Good Will To
ward Men."

Card Party At Olene Grange

OLENE—A card party sponsored by the Olene Grange was held Saturday night, Dec. 13, in the Olene Community Hall with 8 tables in play.

High score for men in pinochle went to A. R. Edwards; low to Stanley Masten Sr. High for ladies went to A. R. Edwards; low to Mrs. Fannie Goddard.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Pavitt Newnam and Harry Kinney.

Pythian Sisters

Pythian Sisters Winema Temple 70 met at the 1007 Hall for their regular meeting Dec. 3.

Lillian Hayden, Past Chief and Charter Member, who fell and broke her hip a month ago was awarded a Life Membership for her many years of active service to the Temple. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Nina Beck, Marie Kluge, Theresa Alsen and Jennie Hurn.

The following officers were elected to fill the chairs for the year 1952: Past Chief, Clara Ballentine; Most Excellent Chief, Mary Finton; Excellent Senior, Mary Robin; Excellent Junior, Patricia Vasek; Manager, Della Henninger; Protector, Marie Kluge; Guard, Bertha Griggs; Pianist, Nina Beck; Treasurer, Stella Dryden; Secretary, Violet Phillips; Trustee, Charlotte Canoy; Captain of Degree Staff, Mae Anderson; and Press Correspondent, Louise Scott.

LANGELL VALLEY

By CORA LEAVITT

Mrs. Eugene Olp has returned home from Klamath Valley Hospital where she was ill for several days.

Mrs. Jennie Campbell and family of Klamath Falls spent several days with her parents the Ray Davis'. Friday, Mrs. Campbell and children were luncheon guests of Mrs. Louis Randall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmiedl and daughter are in Astoria called by the death of her grandfather, John Snyder.

Mrs. Elda Oard and her son John, Watsonville, were overnight guests at the home of her niece Mrs. Bill Burnett and family. They were here for the funeral services of her sister, Mrs. Erma Pincell.

Mrs. and Mrs. Don Ross and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House spent Thanksgiving in Bly with House brothers and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hriczasek and Kenneth were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the George Olson's of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Evatt and Tad and Jack and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evatt, all of Ashland, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Bill Novotny and Bill, Jack Evatt has just been released from the Army. He spent the past two years in the Philippines.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandra Romtved received word of their first granddaughter Laura Jean, born to their daughter Mrs. Art Young, Dec. 8. Mrs. Leslie Leavitt and Mary spent Thursday at Bonanza with Mrs. Owen Peppie.

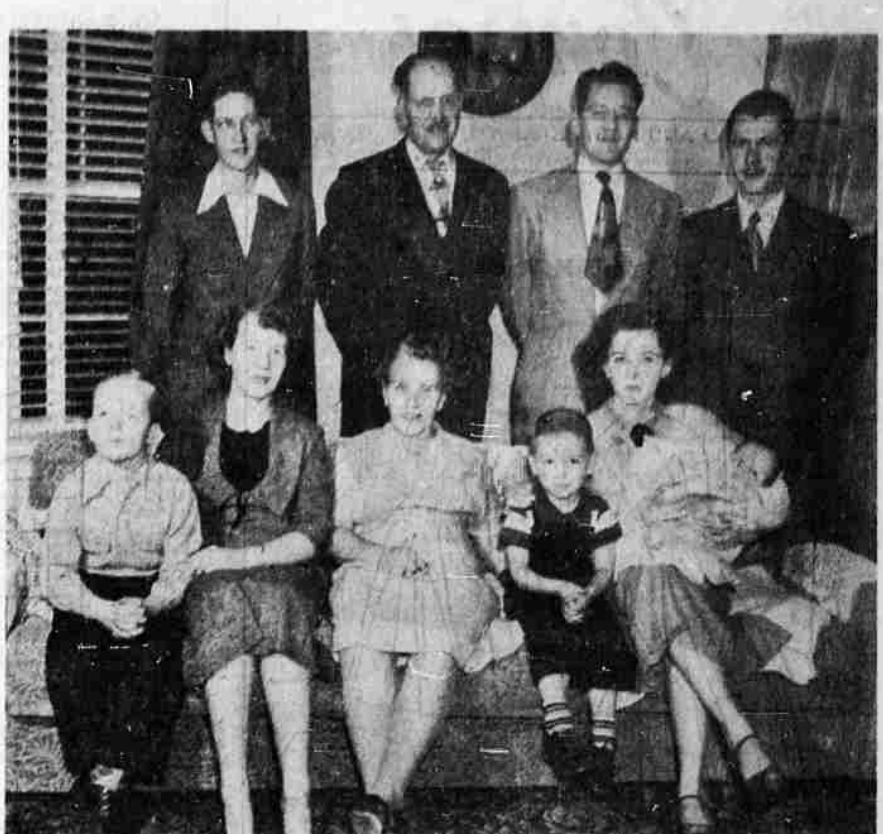
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Perkins, Central Point, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnett and children spent Monday evening with the Lees Leavitts, bringing their gas lantern and making all the neighbors think the Leavitts. Mrs. Wes Dea's born and Catherine and Freddie spent Sunday at Malin with Mrs. Mike McAllister and Mert, Julie and Charlie.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Leavitt spent Saturday at Tulake with their daughter Mrs. Pete Hodges and family.

David Romtved arrived home Dec. 11. He has been released from the Navy after serving four years. He had Thanksgiving dinner in Illinois with his brother Eric and family. He is now at Ashland with his wife, the former Teddie Montgomery, who is attending college there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wooten, Sussie and Butch spent Friday evening at the Lee Leavitt home.



FAMILY REUNION—Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Zell, 2038 Melrose, and their family gathered for a belated Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 29, in their home. Rowe Zell, their eldest son, took the picture. He attended a school of photography in New York some time ago, is at present in the Navy, stationed in Philadelphia; was home on leave. In the picture, (l to r) Robert Hamblet, Anna Lee Hamblet, Mrs. Susanna Zell, Mrs. Phyllis Zell, holding youngest son, Raymond, standing, (l to r) Elmer C. Hamblet, Mr. Zell, Leo T. Zell, and Rowe, (who took the picture). The Hamblets are from Tacoma; the Leo Zells live here. This is the first time the entire family has been together.

MERRILL LADIES AID MEETS

MERRILL—Mrs. Bernice Wilson and Mrs. E. N. Eagle entertained the Presbyterian church Ladies Aid, at the home of the former Dec. 16.

"The Real Meaning of Christmas" was the theme of the devotion led by Mrs. Harriett Fotheringham.

New officers have been elected as follows: President, Mrs. Frank Hunnicutt; Vice President, Mrs. Warren Fruits; Secretary, Mrs. Wilbur Haskins; Treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Wilson.

At the next meeting Jan. 21, all interested ladies are extended a special invitation to attend. At this meeting a special effort will be made to explain the purpose and work of the Ladies Aid Society.

Singing of Christmas carols and a gift exchange followed the business meeting. Members present included Mrs. Warren Conner, Mrs. Harriett Fotheringham, Mrs. Dollie Hunnicutt, Mrs. W. F. Jimette, Mrs. Miles Moore, Mrs. George Offield.

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