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By R. KENNETH EVANS

This company was formed in 1932 by Wm. Welch and F. W. Eberlein taking over and continuing the business operated by W. Paul Johnson at 11th and Main on the corner now occupied by the Western Auto Store. The business which at that time was operated as a radiator and electrical repair shop was moved to South Sixth St. early in 1933 where it operated until the end of 1939 in the building now occupied by the Lee Huff Motor Co.

During that year 7,500 sq. ft. of property was acquired on Main St. opposite the armory and a modern masonry building constructed in time to be opened for business the first working day of 1940. It may be of passing interest to note that according to best available information this building was the first building in Klamath Falls to employ radiant hot water heating in the floor slabs and the second such installation licensed on the Pacific coast. Following the move to the new location the company made plans to engage in the wholesale distribution of automotive parts and supplies. This activity was stopped or its development prevented by the outbreak of war in Dec. of 1941. During the following year approximately half of the employees entered the armed services and the remaining employees devoted their efforts to keeping the service department in operation.

During the closing months of 1945 and the early part of 1946, all but one of the former employees returned from military service. The nucleus for active participation in wholesale parts distribution to serve dealer, garages and fleets was again formed.

The need in the Klamath trading area for warehouse availability on nationally known, original equipment replacement parts became more apparent with the growth of the area. In the past, availability meant San Francisco or Portland, and emergency breakdowns due to lack of needed replacement parts caused unnecessary delays.

Major manufacturers recognized this area growth by making their lines available on equal footing with the two cities on the north and south. Dupont refineries, Westinghouse Air Brake, original equipment electrical and carburetor manufacturers made available their lines which are now warehoused and distributed by Specialized Service Company.

During 1946 and 1947 two additional buildings were constructed on adjoining property adding 6000 ft. of floor space for parts store and warehouse use.

During 1951 the company established a separate operation known as Specialized Bearing Service occupying separate quarters and additional personnel devoted entirely to the distribution of automotive and industrial ball and roller bearings.

The shop and service facilities of the company are devoted almost entirely to providing skilled service on the lines of material distributed, particularly in the brake, radiator, ignition and carburetion lines.

The firm at present employs an average of about 25 people including an outside sales force covering an area with a radius of approximately 100 miles. This firm has great confidence in the future of the Klamath area and feels confident that as the region develops there will be an increasing tendency on the part of manufacturers to recognize Klamath Falls as the logical distribution point for the great Midland Empire.



By MARY EGAN

"Did you sleep last night?" If you're a Sacred Heart student your answer will probably be "No," as the anticipation of tonight's game is just too great. For tonight the Chiloquin Panthers and the Trojans will face each other on the basketball court for the first time this year. Both teams are unbeaten in the county circuit, and you can be sure that both teams will be out to keep their records tonight, even though this is a non-league encounter, on the Chiloquin High floor. But unfortunately both teams cannot win, but regardless of who does win, it's sure to be a top-notch game! The varsity teams of the two schools will set the pace at 7 p.m. with the preliminary game. Good luck, Trojans and Panthers!

Another edition of the Chimes school paper is underway, with promises from the staff that it will be out soon. Also working extra hard these days is the annual staff, with high hopes and determination to meet their deadline which will be upon them before they know it.

Students extend their sympathy to Bill Burrill, a senior at SHS, who was accidentally shot last Friday. Fortunately, Bill is coming along fine, now, and will be among us once again shortly.

Statistics are being compiled to see who did and who did not make the honor roll. Report cards were given to the students either yesterday or today, accompanied by the usual signs and resolutions, "I'm going to work harder next term! Much harder!"

Joanne DeMerritt In Swim Group

CORVALLIS — Joanne DeMerritt of Malin, sophomore at Oregon State college, was initiated into Seashore, women's swimming organization at OSC.

Membership is based on attendance of meetings, ability to swim 100 laps, and participation in Seashore activities. Activities include holding swim meets on this campus and others, and the presentation of an annual water pageant.

Miss DeMerritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted DeMerritt, Rt. 1, Box 171, Malin, is enrolled in elementary education.

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