

Asked In Building Up Watch Program; Local Leaders Appeal For Staff

By EDNA HALL
The long ago that the
liberty is eternal vigilance,
is never more true than it
now, today, in these United
States. Every living American,
man, woman, has an obligation
that is Air Defense. There
is too much complacency,
too much ignorance of
abilities of our enemies.
is too much shrugging of
shoulders, too much "It couldn't
be us," or "They wouldn't
bomb on a town as

Scout Units Formed

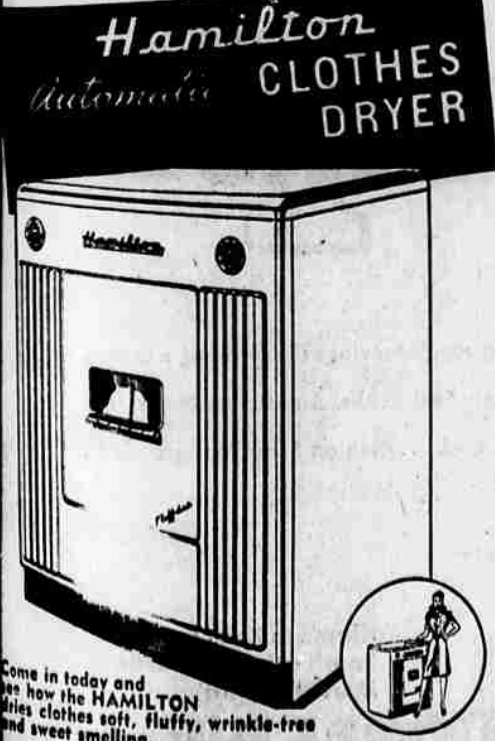
New Boy Scout Units have
organized recently in the
District according to Carl
Chairman of the Mem-
ber Committee.
New PTA has been granted
to sponsor a Cub Scout
for boys 8, 9 and 10 years
old. There are 41 boys regis-
tered. D. R. Hill as cubmaster.
Moline conducted the meet-
ing and organized the Unit.
Winema Men's Club, Tule-
lake, has been granted a charter
for a Cub Pack with 8 boys.
Scout Troop with 12 boys.
Tatum is cubmaster and
Ganger is scoutmaster. Ar-
tatin was the organizer.
PTA has completed the or-
ganization of a Cub Pack under
the ship of Sam Porter. Albert
is cubmaster with 14 Cub
registered.

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ceeds to be used for tonallecto-
mies for local needy children. Make
reservations through Mrs. Homer
Ellis, 5557; Mrs. Eugene Jackson,
7658; or Mrs. E. G. Matthews,
5596.

Theta Theta Rho — Girls Club
regular meeting tonight, 7:30 p.m.,
in IOOF Hall. Practice will be
held afterward. All officers urged
to attend.

Job's Daughters—Regular meet-
ing tomorrow night, 7:30 p.m., in
the Masonic Temple.

Marvin W. Patterson — Airman
USN, is now in the Caribbean area
participating in winter training ex-
ercises as part of airship squad-
ron, Fleet Air Wing, Atlantic Fleet
anti-submarine patrol bomber com-
mand. He is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. Everett J. Patterson, Merrill.

Delain M. Lepley—Fireman, USN
son of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Lepley,
219 S. 6th, is with the Pacific
Fleet and has been engaged in
combat minesweeping aboard the
USS Bergamini in Korean waters
since 1950.

Card Party—The Guild of St.
Barnabas Church, Langell Valley
is sponsoring a card party in the
parish hall, Saturday, Feb. 21.

Guests—Mr. and Mrs. Edd Peter-
son, Galesburg, Ill., have been
guests at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Peterson, Summers
Lane. The Petersons are brothers.

Meeting—The regular meeting of
the Winema Welfare Club, Tule-
lake, will be held Thursday, Feb.
19, 8 p.m. in the Winema school
house. An international exchange
student will speak. Films for chil-
dren will be shown in a room sepa-
rate from the meeting which is
open to the public.

Away — Mrs. Marius Petersen,
owner of Little Sweden on South
Sixth is spending a few days in
Asland.

Meeting—The regular meeting of
the Tulelake Elementary PTA
will be held, Friday, Feb. 20, in
the grade school auditorium. A spe-
cial program honoring Founder's
Day is planned. Included will be
special music by Mrs. Mary Hite,
and a talk on "The Thought Behind
Founder's Day" by Mrs. Don Pot-
ter. An honorary life membership
will also be awarded during the
meeting. The silver tea will be ar-
ranged by the sixth grade mothers.

Rummage Sale—The junior class
of the Henley high school will sponsor
a rummage sale, March 14.
Anyone wishing to donate articles
is asked to call 9643, 2-0001 or 2-1013.

Carnation Club—will meet Wed-
nesday, 8 p.m. at home of Opal
Hawkins, 1244 Homedale. Shirley
Crawford co-hostess.

Chiloquin Scouts—Cub Pack meet-
ing tonight at 7 in the old gym ob-
serving Scout birthday month. Boys
to entertain and serve refreshments
to parents.

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge—Regu-
lar meeting Thursday, 8 p.m. Visi-
tors invited. Officers are not to
wear formal.

Science of Mind — Study group
meets tomorrow, 8 p.m., at home
of Mrs. Eugene Kellogg, 1845 Del
Mora. Persons interested in join-
ing group may phone 2-3586.

Davenport—The National Secre-
tary's Association here is looking
for a davenport to fix up for the
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may be located are asked to call
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Dorris Council, Business Representatives Meet To Iron Out Difficulties

By DORA BRANHAM
DORRIS—In an attempt to end
bickering that has existed for some
time between City Council mem-
bers and the Police Department and
amongst council members them-
selves, some 21 business owners
and some 30 other interested citi-
zens met with the council at a spe-
cial session Tuesday night in the
City Hall.

The meeting was called at the
request of a citizens' committee,
with Don Dyer as spokesman. Ex-
press purpose of the session was
said to be to determine the official
status of Police Chief Fenton
Mahrt. The committee was formed
after specific written orders to
Chief Mahrt were given him by
Councilmen Betty Gravier, Oran
Wallace and A. E. McLaughlin at
the Feb. 2 council meeting. Mayor
A. O. Christensen verbally resigned
and walked out of the February
meeting after purported heated ob-
jections to long distance calls in-
curred by Chief Mahrt. Councilman
Woodie Wilson, police commission-
er, was not present at the February
meeting, nor was Mahrt until sent
for.

With McLaughlin as acting may-
or, pro and con discussion cen-
tered on the police chief and his
department. Referring to "doings"
of the council, Dyer declared that
it had been going on a long time
and the businessmen and private
citizens feel it has reached the
point where it isn't funny. Stressing
that he and other business people
have no personal gripe, Dyer
stated that they felt it was time
to get together with the council
and thrash out matters in an or-
derly manner.

George Doran, manager of the
Associated Lumber and Box Com-
pany at Dorris, a former council
member, enlightened the council
and audience on several points and
reminded Councilman Gravier that
council members are public ser-
vants and that the taxpayers are
entitled to ask questions of the
council and are entitled to straight-
civil answers.

"If," avowed Doran, "they don't
want to answer civilly, let them
get off the job," he said. He re-
minded the board that the police
chief's orders should come through
the police commissioner from the
council and not directly from the
council.

He praised Mahrt as a police of-
ficer, and stated that even though
Police Matron Freda Webster is in
his employ, that she is available
for duty at any hour of the day.

It was the voiced opinion of sev-
eral present that the council has
made many unreasonable and some-
times too wide demands upon the po-
lice chief. Mahrt's two-year record
as chief was highly commended
by various speakers and letters
were read by Mrs. Cliff Branham
and Mrs. R. E. Jones, respectively,
from Lester Newton, Siskiyou Coun-
ty probation officer, and Siskiyou
County Sheriff A. B. Cottar, ex-
pressing satisfaction with Mahrt's
work as a police officer.

Upon request by Councilman Gra-
vier, Mahrt gave an epitome of
his daily routine and the emer-
gencies that arise within a one-
man police department. The of-
ficer explained that technically he is
on duty 24 hours a day though the
council informed him his is an 8-
hour work day. Mahrt asked the
council to be reasonable with him
that he might carry on the work
of the Police Department as it
should be carried on. He said that
when he became chief two years
ago the juvenile situation in Dorris
was terrible and that he had worked
15 to 20 hours a day with the chil-
dren in clearing it up. He declared
that in the last year there has
been no major crime; no juvenile

delinquent with the exception of mi-
nor infractions by six small chil-
dren who are now on probation.

Though the council was asked to
clarify Police Chief Mahrt's status,
it was never made clear other
than Mahrt's own explanation of
his duties. Upon demand, McLaugh-
lin read the chief's duties as out-
lined in the original City Charter,
and City Clerk Paddy Hoskins read
his duties as ordered at the Feb-
ruary meeting and contained in the
minutes of said meeting.

It was the contention of C. E.
Mouschenbacher, former Police
Judge, that since the police chief
is appointed by the council he
should serve the council as it dic-
tates and not the people. Excep-
tion was taken to this by L. E.
(Junior) Dodson who stoutly main-
tained that the police chief serves
the people, not the council. Other
speakers remarked that much had
been said about Mahrt's loyalty to
the council, as demanded by them,
but that nothing had been said
about a council's loyalty to and
faith in their chief of police.

Councilman Wallace spoke point-
edly on several occasions; Coun-
cilman Wilson spoke reservedly.
The council was derided by some
for its continual bickering and for
letting personalities influence their
decisions. Mrs. Dyer asked the
board to have a little less Police
Department discussion and a little
more business. Doran reminded
McLaughlin that it is the mayor's
duty to call for order and to stop
arguments.

Among other matters briefly
touched upon were the condition
of the city streets and the salary
of the city treasurer and police
matron, a combined office.

Though refraining from taking
part in any of the discussion, ex-
Mayor Christensen was present and
elaborated his reasons for resigning.
In his written resignation dated
Feb. 3, Mayor Christensen stated
that he could not fulfill his official
obligations and duties "when there
is such a display of personal peti-
neous and so much lengthy and
constant bickering and childish argu-
ing amongst council members over
so many inconsequential matters."

The meeting adjourned shortly
after McLaughlin made a plea for
unity between the council and peo-
ple and expressed a desire for a
special council meeting to iron out
some of the trouble. When objected
to by Councilman Gravier, Police
Judge Les Chase asserted that it
was necessary for a council to
have special meetings in order to
carry out effective city business.

Lost Billfold Found, Returned

Mrs. Roy (Frances) Owens, 2021
Reclamation, was feeling pretty
chippy today. Yesterday afternoon
Mrs. Owens lost her billfold con-
taining \$40 on Main Street.

A short time later, Francis
Ramsey, of Rickys, happened along
the street and found the billfold.
It was returned to Mrs. Owens with
contents intact.

As we said, Mrs. Owens was feel-
ing pretty chippy today.

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KUHS Highlights

By HAROLD McKEY
Tomorrow American Sky Lec-
tures comes to KUHS to give a
talk and show photographs of the
stars, the moon, etc. This group
makes the rounds of certain
schools every three years, the pur-
pose being to show how much in-
terest the sky holds for the in-
terested observer. Another reason
for these visits is to show what the
sky explorers of the great observa-
tories are doing.

The lecturer, Harry G. Johnson,
does not really lecture at all but
rather he explains in a conversa-
tional way the photographs he
shows.

Here is a general sketch of the
things that Mr. Johnson will dis-
cuss:

1. America's super observa-
tories; purposes for which they
were built.
2. How the earth travels on-
ward like a rocket ship across the
sky over a million miles a day
toward the North Star.
3. The surface of the moon —
which Mr. Johnson brings to the
screen, via photographs, at a dis-
tance of 100 miles.
4. Meteor Crater, Arizona, com-
pared with the lunar craters. Also
an appraisal of the present efforts
to reach the moon.
5. And lastly, 5. The sun—constella-
tions—sky maps—galaxies—and dis-
tances.

If this sort of thing interests you,
you should see this assembly.

All this week the seniors are
getting measured for their caps and
gowns. The seniors must pay the
rental fee before they are measured.

This starts a long line of senior
activities for the remainder of the
year.

The Klamath Sports Album in on
the air tomorrow night at 8:30
over KJFF. Don't forget to listen
because you could win the two
free passes to any Pelican home
sporting event.

Mr. Woodhouse's radio speech
people have started a new series
of programs over KTEC, OTT's
FM station, called, "High On a
Hilltop".

The program features news about
the school as well as some poetry
and short story reading, all with
an organ music background. The
program will be aired every other
Friday — on Fridays when the
Kramer comes out—and will broad-
cast next on Feb. 27.

Merrill Firemen To Hold Ball

Merrill's 46th annual Volunteer
Firemen's Ball is scheduled for
Saturday night at Merrill's Com-
munity Hall with proceeds ear-
marked for purchase of fire-fight-
ing equipment.

Dancing is 10 to 3, with music
by Morgan and McDonald.
Chairman is Paul Knox, assisted
by Bob McRee and Ken Honey-
cutt. Admission price is \$1 per per-
son.

Tom Chaburn Jr. was recently
re-elected president of the volun-
teer firemen. New officers are vice-
president Cliff McKoen and secre-
tary-treasurer Ray Baty.

Grand Jury Returns Three Open Indictments, Clears Three, Blasts Acoustics

The Klamath County grand jury
ended a two-day session last night,
returning three open indictments,
one secret bill and clearing three
persons of criminal charges held
against them.

The jury also took exception to
the acoustics of the Courthouse
Grand Jury room, and recom-
mended that some improvement be
made.

Open indictments included:
Bert Greenwood, 32, charged
with negligent homicide in the auto
accident death Sept. 12, 1952, of Roy
Kelton on Oregon 66 just outside
town. Greenwood was indicted last
October, but that indictment was
dismissed because of a technical-
ity and resubmitted. He cur-
rently is free on \$3,500 bail, but
the new indictment sets his bail
at \$5,000.

Edgar L. Matzler, 29, charged
with larceny by embezzlement. He
is held in the County Jail. This
charge accuses Matzler of secret-
ing three sewing machines with in-
tent to convert to his own use. The
machines, worth something over
\$600, were the property of Mrs.
Mary Kenaga, operator of the Sew-
ing Machine Service and Exchange,
and Matzler was a salesman for
the company. The date of the al-
leged crime is Nov. 22, 1952. Matzler
has been in jail since Nov. 24.

Edgar L. Matzler (second indict-
ment), charged with embezzle-
ment. The bill accuses him of
embezzling \$45, belonging to Mrs.
Kenaga, on Nov. 18, 1952.
Bail requirement for Matzler is
set at \$5,000 on each indictment.

The not true bills cleared
Quincy Baker, 45-year-old Klamath
Indian, of a charge of possession
of an altered instrument with in-
tent to pass; Albert George Tice,
43, Stonyford, Calif., rancher, of a
charge of larceny of livestock;
and Joe Vince, 37, of a charge
of drawing a bank check with in-
sufficient funds to cover.

Baker was released from the
County Jail where he had been
held since Oct. 28. Tice and Vince
were free on bail.

Tice also was indicted earlier,
last October, on the cattle theft
charge, but a flaw in the indict-
ment resulted in dismissal and
resubmission to the grand jury.
This time the grand jury declined
to indict him.

The jury reported that the acous-
tics of the ground jury room are so
bad that it is difficult to hear
testimony of witnesses and dis-
cussion among members of the
jury.

William R. (Baldy) Evans served
as jury foreman.

City firemen were called to the
Tower Theater early this morning
to douse a threatening trash fire
at the rear of the building. The
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