



SHARING HONORS . . . with her husband, Elvin E. Phillips, newly installed Master of Klamath Lodge 77 AF&AM. The ceremony was on Dec. 19, and highlight of the evening was the presence of his bride of four months; and five men in the Phillips family all who witnessed the installation. The new Lodge Master and Vide Close were married in the First Methodist Church, Sept. 4, and are living at 330 Demont. — Photo by A. M. Compton

ELLINGSON FAMILY "AT HOME" IN BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY SETTING

Robert P. Ellingson Jr. Home Opened to Host of Friends Dec. 27

One of the largest parties of the holiday season was the Ellingson family "At Home" Dec. 27, when Mr. and Mrs. R. Parthey Ellingson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ellingson (son), Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Halderston (Dorothy Ellingson, daughter), Unity and Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Ellingson Jr. (son), received between the hours of 1 to 10, at the beautiful and spacious new home of the junior Ellingsons, 1706 Fairmont. Holiday inspired decor prevailed throughout the house, and a host of friends were received during the festive family party. Assisting during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Greer Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winkler, Dr. and Mrs. John Merryman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chubb, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lorenz, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Macortney and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Walters.

Xmas Buffet

LANGELL VALLEY — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franzer entertained with a buffet supper on Christmas Eve. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boggs, Mrs. Florence Horn and Jackie, Mrs. Annie Cline and P. W. Brown.



A HOLIDAY SETTING . . . at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leik, 707 Spruce, Pelican City was the background for the wedding of their son Charles D. Leik to Wanda Boyles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boyles, Los Gatos, Calif. The couple is pictured in front of the fireplace where they exchanged marriage vows in a simple, informal ceremony. They will be home near Moffett Field until May, when Leik will be discharged from the navy. — Photo by Flo

KLAMATH COMMANDOS ARE STILL REMEMBERED GRATEFULLY TODAY TEN YEARS AFTER DISBANDING

By MILLY RAMSBY
In the July 1944 issue of *Commonwealth* magazine—an article by Lois Berryers was published with the following editor's challenge to the reader:
"I—do you think there's nothing more you can do for heroes besides shower them with confetti?
2—Do you think the Guadalcanal veterans would be interested in a private room and bath?
3—Do you think hospitalization is the beginning and the end of recovery for our wounded war heroes?
If You Do Then Read This Piece!"
The article was headed "Some people in Klamath Falls went a step beyond JUST TALK"—and it modestly gave only a few highlights of the Klamath Commandos, a group of young business women of Klamath Falls.
Klamath Commando Unit No. 1 was organized June 8, 1943. Purpose of the organization was to provide servicemen with hospitality and entertainment whenever and wherever needed.
The group of 36 attractive and energetic girls (and they needed a super-abundance of energy and sustaining stamina to carry out their established program) were organized on a military basis. They were eligible between the ages of 18 and 35—of proven proper moral character, and to ensure the long hours devoted to Commando activities they had to be in top physical condition.
Mrs. Louis Berryers (Leas), was elected as their "mother"—to act as a counselor—but she went much further than that. The girls' hours were her hours—and her efficient guidance was a major factor in the success of the worthwhile organization.
Captain Heidemann (Bernie) executed rigid observance of the military-type rules and regulations incorporated into the Commando by-laws.
The girls started with the idea of entertaining visiting service men and convalescing patients through Klamath Falls—and many thousands—that's right, thousands—enjoyed the hospitality of street dances and other Commando sponsored entertainment.
But they soon recognized the need for a service center, and in August of that year they started a concerted campaign to reach that goal. They were given a location—an empty store on Main Street—but it was in a state of barren and dirty disrepair until the girls got through with it. That sounds easy but it took many hours of gutting, scrubbing, painting and scrubbing (and perhaps more to scrub the splattered latex floor space). They commandeered some outside help—but in the main the girls labored on the project—and for diversion got cleaned up and spent more hours entertaining various groups of service men.
They eventually received national recognition—and photographers from Life Magazine, American Cosmopolitan and Associated News—the latter to record on film the true Americanism as portrayed by the girl Commandos arrived.
This was after another major project was in effect. That of helping groups of wounded men here from various Army and Navy hospitals including Pitasantion, Letterman, Mare Island in California and U.S. Naval Hospital in Seattle.
Many of the wounded men were beyond the reach of usual rehabilitation methods—but for some reason if they were persuaded to come to Klamath Falls as guests of the Commandos and generous citizens who opened their homes to them as houseguests—they responded and amazed the staff doctors with their improved mental outlook when they returned from Klamath Falls.
The good didn't end in the hospital ward—for so many returned to their families with a new and happily adjusted outlook—that in the 10 years since the Commandos disbanded, Lois Berryers has continued to receive many letters of deep-thankfulness, thanks for the helping hands extended by a little group of busy girls in a little town in Oregon.
The reunion dinner this year especially emphasizes that the former Commandos—who are so gratefully remembered by others—have not forgotten each other. And the dinner at the Yacht Club is planned to be the first of many.
And this little item is to let them know that Klamath Falls hasn't forgotten what they did in those two years of giving of themselves.



A PIONEER COUPLE, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lewis, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 17 in Ashland. The Lewises were residents of Klamath Falls until 1937 when they moved to 294 No. Pioneer, Ashland.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lewis, former residents and pioneers of Klamath County, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 17 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ager, 63 Graham, Ashland.
Lewis came to Klamath Falls in the days when it was Linkville—February of 1885. He was just three years old, when his father, Leonard Lewis, decided to move farther west after Colorado hail storms ruined his crops three consecutive years. The older Lewis settled at Round Lake and some years later moved into Klamath Falls, to a home on South Riverside.
On Dec. 17, 1903, Lewis and Ella Bryant were married. Officiating at the ceremony was the bride's father, the Rev. John W. Bryant, a Methodist minister who arrived in Klamath County in 1888 to begin a career of preaching in the Klamath Valley region, Sams Valley, Williams Creek and the Applegate area. Bride-maid for Mrs. Lewis was Mrs. Mary Roberts Hagman, who now lives in Talent and was guest of honor at the anniversary party.
For the occasion, the Ager home

ALPHA GROUP MEETS JAN. 8

The Alpha Social Club will meet Jan. 8, instead of the usual meeting date Jan. 1. There will be a business meeting with the annual election of officers and cards will follow.
Hostesses will be Mrs. Oliver Spiker, Mrs. J. C. Hunt, Mrs. Leo Huls and Mrs. Wallace Uerlines. Meeting time is 1:45 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.
Turkey and all the trimmings were served to Mr. and Mrs. A.W. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Speers, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gillette, Jacqueline Adams and Doris Wallin.

Wool Shearling Keeps Feet Cozy

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mallory were hosts at a beautifully appointed dinner just before Christmas for employees of the two Mallory Markets, at the Merrill-Lakeview Junction and the new store on Al-tamont Drive.
Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose of Bonanza, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Root, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dehlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seater and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potucek.

CHARMING INFORMAL WEDDING AT THE CHARLES LEIK HOME

At the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leik, 707 Spruce, Charles D. Leik claimed Wanda Boyles as his bride, Dec. 21. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boyles, Los Gatos, Calif. The couple's first service was read in front of the fireplace by the Rev. Donald Cassidy of the Congregational Church.
The house was decorated with Christmas greens and the lighted Christmas tree added to the warmth of the informal ceremony. The attractive bride wore a soft winter-white wool dress—street length, and her bouquet was a white orchid surrounded by stephanotis.
She attended schools in California, and has recently been at home with her parents and serving as USO hostess in San Jose. They will live near Moffett Field where the bridegroom is stationed as electronics technician with the navy. He is a graduate of Dubouque High School and Iowa State College.
At the reception for 24 guests, Mrs. Harold Wirth cut the cake; and Mrs. Jerry Wagner was at the coffee service.
Prior to the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Leik issued invitations to an "at home" to introduce their prospective daughter-in-law. The guests were received at the 600 of the Spruce Street residence in Pelican City by the host and hostess, the guest of honor and her

bride. Assisting the hostess at the tea table, were Mary Guff, Mrs. Jerry Wagner and Mrs. Old Wirth.
Red candles, cones and greenery were arranged about the housekeeping with the Christmas tree. Other pre-wedding parties included one at the Harold V. home, 200 Doty on Dec. 15. Guests were Mary Griffiths, Al Holm, Mrs. Jack Numman, Mr. Mrs. Jerry Wagner, Don Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lewis. The couple was presented with place settings to add to their ware. A dinner party was given for them at the Jerry Wagner home on Washburn.

ALOHA CHAPTER NO. 61 TO MEET

Alloha Chapter 61, OES will hold a public installation of officers next Saturday evening January 9 at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. Members and friends are cordially invited. Officers elect to be installed are: Rena Oldham, worthy patron; Raymond Green, worthy patron; Edna Jones, associate patron; Martha Powell, conductress; Maude Wright, associate conductress; Leona Kelly, secretary and Clara Sherman, treasurer.

W. A. PAGES GIVE YULETIDE PARTY

FORT KLAMATH — In keeping with a traditional annual custom, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Page were hosts on Christmas Eve for a festive party given for a group of relatives and friends at their home here. Gifts were exchanged from a richly decorated tree, after which cards were played until a late hour, when refreshments were served by Mrs. Page.
Enjoying the Yuletide party as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Page were his brother, nephew and family, Guss A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Page, son Gerry and daughter Gayle Opal; Mrs. Johanna Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell (Mike) Beaulieu, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Van

GIVE HER MORE OF THE PATTERN SHE CHOSE HERSELF

Bridal Shower
BONANZA — A very lovely bridal shower was given at the Bonanza Library the afternoon of Dec. 27 in honor of a recent bride, Mrs. Homer Dixon, (Donna Phillips of Klamath Falls).
Hostesses were Mrs. Cecil Haley, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. Howard Schmidt, Mrs. Howard Koertze and Janey Dixon.
Following the opening and admiring of the gifts a social afternoon was enjoyed by Mrs. Homer Dixon, Mrs. Ben Dixon, Mrs. Hathe Propst, Mrs. Jerry Wagner, Mrs. F. T. Given, Mrs. Herbert Schmidt, Mrs. Virgil Schmoer, Mrs. Leonard Scholer, Mrs. Ishwul Dick, Mrs. Chris Hood, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. Henry Schmor, Mrs. Joe Nork, Mrs. Bill Burnett, Mrs. Lester Leavitt, Betty Ralph, Donna Derry, Ruth Ralph, Gertrude Hoeffler, and the hostesses.
The new Mrs. Dixon cut a beautifully decorated cake during the refreshment hour.

Would she like another place setting?—more teaspoons?—salad forks?—that double for desserts?—dinner forks?—that double for soup and cereal?
How about some charming "extra" pieces by TOWLE?
Pictured are five of many at modest prices. Left to right:
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