

Early Day Klamath Paper Carries Story Of Growth In Bonanza, Good Times

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Irene Hartley, on a recent trip to Portland, found an issue of the "Klamath County Star," dated February 8, 1889, and published in Klamath Falls when the town was still known as Linkville. One item especially caught her eye, since it was from Bonanza, and Mrs. Hartley is a Herald and News correspondent from Bonanza.)

To prove that the little town of Bonanza was an up and coming place as long ago as February 8, 1889, here is an item copied from the "Klamath County Star," published in Linkville by Editor J. A. Bowdoin. Headed "Bonanza Budget," the item reads:

"Editor Star: Thinking that a

few items from this section would not come amiss, I send the following: Weather is fine, stock fat, and farmers are jubilant.

"Our little burg is improving slowly. A number of lots have lately been staked off and sold. Those who have invested are preparing to build, and we understand that there will be another large dry goods store opened here in the spring.

"Our enterprising postmaster has put up a commodious building and moved the post office into it and will in the near future put in a stock of drugs and school books that are much needed here. The public school is well attended this winter and we say to the credit of our citizens that we have the second best school house in the county.

We have organized and running in good shape a lyceum which is well attended and from the interest manifested we think it productive of good results.

Croaker.

Bonanza, Feb. 5, 1889". According to Birdie Burk, (who, to her knowledge, is Klamath County's oldest living white woman, born and raised and still living here and with a remarkable memory of things in the past), the postmaster mentioned above is Harve Oakman, possibly dead by now. A Jimmy Morton went in with him and they did operate a large store and the post office on the site where the present one now stands.

The set-up was later purchased and operated by J. O. Hamacker. The other large store mentioned did not come into being until the turn of the century. The school mentioned was a not-too-large, white, one-room building that was built on the property where Mrs. Sadie Bray's residence now stands. It replaced a one room log building that was located across the river from the Benson Dixon place on what is now the Weatherby property.

The white school house was the center of community activities. Church was held there once a month to which large crowds came in their horse-drawn vehicles from Langell Valley, Poe Valley and Yonah Valley. It was here the lyceum was held and which was, as Mrs. Burk remembers it, a debating society.

Also mentioned in the old paper was a community of Haynesville. This was a post office operated by people by the name of Haynes and was located in Langell Valley about where the Bill Campbell home now is.

A very interesting editorial in the paper mentioned that we would probably eventually be at war with Germany and also would have to take some action in the South Pacific, notably Siam.

The old paper belongs to Hazel Burnham Carter of Portland, a member of one of Klamath County's pioneer families; she and her brothers, Ernest Burnham, who died at Forest Grove last month, and Hall Burnham, also deceased, grew up in Langell Valley. They were the children of Horatio Burnham, pioneer, who ranched 600 acres. They lived there for 25 years and left in 1913 to make their home at Dayton. Mrs. Carter was born in Langell Valley.

INCIDENT

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Albanian anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on a Greek air force C-47 forced over Albanian territory two days ago by bad weather, the Greek air force claimed Monday. An announcement said the plane's copilot was slightly wounded but little damage was caused.

GOP Slates Fund Campaign

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Republican Party's quota for the national campaign fund is \$52,000, it was announced here Saturday.

Ralph Williams, chairman of the Republican state budget and finance committee, said the \$52,000 would come from \$200,000 the party hopes to collect in the state for the coming elections.

To meet the national quota, the state organization will have to trim its budget, Williams reported. At present, 40 per cent of the funds collected remain in the county where they are contributed. Forty per cent goes to the state organization and 20 per cent to the national committee.

Under this formula, Oregon would have to collect about \$200,000 to meet its quota.

Instead, the state campaign goal has been set lower and the state committee will reduce its budget as required.

The national campaign goal is \$3,800,000.

Norblad Urges Use Of Plywood

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore) asked the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads Monday to study the use of plywood for making highway signs.

Norblad said he thought plywood signs would be much cheaper than those made of metal, the material now used for most highway signs over the country.

Norblad said the Oregon Highway Department has found plywood satisfactory.

Metal signs, he wrote, cost almost twice as much as plywood signs. This offsets the fact that metal signs last much longer.

Norblad said that if the bureau finds the plywood signs satisfactory, it would recommend that they be adopted by the states.

Stray Shot Kills Nearby Motorist

HOUSTON (AP) — A bullet intended for a fleeing burglar killed a former high school principal yesterday.

Thomas Horace Rogers, 70, was driving his car. A policeman in a patrol car a block away fired at another car believed driven by a man who'd tried to break into an office.

The shot broke a window of Rogers' car and hit him in the head. His auto knocked down a row of parking meters before stopping in a parking lot.

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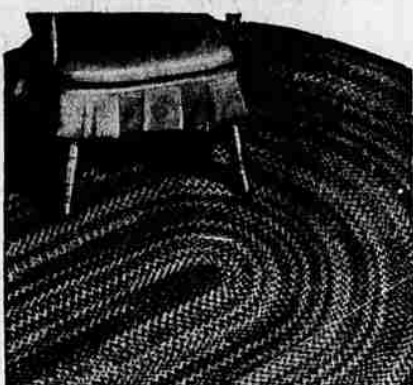
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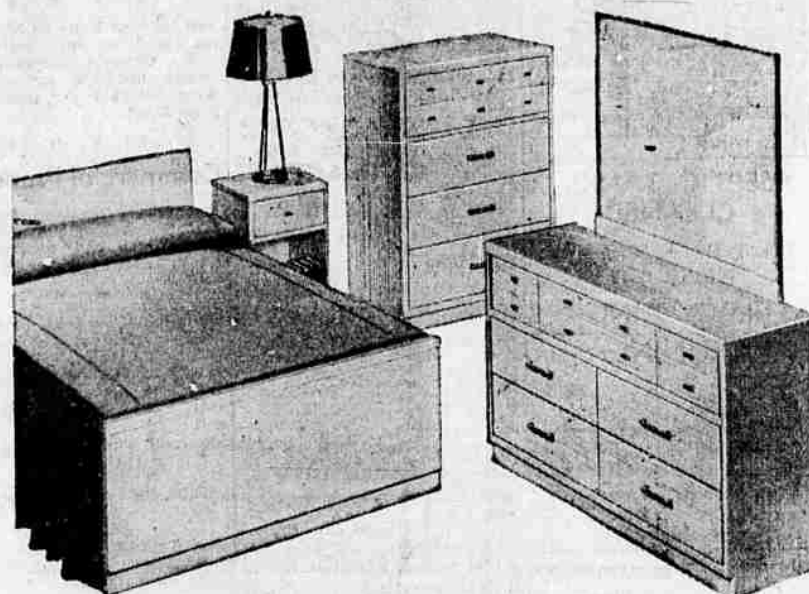
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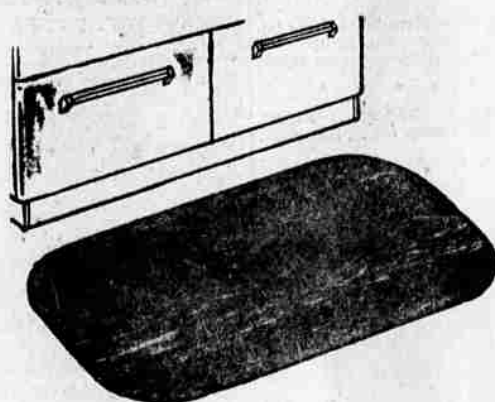
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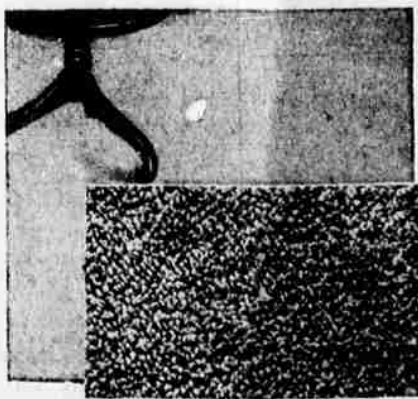
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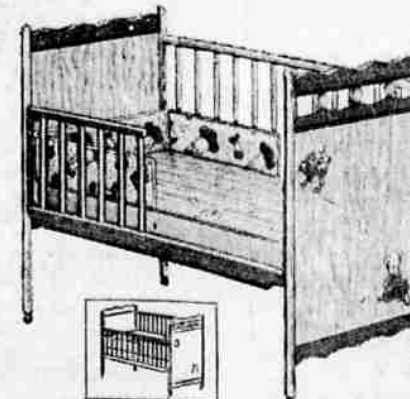
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