

It Happened This Way In New Pine Creek

By IRVIN FARIS

When the fire alarm sounded the firemen—some of them from the fire house—bounced out of bed—the living room was a lurid, flickering red as the fire danced in through the windows. Our own building was on fire! Oh—no—it just can't be! But it was!

Downing pants I ran—filled two buckets of water that were never used.

"Keys—car keys—where are your keys?" someone shouted. "Let's move your cars so they won't blow up!"

The fire truck had just pulled up and everybody was on the move. I moved the car, then ran for the pump house. Thank Heaven! for the pump house—the long hose ready there—the pressure-pump that worked—I dragged out about a hundred feet of garden hose and ran with it to the garage just four feet from the burning building.

The Good Lord and the NPO fire department were with us! God bless those men! God bless the pump and hose! God bless the men who were with us! We were working at the safe in the office at the rear of the building about the time that Alvin got up and was stirring about preparatory to going back hunting which he later did. But he did not dream of his place being burglarized as he kept a light burning in his store ever since his place was burglarized about four months or so ago. He did not learn of the attempted robbery until he was notified by a messenger who went for him up in the mountains. Nor did he realize that his stirring around that morning had probably frightened the burglars away.

The culprits also tore the front of one of the drawers to his cash register but nothing of value happened to be in that drawer. Nothing was stolen in the store unless it was a few packages or a carton of cigarettes according to the present estimate of the owners.

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Believe us, folks! We are extremely grateful to all who came to our timely assistance. And we are proud of our firemen and our equipment. If you haven't made your donation to clear up the \$600 accumulation of bills on the new fire hall—now is the time to do it. You may be next to suffer great loss and damage. The fire has also demonstrated the great need of a water tanker as the next most important factor of equipment for community protection. We must all work together to obtain this needed equipment.

Ours was not the only excitement that has come to our peaceful village this last weekend. Early last Saturday morning—some time between 2 and 3 o'clock, presumably, Alvin's Market was broken into and an attempt was made to cut open his safe with a blow torch. Hypothetically—this is what happened! The would-be robbers gained entrance to the Butler store by cutting or breaking the lock off the front door. Then they entered and opened the rear door. Through this they apparently brought in the acetylene torch which they had stolen from Joe Ayout's garage. They were working at the safe in the office at the rear of the building about the time that Alvin got up and was stirring about preparatory to going back hunting which he later did. But he did not dream of his place being burglarized as he kept a light burning in his store ever since his place was burglarized about four months or so ago. He did not learn of the attempted robbery until he was notified by a messenger who went for him up in the mountains. Nor did he realize that his stirring around that morning had probably frightened the burglars away.

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THERE'S NO DOUBT about it, it will be all wins and no losses for football and basketball squads of Altamont Junior High School with this pretty quintet on the sidelines. This year's yell leaders are (l to r) Deanna Campbell, Carol Brisson, Stella Lummus, Carmen Malme and Jancey Meador.

LANGELL VALLEY

By CORA LEAVITT

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Noble have returned from taking their daughter, Polly, to Costa Mesa, where she is a sophomore at Southern California Bible College. She has been selected to assist in editing the school year book.

Jack DeVaul, who has been serving in Indochina, is expected this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville DeVaul. Next station will be Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smelter of Dunsmuir spent a few days at the Doug Smelter home while hunting. The Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Slope of Dayton are visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Oip. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bagley and Jim Bagley of Sutherland are also guests.

The Lloyd Crawford have a deer hunting guests the Lee Miners of Portland.

Mrs. Lloyd Gift, who has been seriously ill for a month, suffered setback last week and will not be permitted company for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fuls, Chuck Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Barkley Evans all of Ashland enjoyed a successful hunting trip to Steens Mountain with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Groth, who have spent the summer at Bend, stopped to visit the O. C. Johnsons on their way home to Banning, California. The two couples spent several days at Diamond Lake and Modford.

Harry Noble came home from the Pendleton Roundup with a new Hamley saddle, stelson, silver spurs, leather jacket and two pairs of riding pants, as well as top money for first place in the Northwest saddle bronc contest.

Mrs. Don Ross and sons of Tulare spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. House. Darrel spent the weekend with his grandparents.

ALTURAS

By RAE GLOSTER

Dr. and Mrs. Paul McKenney went to Oakland by plane and Dr. and Mrs. Philip McKenney drove to attend the funeral services of their father, Dr. J. A. McKenney who died October 3.

Two baby girls arrived at Modoc Medical Center, one to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis Jr. of Canby and the other to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tollett of Alturas.

Attending the Beta Sigma Phi brunch meeting were Mrs. Dorothy Woody of Williams, sister of Donald Kerr; Virginia Clark of Yacabille, Gail Smith and Duffie Kenyon from Merrill and Tulelake, sisters of Wayne Orr; Faye Bacon from Orland; Aleen Emery and Artheda Weber of Lakeview.

George Sloss, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sloss, brought in a buck with a 28-inch spread; all four in his party got deer.

The respect paid by players, yell leaders and spectators at the Friday football game when a funeral procession passed, was impressive. Players removed their helmets and stood at attention as did yell leaders and the public. It is not known whether the crowd knew the funeral was for Ben Lange, an old time Modocer who died in San Francisco, or whether it was respect for a passing funeral. Mr. Lange was a friend to all young people, giving the little ones candy when he was in business at 12th and Main in Alturas years ago.

Sgt. Lou Wright of the highway patrol reports a very constructive meeting in Sacramento where he attended a sergeants' training school.

Adin was hostess group for the Rainbow Girls' district meeting at the Masonic Hall, followed by pot-luck dinner. Hostesses presented gifts to Bernice Fairchild, of Santa Maria, their worthy advisor, and Mrs. Flo MacDonald from San Jose.

Worthy Adviser Mollieann Wilson and her Alturas girls used

baskets of autumn leaves and green and white paper for decorations in the temple and banquet rooms. Visitors included Mrs. Elma Coulson, Rainbow Deputy of Tulelake, the Paul Tanners and daughter of Klamath Falls, and the Deputy for Rainbow for Girls, Mrs. Hamilton, also of Klamath Falls.

Dean Smith is receiving medical treatment for a liver ailment at the veterans hospital in Reno where he is expected to remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaskey and Gary are leaving for their home at Yuma, Arizona, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ballard. They will visit Jack's parents in Los Angeles on the way. Gaskey is a staff sergeant in the Army and moved from Victorville to Yuma in April.

Clarence Fleming Ford, 66, a local cook, died at his home following a heart attack. A brother, Ben, and two nieces survive. He had never married.

A baby girl was born to Mrs. Stella Monarrez of Canby. The father, a Mexican national, is in Mexico.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Vermillion of Cedarville.

Postmaster Welsh of Dunsmuir, vice president of the state association, presided. Postmaster John Vaughn, junior past president of the California chapter, speaker, emphasized the importance of organization, noting various accomplishments of the group. A workshop followed. Mrs. Vera Gilmer, Macdonald postmaster, is president of the association. Among the guests was Mrs. Salve Bue from Burney.

USBR Says Only One PNW Project Paid Out In Full

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bureau of Reclamation says the water users on only one of 24 Washington and Oregon reclamation projects—the Tieton Division of the Yakima Project, have paid their obligations in full to the federal treasury.

The Tieton Division, a 27,353-acre unit which received its first water 44 years ago was the first federal reclamation project in the nation in which water users repaid the government for its expense in bringing water to arid land.

The Tieton Residents repaid Uncle Sam a total of \$3,449,111. The last payment was made in February, 1947.

Another division of the Yakima project, the Sunnyside unit, had as of June 30, repaid \$3,816,577 of its \$4,187,005 obligation.

In all, water users on the 24 reclamation projects in the two states had repaid a total of \$19,423,086 of their obligations as of June 30, the bureau said, which figures out to just slightly more than a tenth of what the government invested in the water features of the projects.

Three projects have not passed the development period and the water users on them have not started repayments to the government. These are the North Unit Irrigation District of the Deschutes Project, the Ochoco Rehabilitation and the Kennelwick Division of the Yakima Project.

The overall obligation does not represent the government's complete investment in the projects because some of the original investment was written off as expenditures for flood control, fisheries or navigation.

Repayment status of water users on other Oregon and Washington projects is as follows (total obligation in parentheses):

Arnold Project, \$16,660 (\$206,821); Baker Project, \$109,947 (\$225,014); Burnt River Project, \$224,914 (\$599,735); Columbia Basin Project, \$39,346 (\$87,545,198); Central Oregon Irrigation District, Deschutes Project, \$123,076 (\$400,000); Pacific Power & Light Co., Deschutes Project, \$16,319 (\$87,938); Prineville, Ore. Deschutes Project, \$8,542 (\$10,678); Jefferson county, Deschutes Project, \$40,000 (\$123,666); Grants Pass Project \$5,000 (\$90,000); Langell Valley, Klamath Project, \$329,389 (\$992,959); Main Division, Klamath Project, \$1,844,129 (\$2,265,543); miscellaneous, Klamath project, \$590,213 (\$1,119,083); Okanogan, \$212,754 (\$594,597); Owyhee, \$1,778,664 (\$19,826,659); East Division Umatilla Project, \$312,776 (\$1,362,018); South Division, Umatilla Project, \$86,325 (\$147,140); West Division, Umatilla project, \$86,805 (\$727,683); Vale Project, \$445,491 (\$5,063,068); Klamath Division, Yakima Project, \$2,096,586 (\$11,225,652); Rosa Division, Yakima Project, \$683,521 (\$21,078,100); Storage, Yakima Project, \$3,156,134 (\$4,187,005).

United Nations Day Observance Set

SALEM (AP) — Local organizations have been set up in 37 Oregon cities for observance of United Nations Day Oct. 24. Charles A. Sprague, state chairman for the event, said here Saturday.

Sprague, former governor and Salem publisher, was named chairman by Gov. Paul L. Patterson. He said it will be the "most complete recognition of United Nations Day" ever received in Oregon.

The day falls on Sunday this year, and many of the events marking the ninth birthday of the world organization will be held the preceding week.

KILLED

HOOD RIVER (AP) — A dynamite blast on a Columbia River Highway construction project here Friday claimed the life of Harvey Elsworth, 40, a former resident of Salem.

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FORT ROCK

By ROBERTA MCGEE

The Junior Bible class met at the grange hall September 25. On the program were Joan Perry, Carol Hergert and Clinton Perry. Carolyn Calcote was welcomed to the junior class from the primary group. A quiz on India was held and bandages wrapped to send to that country. Guests included Mrs. Anne Sloan, Roberta Miles, Hazel Ward, Helen Parks and Venita Branch. Mrs. Beth Boley is instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kittredge and daughter, Linda, have moved to the Berg place from Adel.

The Fort Rock Restaurant opened for business Saturday night October 1. Some of the many hunters in town attended orchestra practice at the grange hall. The Desert Dudes practiced that evening for the Hunters Ball to be held October 16.

OPPOSITION
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The West German Trade Union Federation, representing six million West German workers, voted Saturday to oppose the London agreement on the rearmament of West Germany.

RESCUED
HONG KONG (AP) — Five Japanese fishermen have been rescued after three days adrift off Hong Kong in a open boat, marine officials reported Saturday. They set out in an open boat when engines of their fishing trawler failed.

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