

BASIN BRIEFS

Home — Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Smith returned to Malin from the Los Alamitos racing meeting Monday. Their gelding won three races and friends are congratulating the Smiths on the performance of their quarter horse.

Malin — The chamber of commerce chartered a Greyhound bus Wednesday and took 30 boys to Eugene to see the game. Ten chamber members accompanied the boys.

Dairy — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Arant left Saturday to spend the winter at North Bend with their daughter, Mrs. Elva Patton. Their son, Dunham, drove them to Medford where Mrs. Patton met them.

New Son — of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Short of Dairy has been named Charles Joseph. He was born December 2 at Klamath Valley Hospital.

Christmas Visitors — at Dairy include Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Thew and three children of La Mesa, California, visiting their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Michael. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burroughs at Sprague River and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Welch at Lakeview.

Dunsmuir — George Hall, a resident of Weed, employed in the Southern Pacific Engineering Department, was transferred to the SP Hospital in San Francisco last week. He had been confined for the last two weeks in the Weed Hospital.

Eastside — Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter drove to Fort Bidwell Saturday where they were guests at a joint installation and banquet of the OES and Mason groups. Several cars were stuck and had trouble getting over Fandango Pass which had several inches of fresh snow.

Christmas — Mr. and Mrs. Will Vernon left Eastside Friday for Chico to visit her relatives and then go on to Porterville to spend Christmas with Will's sister, Mrs. Beal Cogburn and other relatives. They plan to be away several weeks.

Earlie Boone — of Lakeview is staying at the Fred Longfellow ranch at Eastside for the winter while Mr. and Mrs. Longfellow and son, Pete, are away. They left Monday for Oroville to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and sister at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carroll and Susan. They will visit Fred's sister at Los Angeles and a brother, Newton Longfellow, at San Rafael before their return some months hence.

Birthday Dinner — Mr. and Mrs. Roche Allard of Eastside entertained Saturday evening honoring the birthday anniversaries of Zella O'Neill and Diane Allard. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Merle O'Neill, Zella and Jim, and Mr. and Mrs. Roche Allard Sr., Diane and Roche Jr.

Leaving Today — Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hartog are leaving today for Ukiah to spend the holidays with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Card Whitcomb and Susan. They expect to return New Years. Merle O'Neill is doing the chores at their place during their absence.

Meeting Cancelled — Friendship Camp 8888, Royal Neighbors of America, has cancelled its meetings scheduled for Friday evening because of the Christmas holiday. The next meeting will be the regular January meeting.

Reserve Meeting — Klamath Falls Army Reserve Company C, 311th Military Police Battalion, will meet at 8 p.m. today in the Army Reserve Center, 432 Main Street. Tonight's meeting will take the place of the meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, so that reservists may have an uninterrupted holiday week. Company Commander Capt. Walter Rine said.

Enlisted — Paul V. Foulke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Foulke, 1733 Riverside Drive, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force for a four-year period. A. B. Foulke is presently stationed at Parks Air Force Base, California, where he is receiving 11 weeks basic training prior to attendance at an Air Force Technical Training school. He attended Klamath Union High School prior to his enlistment.

Flood Maroons 200 Construction Men

About 200 employees of the Morrison and Knudsen Company working on dams for the California Oregon Power Company near Toketee Falls were reported marooned today by flooded and washed out roads.

The road from the dam sites to Roseburg was reported flooded and washed out in several locations. Rescue efforts begun by County Judge U. E. Reeder of the Klamath County Court are aimed at opening the road from the Klamath County end of the East Diamond Lake area.

Landslides Wash Out Oregon State Roads

Many of the major highways leaving the Klamath Basin were closed today as the result of landslides and washouts, but it is possible to reach most important points, although not always by normal routes.

The only available route to Portland as of 8 a.m. was the Warm Springs route, U.S. 97 to Madras and U.S. 26 to Portland. The U.S. 97-99W route to California was open, but U.S. 90E at Gridley, south of Chico, was closed by flood water.

U.S. 99 north of Yreka was closed from Hornbrook south to below the Klamath River by flood waters from the Klamath and Shasta rivers.

Portions of the mountain roads listed as open were restricted to one way traffic due to slides or washouts. Bus schedules have been disrupted by the road closures. All possible bound buses are being sent out by the U.S. 97-26 route, and all buses which normally would use the Pacific Highway through Medford have been diverted through Klamath Falls, a bus line official said.

"We don't have any idea which bus it is when it comes in," the official said, "we just load it up and send it on its way."

Several cars from a southbound freight train were derailed by a washout at Cruzell, a short distance south of Eugene, and S.P.

Jet Streams Halt Flights — SAN FRANCISCO (UP) — Jet stream winds that reached hurricane speeds of 100 miles an hour today virtually stopped all Pacific flights and tied up 15,000 pounds of Christmas mail for Hawaii.

The jet stream winds are normally found only at altitudes of 20,000 feet and above, but West-bound planes were tossed by the winds at altitudes as low as 6,000 feet yesterday.

A spokesman for Pan American Airways said the situation was unprecedented in the company's long history of trans-Pacific flight. "We can't get under it or over it," he said, "and we can't get around it either."

Pan American said two of its two later flights were "postponed." Honolulu-bound planes fought their way through early yesterday, but two later flights were "postponed" pending a change in the weather.

The United Air Lines flight was forced to turn back 800 miles out from Los Angeles when the pilot found himself battling headwinds ranging from 50-100 miles an hour. A second flight was postponed.

Gene Brown, weather supervisor, said the wind belt extended in a northeast-southwest arc from the Seattle, Wash., area to Hawaii.

COMMUNIST BROADCAST — TOKYO (AP)—East German Premier Otto Grotewohl and his visiting delegation left Communist North Korea for China last night prior to returning home, Peiping radio reported.

High Water Causes Health Hazard In Suburban Area

Water logged yards in the suburban area, resulting from the heavy precipitation of the past few days, are presenting a definite health hazard, said Dr. Seth Kerron, Klamath County health officer, following a survey of the prevailing situation today.

Dr. Kerron was accompanied on a trip through the flooded district by Max Braden, Klamath County sanitarian.

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Police Search For Women

An extensive search was still under way Thursday for two Chiloquin women accused of a brutal attack on Roland Lalo, 50, with broken beer bottles.

The accused attackers are Phyllis Hill, 29, and Charlene Hood Eganman, 19, who are alleged to have left their victim bleeding from multiple wounds and unconscious at the Pat Jackson Ranch, Chiloquin Junction.

District Attorney Richard Beasley said fugitive warrants for the two women have been issued. They were charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in a complaint signed by Lalo. Their bond has been set at \$5,000 each.

After the fracas at the Jackson ranch, the fugitives were reported to have hitchhiked to Klamath Falls. Friends said they were planning to flee to New Mexico.

NIGHT CHURCH RITES — SUMMER LAKE — Christmas night church services will be held at the Episcopal Church starting at 7 p.m. The Rev. David St. George of Lakeview conducts services here. On December 18, he was assisted by lay reader Kenneth Lawrence. Following Sunday night's service on December 20, there will be a potluck supper. The entire community is invited.

LAUSCHE SEKS SENATE POST — COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gov. Frank J. Lausche has ended speculation about his future political plans. He announced yesterday he will seek the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator from Ohio at the May 8 primary election.

Lausche's 23-word announcement was really no surprise. Recently he had said he would be a candidate for senator or seek a sixth term as governor.

The 66-year-old "wonder boy" of Ohio politics—no other governor has served more than three terms in the state—told newsmen in making the announcement:

"Don't ask me any questions. There is your statement. This is all I'm going to say."

Republican Sen. George H. Bender of Ohio, who recently announced for reelection, was asked in Washington if he thought he could beat Lausche in a senatorial contest.

"I'm the senator," replied Bender. "Can he beat me?"

He added: "I know all about that he would decide to try for the Senate. I am not surprised."

Last week Lausche announced he will be an Ohio "favorite son" candidate for president at the Democratic National Convention next August.

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