



THE PALMERS AT HOME, G. C. and his wife, Nellie, of Chemult. Among the first residents, they built their home before there was a town, a paved highway or railroad connections.

### 'G. C.' And Nellie Reminisce About Past In Chemult

By HOPE N. BRADER

CHEMULT — Among the interesting people to know in Klamath Basin country are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Palmer of Chemult, "G. C." and Nellie, as they are known to everyone north and south on Highway 97.

The Palmers came to Chemult in 1927, bought 40 acres and settled down to make a new home and build a town. At that time the railroad went only as far north as Skookum, but the Southern Pacific Company had already named the new townsite "Chemult" which meant "Wife Die" in the Indian language.

They were not strangers to the vicinity, having operated the Crescent Lake Resort from 1921 until moving here, and before that they lived at Bend where Palmer worked in logging camps for the Shelvin-Hixon Logging Company.

Mrs. Palmer is a native Oregonian, born Nellie Livengood in Yamhill on October 30, 1884. She spent her childhood days in the Oregon coast country and moved with her family to Newberg where, in 1906, she met her future husband, G. C. Palmer, who was born in Hudson, Michigan, on February 21, 1883, did not overlook the many charming ways that have continued to make Mrs. Palmer so lovable, and they were married in 1907 in the Baptist Church at McMinnville, settling down in their first home in Fall City, west of Dallas.

Homesteading had just opened up in this country when, in 1913, "G. C." took up a homestead in Lake County near Fort Rock and moved his wife and four-year-old son, Cecil, there. It was a happy life in Fort Rock, with enthusiastic young people on almost every 160 acres and everyone full of hope to "make good." Worship, community literary society, dances and neighborly visiting made up the community social life.

As time went on it became apparent that it would not be possible for the homesteaders who depended on dry farming to make a living, so gradually, one by one, they were forced to move away, leaving only the cattle men.

With the moving went the young Palmers to Bend where he first worked at the camp at the head of Lava Island near the now famous Lava Butte. He can still locate stumps of trees he felled there. From Bend they went to Crescent Lake and then to Chemult, where they settled down to stay.

Those were building years. In 1927 the highway was oiled as far as Bend, and shortly thereafter it



RESTING A LITTLE before shoveling more snow is G. C. Palmer of Chemult, shown in front of the bus station which the Palmers operate. Palmer pioneered and helped build Chemult.

### Speech Tickets Grangers Okay Scout Meeting Now On Sale

Paul Buck of Klamath Falls, chairman of the Klamath County Democratic Central Committee, has been appointed a member of the annual Jefferson-Jackson dinner committee by Dave Shaw, Gold Beach attorney, who is general chairman of the affair.

The \$23 a plate dinner which will be held in Portland, February 11, features Adlai E. Stevenson, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination and will be a money raising affair for the Oregon party.

Buck announced today that he has received tickets for the banquet which will be held in Portland in the Columbia Athletic Club and that he has appointed a local committee to work on ticket sales with him.

Buck states that 50 per cent of the net proceeds from tickets sold in Klamath County or used by Klamath County residents will be returned to the Democratic Central Committee here. This is the first time, the county chairman said, that the party has been able to make this kind of financial division and he anticipates that it will stimulate the Democratic county organization here to participate actively in the dinner.

TULELAKE—Tulelake grangers meeting for a potluck supper and business meeting on January 12, voted in favor of use of the grange hall the evening of February 7 and all day on February 8 for an area meeting of Modoc Girl Scouts. It was also voted to sponsor a series of public card parties on Thursday, February 2, February 23 and March 22. All proceeds will go to a fund for improvement of the grange hall.

T-Sgt. J. B. Shrum, Klamath Falls, sector sergeant, Ground Observer Corps, showed films and spoke on the need for reactivation of the GOC in Tulelake. Allison Osborn, Tulelake, was in charge of the corps during the days it was active here.

NEW ADDRESS GIVEN DALLAS (E)—Hotelier Conrad N. Hilton yesterday got a timely new address for the plush 16-million-dollar 1,001-room Statler Hilton which is being opened here this week. The entrance of the 20-story structure, which covers almost an entire block, is at 1914 Commerce but Mayor R. L. Thornton officially designated the hotel's address at 1956 Commerce to coincide with the year of the opening.

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### Police Arrest KF Bellhop

George Amos McClain, 42-year-old ex-convict, who is reported to have worked his way up from bellhop to bookkeeper in the Willard Hotel and then absconded with \$1,000 in cash, has been apprehended in Philadelphia.

Sheriff Murray Britton was notified late yesterday that McClain was apprehended by Philadelphia police on a fugitive warrant from Klamath Falls.

Later, John J. Kelly, Philadelphia detective chief, informed Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattson, who launched a nation-wide search for McClain last May, that the alleged thief had signed a waiver of extradition.

Sheriff Britton said a deputy sheriff will leave here within the next 24 hours to take McClain into custody.

The alleged embezzler disappeared from Klamath Falls on May 31, 1955, after working the previous night at the Willard. A few hours after he went off duty the loss of the money was discovered.

County jail records show that McClain was sentenced to 12 years in Oregon State Prison from Jack-

### JAMESON NAMED

TULELAKE—M. E. (Ole) Jameson has been named to head the Tulelake Rotary Club-sponsored March of Dimes fund drive that will continue through January. Assisting Jameson will be Kenneth Clarke, O. E. Pederson and Clifford Jenkins.

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### Durocher To Quit Comedy Hour Job

HOLLYWOOD (E)—Former baseball manager Leo Durocher is out, at least temporarily, as master of ceremonies for the televised NBC Comedy Hour.

A network spokesman said Durocher is busy with other commitments and that he had agreed to do three shows and already has done two.

Those two were part of a series in which NBC hopes to capture some of the viewing audience from the Ed Sullivan Show on rival CBS. However, ratings of the program's drawing power were disappointing.

The spokesman said this Sunday's program is planned with no master of ceremonies, but Durocher, who has a 150,000-a-year contract with NBC, is expected to return at a later date.

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