

BASIN BRIEFS

Bull Sale - Attending the Oregon Cattlemen's 7th Annual Range Bull Show and Sale at Ontario this weekend are Robert Weir Jr. and Donald Hotchkiss of Lakeview.

First Aid Class - First session of a standard first aid course in the American National Red Cross will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 14 at the circuit court room.

CITY BRIEFS

Jolly Neighbors - will meet at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Abner, 5021 Harlan Drive, Tuesday, February 14, at 8 p.m. There will be a Valentine and recipe exchange.

Dramatics in Camp Fire - Mrs. Jessy Bryant will speak on "Dramatics in Camp Fire" at a North Klamath Falls District meeting of Camp Fire leaders, sponsors and assistants at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Robert Keaton, 1811 Oregon Avenue.

Faculty Wives - OTI Faculty Wives will meet Tuesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the Student Union Hall, Marian Cronin is in charge of the program. All faculty wives are invited.

College Program - Mary Luce, majoring in education at the Central Washington College of Education at Ellensburg, Washington, recently participated in an all-campus assembly presented by the music department. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown, 2255 Eberlein Street.

To Germany - Pvt. Charles L. House, U.S. Army, is scheduled to leave for Germany this month. House, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. House of Route 3, is an ammunition bearer in Company H of the 11th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division, now stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. His wife, Marie, lives in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Married - Mrs. Nell Laib and William T. Rutledge were married in Reno, February 8, at 2 p.m., the Rev. Robert W. Caswell, Unity Center, officiant. The couple is now at home, 4016 Altamont Drive.

Recovering - Mrs. John Classen, 725 North Second, has been released from Klamath Valley Hospital and is convalescing at her home. She will be confined to her home for some time but may have visitors.

Meeting Planned - The American Association of University Women Afternoon Book Group Number Two will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Eugene Favell, 1201 Eldorado.

Correction - Due to an erroneous press release from Sun Valley, Idaho it was announced in Monday's Herald and News that Jim Winde was visiting the Idaho resort last week with his wife. The Klamath Falls businessman, a bachelor, left Friday, February 10, for the resort with Tom Gee and Earl Kent.

the courthouse at Lakeview. Anyone interested in taking the class, please call Mrs. Rodney Harlan, 4122.

Promoted - Robert C. Ross, formerly of Lakeview and Klamath Falls, has been promoted to manager of the new Portland Walnut Park branch of the First National Bank of Portland. Ross has worked in the bank's branches at Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Prineville.

Elected - Roehl Watts has been elected to the Lakeview town council to fill the vacancy of R. L. McLane, who was elected mayor.

Farm Bureau - The Lake County Farm Bureau will hold its monthly meeting February 13 at 6:30 at the Memorial Hall. A program, planned by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Prang and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Passage, and business meeting will follow the potluck dinner.

State Director - G. Ira Moore, manager of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, was elected a director of the state Oregon Chamber Executive Association at the annual meeting held last week in Portland.

To Spokane - Mr. and Mrs. Art Morton of Lakeview will attend an OK Welders training school at Spokane on February 15-17-18. Representatives of the company will be present from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and Northern California.

Merrill - St. Augustine's Church will sponsor its annual ham dinner on Sunday, February 26, in the parish hall.

Meeting - Langell Valley Grange No. 915 will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, February 14, at 8 p.m. in the Lorella Community Hall, according to Rosa M. Meeker, secretary. All members urged to attend.

Alturas - The "Georgia Jubilee Minstrel Show" will be presented March 15 and 16 at the Alturas grammar school all-purpose room, starting at 8 o'clock each evening, under the sponsorship of the Alturas PTA.

Eastside - Mrs. Fred Longfellow has returned to Oroville with her daughter and husband, Charles Carrollos. Her husband and his brother, Gen. Nath Longfellow, of Los Angeles, will go down later.

Visiting - her son, Raymond Scott, and family at Long Beach for two weeks is Mrs. John Baxter of Eastside.

Home - Mr. and Mrs. Will Vernon returned to Eastside last week after several months vacation in Southern California.

Guests - Edward Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson, Eastside, entertained three friends from OTI over the weekend. The boys, Jim Algee, Larry Christerson and John Nelson, are ski enthusiasts and spent last Sunday at the Warner Canyon ski area.



END OF THE DAY'S WORK comes when every muskrat is skinned and the pelts stretched for drying. Mrs. Beulah Van Meter, left, Dalton Parker, center, and Mrs. Dalton Parker, have spent long hours during the muskrat trapping season at Tulelake preparing the pelts for shipping to Seattle where they are auctioned to the highest bidder. Average price of pelts this year has been \$1.12.



MRS. DALTON (LENA) PARKER, Malin, is credited with being one of the speediest muskrat skimmers in the business. She can handle an average of 500 animals a day.

Tulelake Muskrat Trapping Aids U.S. Wildlife Control

TULELAKE - Aquatic rodents, fiber zibethicus, common to the North American continent, known more widely as the muskrat, serves a two-fold purpose in the community.

Their pelts not only bring a tidy sum to be added to the total income of the Klamath Basin, but the small, brown-furred animal whose fur is sought by many women for luxurious wraps, is also used for marsh management by the staff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Trapping in water areas of Tule Lake, Lower Klamath Lake and Upper Klamath Lake is regulated by Fish and Wildlife officials to maintain a desirable water level for the successful propagation of migratory water fowl in the Klamath Basin and for the adequate growth of food for the birds.

The trapping season opened November 16, will close the end of February. It has been a lucrative one again in spite of the fact that the price of furs has been lower than in some past years.

The 1955-1956 trapping quota is 20,000 rats, a figure 3,000 below the number taken during the previous year.

Eleven trapping permits were issued under agreement with the federal government and the trapper gets 70 per cent of the animals caught, the government 30 per cent.

Prices on pelts have averaged \$1.12 on the Seattle fur market this season. Muskrats feed on the roots of marsh vegetation, principally tules. When root growth becomes too thick, according to Tom Horn, refuge manager, waterways are clogged and water low, seeking killed by mechanical means when picked up in boats. Trappers get from 80 to 100 per day.

When the lakes are frozen under-water channels that radiate from rat houses built of marsh material in the water are located and traps are set in these channels traversed by the feeding rodents. A female rat produces from

three to five litters of four to six young each in one season. During the mating season parent rats frequently travel overland and are scattered far and wide in drain ditches and canals. Rat damage in years past has been a menace to farmers and irrigators but under the present system of population control damage to ditch banks is held to a minimum.

Headquarters for handling the pelts are at the old Civilian Conservation Corps camp which was revamped this year for the work with installation of air conditioning for drying facilities.

The rats are laid on drying racks when brought in and are skinned by expert skimmers. This year the skimmers were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Barker, Malin, who have been in the business for several years.

Mrs. Parker can handle 500 rats per day. Skimmers get 12 1/2 cents per pelt. The entire day's catch is cleaned up before the skimmers quit for the night. Hours frequently run from early morning until 2 a.m. the following day.

Pelts, removed whole from head to tail, are stretched on heavy wire frames and hung in a warm room with circulated air for curing. When completely dry, they are baled for shipping to market.

Morty Meekle



Dear Folks....

Over at the neighbors the other night a discussion of newspapers came up...about what goes into them and how they are put together. I was reminded of a story that the late William Allen White tells in his autobiography.

White was still in his teens and working on one of the three weekly papers at Eureka, Kansas. He had already achieved some fame as an editorial writer. One week a publisher of one of the competing weeklies walked into his office and said, "Bill, I've got to be out of town this week. Will you write my editorials?" Always willing to oblige a fellow journalist, White agreed. A few minutes later the other weekly publisher walked in and made the same request. Again White agreed.

This put William Allen White in a peculiar position...he would be writing editorials for three competing weeklies in the same town. Here is how he solved the problem.

The first paper came out with an editorial praising the work of local city officials. The second paper came out with an editorial blasting the work of the city officials and contradicting every statement made in the first editorial. The third weekly, White's paper, came out with an l-line editorial. "The editorial comment of my two fellow publishers are so assinine that I refuse to make any statements at all."

You know, a lot of people make the mistake of thinking that Valentines Day is for the kids and young people smitten by the love bug. But it's not! You'd be surprised how many wives and mothers would glow with happiness if their husbands or kids would present them a floral gift come Valentines Day. Even after 5 years as Mrs. Allen, Lyda still loves to have a bouquet laid in her arms.

And the place to get those flowers, I've found, is Charlie Mack's KLAMATH FLOWER SHOP at 1211 Main. It gives you a thrill just to walk into the place. All around you are flaming azaleas and cyclamen, mums, African violets, tulips, hyacinths and other gorgeous plants. Cut flowers? KLAMATH FLOWER SHOP has them...iris, roses, daffodils...anything. and say, if you take the little woman out in the evening wearing a corsage, that will really make things sweet.

If you phone 4159, Charlie Mack will have your order delivered right to your door or have it ready for you to call and pick it up. I'm going to place my order first thing Monday morning for that floral arrangement that says "Be My Valentine."

Klamath Falls folks can look for a lot of new merchandise and ideas that will be on display at the Home Show coming up in a few weeks.

New for spring...that's about the best way I can describe the new patent leather shoes for women now on display at ARBUCKLE'S MODEL SHOE STORE, 717 Main. There is the new swirl patent, sweater style pump that really catches the eye. It has a medium heel and comes in sizes 4 thru 11, from quads to C widths. The price is only 12.95 and oversizes are 13.95.

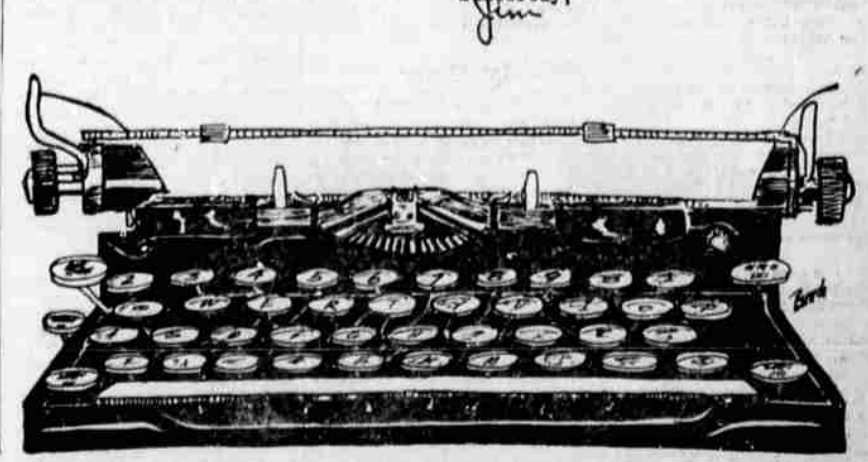
Another style in patent leather is the new Berry sandal that has an open top and open heel. A fancy leaf design covers the instep of the shoe. It comes in all sizes and the price is 13.95. Both these shoes are by Naturalizer.

ARBUCKLE'S still have a few pairs of shoes that are on sale. There are men's and women's shoes for only \$6 and children's shoes for \$3 and \$4. Next time you go into ARBUCKLE'S MODEL SHOE STORE be sure to ask Orville Rehling about the Lucky 13th Plan. Orville told me not to say much about it. "The people can just come in and find out for themselves how they can save money on the family shoe bill," he says.

Candy is the traditional way to say "Be My Valentine" and WOOD'S DRUG STORE, in the Medical-Dental building has one of the largest displays ever seen. All kinds of heart shaped boxes and boxes with pretty ribbons and lace for decoration. But it's what's inside that decides the final test and the brands at WOOD'S DRUG STORE are the best candies to be had. Miss Saylor, Tailors, Classic and Merly Allis. Only 75¢ for a big half pound box. Of Course WOOD'S have valentines, too.

With the weatherman undecided about warming things up or keeping them cold, WOOD'S DRUG STORE is a good place to keep in mind. Along with the constant changes of temperature usually come the illnesses that require a prescription to put them on the run. WOOD'S DRUG STORE has three registered pharmacists on hand to serve you with the latest and freshest drugs possible.

Gotta stop now and get a bite to eat. Cindy keeps grabbing the carriage of the typewriter trying to get me to stop. Seems like she's always ready to eat.



Basin Residents Enjoy Air Trip; First Day In Hawaii

Editor's Note: This account of the Hawaiian Friendship air tour sponsored by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce was sent by letter to the Herald and News by Mrs. Grant Cosgrove, accompanying her husband on the trip.

Forty-seven Klamath Basin residents and one from Seattle boarded the DC-4 plane at Klamath Falls for the 10 a.m. takeoff Monday, February 6, in clear, cold weather.

The trip to Oakland was notable for the scenery. The captain flew at about 10,000 feet as close as practical to the east side of Mt. Shasta, and circled the Shasta Dam for an extra good look. The plane stopped for an hour at Oakland, where the plane took on 3,000 gallons of gas. Here three more passengers joined the tour which, including Tour Director Ann McFarland, brought the total to 52.

Tour members from Klamath Falls include Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Baxter and two sons, Charlotte Carmichael, Pearl Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dehlinger, Mrs. Mona Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gilmore, Sykes Hamaker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGehee, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Niles, Mrs. Earl Overacker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson, Mrs. Rufus Quillen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Redden, Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Mrs. Phil Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sloan, Mrs. Bertha Spencer, Mrs. Lorena Ward, and Mr. and Mrs. Grant Cosgrove.

From Bonanza are Bessie, Mildred and Will Campbell and Miriam Potucek, with Chiniquin representatives Mr. and Mrs. George Staiger. Merrill members are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Qualls. Tulelake residents are Mr. and Mrs. Barry O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scott and Lillian Turnbaugh.

Mrs. Ella Vehse, Mrs. Spencer's mother from Seattle; Mrs. Clara Crandall, Mrs. Cosgrove's mother from Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dehlinger from Yuma City, Arizona, completed the group.

Leaving Oakland about 1 p.m., the trip across the Pacific was calm and took 11 hours 41 minutes. Passengers were greeted when the plane landed with leis, hula girls and a pouring, warm rain.

Lola Stewart, formerly of Klamath Falls, welcomed the visitors at the New Edgewater Hotel.

The morning of their first day in Hawaii saw many of the Klamath residents abroad early, eating such exotic fruits as papaya and

fresh pineapple beside the hotel swimming pool or under a tree in an outdoor dining spot. In the afternoon they took the "Mt. Tantalus tour" through the University of Hawaii campus and to see Robert Louis Stevenson's grass shack, then high into the hills where they stopped to take pictures at different view points, picked hibiscus blossoms and viewed the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Unusual native Hawaiian trees pointed out were the koa, the now almost-extinct mahogany, the kukui or candlenut tree with red blossoms called "tiger claws," and the beautiful plant in rare, medium and well-done shades of red, yellow and white as well as the koaoka bushes whose pods are used by native vendors for jewelry.

After leaving the hills the tour went to the main part of Honolulu city to visit the only palace in America, now the seat of the territorial government where Governor Samuel Wilder King has his office. A buffet dinner at Waikiki boasted some 40 salads, hot food, with Polynesian floral show and the surling in a night at their new as Shells in Honolulu stay open late, and "looking" was pleasant in the warm evening air, with a dip in the pool to end their first day in Hawaii.

The tour was arranged by the McIntyre Travel Agency, Klamath Falls. MALIN - Friends of the late Richard (Dick) Pickett, pioneer resident of Malin who died February 9 may contribute to a memorial book shelf at the Malin Library in memory of Mr. Pickett. Funeral services are to be held Monday, February 13 from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home in Klamath Falls. Final rites and interment will be in the Bedford Cemetery in Poe Valley.

Patrolmen Plan Retirement Fete

WEED - The California Highway Patrolmen of Sixtyfour County are staging a retirement dinner February 22 for veteran highway patrolman, Vern Wicks, who is retiring from duty with the CHP this month.

The dinner will be held at St. Michaels Hall in Weed, with a cocktail hour preceding the dinner scheduled to be served at 7:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are requested to make reservations with the CHP at Yreka, or with officer James B. Simpson, Weed, by February 15.

Cost of the dinner will include contribution towards a gift for the retiring officer.

Richard Pickett Funeral Planned

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Students Aid Dimes Drive

KENO - The March of Dimes was benefited to the extent of \$81.54 by the combined efforts of the Keno school students and residents of the community last Tuesday.

Activities included basketball games between Keno and Henley grade schools. Winners were the Keno B string and the Henley A string.

Several boxing events were put on by Keno students, including Tommy Sanders and Jack Wagner, Dale Boyd and John Riggs, Glenn Howard and Kenneth Anderson, Jonathan Crume and David Anderson. The evening was climaxed with a court of honor for Scout Troop 10. The PTA members served lunch and entire proceeds went to the March of Dimes campaign.

Dr. Coggeshall Takes US Post

The Associated Press reported from Chicago on January 31 that Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall, on leave from the University of Chicago, was sworn in recently as Secretary of Welfare Polson's special assistant for health and medical affairs.

Dr. Coggeshall (then a U.S. Navy Medical Corps Commander) was in charge of the tropical disease division at the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks during the latter part of World War II. He made many friends in Klamath Falls during the time he was stationed here.

Secretary Polson administered the oath of office to Dr. Coggeshall and described him as "one of the outstanding medical leaders of the nation."

The doctor, whose salary will be \$15,000 per year, succeeds Dr. Chester Scott Keefer, first man to hold the post. Keefer resigned last fall.

Since 1947 Dr. Coggeshall has been head of the University of Chicago division of biological sciences, which includes the university medical school.

FULL MEMBER COLUMBUS, OHIO (UPI)—Larry Fenn of Bridgeport, Conn., was finally a full-fledged member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity at Ohio State University today, just 26 years after he pledged.

Now married and the father of three daughters, Fenn said he just never got the money together to join what with the depression and all.

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MISSING TAIPEI (AP) - Thirty nine persons now are listed as missing in a ferry boat disaster off northwest Formosa Thursday. First reports listed 36 persons missing.

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