

BASIN BRIEFS

Pomona Officers — Klamath County Pomona officers will meet at the Midland Grange Hall Thursday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock to plan for the conference meeting to be held in the near future. Master Francis Flowers urges all officers to be present.

Keno Home Extension — The Keno Home Extension will meet Wednesday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. M. F. Padgett, Keno. Project will be dress design. Members are requested to bring table service and potluck lunch. New residents are welcome.

Cuba — Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kersten have received word from their son Charles, who is stationed on the USS Vulcan, that he will leave for Cuba on March 13.

Home — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buckley returned this week from an extended trip to Oklahoma City. They reside on Highway 97, north of Gilchrist.

Gilchrist — The Lyman Kellys of Gilchrist have returned home after spending a week in Klamath Falls visiting Mr. Kelly's brother and family, the Carl Kellys.

Visiting — Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fitzgerald of Lakeview spent a weekend visiting in Ephrata, Washington, with her son, Francis Verling and Family.

To See Friends — Mr. and Mrs. Chet Clark of Lakeview have been spending the past month visiting in the Ventura area in California. They were expected home this weekend.

Show Sponsors — Lakeview Lodge No. 71, AF & AM is sponsoring Professor George Singer with his stage show, "Hypnotic Marvels," at the Lakeview High School auditorium at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. Proceeds will go to the Improvement fund for the temple building.

PTA Meeting — The board of trustees of the Bernard Daly Educational Fund will explain procedures in selecting students for the fund scholarships, and answer any questions at the Tuesday, March 11, meeting of Lakeview PTA at 8 p.m.

Returns Home — Mrs. Eva Arthur has returned from a month's visit with her brother in Philadelphia. She was welcomed on her return at the meeting of the Lakeview Soroptimist Club at its Tuesday luncheon.

In Hospital — Well known and longtime resident of the Malin area, W. C. Dalton, is receiving medical attention at the Hillside Hospital.

Recuperating — at the Klamath Valley Hospital following surgery is Mrs. Bonnie Stephens of Tulelake.

Bonanza — Proceeds from the Parents and Patrons annual Sweetheart Ball, Friday evening at Bonanza High School gym, will go for scholarships and playground equipment. Public invited to dance to Fred Dallas Combo from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Leaves — Walter E. Houck, aviation machinist's mate, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Houck, Star Route, Merrill, departed from San Diego with attack squadron 115, aboard the carrier USS Shangri-La for a cruise in the western Pacific.

Sabre Hawk — PFC Delmar D. Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Rodgers, Route 2, Tulelake, recently participated in Sabre Hawk, a seventh Army maneuver which involved more than 100,000 troops in Germany.

In Germany — Pvt. Jack E. Walston, son of Mrs. Martha H. Walston, Adel, recently arrived in Ger-

many and is now a member of the 396th Transportation Company. Walston received his basic training at Fort Ord, California.

Eye Surgery — Mickie Rowe, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Rowe, Montague, underwent eye surgery at the Children's Hospital, San Francisco, on March 5. Injury, resulting from an accidental wound from a BB shot about a year and one half ago, had caused trouble with the eye. He would like to hear from his friends, as he will be in the hospital for at least six weeks and in a cast for about one half of that time. His address is Mickie Rowe, Little Jim Ward, Children's Hospital, 3700 California Street, San Francisco, California.

Chiloquin — The official opening of the local chapter of Ground Observer Corps Teen-age Club will be Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school library. Anyone attending that meeting will have his name inscribed on the charter to be presented by the Klamath Falls group. Mrs. George Lippincott, who with Mrs. Fred Markwardt and Mrs. Joseph Adamo will be adult supervisors, reports the club will have election of officers and will form its bylaws at this meeting.

Destroyed — The residence of Jerry Davis, Crescent, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning. The fire was discovered about 10 a.m. but was burning too fast to be extinguished. The house, which was totally destroyed, was covered by insurance. Due to the assistance of the Gilchrist Fire Department and neighbors, the fire was confined to one building.

From Hildebrand — Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker, Hildebrand, are making their home for the winter months at the Herbert Arant place in Dairy.

Returned — Mrs. Sarah Michael, Dairy, has returned from spending two months in Bend, where she was recuperating from an illness.

Visitors — Mr. and Mrs. Groom, Portland, are visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Short and family, Dairy.

With Daughter — Mr. and Mrs. Owen Crabtree, Keno, have spent



A LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers has been presented to Mrs. Arthur L. (Claudia) Moore, 935 Newcastle Avenue, in recognition of her outstanding service in PTA. Mrs. Moore is junior vice president of Region 5, encompassing Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties. The membership was recommended by the Roosevelt PTA where she was unit president in 1953 through 1956. The presentation was made at the Founders' Day meeting at Roosevelt School. Mrs. Moore, who has long been identified with the field of education, teaches a group of kindergarten age children.

the winter months in Dairy with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martyr. Mrs. Crabtree is recuperating from a broken knee.

From Sacramento — Mrs. William Bell returned to her home in Dairy from a visit in Sacramento with her daughter, Mrs. Leone Morin, and granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom House.

DESTROYS OWN HOUSE

OCALA, Fla. (UP) — Stephen Sheppard Eatman set fire to his house Monday, remained inside and urged neighbors not to rescue him. He was rescued and charged with arson.

Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanganyika, Africa, has two peaks. The highest reaches 19,321 feet.

KF Police Survey

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles summarizing in more detail the recently completed evaluator report on the Klamath Falls Police Department compiled by Inspector Richard Young of the Berkeley, California, Police Department.

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
Part 1 — Crime and Police Organization.

To summarize the types of crimes committed in Klamath Falls, Inspector Young took the statistics that are submitted annually to the FBI in cooperation with the Uniform Crime Reporting program. These figures were studied for the 10 year period, 1948 through 1957.

This figure, in report form, shows that there were three classifications of crime which showed a decided jump in the last two years. Thefts under \$50 in value jumped from 198 such cases in 1955, to 339 in 1956 and 344 in 1957. Thefts over \$50 value also showed an increase from 71 in '55, 65 in '56, up to 92 in 1957.

Biggest jump was shown in the auto theft category where the figures jumped from 19 auto thefts in each 1955 and 1956 up to 55 auto thefts in 1957.

In other categories the incidence of crime is down. Robbery reports numbered 13 in 1955, 17 in 1956 but only five in 1957. Otherwise the crime incidence remains about normal for other categories such as murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, assault, etc.

A chart on crime rates per 100,000 population shows Klamath Falls

in comparison to the average of other cities in the 10,000 to 25,000 class. Figures show Klamath Falls considerably higher in the categories of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, rape, larceny over and under \$50 and auto theft. Klamath Falls is only slightly higher than other cities in its population class in such crimes as robbery, burglary, and shows less aggravated assault than other cities of comparable size.

Regarding the status of relations between the Klamath Falls Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, the report says: Mutual cooperation exists with the Klamath County Sheriff's Office; cooperation with FBI on high level, but department not making use of all FBI's facilities; close cooperation with the Oregon State Police also exists.

However, when discussing the relations with the district attorney, the report states, "The writer is not conducting an investigation of the district attorney's office and is not qualified to do so. However, from stories appearing in the local newspaper, from conversations the writer has had with various citizens of the community, and from conversations the writer has had with several members of the police department, it is obvious that a serious cleavage exists between the district attorney's office and the police department."

The report continues, "Officers are discouraged by what they consider the lack of vigorous prosecution of people arrested and charged with crimes. This situation results in poor morale on the part of the local police officers and a lessening of any desire to investigate thoroughly complaints which are made to them and which would eventually require prosecution. Instead of investigating the complaint which the police department should do, the complainant is often referred directly to the district attorney's office for further action. It is obvious that such a situation cannot continue if the city of Klamath Falls wants efficient

law enforcement. An attempt should be made to correct this condition at once."

Discussing the organization of the department, Inspector Young wrote, "It does not appear that the department has become top-heavy with supervising and commanding officers. The members of the department are doing a fair job of policing the community considering the conditions under which they are required to work. Most of them have an intense interest in a field that has developed almost to the point of being professional. The report that follows is not meant to be critical of members of the department as individuals. The observations, criticisms and suggestions should be interpreted as constructive and designed for the purpose of improving conditions within the department and increasing service to the people of the city of Klamath Falls.

The report points out that the chief cannot adequately discharge his administrative responsibilities when his time is being taken up with the details of extensive supervision.

It recommends the chief assume a position of administrator of the department, and delegate basic operational responsibility and authority to divisional commanders, confining his own work to planning, training, coordination and public relations including public appearances.

It also says, "The size of the Klamath Falls Police Department does not warrant an assistant chief of police." It recommends that the position be abolished and in its place a position of patrol lieutenant should be established to command operations of the department. It recommends that the chief be in command of two lieutenants, one in charge of operations, the other in charge of services.

The operations lieutenant would be responsible for patrol, traffic, investigations, juvenile and vice. He

would have reporting directly to him five subordinate officers, three patrol sergeants and two detective sergeants.

Proposed reorganization of the department calls for three patrol sergeants supervising three platoons that would operate from midnight to 8 a.m., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 4 p.m. to midnight.

It was recommended that a detective bureau be established, and that appointments to detective be from those holding the rank of sergeant.

The services lieutenant would supervise the housekeeping activities of the department such as maintenance, police equipment, care and custody of property, receiving complaints, keeping records, identification, communications and jail operations.

In connection with this, it was also recommended that the civilian female employees of the department be changed to a commissioned status.

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