

Many Lake Civic Chiefs Attend Meeting On CD

By JO DEELY

LAKEVIEW — Home preparedness workshops held in Lakeview recently in connection with civil defense training attracted well-represented area and women's organization groups in Lake County. Approximately 45 leaders from organization and church groups received training during the sessions.

Coordinating the training was Mrs. Zola Partin, deputy director for women's activities for Lake County, with state leaders including Mabel Mack, assistant director from the Oregon State College Extension Service, Nova B. Young, consultant nurse from Salem, and Anthony R. Cardello, emergency welfare officer, Salem. Other members of the county committee are Beatrice Getty, Mrs. Arlin Porter, Mrs. Barbara Snyder, Mrs. Betty Elliott, Mrs. Edith Laird and Mrs. Coral Hill.

Emphasis in preparedness was made on fire prevention to include the removing of fire hazards, fire extinguishers to have on hand, and what to do to prevent panic. First aid and water supply were portions of the home sanitation program. With Klamath Falls a target area, Lake County is expected to be prepared to take care of 3,000 evacuees from that area in case of emergency.

Lake County's civil defense preparations progressed considerably during 1957 and 1958, according to Director E. R. McKinney, in a discussion of the present county situation.

The present officers, in addition to McKinney and Mrs. Partin,

include Glenn Tyler, assistant director; David Kuhns, assistant director and welfare head; Paul Ortwein, chief of rescue service; Cliff Partin, chief of transportation; Dr. William Strieby, medical director; William Van Cleave, chief of maintenance; Walter Dyke, chief of sanitation and water supply; Thomas Elliott, chief of police activities; Edith Laird, chief of home nursing training; Carl Clark, chief of county radio maintenance; and Byron Warburton, chief for civil defense radio net and amateur communication.

As far as the above group is concerned, preparation began in March, 1947. The first order of business was a survey of the county with a complete check made of all houses, ranches and buildings that might be used for sleeping accommodations and feeding facilities. The drive was spearheaded by the Business and Professional Women's Club, with the assistance of various grange organizations. All information was card filed. It is hoped that a complete directory can be developed from this.

Since the county is quite isolated from a telephone standpoint, the importance of radio facilities was determined. A two-year program was planned and three mobile radios and six portable units were added to the county system in about six months. Later a 500-watt transmitter was added to the communication center in the county yards. Both state and federal aid were received on most of the radio purchases. The director was able to borrow some receiving sets and accumulated some usable transmitters from surplus. A special receiver was acquired on the state police frequency so that the fire hall could obtain information immediately on stolen cars and other items.

Under the tutelage of Byron Warburton, a radio class was held for several months with good results, so that there are a number of amateur radio operators able to handle the civil defense net for communications efficiency. Radio plans for the future are to establish a repeater system on Round Pass Mountain. This would aid the top half of the county in case of emergency.

In order to receive the 3,000 to 5,000 outsiders in case of an attack, the state agency is furnishing the county with two complete cooking outfits, geared for the feeding of 500 people at one time.

Also promised is at least one portable hospital, with a 500-bed facility, complete with power plant, surgical instruments and a fairly complete stock of drugs. Much progress has been made in the training of women in home nursing and first aid, under the direction of Mrs. Edith Laird. The Red Cross has also done an excellent job in sponsoring first aid training classes.

Standby power plants are to be acquired. Two small plants are now established to handle the communication center and can be used as portable outfits.

For search and rescue activities, four jeeps were acquired through surplus. One of these is used by the director and is radio-equipped. An Army "weasel" was also acquired, for use during heavy snows and for transportation to the radio installation on Black Cap peak, east of town. A plane crash in the high mountains could also prove this vehicle of inestimable value.

Through the matching funds provisions of the state and federal civil defense agencies, the county has acquired the minimum equipment for radio monitoring and has started to accumulate personal dosimeters. It is hoped that by the end of the fiscal year it will be possible to equip all personnel with dosimeters and to have sufficient monitoring units that three or four squads could be maintained in case of an attack.

In order to assist in law enforcement, the county has acquired some police equipment which may be issued at the request of the sheriff.

It has been the practice of Lake County's civil defense officials to acquire materials and equipment that can be used, for the most part, in local situations and for local events. It is not possible to prepare for emergencies without stocking some articles which do not have everyday use. McKinney said, but the county stock is, for the most part, quite useful in everyday life.



STATE CONVENTION PLANS were being discussed at this session of members of Elks Lodge 1247. The convention will be held in Klamath Falls June 5-7. Chairmen and planning committee members, seated, left to right, are Bud White, Dick Dickinson, Claude Biehn, Estin Kiger, Ladd Hoyt, C. M. Gilmore, George Flitcraft, Eston Balsiger, general chairman; John Schubert, Bob Drago, Clark

Good, Ed Hickman, Frank Peyton, Bill Houston and Verne Moore. Standing, Deb Addison, Al Aldrich, Ray Runer, Willard Ward, Glen Evans, Bill Carter, Stan Ezell, Lloyd Prock, Robert Sproat, Clarence Moss, T. C. Griggs, Bill Cooley, Rod Smith, Bernie Rawlins, Jack Loser, E. (Moon) Mullis, and Mike Holland.

Home Extension

The Bly Home Extension Unit met at the home of Mrs. Dave Campbell on January 15 with Gerry Chase and Elizabeth Campbell as leaders of the project, low calorie foods. A luncheon and dessert were prepared and served during the demonstration. The preparation and serving of dips from vegetables and cheeses were also demonstrated. Members of the unit are on sewing one project, making of cotton shirtwaist dresses; and several of the 16 ladies are planning on taking the sewing two project in advanced dressmaking. The sewing unit meets Monday nights at the Bly school home economics room at 7 o'clock.

PLAN OIL PIPELINE

ROME (UPI)—Italy has announced plans to construct a big pipeline system to tunnel oil imports to Switzerland from the port of Genoa. Officials said to-day the project will sharply reduce land shipment costs for oil needed by land-locked Switzerland.

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Basin Briefs

County PTA — Klamath County Council PTA will meet at Pelican School Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. All units are urged to send representatives.

Visitor — Mrs. Tony Santos, Vancouver, Washington, is spending several weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Homer Dixon of Bonanza and Mrs. Jerry Wagner of Klamath Falls. Mrs. Santos made the acquaintance of a new grandson, Raymond Lee Wagner, who is the great-grandson of Mrs. Hatlie Propst of Portland, a former Klamath Falls resident.

Moved — F. W. Brown, who sold his ranch in Langell Valley to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meier of Klamath Falls, left January 24 for Terra Bella, California, to visit his son, Martin Brown, and family before settling down near San Francisco.

Hunting — Merle Huntly of Langell Valley has taken his bounds on a cat hunting trip in Nevada.

Home — Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Haskins have returned to Bonanza after spending several days at Santa Maria, California.

Tonsillectomy — David Schmor, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schmor of Bonanza, underwent a tonsillectomy in Klamath Falls last week.

Langell Valley — John Hellekson left January 27 for Fallon, Nevada, where he was called by the death of his mother, Mrs. Mabel Hellekson, on Monday. Mrs. Hellekson and her husband, who died two years ago, were residents of Langell Valley before moving to Nevada.

Home — Eldon Settle has returned to Langell Valley after spending several weeks in San Francisco with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burch. Settle's brother, Delbert Settle, who is with the Air Force at Castle Rock, California, accompanied him home and spent several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Settle, while his wife visited with her parents in Grants Pass.

MEETING SLATED
FORT ROCK — A meeting to discuss school district reorganization in Lake County will be held at Fort Rock Tuesday, February 3, at 8 p.m. The purpose of the meeting, called by the county reorganization committee, is to discuss with patrons a revision in proposed reorganization plans for Lake County. The revised plan calls for two administrative districts in the county instead of the original plan for three such units, according to Philip Quisenberry, chairman of the reorganization committee.

Patrons of the Paisley, Ana River (Summer Lake), Silver Lake and Fort Rock districts have been urged to be present since their districts are affected by this revision. Uppermost in the problems for North Lake County districts is that of high school for their youth.

PLANS COMPLETED
MERRILL — Plans for the 52nd annual Merrill Firemen's Ball were completed at a meeting of the Volunteer Fire Department held Monday evening, January 26, at the Merrill Fire Hall. The meeting was conducted by Don Harris, president. Don Crawford, vice president, was appointed general chairman. The dance has been scheduled for Saturday, February 21, at the Merrill Community Hall. Music will be by Baldy's Band. All members of the volunteer organization are now selling tickets.



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