

Boats Played Big Role In Early Days Of Malin

Boats played an important part in the early development of the Klamath Basin and the lives of the new Czech arrivals. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation crafts plied the lake waters, hauling men and equipment. Rafts of lumber were towed to construction jobs, gravel was brought from the peninsula south of the present town of Tulelake to Merrill to be used for the surfacing of roads, and hay and garden produce raised by the Coppock family on the south shore of Tule Lake, were brought across the water to be sold before such crops were pro-

duced in the new Malin community.

Pleasure boats also crossed the lake, taking picnickers to the lava beds. The water varied in depth from marshland to 22 feet. The ferry was one of several used for dual purposes, transportation and fun. Often passengers were carried and lumber rafts pulled at the same time.

Two such trips narrowly escaped a disastrous ending. Malin news taken from the Evening Herald told of an October 1, 1911 trip when 17 persons, traveling in a gasoline propelled launch were stranded when the motor quit in the middle of the lake. Pilots were W. S. Adams and Joe Halsek. Wind and waves carried the hapless passengers and boat to the peninsula, where they were thrown on dry land. The News writer said, "Relatives and friends were running and calling on the shore in the darkness in vain."

A good samaritan living on the peninsula, brought the half-frozen excursionists home in a farm wagon.

Later a group of teachers experienced similar difficulty but all reached shore.



THE FAIRY

HELPING HAND SOCIETY

The Helping Hand Society, organized in 1915, is one of the few social groups in Klamath County whose members have met consistently through the years. Two charter members, Mrs. Emma Wilson and Mrs. C. M. (Lyda) Kirkpatrick, are still active. Members meet for potluck luncheons in homes. Service activities of the group include "the little things seldom done," presenting corsages to high school graduates, arranging flowers for graduation, and providing food and cheer for the ill.

MALIN MILLING COMPANY

The Malin Milling Company was organized August 4, 1918, with a capital stock of \$20,000. M. M. Stastny served as secretary for 10 years. Anton Petrsek, the miller, proud of his product, turned out excellent flour while the grain was cured in the shock. Later, when

combines came into use, the quality of the grain which did not cure properly decreased materially the income for the \$100,000 business which in the later years of its existence discontinued the milling of flour. Brands were the "Valley Queen" and "Flavo." Rye flour was also milled from locally grown rye.

IRON CURTAIN LOCATION

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — "Golem," a medieval classic which made a big hit as a silent film, will be produced behind the Iron Curtain, according to J. Jay Frankel, president of M. J. P. Enterprises. He said it would be the first American film ever made behind the Iron Curtain. Scenes will be shot in Prague, Czechoslovakia.

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Hail! Malin's 50 Year Progress!

And to the people of Malin . . . (from a company who has watched your growth almost from the beginning) . . .

J. W. Kerns wishes to say "THANKS" for helping us to progress with you. And to the whole Farming Community we want to extend our best wishes and hopes for your continued success.



The picture above was taken in 1934 at J. W. Kerns present location and shows J. W. Kerns Sr. (far right) and "Red" Culen, salesman probably well remembered . . . and should kindle many a memory of those who farmed with the "modern" machinery of those days.

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