



WALLACE HITT, left, with Zellerbach Paper Company for nearly nine years, has moved to Klamath Falls from Nampa, Idaho, to be sales representative for this area. He is married and the father of two children, one of whom took ill en route and is convalescing in a Burns hospital from a flu attack. He replaces Ted Rose, right, with the company four and one-half years who moved to Portland sales area for Zellerbach Paper.

Churchill Nearly Died, Wartime Diary Reveals

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON (AP) — A wartime diary unlocked today indicates Sir Winston Churchill came close to death in his 1943 illness—and that the doggedness of an Irishman named Kelly helped pull him through.

Air Vice Marshal Thomas K. Kelly, now retired, has been keeping the story secret for 16 years. On the urging of his family and this reporter, he finally consented to publication.

Churchill, then 69, was stricken with pneumonia and heart trouble in December 1943 in North Africa while at Carthage, a few miles from Tunis. His temperature rose to 102, his pulse to 130 and he suffered two heart flutters. His doctor, Lord Moran, feared a clot might form, and it was decided to fly Churchill to Marrakech, in Morocco, more than 1,200 miles away, for sunshine and rest.

At this point Kelly, then a senior medical officer with the Royal Air Force, intruded.

"When the prime minister's illness was first announced I was in Algiers and on Sunday, Dec. 19, it was stated in the 9 p.m. news that he had pneumonia and a cardiac irregularity," Kelly's diary relates.

"I at once decided to return to headquarters at La Marsa and head Wing Cmdr. Ellis, medical specialist, to come up to the Tunis area and bring with him three portable oxygen apparatuses I had prepared some months previously. "I wanted Ellis particularly, as I knew he had some influence with Lord Moran and that he could add weight to my opinion that oxygen should be available if the prime minister be moved by air."

"Lord Moran said he did not agree with me and they would only travel on a fine day when there were good weather reports and would not go above 3,000 feet."

"I told him that on a long journey—even if the start was made in good weather and with good reports there was no guarantee that the good weather would last the whole of the journey. Moreover, that in the prime minister's condition he might require oxygen at even 3,000 feet."

"Lord Moran again said that he did not agree."

At a second conference, however, Moran agreed to consult the prime minister, and Kelly was asked Dec. 26 to see Churchill.

"He was lying propped up in bed and surrounded by documents," the diary says. "He looked at the oxygen apparatus and asked me to explain how it worked."

Then he asked for a demonstration. He ended by asking Kelly to fly with him to Marrakech next morning.

The takeoff was in fine weather, but the weather became bad and visibility very poor at 4,000 feet, Kelly recorded.

Finally, Churchill declared, "If I were not in this aircraft, it would be flying at 19,000 feet. It is ridiculous keeping it low—and it will crash into the mountains."

He told his daughter Sarah, "It is my wish—but do not give it as an order—that the captain fly higher."

"I thought that the prime minister looked slightly cyanosed (blue) in the face," Kelly says. He proposed giving oxygen.

"It is your affair, you take charge," he quotes Moran.

He set the oxygen for 10,000 feet and then 20,000 as the plane climbed higher. The prime minister's color became normal and his pulse slowed down.

At dinner that night, after landing, Kelly recorded, Churchill

"put his hand on my shoulder and said, 'You have rendered me a great service and I am very grateful to you.'"

Turning to Moran, Churchill said, "and you, Charles, foresaw the need for everything."

"Moran beamed with delight," the diary reports.

November 17 Dinner Slated

University of Oregon Mothers will serve a dinner Tuesday night, November 17, at the First Presbyterian Church on Pine Street for the benefit of the University of Oregon Scholarship Fund which assists Klamath County U of O students. Serving will be promptly at 6:30. Charge will be \$1.50 per plate.

Speaker will be Dr. Ray Hawks, dean of men at the university. Also planned is a panel of local persons, Mrs. C. B. Larkin, Mrs. Van Mollison, Greer Drew and Ford L. Kimpton who will answer questions pertaining to students and other university queries. Dinner arrangements are under the direction of Mrs. Jack Dutcher.

Mrs. George Clark, president of the Klamath Falls University of Oregon Mothers Club urges all parents, alumni and others interested in education to attend.

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Auxiliary Head Outlines Slate

Mrs. Helen Anthony, District 4 president of America's Legion Auxiliary, outlined a program for the coming year at a meeting of Klamath Auxiliary Unit No. 8 in the American Legion Hall November 3.

Post Office Bids Sought

The Post Office Department will seek competitive bids for a new post office building at Bonanza, according to word received today by Postmaster L. F. Fernlund from Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield.

Bids will be solicited during the period November 12 through November 27 for a building to contain approximately 720 square feet of interior space with a 30 square foot platform and approximately 3,500 square feet of parking and maneuvering area. Sites will be proposed by the bidders. The new facility is to be occupied by the Post Office Department on a monthly rental basis with the government being guaranteed a minimum occupancy period of 36 months.

Further information concerning plans and specifications may be obtained by contacting the postmaster or the Regional Real Estate Manager, Box 3703, Portland 8, Oregon.

Lakeview Dairy Incorporates

LAKEVIEW — The Milky Way Dairy has incorporated and is now Milky Way Dairy, Inc.

Incorporators are Robert S. and Jessie L. McGehehey, former Klamath Falls residents, and Fitz M. and Layne C. Binnion. The dairy is located 10 miles north of Lakeview.

The business was started a year ago with five cows. Twenty seven now comprise the herd.

Other district officers were present as well as several out-of-town visitors.

A potluck lunch preceded the meeting. All post and auxiliary members were present.

Mrs. Anthony said department auxiliary officers will be in Klamath Falls Friday evening, November 13, and Saturday and Sunday during a "school of instruction" tour of the state. Mrs. Delphine George of Eugene, department president, and Mrs. Maxine Bigelow of Medford, department vice president, are expected.

Accompanying them will be Fred Bennett, department commander; Bud Johnson, national field representative; Glenn Howe, department service officer; and Wally Chapman, District 4 commander of American Legion.

Johnson is liaison officer for American Legion and the Veterans Administration.

While on the tour, Bennett and Johnson will offer help to legion and auxiliary members with local problems.

Auxiliary members and others interested are invited to attend the meetings.

SCOUT NEWS

SCOUT MEETING

LAKEVIEW — Mayor Howard Goodnough of Lakeview, who is also Lake County chairman for the Boy Scouts of America, has called a meeting of adults interested in scouting for Thursday night, November 12, in the basement of the Methodist Church. Expected to be in attendance are representatives of Modoc District, scout masters, den mothers, and all others interested in leadership.

A program will be set up to recruit help for the program, especially among fathers of boys of scouting age. Because of lack of leadership there are only two troops active at present in comparison with four last year.

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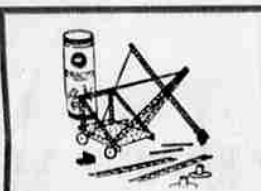
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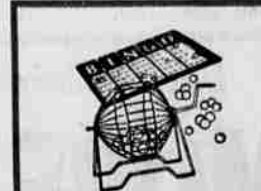
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