

BASIN BRIEFS

Leaves—Joe Kohl, who has been home on furlough at New Pine Creek for about a week, left last Wednesday for his base in Florida.

His father, Ernie Kohl, drove him to Caldwell, Idaho, where he caught a train.

Business News

By FLORENCE JENKINS

John K. and Mary Sayre, owners of all stock in Red Ball Stage Line, Inc., have sold their stock to Robert E. and Esther Milligan. The Sayres established the corporation here almost six years ago (lacks just two months) and for the last year Milligan has been driving and assisting with maintenance work and Mrs. Sayre has been assisting Mrs. Milligan with bookkeeping and office management. Milligan becomes president of the firm, Sayre will remain with the company as vice president and Mrs. Milligan will be secretary treasurer. The Sayres intend to continue to live in Klamath Falls. Red Ball Stage Line, Inc., operates two trips daily between Klamath Falls and Lakeview, handling mail, package express and passengers, serving the Southern Pacific and Greyhound depots here and maintaining its own depot at Lakeview.

A new Clejan-type ramp has been built by Southern Pacific Co. near the SP freight warehouse, according to Al Kusler, district freight and traffic manager here. This is a new type of piggyback ramp with concrete foundation and steel platform (70 feet long and 4 feet high) with steel guides to center the trailer on the car. Tracks permit the van to run down the center of the car. The extra long Clejan cars will carry three 24-foot trailers or two 35-foot trailers. This is just half of the construction project and another similar ramp will be built later this year. The old piggyback ramp will be discontinued eventually, Kusler said. Piggyback business has increased to the point that the new, modern ramp became essential here. Cost of the ramp was between \$6,000 and \$7,000 and work was done by SP construction crews.

All signs point to an industrial productivity gain of three to four per cent in 1960, McGraw-Hill's Purchasing Week forecasts. Wages are expected to advance four to five per cent across the board, but prices are expected to advance only about one per cent. The difference will be made up by increased productivity, according to this publication. Part of the gain in productivity stems from increased use of labor-saving equipment and part to expectations of close-to-top capacity operations. "Efficiency is always higher at 90 per cent of capacity than at 50 per cent," the magazine commented.

Richard J. Werner, executive director of Milk Industry Foundation, Washington, D.C., has announced he will retire Sept. 30, 1960. His early boyhood was spent on a dairy farm in the San Joaquin Valley in California. He worked his way through Oregon State College and served as the first county agricultural agent for Clackamas County. He served in both World War I and II and in 1945 was named manager of the California Dairy Industry Advisory Board. In 1951 he moved to Washington to become assistant executive director of the MIF and two years later was promoted to top post. The foundation has grown to 1,600 members and Werner personally has conducted a long range campaign to encourage the more widespread promotion of cottage cheese and sour cream as a means of increasing consumption of fresh milk products.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer since 1945, who has resigned to become deputy director of health for the state of California effective Jan. 13, was honored at a reception and banquet Wednesday evening in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel, Portland. The State Board of Health will hold its annual meeting Jan. 13 at Salem. Erickson, while it is holding a special meeting to interview candidates for the vacant post.

March Electric Co., Medford, was low bidder on two contracts at Kingsley Field. It received a contract award on its bid of \$2,190 for provision of railroad heating in the ground power equipment shelter at the base, 175 N. 6th St. It was low bidder last Monday for construction of electric facilities and trenching at Kingsley Field, winning a bid of \$1,000. Mr. No. 65-55.

American Guaranty Life Insurance Co. of Portland, formerly in 1955 under Oregon laws, and its various legal reserve stock life insurance company domiciled in the state, is entering upon an expansion program, extending its operations to California, Idaho and Washington. Part of the program includes a four to one stock split. It will issue 40,000 new shares, per value \$5.00, underwritten.

ten by E. I. Hagen & Co., Inc., to sell at \$15.

Jesse Z. Smith, realtor, has purchased the real estate business of **Burton E. Gray** and will move his offices from the Tower Theater Bldg., where he has been for two years, into Gray's downtown location at 1035 Main St. and be open for business in his new quarters on Jan. 4. His real estate salesmen moving with him include **Gene Williams**, **Mrs. Buff Jones** and **Mrs. Sally Comstock**. **George R. Overmire**, an associate with Gray, remains with the new office.

The name change of the Klamath-Lake National Farm Loan Assn. to the Federal Land Bank Assn. of Klamath Falls better identifies the association with the purpose for which it was chartered and for which it has operated through the years, namely, the making and servicing of long-term federal land bank loans, according to **Lawrence J. Horton**, Klamath Falls, president. "The legislation providing for the association name change also changes the title of the position held by **Bryant Williams** from secretary treasurer to manager," Horton stated. "It also provides that, after Dec. 31, 1959, farm and ranch loans can be made in excess of \$200,000 if the security offered meets the required standards." Directors in addition to Horton, are **Vanell Withers**, Paisley, vice president. **Fred R. Peat**, Lakeview. **Roy Gooding**, Klamath Falls. **W. Warren Maxwell**, Lakeview. **William F. Jinnette**, Merrill.

Steve Walker, a resident of Klamath Falls for 25 years and in the automobile business for 10 years, is now associated with **Gino Carnini** at Deal Rite Motors, 2387 So. 6th.

The Western economy will enter the New Year in high gear, according to members of Prudential Insurance Company's Western Business Forecast panel. About 69 per cent of the 1,000 business leaders queried expect their business in the first three months of 1960 to equal or exceed the final quarter of 1959. Gains of one to 10 per cent are anticipated by 31 per cent while 20 per cent predict an even greater increase. Comparing the approaching quarter with the first quarter of 1959, approximately 81 per cent of the respondents expect business levels equal to or higher than last year.

Outstanding Man Sought

The program for selection of Oregon's three outstanding young men, sponsored for the first time this year by the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with First National Bank of Oregon, is being warmly received by communities throughout the state, according to **George Huggins**, chairman of the event.

Three young men between the ages of 21 and 35 will be selected by an outstanding panel of judges the week of January 25th. The selection will be secret and the three winners will be honored and their names announced publicly for the first time at Seaside on February 13 at the annual winter board meeting of the Jaycees.

The three young men will be selected for the outstanding contributions they have made to their business, trade or profession as well as their general public service in their respective communities, Huggins stated.

Individuals, business and professional groups, Chambers of Commerce and all Jaycee clubs are being urged to nominate deserving young men for this award. The judging will be of the highest caliber which in itself assures the success of this excellent program, the chairman said. Judges will be **Charles Sprague**, Salem, publisher of the Oregon Statesman; **James H. Peltzman**, Portland, former president and chairman of the board of Portland General Electric; **Morgan E. O'Neil**, Portland, president of Lewis and Clark College; and **George P. Lilly**, Associated Investors, Baker, and an associate justice of the supreme court of Oregon.

Nominations for consideration is January 25, 1960. The forms can be obtained from any branch of the First National Bank or by writing to the Oregon Jaycees, 204 S. W. 5th, Portland, Oregon.

Carl Martin—is spending Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Martin of East Fork, near Callahan. Carl is a student at the College of the Sierras.

Moving—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Logan, moving to New Pine Creek from Sunnyvale, California, brought up a load of furniture last Tuesday. Friends, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Stowell, came along to hunt. They are at the State Line Motel.

Visit Parents—Mrs. Monica McDougal and daughter, Michelle, of Redding, spent several days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Journey, Etna.

Jim Farnsworth—who has been employed by the U.S. Forest Service at Callahan, left recently for his home at Novato.

Former Resident—of New Pine Creek, R. A. Scarborough, of Anderson, California, was a guest at

the State Line Motel last Tuesday night. He is installing the new speed limit signs at ports of entry in the northern part of California.

Surprise—A pleasant Christmas surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith of Etna was the arrival home of their son, Ensign Thomas Smith, from Texas. He will report to Bremerton preparatory to being shipped to Japan.

Home—for the holidays with their mother, Mr. Mary Louise Gray of Etna, are Marilyn and Leona May Allen, The girls attend Mount St. Mary's Academy at Grass Valley.

Oakdale Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. James Davis and family of Oakdale have returned home following several days visit over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Le Buchner, Etna.

Eva Facey—a patient at the Siskiyou County General Hospital of Yreka, was able to spend Christ-

mas Day at her home in Old Etna.

Vacation—Spending a vacation with her mother, Mrs. Phayes Kays at Etna, is El Karen Kays, a student at the Marinello School of Beauty in Oakland.

Mike McClain—of the Army Engineers arrived in New Pine Creek recently and spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McClain. He planned to leave for his base at Fort Leonard Wood last Wednesday or Thursday.

Guests—of Mrs. Bessie Palmer of Etna for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smithers and children of Weed and Mrs. Denise McCord of Sacramento.

Klamath Falls—visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Branson, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Branson, in Etna and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hiel, Etna, for several days recently.

Spending—the holidays in Etna with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther White, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Palmer, Greenview, were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Palmer Jr. and son of Alameda.

Hosts—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roff of Etna were hosts for Christmas dinner to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burton and son of Redding; Mr. and Mrs. Will Burton, Stephen Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Ormond E. Quigley and children, Cathy and Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tickner and sons, all of Etna.

To Southwest—Mr. and Mrs. Mearle Lechmann left last Thursday for Arizona for a visit over the holidays. Delmer Smith has been helping their hired man, Axel Hedlund, feed the stock during their absence.

Home—Raymond Hjertager, a student at the University of California at Santa Barbara, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Erling Hjertager of Callahan, over the

holidays.

To Utah—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hiett and family of Etna, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Van Komen of Ashland, drove to Salt Lake City to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hiett's and Van Komen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Van Komen and family.

Back Home—Mrs. Ida Burns returned to her home in Berkeley after spending Christmas visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, at their home near Callahan.

Dinner Guests—Mrs. Colleen Hanson and children of Etna were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Yreka.

At Fresno—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carver and family of Etna are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bud Carver, in Fresno.

Stephen Burton—of Etna, accompanied by Bob March, drove

to March's home in Pleasant Hills, recently, March remained with his parents and Burton returned to Etna, accompanied by Nadene Murphy of Menlo Park. Nadene spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Murphy, Callahan.

Recovering—Effie McDonald, who lives at Burcell's Rest Home in Etna, is recovering from a hip operation at the Siskiyou County General Hospital, Yreka.

Midland Grange—Home Economics Club will meet Tuesday, January 5, at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Floyd Hoover on Del Fatti Lane to lay plans for the coming year. All women of the grange are invited.

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