

BASIN BRIEFS

Merrill VFW Auxiliary will hold a social meeting Wednesday, February 17, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Merrill VFW Hall. Tables of bridge and pinocle will be played. A style show will be given by Jennifer Paisley.

St. James Altar Society members at Bly will hold their first annual ham dinner February 28 at the Bly School cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m. Price will be \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children under 12 years and pre-school children free. Money raised will be used to help purchase a statue for the new church. The public is invited.



When you get into your car, you quite naturally have some specific idea as to where you are going. It would be somewhat strange to jump in the family auto and drive aimlessly around town with no idea why or where you're going. It would be just as odd for a business concern, a school or a department of city government to operate without any idea of what its reason for operating was. This might sound ridiculous, but it is surprising how many institutions and individuals operate with no clearly defined purpose.

The Klamath Parks and Recreation Department has set up a series of objectives for itself in order to meet an overall goal, thus preventing a wandering approach to providing recreation for the people of Klamath Falls.

The goal of this department is to provide healthful, creative and enjoyable recreational programs, activities and facilities to meet the needs of the community's citizens, regardless of race, age, sex or physical condition.

The objectives leading to this goal might be compared to stepping stones, or if you are competitive minded, yard markers to the goal. These objectives, briefly summarized are as follows:

(1) To ascertain the tangible and intangible recreational needs of all the community's citizens. (2) To continually reevaluate and reorganize programs to best meet changing recreational needs of the community. (3) To provide skilled professional and volunteer leadership for programs and activities in order that they might be more provocative and meaningful to those participating. (4) To meet standards set by the community and the National Recreation Association governing recreational activities, facilities areas and leadership in order to better fulfill the department's obligation to the community. (5) To provide special activities to meet specialized group interests or needs. (6) To provide the more common forms of recreational activity or to cooperate with other groups or agencies already engaged in the provision of such activity. (7) To provide activities and programs for various age groups, women and girls, handicapped individuals and various racial groups who might, in many cases, be prevented or excluded from participation in other forms of recreational activity.

The Recreation Department welcomes any suggestions from anyone concerning possible programs. You are the deciding factor in what recreation this community shall have, ideas for activities are not just pulled out of the air. A successful program is not built on supposition, but on information gained from past experience with people and on presently expressed needs by the people.

From time to time members of the Park and Recreation Board, Dena Backes, Jim Barnes, Martin Brauner, Amos Burnett, Gene Favell, Dick Hicks and Stan Miller, will add their contributions to this column. By airing their thoughts it is hoped that a more adequate cross section of ideas can be expressed and as a consequence, a truer picture of the community's recreational program can be drawn.

Skunk Sealed In Garbage Can

COVINA, Calif. (AP)—To garbage collectors John Hummick and Bobby Joe Jensen it was just another garbage can.

They emptied it into their truck's hopper Thursday—and were sprayed head on by a live skunk.

Some joker, they reported indignantly, had sealed the animal in the can.

They returned to the city yard to start an extensive airing. Their truck was dazed with pine spray. The skunk escaped.

Bud Vincent is in Hillside Hospital recovering from a broken hip suffered when he fell on the ice at his home in Langell Valley Wednesday morning. He is the brother of Ben DeVaul.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lacey have moved back into their family home at Merrill following extensive repairs. Much of their home suffered fire and smoke damage from fire seven weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Noble, former Langell Valley residents now of Klamath Falls, are on an extended trip to Florida and other southern states. They will visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Noble and children. He is stationed in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Blymyer, Merrill, are spending a few days in San Francisco. Accompanying them on the trip is Nancy Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris, Merrill.

Jim Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Freeman of Malin, recently pledged membership to Phi Beta Tau fraternity at Pacific University, Forest Grove. He is a sophomore majoring in pre-optometry. He was graduated from Malin High School.

Mrs. John McFall has returned to her home at Bonanza after several days at Hillside Hospital. Mrs. Blanche McCullum of Malin is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox, Merrill, have returned from a trip to Palm Springs where they enjoyed a brief visit with Roy Fox, Mrs. Blanche Davis and Mrs. Minnie Fox.

Mrs. Charles Smith of Del Paso Heights, California, spent several days in Langell Valley with her father, Enos Bland, who is at home now after over a week at Hillside Hospital.

James D. Hawk, Navy machinist mate fireman, son of Mrs. Ellen Hawk of Lakeview, returned to San Diego recently aboard the destroyer Braine after a six-month cruise with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. He visited Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Mrs. Bertha Vinson has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey O'Keefe of Merrill, after visiting in Langell Valley with Mrs. Lula Penner and Mrs. Luther Noble and family.

Mrs. Harold Williams has returned to her home near Bonanza after several days at Chico with her mother who has been ill.

Altamont Junior High News

Pictures for the Altamont 1959-60 year book were taken at school on February 1, 2 and 3.

Altamont Junior High held a National School Assembly on February 2, 1960. Stewart Scott, a ventriloquist and magician, held the students' interest with several exciting acts. He chose Johnny Stillwell and Danny Owens to assist him with some linking rings. Terri Dees chose Bill Jordan, and with Mr. Scott, they entertained us with some magic tricks.

Wesley Broyles, Herman Petrick and Mike Kitching were other students who helped with the entertainment. Mr. Scott transcribed his voice into a crow named George and also made a frog talk. He used a puppet in his show resembling a professor. We surely enjoyed the program.

Three seventh grade games were played on February 3, 1960. Altamont's first string played Fremont at Altamont. The score was 24 to 12 in our favor. Jim Patzke made 11 points, Randy Smith 6, Bob Moss 4, and David Dunston 3 points. The other seventh grade team, Altamont No. 2 played Roosevelt at our school also. The score was 19 to 29 also in our favor. Steve Baker made 10 points and Kim Kuhn made eight points. The B team of Altamont, team No. 1 played Fremont at Fremont. Bob Abbey, David Musgrove and Dennis Graham made the points. Fremont won with the close score of 12 to 10.

Tickets were sold at school during the noon hours on February 3, 4 and 5 for the basketball jamboree to be held at Klamath Union High School.

The date of the jamboree was February 6, 1960. Our eighth grade Altamont team enjoyed a victory over Fremont, with a score of 16 to 0. One of the Altamont seventh grade teams, Altamont No. 1 played Fremont. Altamont was also the winner of this game, the score being 10 to 6 in our favor. The other Altamont seventh grade team, team No. 2, played the Fremont Midgets. Altamont was the winner with a score of 10 to 4. Roxie Bennington, News Reporter

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One Ft. Klamath Soldier Who Stayed

Editor's Note: This is the concluding part of a story of the life of Solon Obil Shattuck who came to Fort Klamath in 1873, remained here, dying in Klamath Falls in 1915.

By Mrs. W. R. LOOSLEY
Clara Shattuck (now Collman) was born while her parents were living near the fort and she remembers when the soldiers were leaving that they were given some toys belonging to officers' children. She especially recalls a wax doll, a set of dishes and two tricycles (one each for her and her brother Obil), all dear to children's hearts.

When Clara was 8 years old her father was stricken with bone erysipelas. The nearest doctor was in Klamath Falls. He came up on the stage one day and went back the next. He was Dr. Harry Wright, uncle of the present Dr. George Wright, retired. Dr. Harry's father was the town pharmacist. Mr. Shattuck recovered, thanks to the good doctor, but he was never able to use his hands so well again.

For a time the Shattucks lived on about 50 acres near the town of Fort Klamath, during which time he was postmaster (the first in the town) and served as justice of the peace. He gave two acres of land for school purposes; a Mr. Cronmiller also gave two acres. The first school was of logs. Later one of lumber, and still later a brick school house, was located on this land.

Mrs. Shattuck had begun milking a few cows, skimming the milk by hand, churning it into butter, and selling it about the country. Later they moved to the 160-acre homestead Mr. Shattuck had acquired before his marriage, and purchased another 160 acres. Now they turned to dairying in earnest. Mr. Shattuck put in the first irrigation ditch in the valley, greatly increasing the yield of his land.

One summer while her father and brother were busy putting up hay, young Clara arose at 3 a.m. to get in the cows and assist her mother with the milking. Her mother would arise at the same time to skim the milk. Clara said, "I

often had the cows nearly milked by the time mama got the milk skimmed. I had to hurry to get to school on time. I hurried home of an evening to get the cows in again. During the day they ranged far and wide, as fences were few and far between." They churned every other day in a big barrel churn.

When asked what they did for fun, she replied, "I don't recall that we had any fun aside from our work. One couldn't run a dairy and do much else." After thinking a moment, she continued, "I just loved to ride horseback; I suppose that could be called my hobby. I broke ten cayuse ponies. One of my favorite ponies was a little dark brown one which was given to me by Oscar Shive when it was a tiny colt. I raised it by hand, feeding it milk, first from a bottle, and later teaching it to

drink from a pail like a calf."

After his bout with bone erysipelas, her father was never able to assist with the milking again. He had been a cook in the latter part of his army service, and rather liking this work, did most of the cooking for the family. As Mrs. Shattuck liked outdoor work, the arrangement seems to have worked out very well.

The long hard winters made it difficult to milk cows, or do much of anything except feed the stock, stoke fires and "just live." The schools were in session for six months of each year, and that was during the warmer months. Many of the children rode horseback or just trudged the two or three miles "goin' and comin'."

The old military reserve was a large acreage north of the present Fort Klamath where hay was put up to feed the cavalry horses

at the fort. When the fort was disbanded this seems to have been used as a sort of public domain for a time, and the Shattuck cattle, as well as others, roamed here at will.

Mrs. Collman said of early religious services in the Wood River Valley, "A minister came to Mr. Cronmiller's once in a while, and later once a month to the log school house. They came from the Indian Mission (Methodist) at Williamson River."

"Each fall many of the early settlers went to the Rogue River Valley for fruit and other supplies, often laying in a year's supply of such staples as flour, sugar, salt and green coffee. The coffee must be roasted in the oven, then ground in a small grinder by hand."

Mrs. Collman has told of the wonderful wild strawberries that grew in the valley before it became the great cattle country it now is. She said, "I often gathered large pails of the luscious fruit.

And we could buy huckleberries from the Indians for 50 cents a gallon. And deer were so plentiful we could kill one any time we wanted it. We always had a plentiful supply of jerky on hand."

The Shattucks believed in education. Clara, after finishing at Fort Klamath, went to Ashland where she studied for three years at the Ashland Academy, and Obil graduated from Oregon State College, after which he was in charge of the Burns Experiment Station for 29 years. A younger brother, Ernest, died of typhoid pneumonia at the age of 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck sold their Fort Klamath holdings in 1912 and moved to Klamath Falls where Mr. Shattuck died in 1915. Mrs. Shattuck died in 1943, following a

period of invalidism from a broken hip. She was in her 90th year.

For years Mrs. Collman operated the Mountain Dairy just off the Old Fort Road. She discontinued her dairy business in order to care for her mother after she broke her hip, turning the business over to her son Walter. Mrs. Collman's only daughter, Esther, (she had five sons) was as fond of horses as her mother before her had been, becoming an expert horsewoman. She was selected queen of the Klamath Falls rodeo in 1941.

Mrs. Collman lives on North 11th Street in the home which her parents purchased so long ago.

Her brother Obil lives in Yakima, Washington, and attends the oldtimers' get-together in Fort Klamath every year.

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