



MRS. VELMA NILE, a professional physical education teacher, heads the ski school that started Monday at Mt. Shasta Ski Bowl.

Registration For Skiing School Starts On Monday

MOUNT SHASTA—Registration for the seventh annual Mount Shasta Herald Ski School began Monday. Registration fee is \$1. Instruction will be given to school students from the fourth grade through high school age, and will be held each Saturday beginning Feb. 4, ending with a carnival and field day March 11 and 12.

Advanced instruction will be given for the first time this year. It is open to those who hold the Class A badge from the school. Mount Shasta Ski Bowl is co-sponsor of the meet, to which students from Yreka, Weed, Dunsmuir, McCloud and Mount Shasta are eligible. Recreational districts and school buses will transport the expected 450 enrollees to the skiing slopes.

Mrs. Velma Nile, career physical education teacher, will head the school, aided by 35 instructors heading various groups. This will be the fifth year she has been connected with the school. The school was originally held on Snowman's Hill. In case of storms blocking the road to the ski bowl, it will be moved there again, until the road is opened.

California Briefs

Happy Camp
MR. AND MRS. ELMER VANDLINDT during the holidays received visits from their daughter, Joan, San Francisco, and Mrs. Vandlindt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, Greenview.

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT TITUS and their children and grandchildren, 60 in number, gathered at the grange hall here Christmas Eve for a reunion. Refreshments were served.

GEORGE WALTERS, former Happy Camp deputy sheriff, advised the board of supervisors by letter that he is employed as constable in Carson City, Nev.

Greenview
MR. AND MRS. CARL JOHNSON held a snack party at their home during the midnight intermission of the annual Christmas Eve dance in Etna. Their son, Jerry, was host. He is a College of the Siskiyous freshman.

MERWYN RICKEY of Quartz Valley directed the suspense-filled comedy, "Bull in a China Shop," presented in the multipurpose room of the Etna Union High School Dec. 16 and 17. The play by C. B. Gilford was a great success and a record crowd filled the room both nights.

MRS. JOYCE PARKS, former

Deal On Gator Surprise-Filled For Purchaser

MONROVIA, Calif. (UPI)—Mrs. Carol Benedictus' new mail-order "pet" alligator was more than a little perturbed.

The 18-inch reptile had been confined in a 3-by-6 inch box in a postal trip from New Orleans to this Los Angeles suburb. When Mrs. Benedictus opened the package Monday she received anything but a cordial greeting. The "gator sprang out, jaws clacking. "He snapped at me—you know, getting up on his legs in a defensive position," said Mrs. Benedictus. "I tried to corner him with a larger box, but I couldn't. "It finally chased me up on top of a table."



Rip Van Winkle couldn't sleep with nagging backache

Mrs. Benedictus bided her time. When she thought she could make it to the telephone without being nibbled at by the alligator, she jumped from the table top and called sheriff's deputies.

Intrepid deputies soon corralled the "gator and placed it in a large pan containing some water. The alligator quickly stretched out and went to sleep.

But Mrs. Benedictus' day of surprises wasn't over yet. When she had given the mail-order firm \$6 during a recent trip to New Orleans to send her the reptile, she thought the firm would place in the box whatever change she had coming along with the "gator."

But this was all over. The alligator in the pan. I looked in the box and there was a little turtle they had sent me to make up for the extra money I gave them."

The turtle, at least, was apparently happy and did not snap at Mrs. Benedictus.

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