

# Klamath's Picnic Spot To Be Finished In 1963

Klamath County has one new picnic area scheduled for completion by July, 1963, in the Bureau of Land Management-O & C counties' cooperative recreational development program.

Nine recreation facilities have been completed in western Oregon's O & C counties through this program, begun in 1960. An additional 44 camps and picnic areas and a new trail along the Rogue River were approved by the O & C Association's r o a d s committee, meeting with BLM officials last week.

Funds to carry out this program come from 25 per cent of O & C gross revenues, specifically earmarked by federal appropriations bills for road construction, reforestation, and recreational developments on O & C lands. A similar program, with emphasis on recreation road construction, is underway in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, which manages about 20 per cent of the O & C lands.

In another move likely to have far-reaching effects on the timber industries as well as recreation, members of the roads and executive committees recommended that roads built into Oregon forests with O & C funds be built to two-lane standards, whenever these roads had reasonable potential for public use as thoroughfares.

Darrell Jones, O & C Association president, said the counties recognized the growing importance of recreation to the state and that roads should be multipurpose wherever possible. Kenneth Nielsen, Lane County commissioner and roads committee chairman, pointed out that the cost of two lane roads, in most cases, were relatively little higher than single-lane roads. He said that in addition to aiding Oregon's growing tourist industry, better forest roads would mean more efficient operations for loggers.



**ATTENDS LOS ANGELES SCHOOL** — David L. Sibbet, right, is a freshman at Occidental College, Los Angeles. Shown with David is his mother, Mrs. Laing W. Sibbet of Klamath Falls, chatting with him on the patio of Oxy's Student Union.

## Medical Aid Asked By 15

Fifteen applications were submitted to the Klamath County Welfare Department in the first three days this week by elderly citizens applying for eligibility under the Medical Assistance for the Aged Program.

Enrollment began Monday for the program, which provides medical care for elderly persons with limited incomes. Generally eligible are those persons over age 65 with incomes under \$1,500 (\$2,000 for married couples). There are further restrictions on cash, other assets and real property.

Citizens are urged to make application as soon as possible. Interested persons may contact Mrs. Edna Russell at the local welfare office. The phone number is TU 4-7774.

## Malin Bridge Bids Viewed

SALEM—Bids were received by the Oregon State Highway Department Wednesday on a project to build a bridge over a reclamation canal on State Highway 39 one mile east of Malin.

Apparent low bidder on the project was Pacific Concrete Co. of Portland with a bid of \$37,333. Specifications call for a 74-foot reinforced concrete bridge to replace the existing wooden structure.

Highway department officials said the new bridge will have roadway about six feet wider than the wooden bridge. Traffic past the work will be one-way and a traffic light will be installed to regulate car travel.

## M. P. Barry Dies Oct. 18

ASHLAND (Special) — Michael P. Barry, 94, died here at his home Wednesday. He was a long-time resident of Klamath County, having ranched near Merrill for many years. He had lived in Ashland 13 years.

Mr. Barry was a member of the Klamath Falls Lodge 1247, BPOE, and the Catholic Church in Ashland.

His funeral will be conducted in Klamath Falls, date to be announced later.

Mr. Barry is survived by his widow, May, of Ashland; daughters, Mrs. Dan Cushman of Klamath Falls, Sister Mary Rosetta of Spokane, Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of San Leandro, Calif., Mrs. E. J. Pair of Los Angeles and Mrs. William Wahler of Nyssa; and sons, John Barry of Medford, Dan Barry of Merrill and Emmett of Madras; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## Shot Victim Gets Better

DONALD B. Schortgen, about 30, Klamath Falls union official shot in the abdomen Oct. 11, was reported to be "slightly improved" Wednesday afternoon in Klamath Valley Hospital.

A hospital official said Schortgen had a single bullet wound in his abdomen. He is not yet receiving visitors.

Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with the shooting was James W. Evatt, 55, of 806 Oak Street, an unemployed ironworker. He is free on \$4,000 bond awaiting a preliminary hearing, which has been set for Oct. 31 at 9:30 a.m.

City police said the shooting apparently followed an argument between the two men concerning union rules. The argument had begun inside the Eagles Lodge, 815 Walnut Street, and moved outside the lodge. According to police reports, Schortgen had knocked Evatt to the floor twice and was advancing toward Evatt when the shooting occurred.

## Basin Area Man Injured

A Chiloquin man, Eugene A. Montgomery, 33, was injured in a two-car accident Oct. 14 in Portland.

According to word reaching here, Montgomery was said by Portland police, investigating the accident, to have been the driver of one car which was also occupied by Percy Ball, 37, of Chiloquin, and William Williams, 17, of Beatty. Ball is in St. Vincent's Hospital, said to be in fair condition.

Montgomery is reported to have said an unknown man was driver of the car.

A school teacher from The Dalles, Henry Steers, 39, suffered severe head and chest injuries in the accident and is also in St. Vincent's Hospital. He was a passenger in the second car driven by Thomas F. Brumbaugh, 64, superintendent of schools in The Dalles. Brumbaugh was not injured.

# Preliminary Hospital Plans Told To Chamber

As the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce heard preliminary plans unfold at Wednesday's luncheon for the proposed community hospital here, the project was hailed from various quarters as "the best news we've ever had come out of these meetings."

The long-awaited word on improved hospital facilities, which has been studied and discussed in Klamath Falls for at least 10 years, was met with accolades and handshakes for the two Presbyterian ministers who made the presentation, Rev. Robert Groves and Rev. Laing Sibbet.

Hospital study was first undertaken by the Klamath Jaycees, then alternately by several church groups and finally culminated in the local chamber's efforts and those of the local Presbyterian churches.

Groves read a prepared statement from the Southwestern Oregon Presbytery, giving the go-ahead for forming a corporation to begin work on the project.

Groves heads the steering committee locally and Sibbet serves as its secretary.

Groves' statement said the committee plans to work closely with the chamber's working committee.

Plans for official incorporation of the group call for this action to be taken about December.

Groves said, "although we have not had legal advice on this point as yet."

Sibbet pointed out to the group that although financing of the community hospital was one of the larger hurdles, it certainly was not insurmountable. He said several paths of financing lay open for the hospital group, but further study would be necessary before a firm decision is reached.

Groves said the hospital would not necessarily be known as a "Presbyterian hospital," and he emphasized that no church or religious group he knew of "is going to come in and give any community a hospital. We are not in our position to come in and even do our own financing."

He said what the church could do for the community was set up a non-profit corporation and furnish "know how and practical experience." Groves told the chamber members that the Presbyterian Church presently operates five community hospitals in California and either 24 or 27 throughout the United States.

He expressed the belief that the hospital here could be operated "in the black." He said a similar undertaking in Whittier, Calif., recently, "was operating in the black within five months."

In answer to a question of "how long" before the facility would be constructed here, Groves replied that his group was not going to set up a timetable. "That will be for the new (corporate) board of directors to do."

However, he said that every expert his group had consulted with had said projects of this kind "usually take from three to five years from the start of actual planning."

Chuck Peterson reported on the Klamath County display booth at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland. Peterson said while the Klamath County booth was not the most

elaborate, "it was far above average."

One display, located adjacent to the \$140 Klamath County booth, Peterson said, "cost Cook County \$3,000."

Chamber President Fred Elders announced directors' jobs for the coming year: Ralph Hunter, recreation and Upper Klamath Lake; Myron Shannon, membership; Bill Sweetland, community development; Bob Terr, national affairs; Frank Marr, local and state affairs; Chuck Bailey, tourist and convention; Lyle Kellstrom, OTI

and public schools; John Moehl, forest products; Bob Cuendet and Jim Stilwell, industrial development, rates and traffic; Dr. E. E. Howard, community hospital; Noel Flynn, public information; Duke Zarnsky, roads and highways, and Jim Bocchi, aviation.

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## Drive Count Holds 2 Men

Two men, one from Klamath Falls, were arrested by state police on South Sixth Street early this week on charges of drunk driving.

Charged were Milton J. S. Thompson, 47, 230 Newcastle Street, a used car salesman, and Kenneth R. Stinchcomb, 33, Rogue River, a laborer.

Thompson was arrested Monday night on South Sixth Street near the corner of Homedale Road. Arraigned in district court Tuesday, he pleaded not guilty and a jury trial was set for Nov. 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Stinchcomb was stopped by police Tuesday morning at the corner of South Sixth and Arthur streets. He is awaiting a court appearance.

## First Air Ride Real Adventure

FOSTER, Ore. (AP)—Fred Hurford, Lowell, Ore., had an adventure he didn't bargain for Wednesday when he took his first plane ride in a light craft piloted by his son, Robert.

The plane's motor conked out at an altitude of 8,000 feet, and the younger Hurford had to set it down on a logging road near Cascadia, about 40 miles east of Sweet Home in the Cascade Range.

## Community Calendar

- THURSDAY**
- JOB'S DAUGHTERS BETHEL**, NO. 6, 7:30 p.m., meeting and initiation, Masonic Hall, Candy money.
  - OREGON NURSES**, 7:30 p.m., Klamath Health Unit, 1949 Main.
  - SHASTA PTA**, 7:30 p.m., School, Mrs. Myrtle Caldwell, county health nurse, speaker.
  - MOOSE LODGE**, 8 p.m., Moose Hall, 1010 Pine. Past governors of No. 1106 attending.
  - FRIDAY**
  - PUBLIC CARD PARTY**, 8 p.m., Olene-Pine Grove Community Hall. Sponsored by Olene-Pine Grove Community Club.
  - RUMMAGE SALE**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Clyde's Towing Service Quota Club.
  - RUMMAGE SALE**, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Piggly Wiggly Building, Fairview School PTA.
  - SCHOOLMATES**, 1 p.m. Dessert, home of Mrs. R. H. Anderson, 345 North Tenth Street.
  - BPW RUMMAGE SALE**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1116 Main.
  - SHASTA - HOMEDALE** Home Extension Unit, 10 a.m., Joan's Kitchen. "Quick Breads." Child care provided.
  - SHASTA VIEW GRANGE**, 8 p.m. Lecturer's program.
  - OIL PAINTING CLASS**, 12 noon, Klamath Art Association Maple Park Gallery. Mrs. E. J. Warrick, instructor.
  - RUMMAGE SALE**, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., RLDS Church Annex.
  - MERRILL SQUARE DANCERS** party and potluck, 8 p.m., Merrill Recreation Hall.

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