

FORMER CHIEF TELLS WORST FIRE IN CITY

Keith Ambrose Describes City's Earliest Fire Department

"What was the largest fire Klamath Falls ever had? Keith Ambrose, ex-chief of police and fire head, was asked.



KEITH AMBROSE

"The Houston hotel was the most serious fire we ever had," was the answer. "It happened just before Labor Day in 1920 and the building, a three-story frame, was crowded. The fire began about three o'clock in the morning and lasted all day. Both sides of the street were burned and nine lives were lost. The state investigated but the origin of the fire was never determined.

At the time Mr. Ambrose first entered the fire department, Ed Wakefield was chief, and the old two-wheel fire hose carts were used. Each cart carried about 500 feet of hose. When an alarm came in the first man to reach the city hall, then an old wooden building, to take out the hose cart received five dollars as a prize.

Move to Dismiss Arizona's Suit To Delay Work

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (UP)—A motion for dismissal of Arizona's suit for an injunction against completion of the Boulder Canyon dam was filed with the clerk of the supreme court today by the attorney general, representing the United States government and attorneys for water states interested in the water and power project.

Ira D. Ware Dies on Way to Dairy Monday

Unconscious from exposure and exhaustion, Ira D. Ware, blacksmith and for many years a resident of Klamath county, died five minutes after he was discovered at 9:15 by a train crew. Ware had evidently been walking along the tracks toward Dairy when he fainted one-half mile west of Moyena on the O. C. & E. railroad. He was discovered by engineer Roy Tyrrell and conductor Al Peterstetter, en route to Bly, who have aid until his death and called Dr. G. S. Newsum. It was found that Ware's feet were frozen and inquiry revealed that he had been drinking.

Mr. Ware is survived by a wife and several children living in California. They have been notified.

SALEM (UP)—For 40 years without fail, E. O. Underwood has kept a weather diary.

Chaperon



Parents, if you think that keeping your girls and boys out of mischief is difficult, just consider the case of Jenky Brooks, above chaperon of a night club from which parents and babies are barred. Jenky is the candidate of Ginger Tolliver, daughter of a minister at Red Thrush, Ia. When Ginger decided to open the club, Jenky became chaperon. You'll find Jenky has plenty of things to worry about, when you read "For Gingers Sake," a thrilling serial novel, starting Thursday in The Klamath News.

Burn Negro at House Where He Killed Teacher

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 12 (UP)—A parade of death, with a mob of 3,000 men, women and children trailing in its wake, started from the county courthouse here today and ended at a little rural schoolhouse where a 30-year-old negro was burned alive.

Raymond Gunn, the negro, paid with his life at the place where he assaulted and murdered Velma Colter, a 19-year-old white school teacher. He was chained to the roof of the frame schoolhouse while a group of men lighted its oil-soaked timbers. He shrieked but once as the flames ate their way to the roof and surrounded him. The mob looked on in silence.

Students Back From Meeting At University

Returning from the annual high school conference of the University of Oregon, held January 9 and 10, eight delegates from Klamath Union high school report a successful occasion. Arthur Bremer, editor of the student body newspaper, Tommy Bridgely, editor of the El Rodeo, the annual; Blanche O'Neill, president of the girls' league, the women's conference; Bob Gallagher, vice president; and Delphine Graham, secretary, the student body members, Virginia West, school adviser. Transportation was provided by Miss Jean Rogers and Mr. Lewis Clark.

Friday the delegates were welcomed to the university, after which the sections passed to their respective meetings. George Chester, president of the student body, presided as toastmaster at the banquet held in the men's dormitory that evening. A college night program in Gerding building followed this affair.

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POE VALLEY NEWS NOTES

Large Oil Truck Skids Off Road Near Whitlatch Ranch

MRS. EVA ROBERTS, Correspondent
POE VALLEY, Jan. 12.—The large oil truck skidding off the road near Whitlatch ranch has been the subject of the week.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waldrop of Malin has been critically ill at the Klamath Valley hospital with pneumonia. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ross were transacting business in Klamath Falls, Tuesday.

One of the men feeding the large cattle has been ill with influenza and Dr. Moore has been taking his place.

Mrs. John Bailey of Malin has been visiting at the Walter Hawkins home on route home from Medford, where she spent two weeks. Mrs. Bailey returned home Monday.

Mrs. B. J. Roberts and Robert Mitchell delivered hogs to the Pratt market Tuesday.

Dick Turpin, who has been slaving at the Ross home returned to his home in Klamath Falls Friday for a visit.

Ray Roberts and Wilson Combs were at the Earl McCall and Frank Corpena ranches in the Tule lake district on business Wednesday.

Tom Roberts and Eli Wolf have been helping Lee and Fred Roberts haul wood from Bryant mountain.

Bert Vogt and Eddie Roberts motored to the city on business Monday.

Fred Peterson, school superintendent, was visiting at the school Tuesday.

Louis Provo was a business visitor in Bonanza Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Webber has been absent from school several days on account of trouble with her eyes.

A large standard oil truck slid off the road near the Whitlatch ranch Monday. Several trucks were required to pull it back on the grade.

Cecil Day took a load of wood to Klamath Falls Friday. Mr. Woodover was also a visitor in the city Friday.

Great Britain Round Table Favors India

LONDON, Jan. 12 (UP)—Great Britain's search for a solution to the problem presented in the Indian empire resulted today in a recommendation at the historic round table conference for the appointment of a governor-general as chief executive in a proposed federal government for India.

Fundamental changes which would give the people of India a central, responsible government and which would organize an Indian legislature, or parliament, were recommended by the federal structure sub-committee. The report was made at a session of the full committee on the federal structure. It was based on the assumption that the projected constitution for India would recognize the principle of a responsible federal government in India.

Supervisors In Modoc Appoint To County Positions
ALTURAS (Modoc Co.), Jan. 12.—At the first meeting of the county board of supervisors for the year 1931 several county positions were filled by appointment.

Mrs. Amanda S. Peck was re-appointed as matron of the old county hospital and Mrs. Cecelia was appointed matron of the new county hospital just opened. Charles Ivory was reappointed to the position of janitor and caretaker of the county court house and grounds, a position which he has occupied for the past 15 years. Ivory, who has created a perfect effect of the court house grounds, was highly complimented by the board for his landscape gardening work.

Evangelist Declares Oregon's Biggest Need In Better Booster Plan

"We westerners need to learn more and more the meaning of good citizenship." Thus spoke Dr. Kellem last night in a meeting at the First Christian church. These meetings have been interesting not only from the standpoint of religion but also from that of social and international relations as well.

Dr. Kellem is a very keen student of political and social relations and never fails to enrich his messages with flashes from his world's experience in those matters. "We are a young people out here," he continued. "But what boundless opportunities we have in this Northwest. I am afraid we ourselves have not recognized them. I have seen this country from one end to the other. I have studied its resources and possibilities and I have yet to find an area with such vast chances for wonderful growth and development as this northwestern section."

"What has happened in southern California is going to happen to us. We have failed only in one respect. We have not had enough of the spirit of boosterism. We have not sufficiently advertised Oregon and Washington. When we talk about good citizenship we do not mean that member of our community who makes all he can and cans all he makes. The good citizen is one who is interested in more than his own advancement. I rather like the term 'public-spirited'."

"He is a man who is interested in those things which have regard to the welfare of the whole community. The good citizen is vitally concerned about our schools. He is interested to see that the latest and most approved methods of public instruction are employed in his schools. He does not feel that the schools belong to some entity called the city which in some manner is over him but that they are his schools and that he is responsible for their success. He is concerned not only that the students receive the proper instruction but also that the moral and spiritual health is cared for knowing that knowledge without moral stability but trains for crime."

CHURCH INTEREST
"The good citizen is interested in the success of the church. The church makes the morality according to which business is done on Main street. The church produces that type of character which helps the good citizen to uphold the law of the land."

"The good citizen is interested in the newspapers of the town because they bring to him that information which helps to create public spirit."

Tonight Dr. Kellem is to preach on the theme "The Conversion of an Army Captain." Dr. Homer Kellem is leading the great chorus with enthusiasm each night. Tonight he and Mrs. Kellem will sing another beautiful duet.

IOWA STAGES UPSET
IOWA CITY, Iowa, Jan. 12 (UP)—Iowa provided a major upset for the Big Ten conference basketball race by sking out a 25 to 23 victory over Purdue here tonight.

Scene of Death Too Much For One Poor Porker

THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 12 (UP)—The sight of one of his comrades taking the long trail was evidently too much for a pig at a ranch near here yesterday as, after watching a fellow porker butchered, the pig promptly rolled over, with all four feet in the air, dead. It was evidently "scared to death."

DePiero Kills Self in Accident After Rabbit Hunt

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 12 (UP)—Antonio de Piero, 45, accidentally killed himself yesterday, following a rabbit hunting trip. It was believed the trigger of de Piero's .20-30 rifle was caught when he tried to climb over a wire fence.

Sues For Divorce, Charges Desertion

A suit for divorce was filed by Max Y. Nelson against Andrew Nelson charging that the defendant deserted her on December 20. Fay Morris is the attorney for the plaintiff.

A suit was also filed by Elsie Elizabeth Siemens for divorce from John Siemens, Jr. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

"Fathers' Night" will be held by the Fairview P. T. A. at the Fairview school auditorium Friday evening, January 23, at 7:30. It was announced last night. Games, stunts and a short program will provide the entertainment, after which refreshments will be served.

Convict Justice Of Taking of Public Funds

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 12 (UP)—Defense counsel for J. L. Tomala, ex-justice of the peace here, who was found guilty by a jury late yesterday on a charge of embezzlement of public funds, was granted 20 days in which to prepare for a new trial by Circuit Judge H. K. Zimmerman here today.

Tomala's sentence was postponed until after the motion for the new trial has been made. The state proved that Tomala's accounts had been carefully kept for the past four years, and that there was no record of approximately \$2,000 taken in as lost money during that time.

Tomala, in his defense, admitted that due to his ignorance of bookkeeping, he had been unable to keep his accounts adequately, but said he was certain the missing money was "in the bank." The bank balance was \$300.

R. C. Keuhner Given Position Of Club Leader

On receiving notice of the approval of his appointment to the position of county club leader of Lane county, R. C. Keuhner, who has recently been assistant county agricultural agent in Klamath county, left the last of the week for Eugene to take up his position and residence there.

Keuhner's appointment was recommended after the resignation of Arnold D. Collier former agent. Keuhner has been assistant agent here since the transfer of Victor Johnson to Lakewood. His appointment to the Klamath county position has not been made.

MEETING NOTICE
Calvary Epworth Society, Jan. 13, 7:30. Stated service Wednesday, Jan. 14, 8:00. At 7:30. Installation of officers, January 15, 8:00. Ball game, 8:00. Visiting Epworth Societies and their wives invited to attend.

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