Midland Empire News

MALIN MAYOR CHOSEN HEAD OF CHAMBER

MALIN — Mayor A. Kalina was elected president of the Malin chamber of commerce at a meeting by the board of directors in session Monday night. T. A. DeMerritt will serve as vice president, B. H. Pickett as treasurer and Irving Capek as secretary Capek, recently elected to the board of directors, resigned to take the office of secretary. His place on the board was filled by Ray Van Meter

The chamber will sonsor the annual Klamath county B school track meet to be held here Saturday, May 3, offering for permanent custody to the relay team taking first place, a trophy. A medal will also be offered by the chamber to the entrant piling up the greatest number of individual points in the meet Both will be presented in addition to the trophy given by the Merrill Service club to the school taking the county title.

Ribbons will be given for first, second, third and fourth places in all events.

The meet is being held in Malin for the first time this year.

Gene Detrick Named to Head Bly PTA Group

BLY—A PTA meeting was held at Bly high school gym on Monday, April 14. The main business of the evening was election of officers for the coming year. Results of the voting were as follows:

Gene Detrick, president; Frances Moll, vice president; Thelma Heringen, secretary; Lois Ihrstrom, treasurer.

The program, in charge of Betty Deering, included the following numbers: reading, Florence Ihrstrom; tap dance, Gwen Ashbaugh; choral reading, three selections by the sixth grade, Ruth Obenchain, director; style review showing completed dresses and aprons, Mrs. Fred Stone, director of 4-H club; acrobatic dance, Betty Abbott, and piano solo, Bonnie Stone. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ed Dishno and Muriel Smith.

HENZEL BUILDING HOME AT MALIN

MALIN — Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henzel have under construction a modern 10 room home on their ranch north of town that they expect to occupy about October 1. Exterior of the building will be brick with tile roof, while all interior wood finishes will be of Philippine mahogany.

Plans call for a large play room for children, bath on the lower and upper floors, an office and two huge fireplaces, one in the living room and the second in the master bedroom on the second floor.

Hedlund and Drewelow are the contractors and the home is expected to cost $25,000.

Henzel with his brother Dick Henzel, who also built one of the finest homes in Klamath county two years ago, north of Malin, came to the south end about seven years ago. They have farmed extensively on lease lands on Tulelake and have the largest hog ranch in southern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henzel live on the ranch formerly owned by Joe Zumpfe.

Mt. Laki

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Kaylor and family of Tulelake have moved to the Charles Bell farm. The Bell family have gone to California.

Mrs. Charles DeLap Sr. has returned from Portland where she has received medical treatments the past two months.

The Mt. Laki Thursday Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Jeannette Jackson last week.

The Henley grange held its regular meeting at the grange hall Wednesday night.

Largest School Bus System

North Carolina has the largest school bus system of any state in the United States. It transports 320,000 rural children to and from school daily.

"PLANE" FACTS

The average American transport airplane flies more than 60 per cent farther in one year than the average planes of any European national system.

FRIDAY SET FOR MERRILL SOCIAL

MERRILL—On Friday night, April 18, the Loyal Order of Moose of Merrill will entertain the public at an old time basket social in the community hall. Free entertainment is scheduled before the baskets are auctioned off and a dance for which no charge will be made will conclude the program.

All Moose are urged to be present and to invite their friends. Ladies are asked to take baskets and their escorts will bid them in for lunch.

J. W. Reeder, senior past governor of the Merrill order and E. T. Crawford, chairman of the program committee stated this week that when the Moose entertain everyone has a good time and a cordial invitation is extended. The hour is 8 o'clock.

Merrill

Mrs. E. F. Barker, formerly Nevada Schooley, registered nurse, who for the past three years has assisted Dr F. E. Trotman has accepted a position with Dr. Ralph Stearns, eye, ear and nose specialist in Klamath Falls. Her work will be taken over by Mrs. Fannette Offield Hodges.

Gordon Fruits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren F. Fruits submitted late Tuesday to an operation for appendicitis at Hillside hospital.

Mrs. William Lowder submitted to a major operation at a Klamath Falls hospital last Friday.

Seven year old Dickie Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs O. V. Reeves whose birthday was Tuesday, April 15, was honored when a number of small friends came for an afternoon of fun. The time was spent with games and a birthday cake was served. Helping celebrate were Rodney and Janice Edward, Shirley Brown, Douglas Scott, Sharon Moreland, Jimmie Walker, Ronny Cheyne, Lila and Hilary Weinbarger, Billy Robinson, Evelyn Jane Oaks, Sammy Bundeson and the small host's sister, Connie Mae.

Mrs. Hazel Lilly will go to Corvallis Thursday for a visit with her father, Mr. Rycraft who for several months has been receiving treatment in a Corvallis hospital.

Hildebrand

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smyth took their small daughter, Edna, to Klamath Falls Thursday for medical attention.

Charles Burroughs who is employed at Tionesta, spent the weekend at Hildebrand.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Michael and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Michael visited on Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ritter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pool of Beatty and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vieira of Sprague River spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pool of Hildebrand.

Bert Goff spent Saturday with Walter Ritter.

Beth Smyth visited on Saturday with her cousin, Bessie Hartzler.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Looten and children of Ashland are visiting with Mrs. Looten's mother, Mrs. Ione Lanze.

Mrs. S. K. Hartzler and daughter Bessie visited Tuesday at the W. O. Smyth home.

Most of the farmers of Yonna valley are almost through with their spring seeding

Roy Drew and Elmer Woelk moved the Egert and Drew cattle from their Sprague River ranch to their home ranch at Hildebrand where they will finish their feeding.

Girl Scouts at Sprague River Enjoy Party

SPRAGUE RIVER — The Sprague River Girl Scout troop enjoyed an interesting Easter party Saturday night, April 5, in the Sprague River gymnasium. The first part of the evening was spent in playing dodge ball, volley ball, Easter word scrambles and other games characteristic of the season. Folk dancing was next, under the direction of Mrs. Fenning. The girls danced routines taught by Mrs. Savage on her recent visit here.

At nine o'clock the group was served refreshments of jello, cake, cocoa and sandwiches. Special guests were Mrs. Ruby Rumelhart and Mrs. Roy Fenning. The following scouts were present: Bertha Looper, Noreen Lee, Velma Lee Pool, Charlotte Rumelhart, Lula Mae Blackley, Dolores Cody, Virginia Goddard, Verna Belle Ryan, Agatha and Blanche Schonchin and the two scoutmasters, Mrs. Joe Young and Mrs June Leeper.

PURCHASE OF HOWITH RANCH MADE BY HESS

SPRAGUE RIVER — A business transaction of major importance in the Sprague River area was the purchase of the Fred Howith ranch last week by Douglass Hess, well known local cattleman. The Howith ranch is located along the river two miles east of Sprague River and contains over 400 acres of fine grazing and hay land.

Howith came to the Sprague River country about 15 years ago and started the clearing of land for his ranch. For a number of years he had a dairy farm and shipped cream to Klamath Falls. During recent years Howith has devoted his time to the raising of fine beef cattle. The purchase price of the ranch is rumored to be around $6000. Howith and his motner, who has lived on the ranch with him, are now living in the Durbin Cook cabins. The couple spent last weekend investigating ranch possibilities in the Rogue river valley.

Hess has operated a cattle ranch for several years about seven miles west of Sprague River.

JURY BRINGS VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER

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koski, related during the morning session of circuit court.

Describes Events

By 2 p. m., arguments to the jury had started and it appeared likely the 11 men and one woman would retire to secret deliberations before dinner time.

Anderson took the stand at 11:30 a. m., and under questioning of Defense Attorney J. C. O'Neill and E. E. Driscoll, described events of January 22, the day before Zulkoski was shot, allegedly on the Lakeview highway near Olene, in a wood truck.

Took Rifles, Liquor

He said he and Zulkoski went two days to a wood camp near Beatty, both times taking along two rifles and liquor Zulkoski purchased in Bly with money provided by Anderson. On one trip, after target shooting, Anderson said he re-filled the .32 calibre rifles with 30-30 shells.

Anderson testified the pair had no trouble at the wood camp. On the second day, they drove to Bonanza, where Zulkoski purchased a pint of whiskey. Shortly after, he said, they fell to quarreling as they drove toward Klamath Falls in the truck.

Zulkoski, Anderson testified, demanded that Jim let him drive the truck, and cuffed him.

"I pulled up right now," said Anderson. "He made a grab for the keys. I pulled them out of the ignition and put them in my pocket. The inside handle of the door was broken on my side of the car. I put my arm outside to unlatch the door. Jerry hit me and shoved me. The door was unlatched and I fell to the pavement.

Gun Beside Him

"I tried to hold on the door as I was going out and one of the rifles hit alongside with me. I started to get up, and Jerry said:

" 'You'd better stay where you are.'

"I saw then Jerry had a gun. I started to reach out for the rifle that was alongside me.

"Jerry said: 'You give me those car keys or I'll shoot you to take them.'

"I never made an attempt to get up—I heard the hammer click on the gun and knew Jerry meant to shoot. I threw my gun up and shot. His gun dropped on the running board. I grabbed it.

"He didn't move over. He just sat there still. I jumped in and pushed him over. He made a rattly sound.

"I knew then he had been hit and decided to take him to a Klamath Falls hospital. I opened the bottle and offered him a drink. He didn't answer me and I took one. Every once in a while he made little gurgling sounds—to me, signs of life—but in the next couple of miles there were no more sounds. I pulled off to the side of the road and lighted a match to see if he was dead.

"It Scared Me"

"It scared me. I didn't want a dead man riding around with me. So I opened the door and he rolled out."

Anderson then related going to the Charles Drew place to get money, and then drove into town where he intended to give himself up to Sheriff Low. He told of getting more liquor in town and eating hamburgers and finally deciding to return to the ranch and tell his father instead of going to the sheriff.

Questioned by Defense Attorney O'Neill, he repeatedly said he believed Zulkoski intended to shoot him and that was the only reason he fired at Zulkoski.

A long cross-examination was expected in the courtroom as Special Prosecutor Van Vactor "took the witness."

"How tall are you?" asked Van Vactor.

"A little over six feet," answered Anderson.

"How much do you weigh?"

"I weighed 175 pounds when I went to the jail and weigh about 185 now."

Van Vactor then asked the witness if he had told his father that Zulkoski asked him to drive to a hospital after Zulkoski was shot. (O. T. Anderson had so testified).

The defendant said he had not told his father Zulkoski had made such a statement, but said he had intended to take Zulkoski to the hospital and evidently his father misunderstood.

"That will be all," said Van Vactor.

The state then presented Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, as rebuttal witness. Dr. Adler testified that Zulkoski could not have uttered a coherent word after he was shot, due to the nature of his wound.

The state then rested.

For exactly one hour Thursday, O. T. "Buck" Anderson, white father of the 18-year-old boy, sat in the witness chair and answered clearly and concisely all questions put to him first by the defense and then by the state. Anderson said he had lived in Klamath county for 55 years and his family consisted of four boys and two girls, one of whom was James. He testified James lived at home and was associated with him in work on their ranch holdings in and around Beatty.

Anderson described the manner in which he hired Jerry Zulkoski, saying he "picked him up at the Klamath Billiards" along with another fellow who worked but a few days for him. Anderson said he had never seen, nor had heard, of Zulkoski before hiring him but later learned he was "a hard fellow to get along with," and the second man left because of differences with Zulkoski. Zulkoski was employed for "about two weeks" before the fatal shooting Anderson said. The hired man slept in the bunk house.

Events of the day of the shooting were outlined by Anderson who said he sent Jerry and James to the woods about four miles from the ranch to get a load of limbs.

"I told Jerry not to take the guns when they went, but I left for Beatty before the boys went to the woods and I didn't know if he took them or not," Anderson testified. He said he did not allow drinking on the ranch and if he had known Jerry had aided James in getting liquor he would have let him go at once. Anderson said there was no way to identify Zulkoski from his personal effects. Zulkoski destroyed letters as "soon as he had read them," Anderson said his younger son told him.

The father then told how, on the morning of January 24, young Anderson came on horseback to the Piute camp and he was "as drunk as I've ever seen him."

"He told me how he and Jerry had trouble and he'd had to shoot Jerry and said it this way —'Daddy I had to shoot him, he was going to shoot me', and then after I shot him he said 'take me to the hospital' and I tried to but when I talked to him he wouldn't answer and I drove on a side road and lit a match to see how he was. His eyes were glassy, his face white, and I unlatched the door and he fell out' "

The elder Anderson continued his description of returning to his home in Beatty by car, the boy following on horseback. As soon as James reached the ranch he went into the house and took a bath and at that time Sheriff Lloyd Low came and as soon as James was through bathing we came into town, he said.

Anderson said his son attended school at Chico, Calif., and also was graduated from a military school in Palo Alto Calif.

Erma Carstens Titus, clerk at the Bly liquor store testified to Zulkoski's purchase of one quart and one pint of liquor on January 22, and two quarts on January 23.

Jesse L. Kirk was called to the stand and said he took a drink with the boys and they were "in visible good humor."

Bonanza High Leaders

—Bruno.

Charm and scholarship evidently go together at Bonanza high school. Here are Madge Fitzhugh, right, valedictorian, and Marilee Givan, left, salutatorian, of this year's Bonanza senior class.

POST AUXILIARY HELPS CHILDREN

MERRILL — Mrs E. E. Kilpatrick was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the auxiliary of the Merrill Legion post, when it was reported that 15 dresses for girls from two to 16 years of age have been made by the unit to send to the Roseburg center to be distributed among children of disabled World war veterans.

Hundreds of physically and mentally ill men are still being treated in Oregon and the peak of hospitalization will not be reached until 1945, auxiliary officials report.

The unit will sponsor attendance of two girls from the Merrill community, one to be chosen from the auxiliary group to attend Girls' State at a camp near Salem in late June.

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