

Hospital Problems To Be Aired At Grange Meeting

On January 6, at 8 p.m., the Oregon Trail Grange will host a public meeting concerning the financial problems of the Malheur Memorial Hospital. James Mattes, hospital administrator, and members of the board of directors and budget board will be present to explain the

budget. They will answer questions from the audience. The future of the hospital will be decided at the election on January 11. The Oregon Trail Hall is located five miles south of Nyssa, on the Nyssa-Adrian highway. Plan to attend this informational meeting.

Newell Heights Items

By Dale Witt

NEWELL HEIGHTS - Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schutte were their daughter, Edith Martin and her baby daughter of Kansas City, Missouri. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bruns, Edwin Bruns and friend Larry Schwartz all of Eden, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schutte were last Sunday and Monday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grant in Nampa. She is also a daughter of the Schuttes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and son Kent of Caldwell were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Dale Witt.

Selma Simpson and friend

Dave Woodard of Vancouver, Washington came Thursday and surprised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson. Christmas eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Simpson were Mr. and Mrs. Marion York and girls of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Galyen of Ontario, Silma Simpson, Dave Woodard, Ida Fenn and Marilyn and Steven Fenn of Quincy, Washington.

Christmas dinner guests in the Alfred Simpson home were Mr. and Mrs. Marion York and family of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Galyen, of Ontario and Selma Simpson and Dave Woodard of Vancouver, Washington.

Founder of Arcadia

Fred J. Keisel

By Nell Bowers

There are a few personal facts about this man. He came from Germany before 1885. He arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah with money and a vision of setting up a settlement with farming and farm families from his native homeland.

Salt Lake was pretty well settled by then, and although he could see plenty of business opportunities, this didn't fill his ambitions and interests.

In Salt Lake he heard stories of Eastern Oregon gold mines, new towns, shortages of supplies, mild climate, rivers to be developed for irrigation. It all fired his imagination. Always one to try to make an extra dollar, he loaded freight wagons with all kinds of things new settlers, ranchers and gold miners would need and headed the freight wagon train for Ontario. He knew once settled, the wagons and good horses could be used to freight goods to ranches and homesteaders in the surrounding countryside.

On arriving at Ontario, he built a building to house a general store. The building still stands on Main Street. In the succeeding years, he took in one partner and then another but Keisel always maintained the controlling interest. In 1896, it was re-organized and became The Oregon Forwarding Company, Fred J. Keisel, Pres. He was a busy man. He was looking the country over.

He bought land for a settlement at Arcadia, which became the main ranch headquarters. He acquired much land. He brought men over from Germany to manage the work. At one time, he owned or leased every other section of land between Arcadia and Vale. He began a fruit farm at Arcadia. Fruit was dried and canned. He could see they would have to have a railroad closer than the main line, so he hid himself off to Washington, D.C., where he lobbied until he got the short line that runs through Arcadia. On his many trips, he always had private accommodations on the train. In fact, he had a pass, which proclaimed that he or any of his progeny could ride the trains for all time, and the train would stop at Arcadia station to let them off. His grandson told me this is still in force, but no one would think of using it anymore.

The railroad put a station with a regular agent at Arcadia. There were big plans made for a town there. They built a tomato cannery, someone started drilling for oil, irrigation came in for the land. Keisel, at one time, owned 95% of the stock in the Owyhee ditch. He extended credit to homesteaders. They worked on the ditch in their spare time and traded him their stock in the ditch for supplies.

Mr. Keisel did very little of the actual work of settling the land but he hired overseers and people that knew and

would work. He was very fair in his dealings.

He loved trees. He had a poplar lane planted which the county road followed from the railroad station to the ranch at Arcadia. When he arrived at the station, a fancy buggy pulled by a high-stepping team of thoroughbreds was waiting to take him along the lane to the ranch.

He had many cattle on the range. He kept good bulls and stallions to improve the range herds.

There was a race track built at the ranch. It was encircled by ash trees. Many a race was held there. There was a church and a school.

This was taken from the "History of Baker, Grant, Malheur, and Harney Counties" written in 1902.

"What is known as the KS&D Fruit Farm was located about 1890. It consists of 1320 acres of land under the Owyhee ditch. On the farm, 390 acres are sowed to alfalfa. One hundred thirty-five are in orchards, in which there are 12,000 fruit bearing trees. Twenty-seven thousand shade trees have been planted. Along the county road, which passes through the farm, is an avenue of tall poplars two miles long. Thirteen acres



THE OLD TEMPLE HOME, an Arcadia landmark, is now lived in by Clyde and Nell Bowers on Arcadia Avenue. The house originally stood on the south side of the lane leading to the Arcadia school.

are occupied by the townsites, on which are 12 families located in neat cottages. The town has been named Arcadia, a post office has been established and a good school house built.

"The Oregon Shortline railroad has built a station house on the main just east of the farm and a side track has

been constructed into the midst of the orchard lands.

"Immense quantities of fresh and evaporated fruit are shipped from Arcadia annually. A steam evaporator has been in use for some time. In connection with it are a storage warehouse and a box factory.

"Arcadia is an object lesson, showing in detail, the wonderful effects of irrigation on otherwise arid sagebrush plains. It is a vast garden spot, where are seen green hay fields, and ripening grain fields, the shade of orchard and forest trees, fruit and flowers, flocks and herds, and where may be heard, at all times, the musical hum of an active and prosperous community.

"When it is remembered that large sections of Malheur County are just sagebrush plains as were those which was located by KS&D ranch, some idea may be had of the magical effects that may be produced by the use of grubbing hoe and the water from an irrigation ditch.

"In no other industry in the Northwest will capital find a better opportunity for safe and remunerative investment than in the reclaiming of the barren areas of Malheur County."

Fred J. Keisel did not live to a ripe old age. The dream he had become tarnished, as many dreams do. Dried fruit lost popularity, the land

became waterlogged, by a lack of drainage systems. He did not live to see all those problems solved, as they are now. But the dream was worthwhile. KS&D Lands, still, own much land in the area and Arcadia and Malheur County is truly a garden spot in the world.

Events Around Adrian

By Dale Witt

The following were guests of Mrs. Mable Piercy Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mecham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Piercy and family and their daughter Janice Piercy who is in the Army stationed in Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Polackus and two children of Portland, Dena Piercy who attends business school, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Piercy and Dale of Parma, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy and family. Sue Ashcraft and Edna Cowling also Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mechams daughter Judy and husband of Weiser.

Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. Sue Ashcraft were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamelton and grandson John and Colleen of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hamelton of Wilder and Mrs. Knight and son of near Boise.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft attended the LDS Christmas party at the Owyhee Church Thursday evening, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Droun and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fredericksen in Nyssa.

ADRIAN Business Directory

Fire Dept.-503-372-2220
St. Police 503-889-6468

Adrian Mercantile
503-372-2727
208-724-6131

Adrian Oil Company
503-372-2877

Bea's Beauty Bar
503-372-2653

Callahan Repair Service
Wrecker Service
503-372-3213

Freel Brothers Trucking
Commodity & Livestock
503-372-2736

Martin's Market
& Adrian Supply
503-372-2722

Mirage Cafe & lounge
Live music Sat. night
503-372-2338

Parker Lmbr. & Hrdwre
503-372-2433
208-724-6174

Stephen Plumbing
Oregon & Idaho licensed
503-372-2783

Van DeWater Leveling
503-372-2562

Webb Service Garage
503-372-2464

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