

Ford's Theater Still One Of Most Popular Meccas

WASHINGTON — Ford's Theater, where Abraham Lincoln was shot, is one of the most popular tourist meccas in downtown Washington. But are its exhibits authentic?

The National Park Service insists they are. An Illinois historian says they aren't.

Both the theater and the Petersen house across the street where Lincoln died are operated by the Park Service as museums.

Visitors are told that among items on exhibit are furniture pieces from Lincoln's Springfield, Ill., home, the only home the Civil War president ever owned.

But Clyde L. Walton, Illinois state historian, has challenged this, contending most of the items probably are fake.

Museum Men Disagree
The men who run the museum politely disagree.

"As far as we know they're authentic," Stanley McClure, acting historical chief of National Capital Parks, told a reporter.

The controversy officially started a year ago on Lincoln's Birthday when Rep. Peter F. Mack Jr. (D-Ill.), who represents the district that once sent Lincoln to Congress, proposed that the furniture be returned to Springfield.

Walton said later much of the furniture is fake and he doesn't want it.

The furniture is part of a Lincoln collection that Congress purchased in 1926 for \$50,000 from the late Osborn H. Oldroyd. The state of Illinois was a disappointed prospective buyer in what Walton now considers something of a white elephant purchase.

But McClure rejoins: "Our documents show the furniture to be authentic. We plan no investigation. Further investigation will have to come from Dr. Walton."

However, Rep. Mack says: "I certainly don't want anything returned to Illinois until this is cleared up."

Bethel No. 42 Elects Two Session Delegates

Oakland Bethel No. 42, Job's Daughters, recently elected Joyce Rippstein and Gatha Graham as delegates to grand session at Medford in April.

Queen Sandra Flory announced that inspection would be March 5 and a practice will be held after the next regular meeting, Feb. 19. Bethel members reported on the slumber party that 26 girls attended.

The librarians report was a poem sent to Bethel members from Mrs. Chapman from New Jersey, entitled, "To The Oakland Bethel."

It was announced that members were to make 75 favors for tables at grand session. Bernice Fugate was appointed to write the grandmother. Peggy Murphy to the grandfather and Sandra Whitley to Judy Bellows. Mrs. Riggs spoke about points for merit badges and proficiency tests.

Jeri Lynn Coney was awarded a bronze merit badge reports correspondent Edith Dunn.

Consolidated Scholarships Made Available

High school seniors of the county planning to prepare themselves for a teaching career are eligible to apply for a \$300 scholarship from Consolidated Freightways Inc., Bob Wiegand, manager of the local C-F terminal announced today.

Candidates from all county schools, except Reedsport, will submit their applications to a local nominating committee still to be selected. This committee will then name one student as the county's scholarship nominee, forwarding his application to a final judging committee in Menlo Park, Calif.

C-F is awarding 18 first-year college scholarships to students living in communities of 75,000 or less. The 18 winners will be selected from 62 nominees. All nominees who do not win will receive \$30 awards.

The program for the county is being organized by Wiegand.

Consolidated first awarded "highway to learning" scholarships last year when general requirements of its program were revised to encourage young teachers-to-be. The original program was established in 1951 to replace the traditional practice of giving Christmas remembrances to customers. Before 1957, the scholarships were granted without regard to career aims.

Oakland Church Observe Scouts Week Sunday

By EDITH DUNN

Twenty Oakland Boy Scouts and leader Perry Green attended Sunday services together last week at Oakland Community Presbyterian Church in observance of Boy Scout Week.

Elders Ordained
George A. Wilcox, Robert Stearns and Harold Crouch, elders, and Emmitt Churchill and Mrs. Guy Peeler, deacons, were ordained at the morning service.

Harriet-Rosa Circle met at the home of Mrs. Ruth Bunch, T. e. a towels were hummed and stamped. Quilt blocks are also being pieced for relief quilts. Mrs. Bunch served a dessert luncheon.

Calapooia Circle of the church held its quarterly meeting at the home of Mrs. Alfred Hand. Mrs. Harold Couch led devotions, and Mrs. Noble read the life of Dr. Margaret Whittman.

One quilt was tied and another partly pieced. Several poems were read by Mrs. Dunbar. Mrs. Noble and Mrs. R. Truitt will be hostesses for the April meeting.

Mrs. Pearl Harvey has returned from a visit in Seattle, Wash., with her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crist and a grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hogan.

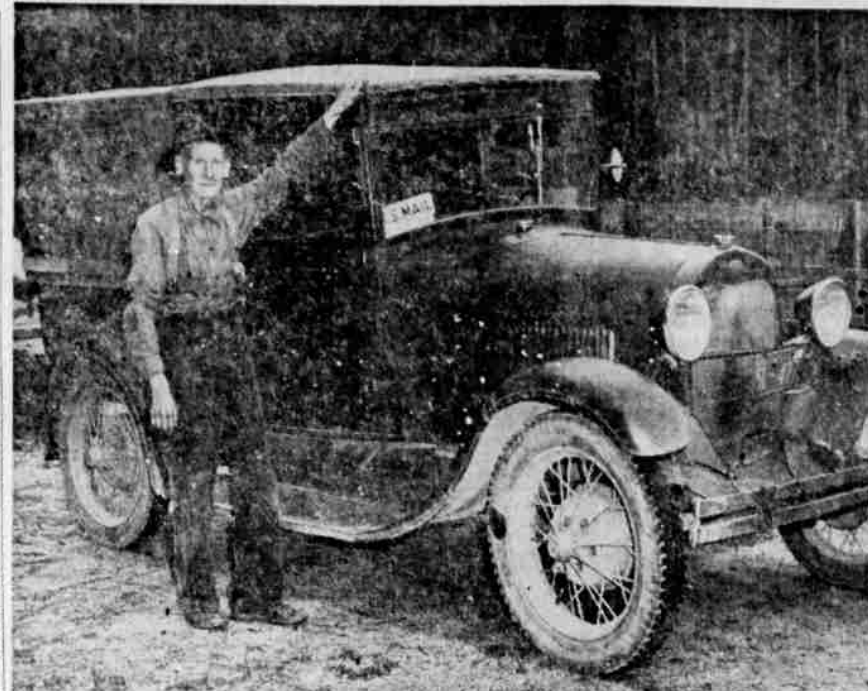
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins have returned from a trip to Phoenix, Ariz. where they visited Mrs. Edna Thomas, formerly of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Underwood, who are spending the winter there.

The Hopkins family went to Hermosillo, Mexico; and Mrs. Hopkins' daughters, Mrs. Billie Rae Blaylock and Mrs. Margaret Bucknell at San Raphael. At Napa they visited Hopkins' mother, Mrs. Jennie Cinnamon.

SPICY CHEFS

The Spicy Chefs 4-H cooking Club met recently at the home of Dixie and Mrs. Vern Wooton. A business meeting was held, with names of cooking utensils used to answers to roll call. Barbara Meehan gave a demonstration.

Those present were Sherrie Simmons, Laura Cressley, Elaine Goertzen, Mary Conn, Laura Mekemson, Margaret and Shirley Burkhardt, Joan Sands, Georgiana Sanders, Barbara, Nancy Lou, and Pat Meehan, Dixie and Mrs. Vern Wooton.



PARTNERS in delivering the U. S. mail on Upper Cow Creek Road in Southern Douglas County are Ed Throne and his 1929 model car. Both have been delivering mail along the road since 1930. (Paul Jenkins)

Cow Creek Mail Carrier, '29 Car Still Going Strong

By GEORGE CASTILLO

News-Review Assistant Editor

The U. S. mail, 73-year-old Ed Throne and his 1929 Model A Ford are practically synonymous to residents of the Upper Cow Creek Road.

The wiry, little man and his almost-antique car have been doing contract delivering of mail for the first time and later returned to build a house, near the site of his present frame bungalow, in 1912. He hewed the sideboards from logs on his property, which adjoined that of his father who had arrived in the area before him to take over a land claim.

Throne's original house burned recently, so he had another built.

Was Band Cornetist
He can weave stories for hours about the old-timers of Glendale, most of whom he has outlived. But his proudest memory of the past involves his days as a band cornetist.

Car Bought New
It was back in 1929 that Throne and his car got together. He drove it off the floor of a Roseburg motor company. In 1930, they began delivering the mail. Since then, the car has worn out two speedometers, so Throne just stopped using them. He estimates the car has run faithfully for 250,000 miles.

Together, they've carried "The mail without interruption. "The weather's never too bad to deliver

the mail," Throne says proudly. For their dedication to the mail service, both Throne and his car appeared in the cover picture of the nationally distributed "Star Carrier," the magazine of the trade.

Ed, himself is a part of the history of the Glendale area. He came to Glendale in 1905 for the first time and later returned to build a house, near the site of his present frame bungalow, in 1912. He hewed the sideboards from logs on his property, which adjoined that of his father who had arrived in the area before him to take over a land claim.

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Satisfied
Except for his mail carrying chores, Throne does little but putter around his 80-acre ranch with his second wife, Juanita. His first wife died. They have a second car, a newer model, for long trips, but both are satisfied to spend most of their leisure time watching television.

About the past, Throne says: "I don't think we get as much out of life as we did in the horse-and-buggy days." He claims everyone rushes too much and entertainment has become a glut on the market. "We used to make our own entertainment and have more fun," he says. But both Throne and his wife appear willing to accept the present day—if they can do it on their own terms.

Local Union Encampment No. 9 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will honor its Grand Patriarch, J. S. Van Doren of Forest Grove Friday at the IOOF Hall.

A ham dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. to all camp members and visiting camp members. Following the dinner hour the regular meeting will be held.

IOOF Grand Patriarch To Visit Here Friday

Bankruptcy Petitions Filed In U. S. Court
Bankruptcy petitions have been filed in U. S. District Court by three Douglas County residents.

Clifford M. Bice and Daisy D. Bice, Box 757, Yoncalla, each filed petitions claiming debts of \$30,244.65. They list their business as wholesale and retail meat sales.

Robert C. Van Burger, General Delivery, Roseburg, a pondman, claims debts of \$2,485.99 in his petition.

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER
Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit of Sutherlin will hold its traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Feb. 18. Serving will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

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Tickets On Sale For Douglas High's 'South Pacific'

Tickets for another ambitious Broadway "first" Oregon went on sale this week.

Reservations for "South Pacific," the Broadway musical which ran for 1,925 performances, are now available at Ricketts Music Store, Lester's Toy and Hobby Shop and at the Douglas High School office. The play is being presented by Douglas.

The production dates are Feb. 27, 28, March 1, 6 and possibly 7 and 8.

Upholding the tradition which started three years ago with the staging of "Oklahoma," Douglas High becomes the first high school in the state to tackle the musical. It has earlier been produced in Oregon by the Portland Civic Theater and Central Oregon College at Bend.

The company of 125 students is working daily to bring the musical into shape under the direction of Irene McLaughlin and Laura Grubbs. Helen McGuire, a 1956 Douglas graduate, is choreographer. Sets are being designed and painted by Peggy Peters and Jim Miller with the assistance of Margaret McCord and Bess Golger. Howard Fry is constructing stage sets.

The play won the New York Drama Critics award as the best musical comedy of 1948-49. Some of the songs in it are: "Some Enchanted Evening," "Bali Ha'i," and "A Wonderful Guy."

One new member added to the cast is Delano Drake, understudy for Ellis Vance, who will star in one performance as Emile DeBeque.

Tri-City PTA Honors All Past Presidents
Tri-City PTA met last week with emphasis on the annual founders day program.

Corsages were presented all past presidents. A gavel from the present PTA was presented to be used by the group each year.

It was announced that both Myrtle Creek and Tri-City PTA groups will sponsor the annual football banquet to be held at Myrtle Creek early in March.

A short program was presented by Mrs. Udeen Linquist, with several students depicting foreign lands. The beginners band also performed.

The next board meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bill Hughes in the form of a cafeteria shower.

Kiwanis Members View Film On Telephones
The Roseburg Kiwanis Club, meeting at its regular Tuesday luncheon in the Hotel Umpqua Gold Room, watched and heard a motion picture presentation entitled, "Voice Beneath the Sea."

Sponsoring the 25-minute color film was the local office of the Pacific Telephone Co. and it was presented by local office executives Sid Shaw and Dwayne Lafferty.

The course of the film traced the beginning of phone service in this country through the early part of the century to 1956, when completion of a coaxial cable underneath the Atlantic Ocean provided direct trans-Atlantic phone service.

Also explained in the film were the features of the telephone system whereby long-distance communications by the instrument have been achieved while at the same time improving clarity and multipurpose use of telephone wires and service.

Myrtle Creek PTA Plans Founders Day Observation

By RUTH EVANS

The 61st anniversary of the founding of the PTA will be observed by Myrtle Creek PTA at its meeting Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

Committee in charge of the program is Mrs. Clifford Kent, chairman; Mrs. Lancel Brown, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. Helmut Tiche, Mrs. Dale Sall and Mrs. Anton Bryant. All past presidents of the local organization will be honored.

Presidents of PTA's who are living in this area are especially invited to attend so they may be recognized. A review of the accomplishments through the years will be given.

Sale Planned
Members of the Thacker-Wallace VFW Aux. to post 7722 worked on marking and repairing items for the rummage sale that will be held all day Saturday, Feb. 15, at the building formerly occupied by the members at Myrtle Creek. The members voted to send \$10 to the Cancer Fund. Proceeds from the sale will be used to build up the general fund and relief fund. Post members voted to order 1,500 poppies to be sold prior to Memorial Day.

Basic dressmaking lessons are being given at the Myrtle Creek Grange hall by the Home Extension service. The first meeting was held Feb. 12, the next meeting will be Feb. 19 and again Feb. 26 and 28.

Mrs. Phil Willis and Mrs. Lynn Davenport are project leaders and state that anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Each meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. and those attending are asked to bring a pattern, material, scissors and portable sewing machine as well as other sewing supplies.

Thirty-six young people and chaplains from the First Christian Church of Myrtle Creek held a skating party at the roller-rink in Roseburg last Friday night. The party was sponsored by the intermediate class, who invited guests. Mrs. Warren Newman is the teacher for the class.

Principal Absent
Anton Bryant, Myrtle Creek grade school principal, left Sunday for Milk River, Alberta, Canada, to attend the funeral of an uncle. He will be away for the remainder of the week. Glen Schroeder, head teacher of the upper elementary school, will assume Mr. Bryant's duties while he is absent.

Myrtle Creek Chamber of Commerce set two important dates at a board of directors meeting recently. The annual Fall Festival will be held Aug. 15 and 16, and it is hoped that the Saddle Pals can hold a Friday night in conjunction with the Festival.

Election of new members will be held Feb. 27 at the Myrtle Hotel. The Rev. Cyril Dorsett will be guest speaker.

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