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## Former Calif. Lbr. Operator Takes Over Mill Here

It was announced this morning that negotiations were underway whereby R. D. Northcutt, former Redding, California lumberman, would take over the operation of the former J. H. Chambers and Son lumber mill here and plans have been made to start operations at the Cottage Grove mill Monday. The arrangement does not affect other properties of the Forane Valley Lumber Co., purchased from the Chambers interests some weeks ago.

The mill here closed down for several weeks has recently been held up by a washout on the railroad, but the road has been repaired. The mill will require about sixty workers, but more will be added when a planting building has been constructed. Present plans call for the construction of a fire proof planing building with the addition of new planing equipment and possibly the construction of dry kiln equipment and buildings later.

W. H. Daugherty said this morning that the night shift at the Lorane mill of the Lorane-Valley Lumber Co., would possibly be discontinued and the men who live here transferred to the Cottage Grove mill.

Mr. Northcutt has been on the ground for several days and is temporarily located in the Cottage Grove hotel but is looking for an unfurnished house. Any information regarding such a house will be appreciated. Please call 230.

## Red Cross Shows Much Activity

Few people are familiar with the workings of the Red Cross, particularly as to what type of activity the local chapter engages in. During the war the local chapter was active not only in aiding the war effort, but in assisting in the care for local people who may have met with an unexpected emergency.

Mrs. John Finneran, chairman of the surgical dressing classes reports that approximately 150,000 surgical dressings were made in 1945 and that 3,000 people were enrolled in this work. Mrs. J. S. Stewart, chairman of the home service with her committee aided in a number of emergency cases, including fires, where families lost all of their possessions. Mrs. Stewart reports that she made 204 calls and drove 718 miles during 1945. Also in supplying emergency funds until county relief can be obtained.

Larry Levens, disaster chairman, and his committee aided about 300 people stranded here by floods and high water during 1945.

Mrs. Ernest Lebow, with her committee, made several hundred hospital garments and clothing for the European relief during the past year. These are just a few of the highlights of the local Red Cross chapter, where many gave of their time and money to aid the war, war torn countries and local emergencies.

In Lane county there were 5,000 workers associated with a stable Red Cross committee and many others assisted in.

A total of 111 schools in the county reported 100 percent enrollment for 1945. School pupils completed over 10,000 articles for servicemen.

Blood donors operated eight months and county residents gave 1,800 pints of blood. From 1941 to the end of the war more than three million surgical dressings were made with 9,090 hours given to this work by 22 county units.

## ADULT HOME ECONOMICS CLASS

An adult home economics class in beginning sewing will be organized Monday, February 25, at 3:00 o'clock in the home economics rooms of the high school.

This class will be for those women interested in elementary sewing. The number that will be allowed to register for this class will be limited. People enrolling are expected to be interested in attending the majority of the lessons. The class is sponsored by the local school district in cooperation with the state division of vocational education.

Mrs. Dorothea Reed, home economics teacher, will conduct the class. Call her at the high school to register for the class if unable to attend the first meeting.

## FFA Smoker to Be Given February 28

Highlighting the Cottage Grove Future Farmers of America's social event for February will be the annual smoker put on by the athletically-minded wrestling and boxing members of the chapter.

The smoker, first started in 1945, met with great success, and plans were made at that time to continue this entertainment annually.

This year the smoker under the direction of E. L. Clark, agriculture instructor, and other various chairmen, will be presented on February 28, at 7:30 in the Cottage Grove union high gymnasium. Admission will be as follows: Adults, 50 cents, high school student and grade students, 25 cents. The ticket entitles one to a chance for the door prize.

The program under the direction of Harlan Chapman features such attractions as single fights, battle royals, grudge fights, fights between the gray ghost and the white mask, and other similar numbers.

Featured event will be the drawing of the door prize during intermission.

## Martha Medley Dies Here Feb. 19

Another pioneer resident has passed on, Mrs. Martha A. Medley, whose death occurred within a week of her late husband, William Medley, buried here last week. Mrs. Medley passed away Tuesday evening on North 9th street. She was born in Clay county, Missouri, September 1, 1860, and at the age of 14 came to Oregon, locating at Cottage Grove. In 1889 she was married to William H. Medley. Mr. and Mrs. Medley spent the remainder of their lives here. Surviving are two sons, Clinton of Cottage Grove and Houston of Helena, Montana, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Banister of Los Angeles, California. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held from the Smith Funeral chapel at 2:30 p. m. Friday, the 22nd. The Rev. Geo. Hardy officiating. Interment will be in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery.

## 4 Sutherlin People Burn to Death; Two Houses Destroyed

Four Sutherlin people were burned to death at Sutherlin Friday night and two are in a serious condition at a Eugene hospital. Use of coal oil to kindle a fire was said to be responsible for the blaze which also destroyed another Sutherlin home. The dead are: Harold Fugate, 35; June Davis Brown, 23; Carol Fugate, 4; Nathan A. Fugate, 14 months. Seriously burned were Mrs. Evelyn Fugate, 31, and David Fugate, 5.

The fire occurred about 6:00 a. m. when oil was poured over live coals in a cook stove of a small one-story house, opposite the public housing unit. Four hours later the Jack DuBois home a mile and a half south of Sutherlin was destroyed by fire from the same cause.

## March of Dimes Fund Now Totals Near \$2,000 Mark

The March of Dimes campaign underway here for the past month officially ended Saturday night with an old time square dance at the armory, but contributions are still coming in and a number more should be received if the total collections are to run anything like last year's final figures.

Net proceeds of the dance were \$142.63, including 325 tickets sold and personal contributions, bringing the total received to date from the campaign to approximately \$2,000.

Biggest contributions for the week were the Jefferson and Adams schools with \$44.53 and the Culp Creek school with \$28.44.

## GROVE MAN AT NEW CRESWELL STATION

Harold Johnson, recently discharged from the army, will be associated with his brother, Monty Johnson, in the operation of the new Standard service station recently erected in Creswell at the intersection of Oregon avenue and Highway 99.

## GLENN J. POTTER



Glenn J. Potter MM3/C, enlisted in the navy in June, 1944. Received training at Farragut, Idaho. Now stationed on the Island of Somoa. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Potter.

## HAROLD POTTER



Harold Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Potter. Entered service in March 1945. Trained at Camp Walter, Texas. Now in Manila guarding Japanese.

## City Council Has Special Meet 18th

Means of improving the city water system were discussed at a special meeting of the city council Monday evening. The matter of installation of new pipe and equipment from the city reservoir to Row river was discussed and referred to the water committee of the council. Council members also agreed to supply a 3-inch tap to the U. S. Engineers at the Dorena reservoir soon to get underway.

The matter of supplying a rest room for out of town people was also discussed and referred to the city property committee. Under a previous proposal it has been suggested that the room in the lower story of the city hall behind the recorder's office be placed at the disposal of a committee for this purpose. The room would be equipped with table and chairs and be operated under the supervision of an organization.

## WM. PETERSEN LEAVING FOR ASHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Petersen, who have made their home in Cottage Grove for the past 13 years, will leave for Ashland within the next few days. They have purchased a home there and will retire as far as present plans are concerned. This move has been necessitated due to ill health of Mr. Petersen and both regret leaving Cottage Grove very much.

Mr. Petersen opened and operated Petersen's Department Store with the assistance of his two sons, Robert and Hermon. Later Robert was interested in the Thrift-Wise store while Mr. Petersen and his son Herman carried on in the dry goods business.

"Our business in Cottage Grove has been a great pleasure because of the friendliness of the people living here and in the vicinity," says Mr. Petersen. We wish to thank our many patrons for the past business and hope we can be of greater service to the people of Cottage Grove in the future."

Herman Petersen, who recently received an honorable discharge from the army, will continue operation of the store as a partner.

## HARVEY ROAD BUILDING

The Roberts Garden of Eden district, alias the Harvey Road settlement, is due for a building boom with one building started and two other dwellings planned. V. J. Carlson has a one-story dwelling west of his residence under construction and reports that plans have been made to build at least two more.

## DRY FEBRUARY

It may be hard to believe but February has been drier than usual with only 2.60 inches of rainfall so far. The normal rainfall is about 5.50 inches for February.

## Louis Simons Found Dead Near R. R. Trestle 16th

Louis Simons, 55, local lumber worker, took his own life some time Saturday afternoon. His body was discovered by the Black Brothers Saturday night under the railroad trestle, paralleling the highway bridge north of town.

Phil Bartholomew, county coroner of Springfield, was called to investigate the case. A 38 Iver Johnson revolver was discovered near the body. A 38 bullet wound was found, entering the nose of the deceased man and emerging from the roof of his mouth.

Simons is believed to have grown despondent. According to the story told local police he is said to have left the home of John Grubb about 2:00 p. m. Saturday and supposedly took his own life shortly after leaving the Grubb home.

Simons had made his home with the McIntyre family at Fifth and Jefferson for some time and was employed by the Dillman & Guley Lumber Co.

Graveside services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. with the American Legion officiating and interment in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery. Smith Funeral chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Simons was born in Carlton, Minn., and lived there until coming to Idaho at the age of fifteen with his parents. In 1921 he moved to California and was married to Louise Morgan in Los Angeles in 1922. The couple moved to Denver, Colorado, and Mrs. Simons passed away there in 1930. In 1937 Mr. Simons came to Cottage Grove and in recent years made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntyre.

He was a veteran of World War I and member of the Eagles. Two brothers survive, E. H. Simons of Culver City, California, and Earl Simons of Mara Vista, California.

## Local Girl to Star in Benefit Show

Listed as tops for entertainment during the coming week is the Ice Capades at the Eugene Ice Arena, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 22, 23 and 24 and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 1, 2 and 3. Marjorie Lee, sophomore in the local high school, will be presented as the principal performer and star of the occasion. The six days will be given as a benefit for the crippled children's hospital at Portland.

The Cottage Grove Shrine club is promoting a special Cottage Grove night, Sunday, February 24. A total of 350 seats will be offered to the local public, most of which have already been sold. In charge of the ticket promotion here are C. O. Anlauf at Graber-Gettys and Harry Held at the Githens Motors.

## STUDY COURSE GIVEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Starting Monday, February 25 at 7:30 p. m. in the Baptist church a training course will be given by Dr. Clarence Stauffer, director of Christian Education of the Oregon Baptist State convention. The course of study to be followed is called "The Development of Christian Character." All the public is invited to attend these classes, each evening Monday through Friday.

## BUSINESS GOOD AT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Business has been rushing at the local employment office and veterans center, according to Mrs. June Bird, manager. On February 11th a total of 136 contacts were made at the office. Miss Pat Zimmerly and Mrs. Helen Blackmore, office assistants, have recently completed a course in veteran's adjustment allowances.

## PAST COMMANDER'S NIGHT AT ARMORY

Fun and entertainment is promised veterans of both wars at the past commander's night at the Cottage Grove armory tonight according to Chas. Hall, committee chairman. Several visiting legionnaires are expected at the meeting.

## LILY GROWERS TO MEET

The South Lane Easter Lily Growers of Cottage Grove will hold its regular meeting Monday evening in the east room of the armory. An interesting program has been prepared.

## CLYDE S. ROBERTS



1st Lt. Clyde S. Roberts Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Roberts. Graduated from local high school in 1938. Attended Oregon State college. Enlisted March of 1943 and attended O. C. S. at Fort Sill receiving his commission in field artillery December 1943. Later attended officers' communication school. Sent to the Philippines in July 1945. Now stationed at Wakayama and has been transferred to the 554th Engineer regiment and is commanding officer of the 317th Maintenance company. His wife and baby are living in Roseburg.

## NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

### Lt. Smith Sent to Hospital Center

According to a recent announcement by Lt. Col. A. R. Pendergraft, principal chief nurse, 12 new nurses reported to the Madras hospital center at Fort Lewis, Washington and Lt. Bernice M. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith, was one of the twelve. The nurses were from De Witt and Hammond General hospitals, both of which closed recently.

Camp Beale — Private William M. Barton, son of Mrs. Mae Barton, Disston route, Cottage Grove, Oregon, was honorably discharged from the armed forces February 7th at the Camp Beale Separation Center. Entering the army in September, 1942, Pvt. Barton was assigned to the Army Service Forces with the Military Police. During his 41 months of service, Pvt. Barton has earned 33 discharge points.

Sgt. George F. Taylor, son of Mrs. Cornelia Taylor of Salem, arrived in Portland the 15th after spending three years as an X-ray technician in Florida hospitals. Since October, he has been stationed at Mitchell Field, New York and received his discharge there. Sgt. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kruse of Yoncalla.

Walter C. Dixon, RM2/C, of Culp Creek and Orv D. Addington AOM3/C of Disston route are among the local men to be discharged from the navy separation center at Shoemaker, Calif.

The following local men have recently been discharged from the armed services. The separation point is Fort Lewis unless otherwise noted: T. S. Donald Kelly, T/5 Floyd W. Ealy, Sgt. Theodore A. Bailey, McClellan Field; T/4 Ernest M. Theuerkauf, Fort MacArthur; Ray W. Trunnell SC, Bremerton; J. W. Rippy, Sig 3/C, Shoemaker, Calif.; Pvt. Wm. M. Barton, Camp Beale; T/5 Perry D. McGarvin; S/S Jennings L. Beers; T/5 Geo. Hopper; Pvt. Wm. D. Whitlock, Fort Bliss; S/Sgt. Donald W. Lane; Cpl. Merle Babcock, Camp Pendleton, California.

## Legion Basketball Tourney Continues

The American Legion basketball tournament is continuing tonight at the Jefferson gym. Time and practice is improving all participating teams and some good games are played each Thursday. Results of the games played last Thursday are as follows: Men's Toggery 27 vs. Grove Hardware 18, Curley's Barber Shop 30 vs. Githens Motors 21, Irish-Swartz 15 vs. American Legion 19, Rex Cafe 9 vs. C. G. Pharmacy 28.

## C. G. Lions Club Sponsors U. of O. Playets March 1

The Cottage Grove Lions club is sponsoring the appearance of the University players in a one-night stand at the high school auditorium March 1, beginning at 8:00 p. m. Moliere's musical farce will be under the direction of Ottilie Seybolt and the title of the play is, "School for Husbands." Admission is \$1.00 including tax.

## Population Gain Is Between 10 And 15 Percent

A population gain of between ten and fifteen percent has been registered here in the past five years, according to the best estimate from unofficial sources. The unofficial tabulation was made here after the bureau of census at Washington announced an estimate of the population of five western states, all of which except one showed population increases. However the population picture may change more radically after the demobilization of the armed services is fully completed.

Washington showed a gain of 20.3 percent in the 1940-45 period. Oregon gained from 1,089,684 to 1,206,322, a gain of 10.7 percent. California had the greatest gain in percentage or 27.7 percent.

Here the population increase in the city limit has at least equaled the state increase of 10.7 percent for the five years and the population of the adjacent section has increased to near the thirteen percent figure.

## Wm. Medley Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. for William Houston Medley, 85, Cottage Grove pioneer who died at the home of a son, Clinton Medley, of North 9th street, February 13. He was born November 20, 1860 in Clay county, Missouri and at the age of 14 came with his parents by rail to San Francisco, by boat to Portland and by stage to a site where Cottage Grove stands. He spent the first two years of his residence in the Lorane community and then to a homestead in the Silk Creek community.

In May of 1889 he was married to Martha Gray-Later Mr. and Mrs. Medley moved to Cottage Grove where he was employed by the Southern Pacific, returning in a few years to his homestead in the Silk Creek section, until he retired and moved to the home of a son, Clinton Medley. In all he had spent seventy one years in this county.

Surviving are his widow, two sons, Clinton of Cottage Grove and Houston of Helena, Montana; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Littlefield and Mrs. Addie Clever, both of Eugene; two brothers, Henry of Portland and Claude of Medford.

The services were conducted from the Smith Funeral chapel by Father Louis Sobler of the local Catholic church and interment was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery.

## Vivian Caviness Dies in Portland

Mrs. Vivian Caviness, 37, passed away at Portland February 14. She was the wife of William Caviness and resided at 3rd and Quincy streets.

She was born December 1, 1908 at Cottage Grove and was married to William Caviness January 14, 1936, who survives in addition to her grandmother, A. L. Woldard; her mother, Mrs. Susie Wood, both of Cottage Grove; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Higginbotham of Cottage Grove and two sons, George and Kenneth Caviness at home; three sisters, Mrs. Marguerite Roehl of San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Grace Alice Mentzel of College Place, Wash.; and Mrs. Madge Johnson of Powers; three brothers, Kenneth Carlisle of North Bend and Arthur Carlisle of Cottage Grove; also by a grandchild.

Funeral services were held from the Mills mortuary Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. with Mrs. Antoinette Marden, Christian Science reader, officiating. Interment was in the Masonic-IOOF cemetery.

## CRESWELL HATCHERY OPERATING

The Creswell hatchery, under the supervision of Mrs. Vernon Kovar, is going full blast now. Mrs. Kovar, with exception of a short time, has been operating the hatchery there since 1935. A separate department for chickens and turkeys is now being maintained. The turkey department was added some time ago.

The hatchery features broad breasted bronze poult and popular breeds of chickens.

## News Briefs of Local Interest Here and There

According to Young Henry Ford 11, making cars now days is a gamble. A car that cost \$512 to make in 1941, now costs \$962, but the manufacturer must sell it for a ceiling price of \$728.

Recently in Chicago an "Industry for Veterans," a non-profit organization was perfected. The new organization now lists 3,056 companies employing 1,250,000 workers who have promised a fourth of the jobs to vets.

Last year designing women are said to have bought 312,000 engagement rings to use on men.

Hunters killed more ducks and geese in 1945 than were produced on breeding grounds and a tighter season is in prospect for 1946. Federal officials, it is said, favor reduced bag limits and a shorter hunting season.

When routine drugs failed to do the job, a hurry call was sent for watermelon seed for Mrs. Helen Kelly of Philadelphia, who was suffering with nephritis. When her injured organ, a kidney, was primed to function, an operation was successfully performed.

## Martha Ferrin Dies in Kansas

Supt. H. B. Ferrin of the local schools received word of the death of his mother last Saturday in Kansas. Funeral services were held there but the remains will be brought to Portland later for interment in Riverview cemetery.

Mrs. Martha M. Ferrin, 89, was a native of Ohio, but came to Oregon in 1885 as the bride of William W. Ferrin, professor of mathematics and later president of Pacific University in Forest Grove. They made their home in that city 29 years, moving in 1914 to New Jersey while Dr. Ferrin was cashier of the U. S. Rubber Company laboratories in New York City. Returning to Oregon in 1925 the couple lived at St. Helens until his death in 1931. In 1939 Mrs. Ferrin went to Lawrence, Kansas to live with her only daughter, Mrs. Livia E. O'Brien.

Mrs. Ferrin had visited in Cottage Grove many times and lived here with her son and family long enough to make a considerable number of friends. She is remembered as a gracious and interesting person who kept unusually young in spirit despite the passing years.

Survivors, other than the daughter, are two sons, Haskell E. of Portland, and Holman B. of this city. Another son, William N. Jr., died in 1929. There are seven grandchildren. Two nephews J. W. Marsh and George H. Marsh, reside in Portland. Other relatives are in the east.

## V. V. Harpham to Retire as Forest Superintendent

Vernon V. Harpham of Roseburg for forty years with the U.S. Geological survey and forest service will retire April 1st, it was announced at Roseburg Saturday. He has held the position of supervisor of the Umpqua national forest for the past 15 years. He began work with the government in 1906 and in 1907 entered the forest service and has remained with the service since that date. Mr. Harpham, it was said, plans to aid in mapping out a fire program for the coming season. His plans for the future are indefinite, but he will continue his residence in Roseburg.

Marion M. Nelson will succeed Mr. Harpham as supervisor. Mr. Nelson has been with the forest service since 1929 and at Roseburg since 1940.

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