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Hardships, Courage of Oregon Pioneers Recalled as Petty Family Gathers Here To Celebrate 99th Anniversary of Trek

BY ED PETTY

It was springtime, and chill of winter had passed, the sun was returning from its long southern journey and had melted the frost from the fertile soil of the great state of Illinois. The flowers and trees were putting forth their buds, the birds were singing in the trees, the tiny bee was searching the forest and fields for material from which their honey is made. The turtle dove was cooing his mate.

It was then that the village blacksmith of the little town of Danville, Ill., Joseph N. Petty had cooled his forge, had packed his anvil and tongs.

Thus the Joseph N. Petty family as well as several families of their community were busily engaged in packing and sorting in preparation for a long and eventful journey. One beset with hardships, misery and tragedy.

A trip of almost 2,500 miles across the most part of six states, a journey that consumed about six months. A journey that today could be made by air both ways in the sunlight of a single summer day. The dawn of the day of departure had come. Men were strapping the cumbersome wooden yoke upon the necks of their faithful oxen.

Sad Parting
Joseph N. Petty loaded the giant wagon of his own making. His family consisted of his wife, Nancy Prosser Petty, and children George, Maria and William, a baby of only a few months. This of course was a sad parting. Men clasped hands, mothers and daughters wept, sweethearts embraced. It was sadness and sorrow for those loved ones left behind. It was both sadness and joy for those departing friends that had trained their oxen toward the setting sun. They were finding a new world, building a new empire and seeking a new home.

On across the soil of Illinois through Iowa, across the burning sands of Nebraska, across the great continental divide and the great American desert of Wyoming, Idaho and eastern Oregon. Thence over the marvelous Cascades and down the evergreen slopes of western Oregon to the clear cold waters of the Middle Fork of the Willamette river.

The group forded this river more than 20 times, often driving down the center of the stream. It had been a long hazardous journey beset with many difficulties. They had crossed large rivers and swollen streams by running their wagons onto improvised rafts made from logs by cutting near by timbers and swimming the oxen to pull the rafts.

Ferred Indians
These pilgrims of the road ever feared the roving band of the not too friendly Indians and the great herds of stampeding buffaloes, pestilence and disease contributed to their misery, death to their horror.

Within 60 miles of their destination, within the grasp of their future home Nancy Prosser Petty lost her life when the wagon in which she was riding turned over while fording the river, a heavy trunk falling on her body. The boy, William whom she was holding, was unharmed and taken care of by good neighbors but died not long after and was buried in the Creswell cemetery. Nancy Prosser Petty was buried in a lonely grave near what is now known as Crowbar Grade, no one knows just where, but a few miles from the present town of Oakridge.

Large mountain peaks had given away to the lower hills which were spreading apart, little valleys appearing among them and behind the great Willamette valley with its grandeur and splendor lay sprawling before them.

By an act of Congress the law had recently been passed that gave to each man 320 acres of land in the Oregon Territory and the same to his wife. Therefore Joseph N. Petty was entitled to 320 acres for which he traded two yoke or

Good Luck Piece Of Creswell Man Found In Korea

CRESWELL—The old adage, "It's a small world," has proven itself once more when an Oregon lady wrote the Sentinel that her husband had found a good luck piece belonging to a Creswell serviceman on the banks of river in Korea.

Mrs. Ernest W. Lundeen, of Beaverton wrote that her husband, Lt. Ernest W. Lundeen, found the metal piece with the inscription, "William C. Hubbard, Creswell, Oregon," on it.

Mrs. Mary Hubbard, his mother, who lives in Creswell, said that William, a sergeant, was still in the service at Ft. Bliss, Texas. But she also said she had not heard that her son had lost a good luck piece. His wife is with him in Texas.

Served In Germany
Sgt. Hubbard served three years in Germany in World War II and three more years there in the army of occupation. He was in Korea one year.

Mrs. Lundeen wrote to locate the family of the man who lost the piece. She thought that he might have been killed or wounded in action, but the story has a happy ending. The name and address of the soldier has been forwarded to Mrs. Lundeen, who will probably write the sergeant and clear up the mystery.

Lt. Lundeen is now serving in the War Crimes Section after several months of combat in Korea. He was a classmate at Harvard Law School of Douglas Spencer, former Cottage Grove attorney now living in Eugene. Mrs. Spencer formerly taught in Creswell.

A very small world, isn't it?

BENEFIT LUNCH HELD FOR CHURCH SOCIETY

CRESWELL—Mrs. H. H. Dersham and Mrs. Barney Doyle entertained at a benefit luncheon for the Presbyterian Aid Society at the Dersham home last Wednesday. Guests were Mesdames Olive Parlin, Hazel Joslin, Frances L. Francis, John Westlake, L. M. Dersham, E. E. Dersham, Vern Gillenwater and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Taylor and sons, Robert and Dean. This is a project being carried on by the members during the summer recess of the society.

HOME EXTENSION UNIT TO HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC
CRESWELL—The annual picnic of the Creswell Home Extension unit will be held Saturday, August 9, at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. F. L. DeBerry, in West Creswell Heights. A basket dinner will be served at 1 p.m., standard time, for all members, their families and friends.

Each member is to bring her own table service. The cook books compiled by the unit members will be for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Scott, George and Arthur Streeter, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Riley Petty were those for whom the burial services for Mrs. Loren Streeter of Fort Klamath at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery Friday. Mrs. Streeter was a sister-in-law of the Streeter brothers and Mrs. R. F. Scott. Mr. Streeter spent a few days here with Creswell relatives, and Mrs. W. L. Scott and Mrs. R. F. Scott took him home Saturday.

Mrs. Hugh Bates and five children of Alberta, Canada, visited last week with her sister, Mrs. Murrel Olson, and family of the Camas Swale district. Mrs. Bates is a school teacher and also has a large class of music pupils. They left here for Vancouver, B. C., where Mr. Bates is in the hardware business. Other recent guests at the Olson home were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Gunn and two sons of Vancouver, B. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gill of Pocatello, Idaho. Mrs. Gill is a sister of Mr. Olson.

Members of the Fidelis class of the Christian church Sunday school sponsored a week end at Nelscott on the beach July 25-27 in a cabin owned by the Christian church of Salem. Those making the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kirkendall and family; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wheeler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Eustad and daughter Karen, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bixler of Eugene.

IOWA PICNIC IS HELD
CRESWELL—Thirty-five former Iowans picnicked Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Miller on Howe Lane. Mrs. John Bonnet was co-hostess. Guests were present from Eugene and Creswell. This was the third year the Iowa club has held its summer picnic at the Miller home.

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Around Town...

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Skaggs attended the IOOF Encampment and Auxiliary meeting in Eugene Friday night. Hugh Lewis, Grand Patriarch of the Encampment, made his official visit.

Mrs. Emma Emerson of Eugene, mother of Rev. Gerald G. Emerson of Creswell, entered a Eugene hospital last week for surgery.

Mrs. Dora Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Kent, H. A. Howe and George Stratton of Creswell attended the homecoming services at the Walker Community Church Sunday.

A picnic dinner was served at noon following the morning services. A program was held during the afternoon. Mrs. Kent sang a solo and accompanied Allen Wheeler's solo.

Rev. Gerald G. Emerson and family accompanied Klamath Falls friends to the coast Sunday afternoon where they spent a few days.

Mrs. Frank Mirabelli and daughter Francine of Seattle arrived Monday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Reynolds.

John Cooper of Fremont, Nebr., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. G. L. Decker, and family.

Ralph Train, new superintendent of the Creswell grade school, and family have rented the J. O. Mortensen home.

Mrs. O. M. Hunter returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in Tacoma, Everett and Spokane, Wash., Bozeman, Mont., and in Portland and Albany. She also visited Yellowstone Park. Her mother accompanied her home from Hysham to visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Skaggs attended the reception at the Co-burg IOOF Lodge Saturday evening for newly elected state officers of the IOOF and Rebekah lodges, Mrs. Beryl Drury, Grand Warden and R. P. Stolsig.

The Creswell Volunteer Fire Department will meet Tuesday, August 12. Ted Mogstad and Ira Hockett will provide the refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jevens, who have been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Everson, for several weeks while they were employed in this area, left Sunday for Berkeley, Calif., where Stevens has a government position in the forestry department. He will be stationed near Mt. Lassen for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson of Plains, Kans., called Wednesday at the F. E. Vick home. Miss Helen Vick knew them when she lived in Kansas.

Saturday, August 9, is the date for the Presbyterian Aid Society food sale.

The Camas Swale club will hold a picnic at the Franklin grove Tuesday, August 12, with a basket dinner at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Ted Napper and Mrs. John Napper are the hostesses.

Miss Ida Ruegger visited a few days last week with her niece, Mrs. Lawrence Laird, of Pleasant Hill and also spent the week end following at the home of her nephew, Edwin Ziniker, this side of Goshen.

Mrs. Lettie Good was a week end guest of her cousin, Mrs. Tom Richmond, at Winchester Bay on the coast.

Mrs. Delmer Ransdell and three children of Jennings Lodge spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coleman.



MR. AND MRS. MELVIN R. ROGERS (Sharon Lee Emerson) cut their wedding cake at a reception following their marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McKay in Eugene. She will complete her schooling while he is in the Air Corps.

Reception to Honor Mary Ann Ziniker

CRESWELL—Gilfry lodge and Honor Rebekah will be hosts to other IOOF and Rebekah lodges in the county at a reception at the Creswell Grange hall Sunday, August 10, at 1:30 Standard time, honoring Miss Mary Ann Ziniker. Miss Ziniker recently returned from a trip east where she attended the United Nations council and the IOOF grand lodge.

Miss Ziniker will tell of her trip and there will be a short program followed by refreshments. The public is invited.

A dozen members of Creswell Grange responded to clean-up day Wednesday with more out for the potluck supper and work in the evening. The women cleaned the hall, both floors and the men cut and cleared the grass around the hall. Another day will be planned to set up the oil furnace purchased some time ago.

Mrs. Gladys Flowerday, who has made her home in Eugene the past year, now is in Drain, where she has employment. She visited her sons in Creswell the last of the week.

Merle Trueblood of the army, stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Mrs. Trueblood are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Woodland.

The Creswell Town team downed Cottage Grove in baseball on the local diamond Sunday 3-0. Jack Robertson, who had never pitched a game before, put on a fine exhibition. McKenzie plays here Sunday, August 10.

The Robert Smith family of Portland spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith.

Dean Allen and Fern Hayes returned last week from Corvallis where they had attended a 4-H club summer school. They report having had a fine time.

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Bean Picking Here Is in Full Swing

CRESWELL—Bean picking is in full swing in this area. The Le-lard Hart yards opened three weeks ago. They have 14 acres and were the first growers to deliver beans to the Eugene Fruit-growers this year. Picking in the Bartels yards of six acres began August 1 and at the 22 acre Elliott yard on Monday, August 4. They have 160 pickers signed up, all local people.

Mrs. Coombs Honored At Church Shower

CRESWELL—The Bible class of the Presbyterian Sunday school entertained last Thursday at a one o'clock dessert luncheon for Mrs. E. C. Coombs, a member who is moving to Eugene. The serving was done under the trees on the lawn.

Contests and games followed, and a handkerchief show was given Mrs. Coombs. Pictures were also taken of the group for the honor guest's photo album.

Present were Mesdames K. B. Melton, C. H. Harrold, Catherine Dorris, Lillie Scherwing, Minnie Riddle, E. W. Hoagland, W. B. Gillespie, Olive Parlin, Frances L. Francis, Coombs and Joslin.

MISS MILLER TO ADDRESS CRESWELL GRANGE 14TH

CRESWELL—Miss Bonita Miller, a former member of Creswell Grange, who has recently returned from England where she attended college on a scholarship, will tell of her travels at the August 14 meeting of Creswell Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sheffer, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Arent will serve the refreshments.

CHURCHES

Creswell Assembly of God, Rev. W. R. Davidson, pastor. Schedule of services, Sunday school 10 a.m. A class for every age. You'll like it! Sunday morning worship 11 o'clock.

Sunday evening evangelistic rally, 7:30 p.m. Youth service, Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. A program designed especially for youth.

Wednesday evening prayer hour 7:30 p.m.

Creswell First Methodist, Rev. Leonard Jones, supply pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Chester C. Walton, superintendent. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Prayer period 6:45 p.m. Fellowship groups 7 p.m. Evening worship 7:45 p.m.

Creswell Presbyterian Church, Rev. Gerald G. Emerson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Ezekiel, Who Sat in Another Man's Place."

Creswell Christian Church, L. M. Bixler, minister. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning worship 11 o'clock. At 7 p.m. a sacred movie, "A Wonderful Life," produced by Hollywood stars, dealing with living a Christian life. Public is invited.

City Act Reduces Water Rates Here

CRESWELL—At a meeting of the city council Monday evening a warning was issued to those who ride bicycles on the sidewalks improperly and too fast.

The council also voted to lower the water rates during August and September 10c per 100 cubic feet to those using from 400 to 10,000 cubic feet per month. The minimum is still \$2.00 per 400 cu. ft. The reason was given that there are more patrons and more water used per patron.

Application will be made to the state highway department to create a special fund for street improvements. The telephone company was requested to move a pole on First street between Oregon avenue and C street. Other routine business was cared for, and bills allowed.

DORCAS CIRCLE PICNIC TO BE HELD AUGUST 13TH

CRESWELL—The postponed meeting of the Dorcas Circle will be held at the home of Mrs. H. N. Traxler Wednesday, August 13. A picnic dinner will be served in the patio with Mrs. Forest Walton and Mrs. M. C. Redding as hostesses. Members are to bring their own table service.

Mrs. E. W. Rand is the devotional leader for the afternoon session. Mrs. J. V. Birdsong will give her autobiography. The birthdays of Mesdames F. A. Everson, V. W. Johnston, Chester Walton and L. A. Whitney will be observed.

Mrs. H. W. Taylor and Mrs. Vern Gillenwater will serve on the refreshment committee at the August 13 meeting of Honor Rebekah lodge.

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