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A. L. Woodard Still Active at 97; Once Farmer, Sawmill Man, Builder

Ambrose L. Woodard, pioneer of Cottage Grove, contributes his 97 years of activity to the fact he has abstained from drinking liquor and smoking and has always worked hard. He was 97 years old on December 22.

He is the 10th child in a family of 11, including seven teachers, one lawyer and one preacher, and was born to Ambrose Woodard and Lovisa Kent Woodard at Cherry Grove, Ill., December 22, 1857.

Woodard has been active, worked hard and kept his mind alert all these years and still manages the rentals of many houses in Cottage Grove. In talking to him, a person wonders if he has forgotten a single thing that has happened over the 97 years. He has had his ups and downs, made good and suffered depressions, but always had the determination and faith to venture into another business.

He related that he started working when seven years old, when he should have been in school. He said he was herding 100 head of cattle for his father at the age of eight. When nine years old, he was in charge of two or three hundred head, and at 10 years old, he and his 12-year-old sister had charge of 600 head. That year he said he had a good pony and two good dogs, but lamented that he lost 40 head of cattle.

Left Home At 18

At the age of 18 years, he left home, bought four horses when

20 years old and started job work. When 22, he lost all he had and went to Iowa on a 280-acre farm. On March 19, 1881, Mr. Woodard was married to Ella J. Young at Harmon, Ill. They moved to Iowa the same year and settled on a farm where he had cattle and horses. From Iowa they moved to Nebraska and then to Wheaton, Ill.

At the age of 35 and father of seven children, he felt the need of more education, and entered Wheaton college where he studied hard for five years. He said "I couldn't learn mathematics, but couldn't learn reading or spelling worth a cent so I quit."

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard had eight children, seven of whom are still living and all live in Cottage Grove. They are: John Farrar, Oscar S., Susie Wood, Walter A., Albert C., Ruth McCall and Juliet Hull. He also has 34 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The Woodards came to Cottage Grove in 1900 and in 1902, he was appointed road supervisor. Many of the streets and roads in this vicinity were graded and graveled during the time he was supervisor.

Builds Sawmills
In 1906 Woodard built a sawmill at Latham and sold it to J. H. Chambers in 1910. About 1918 he built another mill eight miles up the Coast Fork of the Willamette and sold it to his son, W. A. Woodard, in 1920. In 1922 he bought a sawmill two miles south of Divide and about a year later he sold it to Bohemia Lumber Co. In the next 15 years he was engaged in the wood business. Then he turned carpenter and has built approximately 30 houses.

Woodard was quite a hunter in his day, shooting everything from pigeons to wolves and claims to have shot seven Mallard ducks with one shot. For recreation, he enjoyed ice skating, and at the age of 91, he showed his grandsons how to skate across Cottage Grove lake and back, a distance of one mile each way.

His first run in with a hospital was around two years ago when he was critically ill with pneumo-



Ninety-seven and eighty-five years young are not barriers to Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose L. Woodard when it comes to handling their own business affairs which is no small job and maintaining their own home at 1151 South Fourth Street.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

Does it take extra coffee, extra heat and extra effort to get you started on a cold wintry morning? Then you should be able to understand the cold weather starting problems of your car.

Tricky and difficult starts are not only a strain on your temper, but a drain on your battery. Following a few simple rules will assure faster winter starts for cars equipped with manual gear shifts or automatic transmissions, according to Shell Oil's automotive experts.

First, depress the clutch or put your automatic transmission at neutral. Secondly, push the accelerator to the floor once and release to prime the engine and then hold the accelerator part way down. Thirdly, press the starter. Finally, as the engine catches, hold the accelerator for a moderate idle. Never race a cold engine.

If your car has a hand choke, pull the choke out all the way, start the engine and then push the choke back far enough so that the engine idles smoothly.

As further insurance against slow starts, keep your battery as near full-charge as possible since the major burden of turning over a cold engine falls on the battery. Also use the correct winter-grade oil and grease to minimize your starting difficulties. If your car is parked out-of-doors during winter's changeable weather, you can avoid wet wires by coating all exposed ignition connections with a reliable waterproofing solution.

Anticipate your car's winter ailments—and you can stop singing "I Can't Get Started Blues."

MR. AND MRS. JOHN HENDERER ENTERTAIN NEW YEAR'S

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer entertained friends on New Year's day, including Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bower, son Michael, North Bend; Dan Crites, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. William P. Lightfoot, children Judy, David and Michael, Mrs. May Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. William Lightfoot, Sr., Eugene; Mrs. Bessie Paddock, son Wade, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paddock and daughter Vickie of Springfield.

The afternoon was spent playing cards. The rooms were decorated with white and yellow mums and tapers of the same colors.

I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me, And what can be the use of him is more than I can see. — R. L. Stevenson

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Eugene Couple Married Christmas Day; Spending Honeymoon in Hawaiian Is.

A wedding of interest to local people was that of Miss Ruth Lois Prinzing to Kenneth W. Lovegren, Eugene, formerly of Cottage Grove, on Christmas day in First Assembly of God Church, Eugene. The double-ring ceremony was performed at 8 p.m. by the Rev. E. Elsworth Krogstad, pastor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Prinzing of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. W. D. Lovegren, Eugene, and the late Mr. Lovegren, former Cottage Grove lumberman.

Special music was by Miss Joan Davis, who sang "If I Could Tell You," and Don Henricks sang "God Give Me You" and "Bless This House," accompanied by Mrs. Henricks.

A background of fir trees, poinsettias and red candles in candelabra formed the setting for the exchange of wedding vows.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was gowned in Chantilly lace over white satin with tulle and lace scalloped neckline and chapel-length train. She wore her mother's pearls which she had worn at her wedding and carried a white orchid arranged in Eugene; Ken- neth wore a white velvet tuxedo with a white bow tie.

Attendants in Red Velvet

All attendants wore red velvet full-length dresses and carried cedar and red carnations. Her maid of honor was Miss Joan Davis of Lewiston, Idaho, and bridesmaids, Mrs. Steve Banks, Miss Donna Peterson and Miss Rosemary Prinzing, sister of the bride. Flower girl was Christie Arnesen of Lincoln, Calif., who was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Cornelius Mitchell, Cottage Grove. She was gowned in white velvet and Jerry Prinzing, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

Edward Lovegren, brother of the bridegroom and home from Fort Ord, Calif., for the holidays, acted as best man. Ushers were Richard Arnesen of Eugene; Ken- neth Prinzing of Seattle, twin brother of the bride, Floyd Quaglia, Cottage Grove, and Paul and Donald Strandbert of Portland, cousins of the bridegroom.

The reception was held in the Chateau Ambassador chapel. Mrs. M. O. Strandbert and Mrs. Ronald Prinzing cut the cake and Miss Genevieve Mulvihill, Cottage Grove, poured, and Mrs. Edward Lovegren served punch. Linda Diller, Suzanne Linder, cousins of the groom, and Karen Arnesen handed out the groom's cake.

The couple left by plane for a three weeks' honeymoon in Hawaii and will be at home at 2860 Harris Street, Eugene, the bride's home, on Monday, January 10. A graduate of the local high school and the University of Washington, is a wholesale lumberman in Eugene.

Mosby Creek Folk Entertain Many New Year's Guests

By Mrs. Harry Castle

MOSBY CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams had a family reunion during the holidays when some of their children came to visit them. They were Mr. and Mrs. Pile and five children of Stockton, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adams and family of Westfir; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lacey of Tacoma and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Adams of Cottage Grove.

New Year's day callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Land were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brand and two sons of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Dodge and daughter of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Land were called to Waverly Sunday by the death of Mr. Land, who is a cousin of Mr. Land. They will attend his funeral there Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bostick and two sons spent a ten days' vacation in Merced, Calif., at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alex Sorrels, and also several brothers and sisters of Mrs. Bostick. They returned home New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ramsey of Portland and five children spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rearick.

Rearicks Have Guests
Those enjoying a turkey dinner New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rearick were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ramsey and children of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Duley and children of Knox Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle of Blue Mt.

Mrs. Tressa Tuller of Eugene spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dugan of Walden, and two boys of Portland visited a few days last week with Mr. Seidel's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Roby, and also at the Bob Seidel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenord Morris of California and Mr. and Mrs. Frances Turner and two children of Cottage Grove visited briefly Saturday at the home of Harry Castle. Mrs. Morris is a niece of Mr. Castle.

Pic. Ben Adams of Germany wrote his folks, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams, that he had spent a nine-day furlough in Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Seward and three girls of Marcola were callers Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Roby and daughter of Forest Grove were visitors from Wednesday to Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Roby.

New TV Set
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dugan are enjoying a new TV set given to them by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Leabo of Pacific City.

New Year's dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgie Bassett were their son, Ronnie, who is in the Air Corps at Ft. Biggs, El Paso, Tex.; Doral Roby, who is in the Navy at San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Roby of Blue Mt.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bren-

B&PW Club Plans Food, Rummage Sale for Feb.

Twenty-four members of the Business and Professional Women's club were entertained Monday night by Mrs. H. B. Robbins at her home.

Miss Gertrude Elliott was appointed to fill the vacancy of first vice president by the resignation of Jeanne Addy.

The club voted to hold a rummage and food sale during the last week in February. Two new members, Marjorie McKenzie and Donna Shepherd, were voted into the club, which brings the club membership to 51.

Initiation for new members will be held at the next meeting which will be a dinner meeting. Miss Della Gallo, chairman of initiation committee, will be in charge of the meeting.

June Wedding Set



MISS ARLENE LEBOW, fiancée of Kermit Kivett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kivett, Route 1, Creswell. Their engagement was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lebow, Cottage Grove.

The bride-elect is a senior in the local high school, while Kivett is employed by Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., in Eugene.

A June wedding is planned by the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz and family of Garberville and Mrs. Ray Bennett and family of Santa Rosa, Calif., who visited a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Poole, left Sunday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walters of Nassele, Wash., visited Sunday morning with Mrs. Walter's uncle, Harry Castle, Elwood Seward of Eugene was also a caller Sunday afternoon at the home of his uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett McCoy and Kay spent the weekend in Lebanon at the home of Mr. McCoy's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Brownlee.

Washington Folk Visit
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis and daughter, Gale, of Cluyton, Wash., spent a week's vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Green, Dean and Beverly Castle, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle went to Eugene Tuesday and visited Mrs. Nancy Linebaugh at a rest home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Barker and children spent the weekend in Olympia at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sanford. Another brother and wife of Mr. Barker's of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sanford, were also there.

A gift exchange party was held Christmas Eve at the Frank Ballard home at Mt. View and after the gifts were opened refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Putman and children of Mosby Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Don Ballard and girls of Eden Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Putman of Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Putman and Thelma spent Christmas day with Mr. Putman's mother, Mrs. Olive Wickham, at the Harry Jones home in Springfield.

Dinner guests New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones were Fred Brumbaugh of Albany and Mrs. Minnie Morris of Cottage Grove. Sunday Mrs. Dolly Comstock of Alameda, Calif., and Mrs. Wilbur Scott of Creswell called at the Jones home.

The Row River Hustlers 4-H club, under chairman Kathleen Gillispie, met Sunday at the home of George Woodworth and presented him with a billfold in appreciation of his leadership of the club for the past several years.

Mrs. George Woodworth took her daughter, Mary, back to college at Monmouth Sunday.



FOUR BIRTHDAYS OBSERVED on December 29 at a dinner at the home of Mrs. G. B. Pitcher. The eldest, Mrs. Lillian Gray Belknap, 84, is at extreme left. Others from left to right are: Mrs. Pitcher, Mrs. A. C. Spriggs and Mrs. Mary Martin.

Four Ladies Observe Birthday Anniversaries

On December 29, the annual birthday dinner was served for those whose birthdays came on that date. This affair was started by Viola DeHaven five years ago. Since then she has moved to Florida and other points, but still keeps in touch with the others. The first year, Elsa Spriggs, Viola DeHaven, Mary Martin and Lillian Gray Belknap were present.

Until this year it has been at a cafe, but this time it was at the home of Nellie Pitcher, who joined the others.

There were present Mary Martin, Elsa Spriggs, Nellie Pitcher and Mrs. Belknap. Also at the dinner two guests were present, Mrs. Ronald Gray and daughter Sandra. Mrs. Gray took pictures of the table and the birthday group. Gifts were exchanged as usual, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Later several called by phone, and Mrs. Lillian McAlpine and Mrs. Mary Plunkett called in person. Mrs. Belknap was the oldest as she has always been. She was 84. The total number by years was 284. Mrs. Gellman says she feels quite young, and except for a siege of sickness recently, gets around good.

PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLES ANNOUNCE MEETINGS
Circle 2 of the First Presbyterian Church will meet Wednesday, January 12, at the home of Mrs. Vinal Randall Sr., South Sixth Street. The time is 1:30 p.m.

Circle 4 will be entertained at 8 o'clock Monday evening, January 10, at the home of Mrs. Art Nolt, 1141 South Tenth Street. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Leslea Phelps.

EXPLORER TROOP PLANS OVERNIGHT CAMP TRIP
Explorer Troop No. 218 met last Wednesday night at the Elks lodge hall and discussed plans for making an overnight camping trip in the snow. Jess Easley and Bob Mangers are their advisors.

MRS. ALLEN TO ENTERTAIN
Mrs. Donnell Allen will entertain the Past Matrons club at her home at 1:30 p.m., January 10. The meeting place has been changed from Mrs. Uriel Winders to Mrs. Allen's home.

LUTHERAN LADIES TO MEET
The Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid will hold its regular meeting Thursday, January 6, at 12:30 in the church. Visitors are welcome.

Men! whose boast it is that ye Come of fathers brave and free, If there breathe on earth a slave, Are ye truly free and brave? — J. R. Lowell

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