

Pioneers Return After 40 Years

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NORTH BEND* (Special to the Pilot)—The pioneers were to meet in Marshfield in 1909; were lost somewhere en route. Now comes a message, announcing their arrival, Saturday, December 10, 1949—forty years late, but hale and hearty.

At the meeting of the Old Pioneer Society in Coquille, Sept. 2, 3 and 4, 1908, an incident occurred which is of particular interest today—more than 40 years later. The gathering at that time was welcomed by Mayor M. O. Hawkins, the same man who is and has been the postmaster at Coquille during the past 15 years. J. Fred Schroeder was the president of the society at that time and D. F. Dean was the secretary.

The item of particular interest to us at this late date was in the form of a message brought

by Dr. C. W. Tower, that well-known M. D. in Coos county for more than a half century. The message came jointly from the Marshfield city council and the Marshfield chamber of commerce inviting the pioneers to hold their 1909 meeting in Marshfield.

If the 1909 meeting materialized, no one seems to know; or if anyone knows, he is keeping the secret to himself. We have been unable to locate any records. But that's "water under the bridge," so let it go.

Now comes an invitation, it brought by J. Albert Matson, oldest native-born present-day citizen of Coos Bay (he swears it's Marshfield), and Laura (Mrs. Dan) Keating, asking the pioneers and their friends to fulfill the long-lost gathering by coming to the meeting in the Legion hall, 4th street, Coos Bay next Saturday, Dec. 10. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the Methodist church at noon for \$1.25 per plate. Musical program and speaking while your dinner settles.

Along Azalea Row

With the advent of Christmas, gardeners' thoughts turn toward festive decorations as they search forest, wild land and garden for greenery and berries suitable to the time. Fortunate are we here, for much, so much grows naturally for us that elsewhere must be purchased at high price from the florist. Fir, Engleman spruce with its wealth of cones, cypress, cedar, juniper, heather and huckleberry and salal. Catoneaster, with red berries glowing among the leaves not only delights us, but feeds the birds as well. Nothing, however, quite takes the place of holly.

Tradition and childhood memories of the shiny, green leaves and red berries make it a favorite with us all. During the growing season, last spring, the Almo Newtons with customary generosity, gave us slips, for holly grows easily from slips placed in a protected spot in loose, slightly acid soil. These are growing nicely now, sheltered from the wind, and in time will yield their share of cuttings to pass along to others. Slip the holly during growing season to root, and when two or three years old placed in an attractive pot, it will please almost everyone on your Christmas list. One might call these friendship trees. The oldest and most outstanding holly tree in this area is probably on Mrs. Stafford's place south of Harbor. Down through the years its berried branches have meant Christmas to hundreds.

In planning our gardens, as good housekeeping gardeners, we should arrange to meet our seasonal needs. There are many new

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varieties of holly and we can inform ourselves about these from the nursery catalogues. As gardeners, our part in community life is to keep our gardens useful and beautiful for every occasion.

Thursday, Dec. 8, Azalea Garden Club meets once more, for the annual Christmas party.

John Hogan and Floyd Bolton in the red and green pickup, so appropriately named Merry Christmas, have been to the mountains and brought back a Christmas tree to grace the hall. Bea Bolton and Meta Hogan have spent considerable time and thought on decorations.

Hostesses for the afternoon: Mrs. Tony Christensen, chairman; Mesdames Faye Hordesty, Estelle Guerrettaz, Jessie Hudkins and Clara Kerns form her committee.

The Carol Singers will be with us, and we shall see new ideas in holiday decorations. With sisterly generosity, each member will share as a gift, some small but especially choice product of her home or garden.

The philosopher of Weedy Acres says, "Elsewhere are places made beautiful by man, but Brookings Harbor was made beautiful by God"

Girl Scout Notes

Troop 1, Girl Scouts met in the new VFW hall Wednesday. We planned our Christmas party. The Harbor girls met with us.—Virginia Akers, reporter.

'Sewing Girls'

At our first 4-H meeting, we elected officers:
President—Lois LaClair.
Vice-President—DeEtta Hyland.
Secretary-Treasurer—Melody Brimm.
Sing and Yell Leader—Diane Ginther.
Sgt.-At-Arms—Vanda Vaughan
Reporter—Virginia Akers.
Our leader is Mrs. Grace Yelton.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Willa Travis is recovering nicely from a serious operation at Seaside hospital, Crescent City. She is expected home this week sometime.

Landauer sawmill resumed operations Monday after being shut down for repairs several days. Replacements had to be shipped from the east.

Several of his friends, Friday, helped Danny Ginther celebrate his fifth birthday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ginther in Harbor. Danny was the recipient of many gifts from his friends, who also enjoyed the birthday cake and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Moore expect to leave this week for an extended trip which will take them as far east as Norfolk, Va. where they will visit their daughter Genie, who is employed there. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Christensen, who had been away for several weeks in the midwest, returned home late Sunday, only to learn that a sister, Stella, had died the day before at Mt. Vernon, Wash. The Christensens left Tuesday evening for Mt. Vernon for the funeral which is today.

Jimmy Kruger, 7 years old Friday, entertained 17 of his first grade friends at a party, at the Kruger home, with games and contests. All were thrilled by the refreshments, including the birthday cake.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Burmeister of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burmeister and children

of Bend, were Thanksgiving visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burmeister. They arrived Wednesday and left Sunday morning.

Mrs. Conner Kessler was the guest of honor at a party at the Stanley Patterson residence, Saturday. Mrs. Violet Young and Mrs. Eric Ask were hostesses, with Mrs. Thor Ask assisting. Games appropriate for the occasion were played and prizes awarded. Mrs. Kessler received many attractive and useful gifts. Refreshments were served.

The infant baby girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil James, Saturday, passed away shortly after birth, the Pilot learned Tuesday.

I have a few Shur-Stop automatic fire extinguishers on hand for sale. Harvey at the Studio building.

The Christmas seals in this area were mailed out the day after Thanksgiving, and response has been gratifying, as it always is for this campaign. If you have

not done so, mail your contribution, don't put it off.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hotchkiss are at their Harbor home for the winter, having arrived from Lakeview, last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Cole and Mrs. Florence Forgie drove to Oakland last Thursday where they are visiting friends for ten days.

Mrs. Ruth Bathiany returned home Monday after visiting for the past months at Tulelake and Concord, Calif., at the homes of her two children and families.

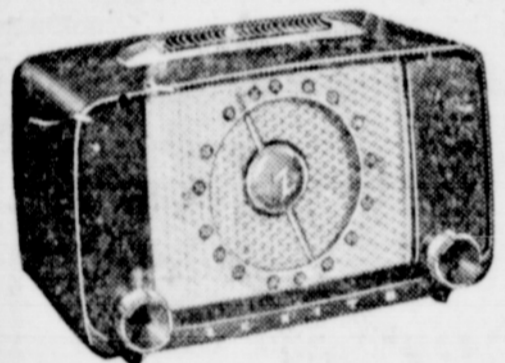
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Springer returned home the first of the week after visiting their son LeRoy and his family for a few days. Mrs. Springer also visited relatives at Port Townsend, Wn., while gone.

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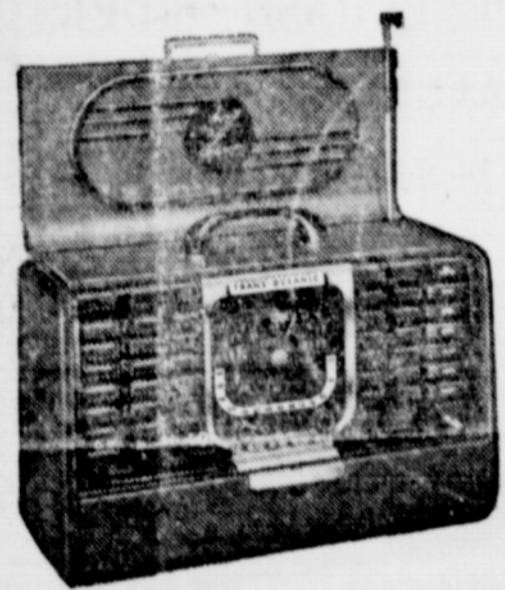
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