

Newlyweds Feted Despite Bad Storm

PORT ORFORD—Elk River, swelled by 48 hours of rain, rushing madly down through the canyons on its way to the Pacific, did not prevent a goodly number of Port Orford people from braving the high Sutton Swing Bridge to merry at the open house reception for Mr. and Mrs. Mel Mather last Saturday at the home of James Sutton.

The Mathers were married on New Years Eve. Mrs. Mather, the former Mrs. Nan Woodward of Portland, is the mother of Jas. Woodward, a son-in-law of Jas Sutton where the open house was held and where Mr. Woodward and his family live. Mr. Mather is the son of Oscar Mather, and has been a life-long resident of Port Orford. He is employed by the state highway department, and plans to continue his residence here.

New Church Is Formed In Area

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p. m. Church meetings will be at the new Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, near the high school. Notice may be seen with the Church Column, elsewhere in this paper.

This is an undenominational Full Gospel church and everyone is invited. William Ward, whose remarkable conversion took place over a year and a half ago, has applied for a minister's license, to serve the required time in active service, before becoming fully ordained.

Being young people themselves Bill and his wife are much interested in the young people of the vicinity and in having a good Sunday school group. They have both taught in Sunday school and work at Crescent City the past year and a half.

A building fund has already been started with the goal of a permanent church being built in this area.

Small Attendance Came To Indians Meeting

Regular meeting of the Curry County Indian Heirs Association was held Sunday at the Grange hall, with small attendance. A letter from one of the lawyers representing the Indians in their inheritance fight, John Mullins, of North Bend, was read, telling of the recent decision by the Court of Claims. He stated that it would take some time to really have the whole affair settled, but that it was a large step ahead.

Annual election of officers was held with all officers being re-elected:

Chairman—Sam Lopez.
Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Kathryn Reekman.
Secretary and Treasurer — Henrietta Dill.

Sam Lopez, chairman, was unable to be present, due to death of his son, Sam Jr., who was drowned in the Klamath River, while luck hunting.

Along Azalea Row

Quietly and without fanfare, artists of recognized ability and standing are seeking out and finding the beauties of our Oregon coast line country. Recently,

we spent two enchanted hours with such an artist, Pernot S. Duff, who came to Harbor with her husband about a year ago, purchased land and built a home. Mrs. Duff is one of those who exhibited paintings at Azalea Festival and Flower Show last year. Visiting her is rather like going to see the fairies, for her home is not at all visible from the road, but one slips through a high hedge of Port Orford cedar trees, and finds himself in an aerie, perched high on the cliff side.

The wide windows look out over the mouth of the Chetco River, and far below, a sandy beach is washed by ocean waves. Her artist's charm is apparent all about her home. Inside, the quaint Czechoslovakian charm of peasant designs turn utility cupboards into objects of beauty. A blue, hand-blown bottle upon a bookcase, a Chinese ginger jar holding brushes, the gleam of candles and old brass, a hand-made mat upon the table, add touches of beauty all about, and Tommy, the family cat, asleep upon a cushion on the chair was a living example of comfort and the homelike atmosphere. We were not fortunate in being able to meet the husband, Paddy, of whom she spoke so warmly, the dear companion of her travels.

"How did you happen to come here, to select Harbor for your home," we asked, knowing that she has lived and painted in so many places along the western coast, both in Oregon, California and in Mexico.

"Because, Brookings and Harbor have many possibilities," she replied, "and I look to see this community become a second Carmel, Calif. It is quite within the realm of possibility.

"Artists," she continued, "will come because of the great diversity of material. The coast line, the country farther inland, up the Smith and Chetco rivers, and the mountains offer such a wide diversity of interesting materials."

We, ourselves, have often said that the very air here seems conducive to serious creative work.

Mrs. Duff, whose childhood and early adult years were spent at Corvallis, where her father, Emile S. Pernot, was a professor in OSC. Here she received her early art training, under Prof. Farley-Doty McLouth, and it was here at the Horner Art Museum that she had a "one-man" show. Later, Mrs. Duff studied under Carlotta Philips at LaCrescenta.

Carlotta Philips is one of the few persons fortunate enough to have been a student of James McNeil Whistler. She studied in Paris, during the one year that Whistler took students.

We talked, as one by one, Pernot Duff placed upon an easel,

her water colors and oil paintings made recently, many about Brookings and Harbor, or up the Smith River gorge. She paints with great honesty of effort and sincerity. "Please," she said, "in viewing my paintings, remember that I am translating, or interpreting something for you, that art is not photography."

Perhaps not, but Mrs. Duff has caught for us the gentle slope of our mountains to the sea, and the soft drift of incoming fog, the graceful twist of windswept trees, making a pattern and repeating that design in shadows on the ground. One water color made near the old jetty, and another, of the fishermen returning after pulling their boats up under the rocks, called forth enthusiastic exclamations from us.

This versatile woman has also written and illustrated children's stories. One story about boys and a boat, suitable for young people about 12, and another for wee tots.

Mrs. Duff faces life with a smile, "adversity," she says, "is needed to enrich us, and give depth to our characters, and the truly creative artist will always find a medium of expression."

Pernot S. Duff has great enthusiasm and charm, laughter and vivacity, and if you do not know her and her paintings, you have missed a great deal. These are the people we want to encourage to come and Harbor and Brookings. They bring us much — of real worth!—B. Miller.

LOCAL NEWS

Among out of town steelhead fishermen here who were former residents included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, now of Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCulloch and Mr. and Mrs. Jim McQueen of Burns. They report having had luck before the storm began.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Woolsey of Ashland were recent house guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Masset, their uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. John Worek of Klamath Falls, who are visiting their parents, the Massets, were able to return to Harbor after spending several days at Gold Beach hospital under medical care.

Mrs. Herbert Payne and her daughter, Mrs. Ina Chapman, spent several days the first of the week at Coos Bay, visiting another daughter, Mrs. Helen Arlandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biddle and children returned home last week from Portland, and report weather up there worse than any we have had.

Mrs. Martha Steen returned last week from Hanford, Calif., where she had been since the middle of December. She reports that a few days after Christmas, her mother, Mrs. Annie Crane,

of that city, suffered a stroke and passed away, with funeral services held later in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Knutson are spending several days at Portland looking after property interests there.

In the first game of a double-header, Jan. 7, The Ramrod 'B' squad won from Bay City Market, 39 to 32, but had the lights go out when the A squad was a few minutes into the second game, with the score tied at 6-6. Other games, scheduled for this week were called off due to power outage.

Miss Betti Goldizen left Sunday noon for Ventura Junior College where she will enroll to begin the second semester. She had spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Goldizen.

It would be almost impossible for anyone to find a candle anywhere in this area, it is reported by a number of stores. The 100-hour outage cost the people!

Port Orford Notes

By Clyde Williamson, Insurance
Mrs. George Collins of Trinidad, Calif., accompanied Miss Tomplinson, Trinidad city recorder, on a business trip to Port Orford, last week. Mrs. Collins is a former local resident and Mr. Collins is owner of the Collins Grill, which is now being rebuilt following the fire which destroyed the interior last fall.

A sharp-eyed but harmless-looking man seated himself at the counter at Katies' Kafe the other morning and said he was hungry, that he used to work

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in the restaurant and would she give him a bite to eat. Generously she said that she would, but when her volunteer guest said, "I'd sure like to have two friend eggs, over easy please, and don't forget my toast and coffee," she was taken back a bit, but when he ordered the second cup of coffee, Katie's husband, Fred, came to the rescue and suggested that the Royal Bum leave and return later when they had time to make a new pot.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jamieson and daughter, Dolores, have returned to Port Orford after having spent the holidays with Mrs. Jamieson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sambert at Longview, Wn.

Mrs. Lloyd White motored with Mr. and Mrs. James Woodward to Medford last week where she attended the funeral of her uncle, Louis Sagar. Returning, she stopped at Grants Pass to visit relatives.

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