

### Historical Bits Of Coos, Curry Cos.

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ent site of Powers. That discovery by Johnson and Summers must have been in 1853; for by 1854, gold seekers were swarming in from all directions. The trail that led "Bovine" Johnson and "Sandy" Summers from Port Orford on their way to the gold strike must have passed through the country that we now know as Eckley.

We next learn of it through Joseph A. Haines, who came in 1859. He had crossed the plains from his native state of Illinois in the middle or early fifties, and had settled for sometime in the Willamette, coming from there into Douglas county. He doesn't tell how he first learned of the location of his future home in Curry county, the place that later became known as Eckley. But when he left Scottsburg in 1859, with T. C. Davis, he seemed to know just where they were going. The little steamer Washington landed them near the mouth of the Umpqua River; they walked down the beach to Coos Bay; crossed and found their way to the head of Isthmus Slough, then over the divide into the Coquille country, and on up that stream to Roland Prairie on the South Fork. From there they headed over the mountains to the place then occupied by Wash Waters. Haines arranged to buy Waters' claim. He then returned to Scottsburg, came again in the spring of 1860; put in a garden; went back to Scottsburg for his family. He tells of going by way of Roseburg, Camas Valley and the Middle Fork of the Coquille. He says: "We arrived at the place August 15, 1860. It was a lonesome place. The furniture consisted of three or four three-legged stools, a slab table, a few pots and pans, a Dutch oven, blankets, a brush broom, and a lot of pack saddles."

(Years later, Mrs. Haines told a neighbor that she refused to move into the cabin until the

place was cleared of pack saddles). Mrs. Haines continues: "The next day was devoted to house cleaning. My furniture had been sent to Port Orford and in Sept. I got it home. Our nearest neighbor, John Leggett, lived four miles away, and the next nearest was twelve miles. Our first visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Leggett. We were very glad to to see them. In a short time we returned the visit."

Just when the next families moved in to the Eckley country isn't clear. But among those who came were the families of Alfred (Tim) Greene, who is reported to have settled there in 1877; Thomas Jefferson (Jeff) Gibbs—not certain whether he was head of the family or one of the sons; date of arrival not given). The Bigelow family were among the early settlers, but definite information is not at hand.

The year 1876 appears to be quite definite for the coming of the George H. Guerin family. In time the Guerin family increased until there were ten children. And, incidentally, the Haines family increased until there were fourteen Haines. Others, also, had large families. Yet there appears to have been little in the way of schools in the community. This is not easy to understand, for these hardy pioneers had come largely from educated families; and in the years that followed, the children also were given educational advantages, though not in the home district.

### SMITH RIVER

The marriage of Miss Sara May, of Redwood City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westbrook, of Smith River and Leon Twigg of Palo Alto, will take place, Sunday afternoon, June 25 at three at Smith River church. Rev. E. C. Hicks will officiate. All friends of the Westbrook family are invited. The reception is set at the home of the parents, from 4 to 6 p. m.

William Hall, teacher of the boys class of the local Sunday school, took the group for an overnight camping up the Winchuck at Pat Morrison's place. The boys cooked their meals over the campfire and enjoyed life in

the open. Going included: Gordon and Bruce VanZee, Kenneth Wells, Larry McClish, Jimmie Rooney, Carl Ulrich, Grant Erhart, Jim Curley, Bobbie Ruess, Kenneth Johnson and Mr. Hall. Rev. E. C. Hicks received word June 14 telling of the sudden death of his brother-in-law, Lardus F. Miller of Reading, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had planned to leave June 15, on the Shriners train for Los Angeles where he was to attend the convention. Rev. Hicks and the Rowley family were to meet them at San Francisco where the train was to make a brief stop.

Young folks of the Youth Fellowship group of the church are serving a Turkey supper at the Community hall, Friday, June 23 from 6 to 8. Proceeds will go toward expenses of the young folks who plan to attend church camp in July.

Ministers for Del Norte area were given their appointments at the Methodist conference, held at Stockton, which closed the week's session, Sunday. Appointments were: Rev. E. Don Farmer to replace Rev. Butler at Crescent City; Rev. Porter C. Knutson for Klamath and Smith River, to replace Rev. C. C. Hicks who has been supply minister in the local church over four year

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowley and daughters, Dorothy and Lorraine returned home late Sunday evening from Myrtle Point, where they attended the wedding of Mr. Rowley's cousin, Miss Florence Russell, and Edgar Moon, both of Myrtle Point, who were married at the Christian Church, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reicinlin and two sons and his grandmother, Mrs. Joe Fuchs returned home Sunday from Tillamook where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Connell and two sons of Salem are spending their vacation visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowley, and father, Rev. E. C. Hicks.

The benefit movie, shown at the community hall Friday evening attracted a full house. It was staged to help raise funds to send girl scouts to camp in July. Mrs. Mildred Owen, leader, wishes to extend her thanks to everyone for their support.

### With The Churches

Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Rev. Fr. Donald Denman

First Sunday of month at 12 noon.

All other Sundays at 8 a. m. 9:30 a. m.

### Episcopal

Regular services at 11 a. m. on the first and third Sundays of the month.

### Christian Scientist

Services Sunday at 11:00 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. Hall. The public is invited.

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, June 25.

The Golden Text is "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation" (Isa. 52:7).

Among citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "The preparations of the heart in man

and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord" (Prov. 16:1), together with the following correlative passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The illuminations of Science give us a sence of the nothingness of error, and they show the spiritual inspiration of Love and Truth to be the only fit preparation for admission to the presence and the power of the Most High" (p. 596

### Bethel Temple

(Undenominational)

William Ward, Pastor

Services at VFW HALL

Mrs. John Meyers, Supt.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship at 11 a. m.

Tuesday night Bible study (in the homes).

Thursday night evangelistic services, 7:30.

Sunday night at 7:30.

We are privileged to have two young Bible students spending their summers here, and helping in many ways to enrich our services with special music and sermons. You have been missing some good inspirational meetings. Miss Minnie Brubaker and Jess McLaughlin are the helpers. Please come out and encourage us. We are growing steadily.

### Along Azalea Row

By Elsie Reynolds

At this writing, with the sun still hiding, we cannot be sure of the dates given you for Lily Festival, or the flower show and art exhibit. Last week in talking to Gordon Goetz, president of All-Year Events Association, and George Funk of the Lily Growers, the consensus seemed that the lilies may not be in bloom at the time tentatively set for July 2, 3 and 4. However, a notice will go out to all the members of the Garden club just as soon as we obtain this information.

Since this year we are concentrating especially on horticultural display, please note that to compete for a purple ribbon, 60% of the membership must be represented in this showing. No doubt there will be many duplications of specimens, but each member is urged, nevertheless, to bring as many as possible, so that the desired quota may be obtained. Members and non-members planning to enter arrangements should read carefully the schedule appearing on page five.

Every word means something, every word counts, real carefully, so says the schedule chairman. Here let me invite all those who are not members of the Garden Club and who wish to enter an arrangement under the various classifications as shown in the schedule, your entries will be most welcome.

We need gadgets, bulbs, plants, shubs, beach flora, and fauna, and unusual pieces of driftwood, etc., for our plant sale. Each and every item, small as it may seem, will be greatly appreciated. This part of our show adds to our treasury, as it not only takes of time and energy to produce this world-famous exhibition of ours, but money, too, so contribute what you can.

Admission to the flower show will be 25c, children up to 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by adults. Club members, your current membership card will serve. Aides serving on the various committees, though non-members, will be furnished courtesy badges, entitling them to free admittance. Doors for entries open at 8 a. m. Sunday, closing promptly at 10 a. m. The show will officially open at 2.

Many new features have been added to our show this year, including a continuous exhibition of education movies. The U. S. forest service will assist in a commercial display of Oregon wood products. Of interest to all who garden, will be the demonstration of soils testing by the county agent. Commercial exhibits of the newest in garden tools and implements, as well as the latest in insecticides and fertilizers will bring you up to date on what is recent and best for this territory.

Daily, we are adding new exhibitors to our art show, among the famous being Bennett, Bishop, Bosworth, Platz, and McConnell, all Oregonians and all notable names in the art world. A number of Humboldt State College artists will enter a comprehensive and realistic group of paintings to our growing list. Contemporary photography coupled with the creative ability of an artist, will be shown by the display of Mr. and Mrs. Sands of Gold Beach.

Just a hint! For a larger, a showier rose, now is the time to disbud. Pinch off closely, the scars heal quickly and produce a better bloom. This holds true of most other flower buds, and is a step in the right direction to bring forth those favorites you most enjoy in your garden club's best arrangements. Don't Forget—two loaves of your bestest nut or fruit bread is requested of each member for the tea room.

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