

OREGON PIONEER DIES WEDNESDAY AT AGE OF 77

Henry Sumner DeMoss passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. P. Waldo Davis, 1284 Villard street, Eugene, June 2, 1937 after a three years illness. He had been with Mrs. Davis since the first of the year. At the time of his passing he was 77 years, 3 months and 28 days of age.

Henry was the eldest child of Rev. James M. and Elizabeth Bonebrake DeMoss, ex-team emigrants of 1862 from Iowa. The first Oregon home of this pioneer family was at Cove where Rev. DeMoss built the first sawmill in the Grand Ronde Valley and had charge of the United Brethren church was singing evangelist and minister.

Henry was two years old when they arrived in Oregon. The DeMoss family and Bonebrakes for two generations previous, were noted musicians of church and state. While at Cove, Henry took up the study of harmony and music composition under the direction of Prof. Gustav Lang, who was retaining health in Oregon.

Famous Musician
From his early boyhood throughout his life he played numerous instruments, sang and taught music. In the famous DeMoss quartet he was the bass singer and the bass player of string and wind instruments. He rounded out over 80 years as a musical entertainer.

The first tour began from Cove in 1872 and comprised the entire DeMoss family, father, mother, two brothers and three sisters. The first few trips only, were by team, later they traveled by stage-coach, train and automobile, entertaining in every state and province on the North American continent from the smallest road side school house, church, lodge hall of the country to the auditoriums in the largest cities of the continent. Henry made more than 60 annual tours. Among the outstanding visits were the Columbian exposition at Chicago in 1893, Omaha in 1898, St. Louis 1904, Portland 1905, and San Francisco in 1915 where the DeMoss quartet sang, played and otherwise entertained for the entire seasons. They also made



THE Duchess of Windsor poses for Vogue, the fashion magazine. This picture, taken at the Chateau de Candé, is from a folio of photographs appearing in the June 1 issue. It clearly reflects the serenity of the former Wallis Warfield, American divorcee who cost the Duke of Windsor his crown, despite the world's tempestuous interest in her romance and marriage.

two trips to Europe studying and giving concerts in England, Wales,

Germany, France, Switzerland and Belgium.

In his later years he was manager and advance agent for the second generation. His son, Homer, was one of the outstanding soloists in the DeMoss entertainers. The final tour was in 1933 when Mr. DeMoss suffered a stroke of apoplexy and spent a year near Silver Lake, Oregon, recovering. He has been with his son, Homer, and family in the Willamette valley for the last two years.

Travelled Much
Although traveling extensively these many years he homesteaded in Sherman county and assisted in planting the trees surrounding the DeMoss Memorial park near Moro, Oregon.

He was not only a successful and popular musician but wrote more than a hundred of secular and sacred ballads and songs and set them to music. He was the composer of the first Oregon state song "Sweet Oregon" and wrote national and state airs for every state in the Union.

He joined the Baptist church at the age of 13 years and was married in Sherman county, Oregon, in 1901.

His survivors include only one member of the original DeMoss family, his sister, Mrs. P. Waldo Davis; one half-brother John M. DeMoss of Moro, Oregon; three children, Mrs. Harold Lyman, Honolulu, T. H.; Mrs. Morris Roach, Dallas, Texas; Homer Bonebrake DeMoss of Eugene, and seven grand children also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Presbyterian church at Moro, Monday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Cunningham, of The Dalles, a personal friend, officiating. Interment will be in the cemetery at DeMoss Springs. Poole Funeral Home of Eugene is in charge.

Hard of Hearing Group Has Election

Board of directors for the Eugene Society for the Hard of Hearing, and the nominating committee for 1938 has been announced by the organization. Mrs. F. L. Evans is president; Mrs. F. L. Chambers, vice-president; Mrs. S. L. Peters, secretary; Miss Martha Rorance, treasurer; Mrs. Helen L. Rorance and Mrs. C. J. Smith. The nominating committee is Mrs. C. A. LeVan. Mrs. Kittle Aman and Mrs. S. D. Read. A picnic has been planned for Wednesday, June 16, at Hendricks park. Mrs. LeVan will arrange transportation, and Mrs. Aman will be in charge of refreshments. Any hard of hearing person will be welcome.

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WELFARE LEAGUE CONCLUDES BUSY YEAR IN EUGENE

Concluding their year's work, this week end, members of the Welfare League in annual reports reveal an active and successful year. The group has carried on several outstanding philanthropic projects during the year and assisted in many community events. Mrs. W. D. Abel has served as the League president for the past year. The group will resume activities in September with Mrs. James K. King as the new president.

The report compiled by Mrs. Gaven C. Dyott from the field worker committee listed 12 emergency grocery orders given out; 14 pairs of shoes repaired for needy families; many sheets, bed shirts, bedding, and articles for maternity cases supplied during the year; 156 homes visited; 38 conferences held; one hospitalization case taken care of; one dental case taken care of; 110 yards of outing flannel made into nightgowns; material for 20 new quilts made by various organizations for the League to be given needy families; and 10 quilts donated the League to give needy cases.

Clinic Well Attended
The well baby clinic and the sewing room were two major projects carried on during the year.

In the well baby clinic a total of 94 children of pre-school age were examined, or an average of six children per clinic. Dr. A. N. Johnson, Dr. E. L. Gardner, Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Ruth Hildgardner from the Lane county health office were in attendance and conducted the clinics, held every two weeks on Wednesday mornings. A total of 16 clinics was conducted during the year.

Members of the League assisted at the clinics. One immunization clinic was held at the Lane county public health office with 13 children treated. Materials for this clinic were furnished by the health department.

Many Use Room
For the sewing room project, conducted every Thursday, an average of 20 customers at each was helped. During the months of January and February there were 35 customers weekly at this project. A total of 500 customers was assisted during the entire period, each one representing an average of from three to six members in each family. The sewing room committee in January was re-organized and enlarged to include a committee to conduct a city-wide drive for clothes for the sewing room. The response for this totaled 161 calls from all parts of the county in January.

Eugene Boy Writes Of Trip in Europe

Vernon P. Nelson, son of Mrs. Ira O. Stewart of Eugene, who left February 17 on a trip around the world, was at Nice, France, when last heard from. He writes of a wonderful trip from Marseille to Nice, most of the way following the Mediterranean sea. From Nice he planned to make excursions to Cannes and Monte Carlo. Leaving Nice, he will go by boat to Corsica and then to Pisa, Italy, and by train to Rome. Then down to Naples and back to Rome by train to Florence.

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These examinations are for the purpose of filling existing and future vacancies in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard.

Full information may be obtained from the secretary, board of U. S. civil service examiners, post office, Eugene.

City Matron Files Two Months' Reports

The report for May of Mrs. Ella Richardson, city police matron, shows a balance on hand in her fund for the relief of the poor and unfortunate at the end of the month of \$377.88. The report was filed in the office of the city recorder Saturday afternoon. During the month the matron had 51 office calls and investigations, 23 home calls, 10 girl cases, seven persons in the detention rooms and she attended 13 public dances.

The report for April, also filed Saturday, shows that she had 80 office calls and investigations, 27 home calls, 11 girl cases, six in the detention rooms, she attended 16 public dances and the balance on hand in her fund was \$351.72.

Delegates Elected By Willamette Post

Willamette post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars elected delegates Friday night to the state encampment in Astoria July 1, 2 and 3. The six delegates are Leroy Peterson, Walter Larson, Paul Green, C. N. Chapman, John Quiner and E. A. Johnson and alternates were chosen as follows: John Moriarty, Jack Nudelmann, I. N. Edwards, Manley Fuller, Pearl Crowe, C. C. Wilson and J. A. Baker. Besides the delegates it is expected that many of the members of the post and their families will attend. Most of them will drive down.

JOHNSON TO SPEAK
COBURG, June 5.—(Special)—Herbert V. Johnson of Eugene will speak at the Union forum Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Coburg Christian church.

Dr. Sam Tyler, optometrist, is attending the graduate clinic of Penn. State College of Optometry in Philadelphia. His office at 921 Willamette St., is open for all business except examinations. He will return July 12.

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