LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Elton Carey of Klamath Falls is spending the week at the Mayfield home.

Mrs. Asil Walker, Mrs. Dave Biles and their mother, Mrs. Hamner, were Medford visitors Friday, transacting business.

George Haff is building a new house on his property on Blackwell hill. Paul Thompson has been helping in the construction.

Miss Janet Chisholm is employed in Medford, where she is in the office of the Myron Root packing plant.

Don't forget, the Gold Hill News "Bargain Days" subscription special is now on. Subscribe now for only $1.00 the year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Adams and Mrs. Wyman Adams of Grants Pass were brief callers at the Fred Stone home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Parks and family moved from the Holmes property across the river, which they purchased this spring, to the H. E. Wharton property, Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tepovac, who until recently lived in one of the Adams houses, near the cement plant, have taken rooms at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bozy Tepovac.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vonder Hellen arrived Monday from California and are stopping at the Sherwood auto camp while Mr. Vonder Hellen is employed as foreman at the Del Rio packing house. They have a fine baby girl since they were here last fall.

W. R. Walker and son, Clinton, visited the Holcomb mineral springs in Sams Valley Monday of this week. They report that many people have been attracted to the resort by the health-restoring mineral waters and that all cabins have been filled with people taking treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sargent motored up from Etna, California, and spent the week end at their home here. Mr. Sargent is employed in a mine near Etna.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson took their son, Marty, to Medford Tuesday where he underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids.

Ernest Ross is acting as substitute carrier on route one out of the local postoffice while R. C. Martin, the regular carrier, is on his vacation.

Today (Thursday) several members of the Women's Relief Corps of Gold Hill are attending the Soldiers and Sailors convention at Grants Pass.

The condition of Lee Cook continues to improve. Mr. Cook has been ill with pneumonia the past two weeks and is being cared for in the Community hospital in Medford.

Mrs. Floyd Lance, who recently moved to Wolf Creek, suffered a severe heart attack last week. Miss Roberta Mayfield left this week to assist with duties in the Lance home.

Raymond Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blair, is expected home within the next few days from St. Paul, Alberta, Canada, where he has spent the vacation with his grandparents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gray and sons, Charles and Joe, left Tuesday morning for their home in Richland, Oregon, where Mr. Gray is superintendent of schools. They had spent their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gray, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kell, here. Mrs. Gray's brother, Leonard Kell, accompanied them home for a few weeks' visit.

Woodie Shaver, former Gold Hill youth, is back in Southern Oregon on a 90-day furlough from the United States army. He has been stationed for the last 15 months in Hawaii but expects to be transferred to Fort Stevens at Astoria at the end of his furlough. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Della Shaver, and brother Clarence, in Ashland. He spent Friday here renewing acquaintances in the old home town.

Short Ribs, 10c per lb. at the Gold Hill Meat Market. A29

Bill Hammersly went to Sawyers Bar last week, where he has employment in the mine with his father, George Hammersly.

Pat Becker arrived Sunday from Riddle for a visit with his father, Abe Becker. His brother, Zane, is also here with his father. They expect to return to Riddle for school.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang and daughter and Mr. Wolfgang's sister from Seattle were recent dinner guests of Bob Kenaston at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kenaston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith and son and Mrs. Smith's sisters the Misses Lois and Arlene Cameron of Grants Pass, were the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dungey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin and daughters Evelyn and Vernice, accompanied by a number of Epworth Leaguers, motored to Medford Friday evening, where they enjoyed a skating party,

Mrs. Sadie Swenson, who has been visiting relatives here the past week, motored to Portland, where she is visiting her son. She expects to return Friday, leaving soon thereafter for her home in Venice, California.

John Hays, Jess Gilchrist and John Eddington motored to Sawyears Bar Tuesday on a business trip. Messrs Hays and Gilchrist returned the same evening, while Mr. Eddington remained there as he has secured employment in the Ida Mae mine.

Mrs. Bud Snyder of the Ace of Spades cafe was a business visitor in Medford Monday. She states her daughter, Miss Effe Patton, is enjoying her vacation in San Francisco, and that the weather is very cool there.

Miss Maxine Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cook, underwent an operation for the removal of her tonsils and adenoids at the Community hospital in Medford last Wednesday. She returned to her home the same evening, and is reported as getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clrrk are moving this week from the Bertha Coy property near the Blair home, to Beagle, where Mrs. Clark will teach school this coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Matthews expect to occupy the property as soon as they vacate. Mrs. Madeleine Pendleton will return to live in the Nellie Reed house in which the Matthews now live.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray entertained at a farewell party Sunday in honor of their son, Richard, and family, who left Tuesday for their home in Richland. Those enjoying the hospitality of the Grays were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kell and daughter Laurene, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Parker and daughter, Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. A. Meunier and daughters, Jocelyne and Denise, Mrs. Wm. Hittle, Mrs. Grce Brown of Medford, Merrit Hilttle and Marshall Gray, besides the honorees.

Lamb Chops, 2 lbs. for 25c. Gold Hill Meat Market. A29

Alva Cook, who received painful burns at the cement plant several weeks ago, was able to return to his work last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Force and Lorraine motored here from Medford Sunday. They are living there while employed in the fruit.

Mrs. Olav Lokken of Stanwood, Washington, arrived in Gold Hill Wednesday evening for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Leon Wise.

School for the fall term at the Alderbrook school on Sardine creek will be resumed Monday, September 2. Mrs. C. B. Johnson of Gold Hill, who has taught there for the last two years, will again be in charge.

Colonel Leigh Hunt of Brownsville, Texas, visited at the H. D. Reed home from Saturday to Tuesday morning. Ben Moore of Portland and Milton Steinmetz of Halfway, Oregon, were also visitors this week in the Reed home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meade and two daughters of San Francisco, stopped overnight Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Tiny Altherr. Mr. Meade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Meade of the Riverside orchards on the Sams Valley road, and visited there Wednesday, leaving this morning for the south where Mr. Meade is professor in a school near San Francisco. The trip was made down the Redwood highway.

Book Chats

Ever since the South became good copy for novelists ten or twelve years ago, the negro has been an increasingly important character in American fiction. There have developed certain typical negro stories, ranging from the simple presentaion of the negro as the victim of a system, to the distillations of the horror school, in which the individual negro becomes the victim of poor white monsters. Throughout all this, the negro characters in Southern novels have tended to be swamped under social implications—for even the most admirable social theses can petrify the characters of a novel.

There have been notable exceptions, for instance in the novels of Julia Peterkin and DuBose Heyward, and in the plays of Paul Green. In this category comes "Deep Dark River" by Robert Rylee.

Mose Southwick, a member of the class of sharecroppers is an acutely observed and sympathetically presented negro character. His is a profoundly human situation, and he meets it in a profoundly human way. He is a simple laboring negro, and he is distinguished by an abundant inner life, a confidence in himself which takes a religious bent, a knowledge of his rights and a determination to stand up for them. Mose kills, in self defense, the negro hired by the plantation manager to shoot him; he runs away, but he returns, is caught and tried for murder.

In the second part of "Deep Dark River," which is the murder trial, the view shifts from Mose to Mary Winston, the woman lawyer who defends him. While the setting and details of the story are those of the Mississippi, the essential story is universal. It is not so much the story of a victimized negro as of a courageous spiritual victory. It is not the story of a static character defeated by his environment, but of a developing character who triumphs over adverse circumstances.

There is an almost mystical quality, almost a feeling of transfiguration at the end, an ending somewhat similar to that of "The Green Pastures." Altogether, Mr. Rylee has written a novel that is moving and real. He has put life into all of his characters; he has individualized the farm negroes as clearly as the ancient plantation owner who went to seed with his land, his two degenerate sons, his weak bully of a plantation manager. And into Mose, the simple negro preacher whose consciousness is a river of no doubt, he has instilled the nobility of aspiration, courage, and integrity.

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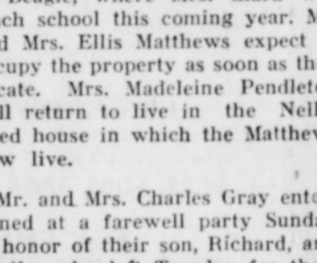
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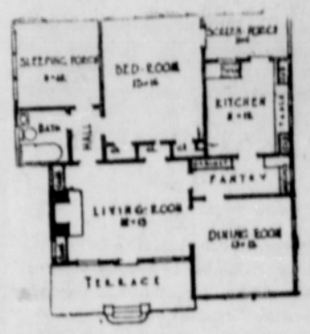

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