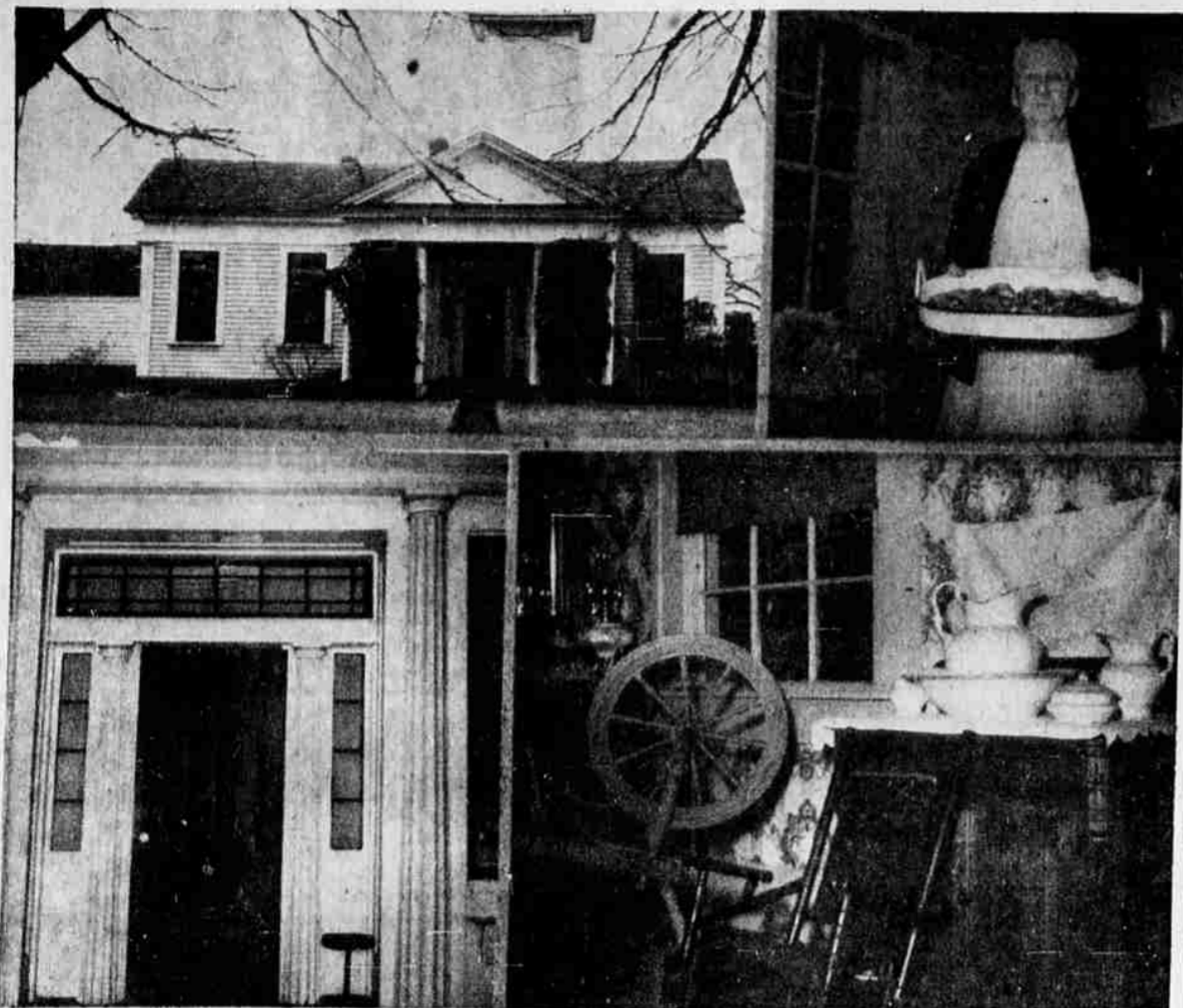


HISTORICAL HOME PATTERNED AFTER WHITE HOUSE



LEBANON—Modeled for posterity as an outstanding example of early day homes, and accorded a place of honor in the Congressional Library is Linn's little White House in the Knox Butte area. It was built in 1846 and is still in an excellent state of preservation. Pioneer Silas Haight bought the place from its original owner in 1860. Mistress of the little White House is Mrs. Samantha Haight, 88, upper right, who came as a bride in her early 20's to the historic home, birthplace of both her husband and son. Entrance to Linn county's oldest frame dwelling, lower left, displays the master workmanship accomplished with hand tools 108 years ago by a Virginia craftsman. His memory of the White House in Washington came to reality in Oregon's wilderness during pre-territorial days. A corner of the "company" bedroom, lower right, shows a matched commode and dresser with china wash set, kerosene lamp and other accessories of the past. The flax spinning wheel and low rocker came over the Oregon trail in Silas Haight's covered wagon.

Pioneer Knox Butte Home Still Used After 108 Years

By KATHERINE HARRIS

LEBANON—Often referred to as Linn's Little White House, the first frame home built in the county in 1846 was patterned after the president's residence in Washington D. C. It is the object of loving care, is in an excellent state of preservation, and has been the Haight family home for 86 years.

Situated on a knoll in the Knox Butte area, it is fronted with a line of old oak trees and overlooks a wide valley of rich farmland.

A model of this home may be found in the Congressional Library in the national capital, along with the old Conser house in Jefferson, these two being the only pioneer homes in the area chosen for that honor.

Mrs. Samantha Haight, who now lives in the little white house, relates that during the 1930's government men visited the place to draw sketches, take photographs and measurements of the house inside and out, and write its history. Its condition was much superior to other early homes visited. Mrs. Haight was told, and no preliminary reconstruction was necessary. On the Conser house, however, considerable effort was necessary to effect restoration for the modeling.

Mrs. Haight reports that the house was built by Judge Baber, who came to the Oregon country from Virginia in 1845 bringing with him a fine set of tools. Conscious of his family tradition, he determined to build his home as a small model of the Washington White House of his memory, and in the spring of 1846 he set about the task, hewing timbers from his donation land claim for the purpose. Expertly he tooled each beam and board, building with wooden pegs and square nails. All parts, including the pillars and mortised doors, are so perfectly finished that they resemble finely planed surfaces produced by a modern mill. Even with help, it took nearly a year to complete the house to his satisfaction.

In 1860 Judge Baber sold the claim and its white house to Silas Haight, in whose family it remains to the present time.

Their son, Henry D. Haight, was born there the following year, and in 1889 he married Miss Samantha Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Zimmerman of Jefferson, bringing his bride to the white house of which she would one day be mistress. Two years later, their son, Clair D. Haight, though widowed in 1936, continues to live in the historic home while her son and daughter-in-law farm a portion of the original claim and have their residence close by.

With justified pride, Mrs. Haight admits that she will be 89 on March 12, and well may she boast for she is a remarkably agile person with erect carriage, snowy hair, smooth skin and alert blue eyes which require no spectacles except for fine sewing.

She does all her housework and cooking, is expert with a needle, and takes pride in her flower garden. Her chrysanthemums won cups at past flower shows when she was active in garden organizations.

Inside the white house are treasured heirlooms ranging from cut glass, china and exquisite fancy work to furniture that would delight a collector. On the mantle sits a Terry clock that crossed the plains in the Haight covered wagon, along with the spinning wheel used for flax. A sampler made in 1812 by one of the family needlewomen hangs on the wall. A couch, with padded headrest and tapestry covered back is one of the "newer pieces" having been purchased by Mrs. Haight's parents in Salem in 1880.

Hidden treasures in the old house include dresses which Mrs. Haight wore for different occasions more than 60 years ago. One, a striking creation of maroon cashmere, is made with long shirred sleeves, high neck and ribbon details on the shoulders. It looks severe enough for the most formal occasion, but Mrs. Haight describes it as "a wrapper,—just something to wear on afternoon calls to the neighbors."

Ten yards of wide wool cashmere went into it. It is lined throughout, and an Albany dressmaker received \$2.50 for making it in the early 1900's.

Due to the ageless character of

its architecture, Linn's Little White House looks quite modern sitting close to the ground with graciously spreading wings on each side of the pillared porch. It is hard to believe that it was built 108 years ago, and that no repair or remodeling has changed its basic lines.

LEGALS

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Denver Young has been by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Marion County, appointed administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of Nellie V. Land, Deceased. Any persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them, with proper vouchers, to said administrator at 310 Pioneer Trust Bldg., Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

DATED this 18th day of February, 1954.

DENVER YOUNG
Administrator with the will annexed of the Estate of Nellie V. Land, Deceased.
RHOTEN, RHOTEN & SPEERSTRA,
310 Pioneer Trust Building,
Salem, Oregon
Attorneys for Administrator.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOSEPH W. HUTCHISON has been, by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion, Probate Department, appointed Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT SNEYD RENFREW, Deceased. Any persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them, with proper vouchers, to said administrator at 310 Pioneer Trust Building, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1954.

JOSEPH W. HUTCHISON
Administrator for the Estate of Robert Sneyd Renfrew, Deceased.
RHOTEN, RHOTEN & SPEERSTRA,
Pioneer Trust Building,
Salem, Oregon
Attorneys for Administrator.
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Removal of CCC Director Suggested by Rep. Pelly

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Pelly (R-Wash.) Wednesday called on the Commodity Credit Corp. to replace its regional director at Portland, Ore., if investigation shows reports he "has an unsympathetic attitude toward the storage problem and the present administration" prove correct.

Pelly said in a letter to Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse, CCC president, he is "in constant receipt of inquiries from my constituents" since he called for an investigation of Regional Director Clyde Kiddie last week. Pelly requested an inquiry after recent conferences on storage of surplus wheat aboard Maritime Administration reserve fleet vessels in the Pacific Northwest.

The congressman said his first request was not answered and "interested parties" were asking for a report on the "progress of my efforts to bring Mr. Kiddie's disposition to the attention of the proper parties with a view to replacing him if such charges prove to be substantially accurate."

Pelly also expressed dissatisfaction with some points of the CCC decision to store wheat on ships moored near Olympia, Wash., and Astoria, Ore. The CCC announcement last week said dredging will be necessary before the Astoria site can be used. Pelly said the dredging cost could be avoided by using an alternate site on the Columbia River between Puget Sound and Coffee Island used by the Army after World War II. The site has sufficient depth to eliminate all but a minor part of the dredging, he said.

Of the 615 planes used on European airlines, 23 or 4 per cent are French with 38 per cent British and 58 per cent American.

4-H Club News

CENTRAL HOWELL—The How Prairie 4-H Livestock club met Monday evening at the home of the president, Mike Denham.

Painting rural mail boxes was discussed as a possible way to raise money for the club. Plans for a skating party also were made and other 4-H clubs were invited to join them. Elton Watts and Bill Williams explained the junior leadership to the members. Refreshments were served by the president's mother, Mrs. Charles Denham.

Shirley Eggiman presided at the meeting of the Clothing 1 club held at the school house recently. Projects worked on were head scarves, pot holders and draw string aprons. Mrs. Elton Watts and Mrs. Howard Eggiman are the leaders of this group, also of the clothing 2, 3 and 4, named the Merry Little Workers.

This group met at the home of their president, Barbara Arrell, for the last meeting. These girls are working on blouses, school dresses and dusters. Members of both clubs are planning to attend the Do's and Don'ts of Demonstrations meetings on Saturday at the Mayflower hall.

HALLS FERRY—The Pine Toppers 4-H Forestry club held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bronson of Halls Ferry Saturday morning, Feb. 13.

The work program for the coming year was discussed and adopted. By-laws and constitution were accepted.

Joe McPadden gave a report on the sugar pine and its usefulness. Members had a round table discussion on the work to be accomplished during the club year.

The next meeting will be held March 6 at the home of John Cooper, route 3, Halls Ferry.

ST. PAUL—The Kitchen Queens and the Mixing Bowl Cooking clubs of St. Paul joined their efforts in cooperation with the

American Legion Auxiliary in the March of Dimes drive. The girls sold \$58 worth of tickets for the dance sponsored by the Auxiliary and also took in \$28 on the cake sale to which they donated cakes.

The two clubs are again joining efforts for the 4-H window display to be made for National 4-H week, March 6-14. Committees to secure a window plan the display, and decorate the window have been appointed with all girls participating.

Central Howell

CENTRAL HOWELL—A pot luck supper was enjoyed by members of the Central Howell Farmers Union before their recent meeting at the school house. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Frank Beutler, with the secretary, Mrs. Albert Mantie, assisting.

It was decided to again sponsor the Marion county corn show, an annual event of the fall season, with Silas Torvend as chairman of the group, and he is to select his assistants.

Reports of the Marion county meeting, also the recent state convention were given and discussions on the action taken.

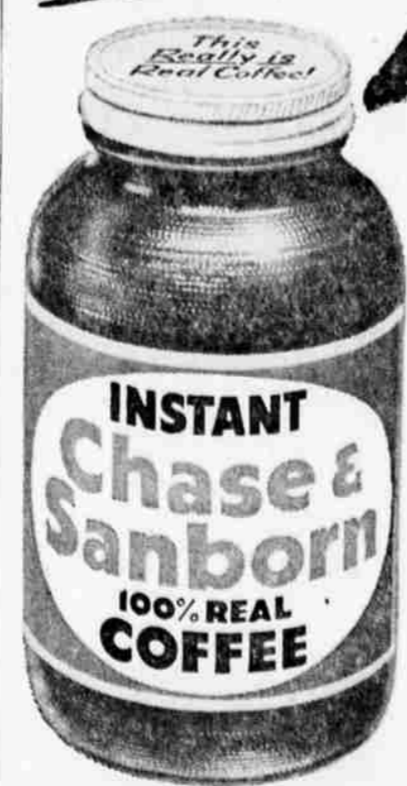
An invitation was extended to the members to attend the wedding of Miss Maxine Hansen and Lloyd Beutler on the 13th of March in Salem. Miss Hansen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen, and Lloyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beutler.

Eldon Beutler, re-elected as state president of the Oregon Farmers Union Juniors, gave a report of their activities and plans for the coming year. He will also be chairman of the program committee for the March meeting of this local.

An announcement of the meeting of the Auxiliary to be held at the Roy Rutschman home on Friday, February 19, was made.

The next meeting of this local will be March 15 at the Central Howell school house.

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