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## This Person & That

By C. T. E.  
This is the opening chapter of a touching tale which appeared in this paper over 30 years ago.

The first information we have regarding the animal life of Estacada is contained in the first News published Dec. 1, 1904, is as follows:

"Chas. Ferry now owns a fine specimen of the Mongolian pheasant birds. It is one he got of a farmer who lives near Highland and whose dog caught the bird when it was a young thing. It is not yet a year old and will be a very beautiful bird when full grown."

Starting from that point and jogging down to the present moment, this article is expected to fully cover the subject from alligators to zebras and eventually winding up with what Ferry started out with 34 years ago. Read on and you'll find history, tragedy, romance and scientific conclusions.

Back in 1907 a merchant exhibited a pair of alligators until one of them died and the other went away. Whatever became of it nobody knows. For quite a time it was 'seen' several times along the bank of the river.

At about the time the alligators were here an Estacada man went to the home of a neighbor where he drank a blend of carboic acid, turpentine and camphor and on his way home saw a whole herd of zebras. They blocked his path and he couldn't get away so he laid down in the street and stayed there until the zebras disappeared which was some time about daybreak the next morning.

As far as the record reveals there has never been a parrot nor monkey in town. One woman in speaking of monkeys said "you ought to see my husband," but we are speaking of bona fide monkeys, those fellows we all came from if you believe such bunk. This monkey husband evened up the score a few days ago to ask when the antique show was to be held. He said, "I want to take my wife."

There are three horses within the corporate limits. The two prancing steeds of the Meade stables and a pinto pony. According to Don Meade who can ride both horses at the same time, plans are underway to start a dude ranch. Bring them in here green and send them away covered with callouses—that is, the gentlemen dudes and lady dudes. There are a lot of good horses on the outskirts of the town which includes Bob Snyder's animal which does all the work around the place and gives Bob a chance to get out and work for somebody else. John Marchbank's renewed nag, those fine work teams of Albert Kitchings and the famous riding pony of Thelma Geil who is a girl champion rider of the coast.

One of our women residents says she has been living with a mule for 20 years but he has never been recorded in a jack-ass census and hence doesn't count. Dogs are Estacada's most popular animal but a number of them will lose their freedom in a few days as a brave man will come around with a cage on a wagon and a long pole, a hunk of meat, a net and a tear bomb and will reach out and get them. May they eventually have plenty of bones and fleas. Estacada has two dogs who have gotten into the newspapers. They are 'Sport' Smith, who goes to church regularly except when his neuritis bothers him and 'Jiggs' Epplett whose affection for a tabby cat became world news. You can never tell tho. A fellow just dropped in, he said, to "rest his dogs." There are a pair we never reckoned with.

The woman who wished her husband to be classified as a monkey has been joined by another, a brunette wife, who after finding some light hairs on her husband's coat declares that "some blonde is making a monkey out of my husband." We are still refusing to put anybody down as a monkey upon such evidence. We will

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## Currinsville Mill Burns in Early Tuesday Morning Fire; Part of Mill Saved



Del Shoup (slightly "shook up") and Bob Heiple stand watch over the remains of the mill portion of the Sloup mill at Currinsville Tuesday morning. The Currinsville-Cazadero and Estacada Volunteer Fire Departments responded promptly to the fire call and were able to save most of the green chain, the burner conveyor and

planer. A small fire had developed Monday afternoon which had been extinguished but was kept under observation. Mr. Sloup had remained on watch until around midnight and was about to go home but changed his mind. He was resting in his car and fell asleep to be awakened by the crackling of the

fire which had gotten a good start. He tried to reach the Portland operator as he did not have lights (the fire cut out the electricity.) He was unable to raise the operator (at around daybreak) to have her relay the fire call and it was not until an unidentified man arrived on the scene that the fire depart-

ment was called. This should be an example to all of us to memorize the emergency telephone number just in case we would be caught in the same situation. The loss was partially covered by insurance. Mr. Shoup hopes to be able to rebuild the mill.

## Kiwanis Celebrate Tenth Anniversary

The Kiwanis Club Tenth Anniversary was enjoyed Tuesday evening at the Grade School cafeteria with around 50 people in attendance.

Tommy May served an excellent chicken dinner. President Allyn Price welded the gavel and assessed miscellaneous fines for advertising in the Tenth Anniversary Kiwanis Bulletin. (It was a nice job Doc!) and those present paid their assessments and the Lord help those who were absent for they have yet to pay.

Instrumental duets on base horns and trumpets were provided by Dave Petrasso and Howard Horner (plus their own comedy interpretations. Their renditions were immensely enjoyed.

The highlight of the evening was the auctioning of the Estacada Lake Addition lots provided by Larry Berentzen. Robert Hughes of Portland was the auctioneer and as a result of his efforts the Kiwanis Swimming Pool fund is now \$400 richer.

## Engineer O. K.'s Sewer Extension

Approval of the assistance of the Police Dept. to enforce the new regulation made by the Board of the Estacada Union High School whereby the driveway around the school building has been posted as a "NO THOROUGHFARE" area.

The State Sanitary Authority letter written by Kenneth H. Spies, Deputy State Sanitary engineer gave the city their approval to complete the Shafford Street sewer extension as designed by the cities engineering firm of Carl E. Green & Associates.

The contract agreement for group medical service with the Physician's Association of Clackamas County was signed by the Myor and Recorder upon Council resolution approving the agreement.

The Mayor read a letter from the County Court in which they advised the city that certain additional lots for the Estacada Public Park were now in process of being transferred to the city.

Mrs. Anna Ella Tracy late of Portland died in that city Sept. 11th. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 P M at Clayville Chapel with vault interment in Mt. Zion cemetery; Rev. Violet Bolliger officiating.

REMEMBER THE ESTACADA ROD AND GUN CLUB SPORTS SHOW at Broadway Theatre on Sept. 19th at 8 PM. Over 70 Free Gifts

## Kitchings Golden Wedding Held Sunday

A lovely affair was held on Sunday afternoon Sept. 1 for the Golden Wedding for Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kitching at the home of their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Rynning when open house was held for relatives and friends. About 100 called throughout the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitching were married at the home of her father Granville Linn on Estacada Route One, Sept. 1, 1907 at 4 P.M. by Rev. Charles McPherson, pastor of the local Methodist Church.

The honored couple are the parents of two children, Mrs. Ernest Rynning and Harold Kitching; grandchildren are Eloise Rynning, Mrs. Danny (Beverly) Mariman and Roger Kitching; also one great granddaughter 3 year old Robin Mariman. Among family members present at the wedding 50 years ago and now were Roy and Norman Linn, brothers of Mrs. Kitching, Harry and Charles Kitching, Mrs. Sara Sandell, brothers and sister of Albert and Mrs. Maggie Thomas and Mrs. Fred Bates, cousins of Mrs. Kitching.

Mrs. Kitching was born in Currinsville and Mr. Kitching in Birtle, Manitoba, Canada. They are members of Estacada IOOF, and Rebekah lodges.

At the reception the rooms were decorated with arrangements of shades in gold and yellow flowers done by Mrs. Guy Keller, Mrs. Amos Hills and Mrs. Jim Lamb. A four tiered cake was decorated by Mrs. Del Nordquist in gold and pink with miniature bride and groom on center top. It was served with ice cream, tea, coffee and punch. Pouring were Mrs. Harold Kitching, Mrs. Earl McConnell, Mrs. Bill Reimers. Others assisting were Mrs. Danny Mariman, Mrs. Mary Elmer, Mrs. Maxine Odell, Mrs. Leslie Hagstrom, Mrs. Joyce Peterson, Mrs. Amos Hills. The main table was covered in white cloth with gold threads through cloth. In charge of the guest book was Mrs. Charler Kitching and gifts, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Mariman presented Mrs. Kitching with a purple and gold orchid for a corsage.

The first baby clinic for the fall and winter season was held in the grade school Thursday morning, Sept. 5 with more than 25 children examined by Dr. Stole and staff. I

## Garden Club Has Good Attendance

Estacada Garden Club met at the home of Grace Still Sept. 9 with Abbie Armstrong, Ada Dayton, Geraldine Wallace, and Maude Haughton as hostesses who served lovely refreshments prior to the business meeting.

The president welcomed the ladies; Gertrude Rhoades read "A Gardener's Prayer" and Bernice Miller lead the group in "The More We Get Together."

Twenty-seven were present and each member answered roll call with her worst weed pest and several thanking her secret pal for remembrances during the past month.

Marvin Black of Black's Gardens in Saelm was scheduled as guest speaker. He called from Oregon City saying his car had broken down and he was unable to come. This was a great disappointment to all as several of our members have seen Mr. Black's work and have enjoyed him immensely.

The recent flower show was discussed and the chairman, Grace Still, thanked everyone for their cooperation in making the show a success. The display put in by the Forest Service under direction of John Ackerman was very nice. Mrs. John Englund brought an interesting African Violet display; Bill Griggs added interest to the show by bringing in his massive Sun Flowers, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wallaert of the Dodge district displayed some of their wonderful dahlias.

The next meeting will be Oct. 7 at 1 P.M. in the city hall with the following hostesses: Helen Eaden, Gertrude Rhoades and Eva White.

## New Pastor at Christian Church

Brother Eldin Gilstrap and wife of Turner, Ore., have been called, by unanimous vote of the congregation and elders to be the ministers of the Christian Church.

Brother Gilstrap is a man of wide experience, having at one time been field representative for the old Eugene Bible College. He has expressed the opinion that the area around Estacada is a very challenging field and enters into it with much enthusiasm.

## Republican Party Country Fair at Oswego

The Clackamas County Republican Activities Committee is holding a Country Fair at 2nd and B Streets, Oswego, on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Prizes are being offered and donations solicited. Mamie Eisenhower has supplied a lovely etching of the White House and Mrs. Nixon a hand carved wooden box with silk dust. In addition, there are numerous other prizes. Anyone who is interested in supplying prizes,

## Black Knights Ready for Battle

The Black Knights of the Clackamas opened football workouts under direction of their new head coach Gordon Bigler with hopefuls trying out for the team. Most of the first week was spent in conditioning and tryouts for the all important quarterback spot. Bigler would like to use the "T" formation if he can find the quarterback he needs to direct this offense.

Last years Estacada Grade School Tigers had a mediocre record and are hoping that this year will see an improvement on that record with the return of many veterans. Among the boys who lettered last year are Larry Adamson, hard charging fullback, Howard Bess, a very fast halfback, Denny Cutforth, who played end last year but is being tried at the signal calling post now, Dick Klinker, a small but aggressive guard, Deb Schliechert, a real tower of strength in the forward wall, Allan Wiley, a slender pass catching end and George Dodd, an aggressive guard. Newcomers to the team are Bob Turner, John Shibley, who are fighting it out for the starting center position. Karl Kieff, Tim Stewart, Don Dobbins, Kent Engstrom and Mike Carlson, all trying out for a guard spot; Ray Dubord, Dennis Ross, Wayne Walters, and Mike Chonle, all working towards a starting end position; Gary Barden, Wiley Howell, David Illeg, Leroy Smith and Ted Hodgkiss are all trying out for the backfield. Coach Bigler also has some fine returnees, from the reserves of last year in Gary McCullough, and Roger Kitching.

The Black Knights are going to be strongly schooled on fundamentals by Coach Bigler and with the strong core of returning lettermen should provide the Estacada area with a strong football team. No games have as yet been scheduled but will be very soon. Watch this paper for the first home game.

## Legion Units Have Good Turnout

The American Legion Post and Auxiliary unit held their first meeting Monday eve with the new officers in charge. Plans were made to have the annual turkey dinner Oct. 13 from 1 to 5:30 PM at Estacada Grade School. This is one of the Once a Year events for the Post and Auxiliary.

Mrs. John Abbott the Auxiliary president made all the standing appointments for the year. The Unit voted to send their check of the amount amounting to \$36 for the year. The poppy chairman was authorized to order 2200 poppies. The program of poppy making starts in November in the Portland and Camp White hospitals. Each Veteran is paid \$20 per thousand for making the poppies.

The date of the District meeting has been set for Oct. 6 at Beaverton with Districts 9, 8 and 1 having a joint meeting. District President Mrs. Wm. Fleming invited members to attend a get acquainted meeting at the St Johns hall Sept. 15 at 2 PM. The Unit voted the \$25 for the Gift Shop. The Rehabilitation Chairman will purchase material for the members to sew for the three gift shops. Mrs. Adolph Still; Mrs. Harry Hickmund and Mrs. Larry Meade will be in charge of the next luncheon for the Atkinson ladies.

## Dave Horner and Staff All Set for 1st Anniversary Celebration This Week



The Horner gang stand proudly in front of the Chevrolet sedan supplied through the courtesy of Miller Chevrolet

Service which will be given away Saturday night. The car full of groceries give away will wind up the three day anniversary celebration for Dave Horner; Bob Jones; (new assistant to Dave Horner;) Jo Sanders; Velma Durham; Al-above pictures left to right; ice Correll; Janice Tracy and head butcher Frank Sabroski.

## Membership drive is now on

and Mrs. Eva Dooley presented Mrs. Florence E. Larson; Mrs. Evelyn S. Platt; Mrs. Daisy L. Riley as new members and Mrs. George Armstrong presented Mrs. Olive Davis as a new member. Any eligible woman will be welcomed as a member of the Legion Auxiliary. Please contact Mrs. George Armstrong the membership chairman also renewal dues are now being accepted. Mrs. Eva Dooley is our champion member getter and is well on a new record breaking challenge.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 7 at 8 PM in the Legion hall. Pot luck dinners will soon start after that date. Mrs. Minnie Forman the sewing chairman announced sewing will be an all day meeting with potluck dinner at noon on Sept. 20 at 10 AM. All members cordially invited to attend. There will be plenty to do.

Couty News, 25c each or five for \$1.00. For further information contact Mrs. Russell Reed, Mrs. Helen Crowson or L. D. Meade 1313 S. E. River Forest Road, Milwaukie.

Tickets are available locally at the office of the Clackamas may contact Julie Johnson,