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By the Editor

THE WARDENS OF THE GREEN LAND

By Ben Hur Lampman

(Editor's Note—This essay was written at the request of the Keep Oregon Green Association by Ben Hur Lampman, and published in the June 21st issue of the Portland Oregonian. We take pleasure in reproducing it in this column on account of the fact that it so well expresses the sentiments of the editor of this paper and also on account of the importance of the subject at this time.)

Once upon a time there was a pleasant country, from the hills to the sea, that was known as the Green Land—and this because heaven had blessed it with trees. These in their groves or their forests, where the streams and rivers were many and bright, were the birthright of the country, and these were its greenness, and because of these the land was called the Green Land. Under heaven there was no country more favored of providence—and the happiness and wealth of the people were one with the tall and murmurous trees.

And the people said, one to another, that their wealth and their happiness were the gifts of the green forests, and each of them was by appointment a warden of the trees—that always the Green Land should be green. For flame, though a good servant, is a harsh master. And a charge upon each was to be warden to the forests, and gladly, that never in their time should the common inheritance be diminished. There was a covenant between themselves to keep flame from the forests of the Green Land.

How wise they were, in their fortunate country, yet of what simplicity was their wisdom. That which is wise more often is simple than otherwise. And this was their wisdom in its simplicity—that the green forests were alike their yesterday, their today and their tomorrow. Their cities and factories had risen from the forest; it had fashioned their homes and their towns; the forest had made their highways for them; their schools and universities were its gifts. As it had dealt with their fathers and with them, in generous measure, so the green forest would deal with their children, and so it should deal with their children's children. And the ultimate of their wisdom was the banishment of fire.

If it were not—these people of the Green Land agreed—for our trees and our forests, whither should we turn when we are tired from our occupations? For there was that in the cool, green forest like the touch of a comforting hand; there was that like an answered prayer. Yet though the forests seemed the visible evidence of God, there was laughter in them and freedom from care—and the people of the Green Land were as children in their forests, being without fret. Their hands have touched the grave and whispering trees caressingly; they have looked upward as wondering children to the cathedral sunshine through the upper branches; they have found peace there, and healing; they have loved the trees. For the forests were the inheritance and birthright of the people of the Green Land, and each, from childhood to age, was a warden of the forest.

Who has seen the doe and her fawn, when they lift their heads from the hill spring, as they look? Who has flushed the grouse from the covert, and watched it curve through the shafted sunshine and shadow? Who has stooped to the forest flowers where the bracken is wet with the gentle breath of the trees? Who has picked the scarlet wild columbine, the flower that is vivid silence? Who has heard the griefless sadness of the wild pigeons? Who has followed the hill stream to its source in the living rock of the hills? Who from his camp by the upper river has seen twilight come to the canyon, in vestments, her head bent in piety? And the answer of the people of the Green Land was that only those who had known their forests had known these.

The green, grave forests that lifted beyond their towns and their cities, beyond their farmlands and their clearings, these were alike yesterday, today, and tomorrow to the people of the Green Land, and these their ample inheritance. Of these were the homes that had been, since first the ax thudded in the clearing; of these were the homes that were, town and city; and of these were the cities and towns that were yet to be. Was ever a people so blessed as this people? Their garden was the deep forest, their gardener was providence, and by the hand of the wind, the beak of the bird, the store of the squirrel, the seed of their garden was cast to the loam that awaited it. And as their garden ripened, to clothe them and nurture them, the young garden sent its green spires to lift to the upper sunshine.

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CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL PICNIC IN CITY PARK

The annual Sunday School picnic of the Federated Church was held last Friday evening, August 7 in the city park with a large crowd attending. Thirteen soldier boys were special guests.

The first part of the evening was spent in playing softball, and the little kiddies played their favorite games.

After a program was given, which was enjoyed by all, as follows: America, played by Merlene Gehard, trumpet; Rolly Clark, trumpet; Billy Langston, alto horn, and sung by the group.

Prayer by Mr. Ayers. Reading "The Treasury" by Lucille Higinbotham.

The ladies put on a skit "The Scandal". Mesdames Minnick, Booth, Williams, Hamrick and Cassman were the characters. Mrs. Meade acted as prompter.

Two instrumental numbers on electric guitars by Mrs. Johnson and Clair.

Skit "Mary's Little Lamb" presented by Maxine Ayers, John and Nelda Tharp, Dick Wyatt, Bonnie Higinbotham, Delores Cox, Anna Booth and Ruby Webster.

The male quartet (Messrs. Lacy, Meade, Ayers and Tharp) sang two numbers "A Little Talk With Jesus" and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Short skit "The Streetcar" presented by Ruth Clark, John Tharp, Mildred Williams, Lucille Higinbotham, Edla and Eric Johnson.

3 songs by ladies quartet, Mesdames Grissam, Tex, Conrad and Minnick. Mrs. Williams announced the numbers. Maxine Ayers led the group in some choruses after which our pastor, Rev. Bender, gave a short message.

The final number on the program was the serving of ice cream to all present.

Holding the picnic in the evening in our own park was a new venture, which proved to be a huge success; just ask someone who was there.

Garden Club Meeting Held August 10

The regular meeting of the Garden club was held at Mrs. Warren Patterson's August 10th. The husbands were invited and an outside hamburger supper was cooked on Mrs. Patterson's new fire place.

Those presents were Mesdames Brainerd, Tex, Wilson, Kelly, Vincent, Merritt, Gleason, Bonny, Lathrop, Lawrence and the hostess Mrs. Warren Patterson.

Guests were Mrs. S. J. Faggart, wife of Major Faggart of Camp White, Mrs. Ray Hunsaker of Crater Lake, Charlotte Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. Don Patterson.

Everyone had a grand time and all wished we could have many more such pleasant evening.

Our President, Mrs. Lathrop postponed their business meeting until the September meeting which will be held at Mrs. Alta Kelly's home.

Ex-service Men to Attend Ceremonies

All ex-service men are to meet on Pine street Saturday morning at 8:30 and go to Camp White in a body. Those who wish to bring families, may do so and a way will be provided for them to go. All men are asked to wear their caps.

TO OPEN OFFICE—

Dr. J. J. P. Bray, chiropractic physician and former pastor of the Southern Methodist church, is opening an office in the Medford building. Dr. Bray has been a practicing chiropractic physician since 1912 in Georgia, California and Oregon. He has lived in Medford most of the time since coming here in 1919.

FAREWELL RECEPTION HELD—

A farewell reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Carlos Brown at their home last Wednesday evening, August 5th. A group of the Church of Christ members were present and presented them with a gift and expressed wishes for their future happiness and success. Mr. and Mrs. Brown plan to leave for southern California where Mr. Brown plans to attend school.

Woodmen Hall to Be Used by C. P. Service Organization

The Community Service Club met Wednesday evening of this week for some of the finishing touches on securing a building and making plans for a recreation hall for the soldiers of this community. The club was surprised and gratified in securing the rooms over Alexander Hardware store which will be donated for the occasion by the Modern Woodmen. All of our patriotic organizations are not of past history. The Modern Woodmen have proven they still exist.

The grand opening is being planned for Saturday, August 22nd.

Two Army officers from Camp White were present at the meeting and gave interesting talks on what the soldiers in general appreciate and the club intends to try to follow out their suggestions. The plan is to have rooms where the boys can go and be at ease—read, write, play cards or pool, lounge, sing or tell jokes—in other words get away from routine.

The organization will be financed and carried on by those who want to help and not by high powered solicitation.

GRANGE NOTES

County agent A. B. Cordy demonstrated home drying of fruits and vegetables to the granges at their meeting Friday night.

Two home constructed dryers were exhibited, which could be used inside kitchens after the heat of the summer is over.

The accordion band from Gold Hill was unable to be present due to illness of some members and the lecturer substituted by calling on local talent. This included a trio by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hampton and Mrs. Ross Tweedel, a "guess your wife's shoe" contest, and group singing led by Mr. Hampton. Business transacted included agriculture reports, a temperance talk by Mrs. Foley and report from the salvage committee.

C. F. Smith, agriculture chairman was reported ill by the relief committee. The H. E. C. chairman reported fire hazards had been taken care of on the hall premises. A good representation of Central Point members attended the Pomona picnic at Jackson Hot Springs Sunday.

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS—

Mr. William Askwith purchased the Stafford property on the Old Stage road, first house north of Newells. This is a lovely home. The Askwiths do not plan to move for at least six weeks. Mr. Stafford bought the Mrs. Ray Spencer property, formerly occupied by George Marine. Mrs. Nora Hill has purchased the property where the City Marshal Arden Pinkham now lives. She is storing her furniture, while having the house redecorated. The Pinkhams have rented the Asher house which was the former Wilson property.

TO PREACH—

Rev. Campbell of Twin Falls, Idaho will preach at the Christian Church, both Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Ella Bingham of Thompson Creek were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Strahan.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR RODEO AND HORSE SHOW

Final plans are rapidly being formulated for the rodeo and horse show at the fairgrounds park next Friday and Saturday nights, sponsored by the Jackson County Sheriff's posse as its contribution to the activation celebration of the 31st Infantry Division Saturday morning.

Army and civilian riders and horses will participate in the gala affairs, and there will also be exhibitions of fancy riding, trick roping, calf roping, wild bucking horses and bucking Brahma bulls.

Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, commander of the new 31st Infantry Division, will ride with other officers in the army's jumping horse class, and he and some other member of his family are scheduled to ride in the pleasure horse class. The 31st division's cavalry drill team will stage four events.

All Girls in City Asked to Attend Meeting Tuesday

All girls in Central Point, interested in becoming Junior Hostesses in the USO in Medford, are cordially invited to attend a meeting at the Central Point Library Tuesday afternoon, August 18 from 2 until 4 o'clock. Women of the community interested in USO activities are requested to attend. Chaplain Rehn of Camp White and the USO directors will be present. There is a definite need for Junior Hostesses at the USO Center and the girls of this community are being asked to assist. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

TO MARRY FRIDAY—

Mrs. Howard Skinner received a long distance call from her sister Miss Laura Sedar of Salem saying that her fiancée who has been 2 years at sea was back and that they were to be married Friday afternoon. She requested that Mr. and Mrs. Skinner and children Darlene and Donny come for the wedding. Darlene to be flower girl and Donny to be ring bearer. Plans have been made for a big church wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are leaving tonight and plan to return home Sunday evening.

IN DUTCH HARBOR—

Word was received from Mrs. L. C. Grimes saying that her husband Lewis was in Dutch Harbor. She had received two letters from him, one at sea and the other after he arrived on July 3rd. It is James Grimes who is at Fort Lewis instead of Chet. Oliver is home from Iowa and working. Mrs. Grimes writes that it is very dry there but not hot and real cold at nights. Her address is 559 Tujunga street, Burbank, California. We would like the address of both James and Mr. Grimes.

BABY GIRL BORN—

Little Miss Peggy Louise Jones arrived Monday morning at 4:05 at the Sacred Heart hospital to make her home with her parents Sergeant and Mrs. James Jones. She weighed 7 lbs. Her parents live in the Willow Spring District, and while her mother still lives there, her father is in service and stationed near Lemoore in the army air corp. He is home on five day leave and received an extension of leave.

NOTICE

The City Offices will be closed on Saturday, August 15th until 1:00 P.M. to allow as many of the city officials and employees as possible to attend the ceremonies at Camp White. I recommend that the business houses be closed so that their employees also may attend this important event.

Signed: P. A. BONNEY, Mayor.

Perry Gregg, Son of Local Couple, Long in Army

The following letter explains why we have had no publicity about Perry J. Gregg:

Central Point, Oregon
August 8, 1942

Dear Mr. Powell:

Supplementing our conversation of a short time ago, our main reason for not mentioning to you or your staff, about our boy in the navy, is because he in his training in the Seaplane Service of the Navy was to maintain secrecy. That was during the past, but lately that condition has somewhat changed, hence I feel at liberty to write this.

Our son Perry J. Gregg enlisted in the Seaplane Service of the Navy during World War I, or in September 1918. He has not been out of the service since then.

He was sent to Pearl Harbor in 1936, and was returned from there in 1940, being stationed at Sand Point, Seattle, and Alameda Calif., until this spring when he was sent back to Pearl Harbor, and I presume he is still there. For quite a few years he has been an Aviation Chief Machinists Mate, and the last time I saw him in uniform, I remarked about all those stripes on his sleeves. He answered me by saying, "After all these years in services those seem to be all the stripes I can rate." He is as high as one can get who is not a commissioned officer.

I wish you would send him your paper, and I wish to pay for it myself.

Yours truly,
James Gregg.

P.S.—Almost forgot his address:

Perry J. Gregg A.C.M.M.
VP 44, C/O Postmaster
San Francisco, California.

WORD RECEIVED—

Word has been received from "Sid" Strahan who was inducted into the army in March, that he was expecting to sail on or about 3rd of August from New York. He was an employee of Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company and had made his home with his brother, Phil Strahan and wife for past year. Friends desiring to write, may address him: Private Sidney R. Strahan A.S.N.39952061 Hq. & Hq. Squadron 1st Bomb Wing (H) APO No. 1255, % Postmaster New York City, New York.

Mr. Strahan's brother William arrived at Fort Warren, Wyoming recently. This is the one of two training centers in the U.S.A. The boys receive special quartermaster training.

NOTICE

The Golden Link class will hold their class party at the home of Lettie Gregory Friday, August 14. The meeting was to have been with Mrs. Will Gregory but on account of transportation plans were changed. The Keystone class is invited.

Edward Morgan And Companion

Are Invited to Be Guests of The American and Craterian Theatre

To See Their Choice of The Following CRATERIAN THEATRE PROGRAMS: —Ends Saturday Nite!—

John Payne—Betty Grable and Victor Mature "FOOTLIGHT SERENADE" Prevue Sat. Nite! —or—

—Sunday—Monday—Tuesday— Ray Milland—Bette Fields "ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY"

Please Call at The American Office For Your Guest Tickets if office closed, call across street at telephone office for ticket.

CAMP WHITE TO BE OPENED ON SATURDAY A.M.

Activation of the 31st Infantry Division will occur on August 15th at Camp White, Oregon.

The occasion will be marked by a ceremony from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, featuring military demonstrations, roll call for the battle dead of the old 31st, and the passing on of the colors of the AEF 31st to the new "Powder River" division. Prior to 10:00 A.M., conducted tours of the new camp will be held, and numerous exhibits will be on display. At noon, veterans of the old 31st will be guests at noon mess with their old organizations.

The program:

8:00 to 10:00 A.M.—Registration, exhibits, and tours of Camp White.
ORDER OF CEREMONY
10:00 to 12:00 A.M.
10:00—Opening ceremony.
10:05—Prayer.
10:10—Callsthenics demonstration by the 361st Infantry Regiment.
10:20—Jiu-Jitsu and disarming serimage demonstration by the 362nd Infantry Regiment.
10:25—Anti-tank demonstration by the 363rd Infantry Regiment.
10:30—Wall scaling demonstration by the 362nd Infantry Regiment.
10:40—Dismounted drill demonstration by the 363rd Infantry Regiment.
10:50—Silent drill demonstration by a platoon of officers.
11:00—Presentation of Medal of Honor men and Distinguished Service Cross men of the 31st Infantry Division.
11:15—Dedication of the 31st Infantry Division.
11:20—Roll call of the Battle dead of the 31st Infantry Division.
11:30—Presentation of the Colors.
11:40—Speech of presentation.
11:50—Speech of acceptance by Major General C. H. Gerhardt.
12:00—Recall.

So what?—

Someone even brought a fire to the city hall to have it extinguished and found the fire boys and fire engine out.

The Churches

FEDERATED CHURCH OF CENTRAL POINT
The Brick Church
Rev. R. D. Bender

9:45 a. m.—Bible School. A. W. Ayers, Superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Message. "The Secret of a Happy Fruitful Christian Life." Choir Anthem "Send Out Thy Light." Vocal Duet "In His Face".
6:00 P.M. Junior Service
7:00 P.M. Young People's Service
8:00 P.M. Evening Service. Message "Shackled." Choir number "Safe With The Shepherd."
8:00 P.M. Tuesday Choir practice
Wednesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer meeting.
While we have no regular pastor every Sunday, service will be provided for.
NOTE: The Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Bender wish to thank all those who gave so generously of their time and substance in preparation of the manse.

HOLINESS CHURCH (Wesleyan)
Corner 5th and Pine

Rev. Clifford W. Thomas, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship—11:00 A.M. Sermon by pastor.
Sunday evening Service—7:45 P.M.
Cottage Prayer Meeting Tuesday evening at 7:45.
Midweek Prayer Meeting Thursday Evening at 7:45.
A hearty welcome extended to all.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

W. A. Parsons, Pastor
Mrs. W. A. Parsons, Ass't.
Meetings are held in the Townsend Building on West Pine Street, Central Point, Oregon.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Children's Church 6:30 P.M.
Young People's 6:30 P.M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.
Bible Study, Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
Prayer Service, Friday 7:30 P.M.



"Tough luck, old man—my money's all in nontransferable War Savings Bonds."

U. S. Treasury Dept.

