

Hedgepeth Family at Corvallis on Christmas

Among those leaving the valley for the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hedgepeth and son, Glen. On Friday, the 23rd they motored to Corvallis, where their son, Lewis Hedgepeth and family live, also their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nabb. On Saturday, Christmas Eve, they all enjoyed the tree together, and then on Sunday Christmas day the families all enjoyed dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hedgepeth and family.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hedgepeth and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nabb left for North Bend where Mrs. Hedgepeth's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenkins live and where they all had a good visit. They then returned as far as Roseburg where they visited the John Marks family. There Mr. and Mrs. Nabb left for their home in Corvallis while the Hedgepeths came on home arriving late Tuesday night having had a wonderful holiday vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepeth had recently purchased a new Chevrolet car so experienced no car trouble.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Powell were dinner guests Christmas day of their son and family, C. W. Powell.

Guests entertained in the C. W. Powell home on Christmas Eve included Mr. and Mrs. Ray Arthur and children, Caroline, Morris, and Connie, of Eagle Point also Mr. and Mrs. Eustis Arthur and four children, Mary, Mickey and Tommy and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marine enjoyed Christmas dinner with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Marine, of 718 Pennsylvania Avenue, in Medford. Other dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer, parents of Mrs. Marine, of Medford; her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mills, of Prospect. It was a real treat to Mrs. T. A. Marine being the first time she had been able to go to her son's place since last summer, she being an invalid and confined to her wheel chair.

Mr. R. H. Edwards of the Powell apartments, who was reported quite ill last week and had to be taken to the Community hospital, is much improved and able to return to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, of Klamath Falls, were week end visitors of Mrs. C. K. Buckman. They also visited Mr. Buckman, who is confined to the Community hospital.

Mrs. L. H. Camp has been confined to her home most of the past week. Just too many duties to perform at this season of the year, Mr. Camp took his three children, Lois, Margaret and Dwight to Grants Pass to a nice Christmas dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkham are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday at 7 a.m. at the Community hospital, weigh eight pounds and one ounce, named Stephen John.

Miss Mickey Camp called from Portland where she is in training in the Providence nurses home saying she certainly missed being home on Christmas, it being her first one away from home. She plans on spending the New Year holidays here from Friday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller had the pleasure of eating Christmas dinner with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Orth Miller, and the new grandson, John Orth Miller, the baby being young. Mrs. Frank Miller cooked the dinner at her home and took to the son's place where they could all enjoy it to-

gether. Grandmother Miller feeling pretty proud to care for the new baby while mother Marion visited a short time with her mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ayers enjoyed Christmas dinner with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Tharp. Mrs. Tharp's sister, Miss Maxine Ayers, of Seattle, flew down Saturday and returned Sunday night. She also was a dinner guest. They had their Christmas dinner on Saturday night due to so many activities on Christmas Day.

Those enjoying Christmas dinner at the Mary Moore home was her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Rose and two children, Barbara and Kathy, of Bib Bar, California, who arrived Saturday, and left for home Monday; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark; her sister, Lottie Cingcade and son Lloyd, Cingcade, her grandson, Mr. C. W. Abbott, wife and daughter, Marla Jean and son, Tommy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Bray, of Fresno, Calif., son, Donald and daughter Susan spent Monday and Tuesday of this week with Mrs. Bray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Holden.

Central Point Businesses

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ing \$25 per month and furnishing heat and lights, and the county now paying about \$7 per month.)

In about 1931 the ownership of the Cowley block changed hands, with L. Hatfield becoming the new owner. He felt that he could not afford to furnish a building for the library free of charge so demanded rent. Not having any funds for such a purpose a new room had to be found. Mrs. J. M. Merritt then offered the use of the little building on Pine street next to what has long been known as Damon's Cafe and the library was moved there that fall.

Then came the deal whereby W. E. Alexander purchased the big brick building on the corner of Third and Pine streets and Mrs. Damon purchased the old Merritt property, including the little library building. Again came the matter of paying rent for the library room, as Mrs. Damon also felt that she could not be expected to furnish such a room free of charge. In the meantime the city recorder's office had been moved from the old city hall (now the fire hall) into the old brick bank building, and the city council was persuaded to allow the library to be moved into the old office room.

However, certain members of the council who had no interest in such things as libraries raised objection to giving the room entirely free and also contributing the \$10 per month in cash and an order was made cutting off the cash payment so long as the city furnished a building worth that much rent. At once a howl went up from the ladies who had originally started the idea of such a library and the old civic club, (which had been allowed to die out with the passing of the years) was again resurrected, with Mrs. Lorlie Minnick as president and Mrs. Fannie Lawrence, secretary, and Mrs. A. W. Webster, treasurer. The club voted to take over the responsibility of raising the \$10 per month for Mrs. Moore's salary and for the first two months did so by taking up a collection among the business men of the city for the purpose.

At about this time it was dis-

covered that the old Murray building, recently vacated by the Alexander Hardware company was being offered for sale at a ridiculously low figure and the club made arrangements with Mr. J. O. Isaacson to see if he could make a deal with the owner. Soon a letter came from the owner saying that if the ladies wanted the building for library use they could have it for the small sum of \$100. This offer was at once accepted and the ladies set about raising the funds. By means of big chicken dinners and other such things the cash was soon raised and the deal closed. The lot was deeded directly to the city for library use and for a permanent home for the civic club.

The old building was found to be in rather badly run down condition and a large group of volunteers set about the task of putting it in shape for occupancy. By means of volunteer labor, donations of materials and heavy discounts the big job was soon done under the per-

sonal direction of Mr. R. H. (Bob) Moore, husband of the librarian, since deceased, and the editor of The American. A new foundation was put in, new floor laid, the walls and inside finish freshly papered and painted and a new roof put on. When the job was finally done it was found that the cost was something in the neighborhood of \$300. This was fully paid for by the club, with no cost to the city.

During all these years Mrs. Moore has faithfully taken over the task of managing the library and keeping it open on time. Although in her eighties, Mrs. Moore has always been (and still is) on the job, rain or shine, fair weather or foul, many times building her own fires and doing the janitor work as well. The people of Central Point owe a big debt to this indomitable woman.

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