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## NEWS OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT CAMP WHITE

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In the initial effort is the Camp White contributor to THE AMERICAN, editorial forbearance and consent is desired to make this reader contact more personal than it perhaps should be. All future offerings will be entirely impersonal, simply news-hawking from this end of the woods.

But this personal angle as an introduction may serve many purposes. It will tell a story, homely but homey, and if humor is found in it, the smiles come belatedly some sixty years later. It may revive recollections in some of your pioneer home circles of your readers. It may even furnish me with a contact or so which will be very greatly welcomed.

The home readership I hope to reach is not only our Domiciliary home. Camp White's home membership is after all but a small section of your reader coverage and they know me, my faults, failings and phobias. The other readers, the native born residents of the district, do not.

If the veil of the past were lifted some years you will remember the neighborhood dances of those early days. Held in the larger farm homestead living room, folks rode horseback or drove miles to attend those all-night affairs, enjoy the midnight supper of almost banquet proportions and enjoy a real good time—and somehow without any necessity of "spiking" it as we do seem to need to do in this day and age.

Now as to the personal angle. I am the son of a George Hurn and Jenny Grubb-Spencer. These dances from Grants Pass to Yreka know the Hurn boys. George as fiddler and caller, Joe on the banjo and H (his nickname for Henry) with the bones to rattle when there wasn't an organ for him to "chord." I have this Uncle H to thank for my first music lessons on the organ sold the folks by the same Shepard of Ashland who sold you your organ, calling upon you in your home and even "puttin up" as was the term if nightfall found visitors at your home. It was a matter-of-course that you stay overnight with them.

Dad was in demand for most of those dances. If in the winter he would tie that old homemade fiddle box to his saddle and ride horse back. In summer he would drive the buckboard and Mother would be in the party. So I made my social debut at one of these big events held at Brownsboro in 1891 as a babe of only a few months.

About fifteen years ago, I attended a Pioneer Oregon picnic held at Lithia Park in Ashland and at the big dinner table each one rose and gave his name and background as to family and birthplace.

After the dinner a dear old lady came up to me, chuckling as she patted my hand and said, "I guess you sure fooled me a lot" and I asked her how and why. She told me of this incident which is the story I promised you.

At that Brownsboro dance, Jenny Hurn had a great time, dancing every set of those old quadrilles, waltzes, schottishes, polkas and lancers. Little Willie was passed around hither and yon to the older women. But Mother finally asked to be excused from the set being formed. As casually and uninhibitedly as things were done in those days she unpinched her dress and nursed me. Then she changed me. I was on my way by then, to going to sleep, so she wrapped me in my shawl and walked over to where Dad was and laid me down in that oblong black fiddlebox. Then the lady said, "You know I sure hated to see your Ma lay you down in that coffin like fiddlebox. I just knew right then that you would never live."

## Why Didn't God Destroy Sin?

HERE THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION THAT TROUBLES CHRISTIANS.

Church of Christ  
Third & Oak - Central Point  
SUNDAY - 7:45 P.M.

## CRATER HI SCHOOL TO PRESENT M.O.D. MOVIES AFTER BALL GANE

Friday, January 22, the students of Crater High School will present a full-length feature film. The proceeds from this movie will go toward the March of Dimes.

Crater High will be host to Illinois Valley that night, and the movie will be held after the game in the cafeteria.

The March of Dimes needs your help. This is a good way to make a contribution to the March of Dimes, and still receive some entertainment.

Admission to see the movie will be 35 cents per person.

## Local Girl Wins TV Contest Prize

Anita von der Hellen is the lucky winner of a diamond ring from Andy's Jewelry of Medford. She won first prize by answering all questions correctly and also having the most interesting 15th question on the TV Professor "Yes or No" program. There were 14 who answered the questions correctly—so the winners are picked by the 15th question, that the contestant writes themselves, and Anita's was judged the best.

Anita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodger von der Hellen, Route 1, Central Point.

## Joint Installation of Officers Held Jan. 11

Joint installation of officers was held in the IOOF hall in Central Point Monday, January 11th with the following being installed:

ODD Fellows—Noble Grand, John J. Kime; Vice Grand, Francis Marshall; Secretary, A. C. Smith; Treasurer, Chester Thomason; Financial Secretary, Clair Johnson; Right Supporter Noble Grand, Forest Thompson; Left Supporter Noble Grand, Ernest Lowry; Warden, Frank Glenn; Conductor, Clark McDowell; Right Supporter Vice Grand, G. E. Kime; Left Supporter Vice Grand, William Musty; Inside Guardian, Al Trautman; Outside Guardian, Vern Knight; Right Scene Supporter, John Cate; Left Scene Supporter, Marshall Weidman and Chaplain, L. D. Hays.

Rebekahs—Noble Grand, Mrs. Robert Pfaff; Vice Grand, Mrs. Albert Trautman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Burkhardt; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Alec Barnett; Treasurer, Mrs. James Vandersteen; Warden, Mrs. Bob Booth; Conductor, Mrs. Forest Thomason; Inside Guardian, Mrs. William Musty; Outside Guardian, Mrs. Edward Jones; Chaplain, Mrs. Marshall Weidman; Color Bearer, Mrs. James Farrar; Musician, Mrs. Ernest Lowry; Right Supporter Noble Grand, Mrs. Gerald Kime; Left Supporter Noble Grand, Mrs. Delbert Mongold; Right Supporter Vice Grand, Mrs. Clark McDowell; Left Supporter Vice Grand, Mrs. Ernest Taylor.

The retiring Noble Grands were Mrs. John Kime and Clair Johnson. Installing team consisted of members from Ashland.

Lovely refreshments were served to the installing team, officers, members and guests.

## Traffic Citations

W. Sergeant, W. L. Wiant, Harold Lydick, DeWayne Peterson, J. D. White, all fined or forfeited \$10.00 for violation of the base rule. Joann Reum fined \$2.50 for illegal parking.

## CUB PACK 40 TO MEET MONDAY

Cub Pack 40 will hold its monthly Pack meeting Monday, Jan. 25, 1954 in the Central Point Grade School Library at 7:30 P.M. This meeting will feature the presentation of the Pack Charter. This presentation will be made by scouting personnel.

We strongly urge all the parents to attend.

## NEW BABY GIRL ARRIVES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neal, January 14, a baby girl. Baby has been named Linda Lare. Mrs. Neal before her marriage, was Corena Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wright, 1525 Gogory Road.

## Past Noble Grands' Club's Meeting Held

Past Noble Grand's Club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Burkhardt on January 14, 1954 with fifteen members answering roll call and two visitors present. Preceding the meeting luncheon was served by Mrs. Burkhardt and Miss Lillian Anderson. The officers for 1954 were installed. The new president, Lillian Anderson, appointed as her flower and card committee Mrs. Al Trautman and Mrs. Clark McDowell.

The next meeting of the club will be held in the home of Mrs. Emma G. Jones with Mrs. Edward Jones acting as co-hostess. Luncheon will be served at 12 o'clock noon on February 11th. A Valentine exchange will be held for the Beckies.

The house will be ready next week for them to move back to Clyde, who works there, has been staying in Riddle and also Barbara, who attends school there. The rest of the family have been staying with Opal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tomer Brown.

The Navy Mothers club is planning on giving the Lees family a miscellaneous kitchen shower.

## Five Local Juveniles Involved in Trouble

Five juveniles, 4 boys and 1 girl, have admitted to break and entry into 8 homes in this city. Only three of these crimes had been reported to the Police dept. From these homes, various articles had been taken such as watches, money, costume jewelry, food items and many other misc. items. Along with these petty thefts, also come a wave of window breaking, which these five children have also admitted. In one building alone, the Grange Hall, 14 windows were broken.

The ages of these youngsters ranged from nine years old to fourteen. As proof that home environment is not always the answer to whether a child will be good or bad, some of these children are from broken homes and some are from the better homes.

Chief Oran Chastain stresses the fact that it is imperative that parents know where their children are. These crimes are all cleared up, but perhaps next week more of the same or even of a more serious type of crime may be committed by children—one of them might be your child.

Many other crimes of this nature are also being investigated.

## Navy Mothers Notes

Installation of officers in the Navy Mothers club was held last week at the home of Mrs. Martha Booth. The installing officer was Lola Ludwig of Medford and the chaplain was Mrs. James Wicker, also of Medford. Officers installed for the coming year were:

Commander, Eva Campbell; 1st vice, Martha Booth; 2nd vice, Mrs. Richardson.

There were six ladies present from the Navy Mothers of Medford. Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served.

## CLASS PARTY

The Young People's class of the Community Bible church had a class party and held an election of officers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright last Friday evening. About 20 attended.

Elected to office were H. E. Clason, president; Rudy Hansen, vice president; secretary Mildred Wright and treasurer, Claude Ulom. Refreshments of coffee and sandwiches were served.

## NOTICE

The students of Crater High will have a one day holiday the 22 (Friday). This is the end of the semester.

## BEREAN CLASS PARTY

About ten ladies enjoyed the monthly social meeting at the home of Mrs. Carrie Hamrick last Thursday. The new officers took over, games were played and refreshments were served.

## BUYS OWN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vincent bought their own home back at a public auction last week. They hope to be able to move back into the house in a month or so. The house has to be moved off of the present site within a month. It will then be moved back across the creek and then instead of facing highway 99, it will face the Willow Springs road. They want to add another bedroom too.

The Vincent family, who have been living in town temporarily, say they will be very glad to get back to the country.

## Clyde Lees Family Very Lucky In Recent Escape From Fire

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lees and children of Riddle consider themselves lucky in a recent escape from their burning home.

Clyde had gone to work and Mrs. Lees (Opal Brown) and the children were still in bed. It was early morning, the day before Christmas. Opal was awakened by the sound of breaking glass. The fire was raging in the front part of the house. Opal and the children escaped through a bedroom window. Opal stated that her oldest child, Barbara, was really wonderful—she calmly got the other little ones up and out of the window. Everything in the kitchen and living room was destroyed.

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## Unemployment Checks for Jackson County Shows \$22,500 Weekly

Weekly payments going into thousands of homes all over Oregon this winter not only are helping unemployed workers through extensive seasonal letdowns but are again proving an important factor in helping balance the economy of dozens of towns and areas throughout the state.

Grocers, landlords, retail merchants and others handling basic necessities receive the greater part of the funds, according to studies made by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. With production workers accustomed to an average pay check of over \$75 a week, one of the highest scales in the U.S., weekly benefits of from \$20 to \$25 meet only the most pressing obligations.

In the Medford local office area, which includes Jackson county, about \$22,500 a week was distributed by the commission last month. During the first quarter of the year these figures may be exceeded, but by March or April thousands of workers again will find jobs in construction, lumbering or other seasonal activities.

Since the unemployment insurance system was set up before the world war, employers have contributed around \$200 millions to the benefit fund. More than half of \$135 millions distributed to the unemployed has gone out during the four winter months. Averaging over \$30,000 a week in January, February and March. Payments always dwindle greatly in the spring and summer.

Reserves available for unemployment payments now are around \$39 millions, more than three times highest annual benefits. With contributions from employers plus interest on the fund averaging together about \$13 millions a year, reserves are believed by officials to be adequate to meet foreseeable emergencies.

## CENTRAL POINT 4-H CLUB

Central Point 4-H Beef club held its second meeting January 12 at the Floyd Charley ranch together with the Dairy club. A game was conducted by Mrs. Anhorn, leader of the Dairy club.

Officers of both clubs were installed with Dale Smith acting as installing officer. A method of keeping field records was explained by Floyd Charley. After the business session refreshments were served by Mrs. Anhorn and Mrs. Charley.

Next meeting will be held at Eldred Charleys. A demonstration will be given on how to make a rope halter.

Mary Charley, Reporter

## NOTICE

The next P.T.A. meeting will be held in the Junior High Library will be the evening of February 4th. A group of teachers will present a program of educational information.

## NOTICE

Members of the Girls League are having a swimming party the 27th of January at the "Y" in Medford.

## Crater High P.T.A. To meet January 25

Crater High P.T.A. will meet in the High School cafeteria January 25 at 6 P.M. The invocation will be given by Rev. Rolf Hansen, pastor of the Community Bible Church.

There will be a short business meeting followed by demonstrations by physical education department of the school. Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon College of Education, will speak on "What Should A Good Education Cost?" Girls from the physical education department will demonstrate trampoline fundamentals as a part of the program.

## 70 Adults Enroll In Evening Classes

Seventy adults enrolled Wednesday in evening classes at Crater High school.

Next session for classes will be next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Classes will run for 10 weeks.

There are 25 enrolled in the farm shop class taught by Leonard Kunzman, vocational agriculture teacher at Crater high. The adult students taking beginning typing number 18 and the instructor is Miss Betty Levine.

The clothing class taught by Mrs. Francis Willet has 12 pupils. Fifteen have enrolled in the upholstery class taught by Kenneth Kerr and ten are learning ceramics under supervision of Warren Holbrook, Crater high art instructor.

## Rural Fire Dept. News

Firemen of the Central Point Rural Fire Dept. were called last Thursday afternoon to the Jack Moran residence, Crater Lake Highway and Gregory Road. The residents had a fire but had put it out. They called the department to come and check and make sure everything was all right.

Rural firemen and their families and guests—forty in all, had a pot luck dinner last Wednesday evening. Fried chicken, 25 lbs. of french fries, salads, vegetables, desserts and coffee were quickly consumed. Mr. Carlos Morris and son, Steve, were there to provide the entertainment—movies. A hilarious short once, and then shown again (by movie of W. C. Fields was shown popular demand.)

The second call within a week was answered by the rural fire department Tuesday afternoon. A small oil fire had been put out by the time the firemen arrived. Smoked walls was the only damage.

## THE SAGA OF TRUCK No. 3

You all know me, I sit all day here in the firehall waiting for a call I hope won't come. I am the newest piece of equipment the Department owns, not including that tall ladder my Buddy No. 2 carries. I'm a 1951 Model Ford, at least that's what it says on my Dog Er Truck tag. A bunch of fellows put all this equipment on my frame, all 16,000 lbs. of it. I worked four hours down in California pumping out an irrigation ditch before I came to Southern Oregon. Seems as though a little boy had fallen in and drowned. Yes, we found him.

I sure have a bunch of stuff I carry around with me. I've got 500 gallons of water with me all the time. The boys, who have used me, say I'm really stingy with that water. My high pressure pump really does a fine job too, trouble is I don't use it very often. I can put 1000 lbs. pressure on my 4 booster lines, but I turned them down to 750 lbs. to keep from blowing the boys off the top of the ladder.

I also carry 1200 ft of 2 1/2 in. hose and 300 ft. of 1 1/2 in. hose. I carry all the usual stuff carried on fire trucks, axes, ladders, brooms, to clean your floors, etc.

I have a 5-lb. C/O 2 and one of the new powder extinguisher for gas and oil fires. I won't use it unless I have to. "Too Messy".

My main job is to go to the nearest hydrant to the fire and wait for orders. If I'm needed I can pump 850 gals a minute from a mill pond or more from a hydrant.

I hope you never need me, but if you do just call the operator and I'll be there before the siren stops blowing.

## REGULAR MEETING HELD TUESDAY BY LIONS AUXILIARY

The Central Point Lions Auxiliary held their regular meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Arthur Rupp. Mrs. Larry South, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Wendell Panter and Mrs. Ward Sherman were named to head the Central Point Mothers' March for the March of Dimes January 28. Each member of the group was asked to bake a cake to be used for the cake walks at the March of Dimes Benefit dance to be held at the American Legion Hall January 30.

Tentative plans were made for a potluck to be held in February. The Annual Lady Lions Benefit dance is scheduled for April 17.

The group voted to renovate the Woodman hall if possible to be used as a meeting place. Mrs. Sterling Tucker and Mrs. Fred Parkinson were appointed to investigate the project.

Refreshments were served following the business meeting. Co-hostess for the meeting was Mrs. Ward Sherman.

## MOTHERS' MARCH JAN. 28 FROM 7 TO 8 O'CLOCK

Leave porch light on and Lady Lions will call for your contribution. Will meet at Fire House for instructions and designated streets. Anyone wishing to help the Lady Lions in their efforts please call Mrs. Wandall Panter.

## JUNIOR-GRADE STUDENTS GIVE TO M.O.D.

We can all be very proud of the students of the Junior High and Grade School for their outstanding contributions to the March of Dimes. They have given \$215.74! It is hoped that a goal of \$250 will be reached.

## NOTICE

The Pointers will be hosts next Monday evening, 25th, at 6:20 p.m. to the Grants Pass basketball team. Two games will be played. Don't forget—Junior High Gym. Jan. 25th—6:30 P.M.

## EXCITING GAME

The Medford Junior High basketball team finally won, in a terrific overtime struggle, against the Pointers basketball team here last Monday evening. The final score was Medford 44—Pointers 41. According to the exhausted fans, who attended, it was really a wonderful game.

Grants Pass plays here next Monday evening, the 25th, at 6:30. Two games will be played.

## THIS and THAT

The most warm-blooded creatures are birds. They have a temperature of 105 to 110 degrees fahrenheit.

How long is an inch? In 1324, Edward the 2nd decreed that an inch was the length of "three grains of barley dry and round."

Here are some uncommon uses of the common salt: nut meats will come out whole from the shell, if you soak the nuts overnight in salt water before cracking them.

Clothespins that have been boiled in a strong salt solution will last longer and will not freeze onto the clothes in cold weather.

Before frying meat, sprinkle a little salt in the pan. This will prevent the splashing of the fat and meat juices during the frying. (Popular Science.)

## THE WEATHER

By R. D. Church  
U.S. Weather Bureau Observer

	Max	Min
January 13	42	27
January 14	51	32
January 15	40	33
January 16	47	34
January 17	44	35
January 18	43	34
January 19	42	30
Precip. 2.61 inches. Forecast—		
Western Oregon temperatures below normal. High mostly 35 to 40. Lows 25 to 35. Precip. 1 1/2 inches through Sunday. Clearing end of week.		