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A BRIEF GLIMPSE . . .

Into the Past . . .

From the Files of the American

10 Years Ago . . . 1934

Capt. Louis Floyd Hedgepeth of Central Point is now recovering from serious wounds received July 4 in France, according to a message from the war department to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hedgepeth.

Word has been received that Lt. Aaron Ayres of Jacksonville has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross. Pvt. Ruth Jolley returned home from Grenier Field, New Hampshire, on furlough last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers of 20 Oak street, Central Point, announced the marriage of their daughter, Flo, to Wayne P. Vincent at Reno, Nevada on July 28. Mrs. Minnie Buckman received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. Ella Rowan, in Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith left Sunday evening for Bremerton, Wash., where he works in the ship yards.

Mrs. Myrtle Wright had as guests last weekend her daughters, Mrs. Mae Elliott of Hayward and Mrs. Flora Strickling, Pittsburg, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp, Vivian and Vestal, left Sunday, July 23, for a week's vacation at Diamond Lake.

Luther C. Martin of Central Point passed away at the Community hospital July 29 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

Muriel Weidman returned home Friday from a visit with Charlotte Richardson at Toledo.

20 Years Ago . . . 1934

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Central Point school district Tuesday evening, it was voted to employ a school nurse for the local school one day each week for the coming year.

Verne Pendleton caught a couple of fine steelhead in the Rogue Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hamilton spent Sunday at Lake of the Woods.

Mrs. E. P. Stone has 17 birds in a large cage at the store. They are principally young birds and most of them are singers.

Jimmy Fleischer was a dinner guest Sunday at the Nealon home at Table Rock.

Mervyn Gleason and family arrived home Wednesday from several days visit at Dead Indian Soda Springs.

Howard Lampman of St. Paul and Adolph Franzmann of Stillwater, Minn., are visiting at the home of the former's grandmother, Mrs. Viola Lampman.

Dr. Keen's house and milk house was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. Most of the furniture was saved.

Rev. Millard was a dinner guest at the E. E. Scott home Sunday.

E. E. Griffith had the misfortune to have his truck burn up near Grants Pass on the way to Tillamook after a load of cheese.

George Russell and family moved from the Jack Southwell house into the Simmonds house.

Petitions Available For Mayor, Council Posts in Eagle Point

By Mrs. Ada Bonebrake
EAGLE POINT—Anyone interested in running for mayor or city councilman is asked to come to the city recorder's office in Eagle Point for a nominating petition. This petition must be signed by at least 20 persons.

Tuesday evening, Colonel Stafford of Medford attended the Eagle Point Grange meeting to show a film on accident prevention in preparation to organizing first aid classes in this community.

The newly oiled streets will be graveled this week.

A 4-H club dairy show will be held Saturday, August 7, at the K. A. Carroll ranch at 10:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Palin returned home Saturday evening after spending two weeks touring Portland, Spokane, Wash., Grand Coulee Dam, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Yellowstone National Park, the Great Tetons, Salt Lake, Utah, Reno, Nevada, and Lassen park.

The Antelope 4-H fair was a great success with a large crowd attending.

FAMILY IN BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Frink and family of Route 1 are spending a few days in Bend this week.

Disabled Veterans Auxiliary Plans Potluck Picnic Aug. 8

Plans for a pot luck picnic to be held Sunday, August 8, were completed by members of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Jackson County Unit 8, at their meeting held July 29 at the music center in Camp White.

Members decided that dinner will be at 1:30 p.m. at Tou Velle park. Members are requested to bring their own table service and pot luck dish.

Senior members initiated were Mrs. John Crocker and Mrs. Karl Kite. Applications were read for two junior members: Christy Ellen Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rice, Ione, Wash.; and Linda Cassman, grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cassman, Central Point.

Officers installed by the commander, Mrs. Paul Olsen, were Mrs. Harvey Cassman, treasurer; Mrs. Jim Lillie, state executive committee woman, district delegate and patriotic instructor; Mrs. Lynn Elliott, adjutant; Mrs. Harold James, banner carrier.

Mrs. Olsen appointed the following committee chairman: Mrs. J. P. Graham, Americanism; Mrs. Ivan Hatfield, Camp White hospital and membership; Mrs. Warren Godard and Mrs. Cliff Reynolds, child welfare and welfare; Mrs. Jim Lillie, community service; Mrs. Hazel VanDermark, entertainment; Mrs. Harvey Cassman and Mrs. Everett Grissom, junior activities; Mrs. Lucy Ford, legislation; Mrs. Ed Neff, local hospital, VAVS, ways and means; Mrs. Everett Grissom, publicity; and Mrs. Bert Hickman, sewing club.

After the meeting, the auxiliary joined the chapter and Camp White members for a program of music and for refreshments.

Members and visitors present were: Mrs. Paul Olsen, Eagle Point; Mrs. Lynne Elliott, Mrs. Ed Neff, Mrs. Jim Lillie, Mrs. Hazel Kincaid, Mrs. Ivan Hatfield, Mrs. James Peacher, Mrs. Hazel VanDermark, Mrs. Bert Hickman, Mrs. James Cech, Mrs. John Crocker, Mrs. Karl Kite, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Ivan Smoot, Medford; Mrs. Harvey Cassman, Mrs. Harold James and Mrs. Everett Grissom, Central Point; and Mrs. Della Cook, Anaheim, Calif.

Pair Gather Prizes For Local 4-H Fair

Don Faber and Alf Mekvold, members of the Central Point Lions club, are assisting with arrangements for the Central Point 4-H pre-fair slated for Monday, August 9.

The two men are helping to secure prizes for the various contests to be held during the pre-fair.

BUY SHIRLEY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Saxbury completed arrangements Tuesday for the purchase of the J. W. Shirley home at the corner of Second and Ash. The Saxburys will take possession in the near future. No consideration on the transaction was revealed.

MISSOURI VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Culver Applegate of Queen City, Mo., were visitors in Central Point on Thursday and Friday of last week. They were guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lovejoy, and other friends and relatives.

WOMEN'S FEATURES Meetings

PAST COMMANDERS' CLUB of the Disabled American Veterans auxiliary, Jackson county Unit 8, will meet Thursday, August 5, 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bert Hickman, 539 N. Holly, Medford. Past commanders from Central Point are Mrs. Everett Grissom and Mrs. Harvey Cassman, who is also a past department commander.

Twin Brother Dies Suddenly in Texas

Mrs. Joe McCulley of Central Point and Mrs. Gertrude E. Burk of Medford were informed Monday of the sudden death of their brother, Edward R. Rumbaugh, at Odessa, Texas.

Mr. Rumbaugh, 46, was a twin brother of Mrs. McCulley. He suffered a heart attack about noon August 2 while at work as a rig builder in the west Texas oil fields.

He is survived by a 12-year-old son, Gary, and two brothers in Odessa, Texas; two brothers in Longview, Texas; five nieces and two nephews, all living in Oregon.

McKibben Auto Hit In 3-Car Collision

Cars driven by Calvin C. McKibben, Central Point, and John W. O'Brien, Jacksonville were involved in an accident late Monday afternoon when a truck, driven by Elisha Williams, Medford, straddled the center line and sideswiped the two vehicles.

Medford city police reported the accident happened at 617 north Riverside. Williams was reportedly cited for reckless driving. No injuries were reported.

Johnston Wins \$750, Surprises Family

William H. Johnston, Route 2, Central Point, won \$750 as first prize in a recent contest sponsored by Anderson's market and the Fortune service stations, according to information released last weekend.

Johnston's award came as a complete surprise to his wife and family, it was reported, since he had kept his participation secret.

He will use the money to begin construction of a new home.

Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham



Is it possible for a house of wood, glass and stone, to influence the lives of several generations of tenants and owners? One possible answer is given in the story of Merravay, a stately house built in 1577 during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. "Bless This House" is an absorbing story and best novel Norah Lofts has written. Merravay was built with care in the days when craftsmen took pride in making every part of a house an artistic creation. It had a strange drawing power for those who loved it and found deep peace in being sheltered by it. Yet others feared that the tragedies that occurred in it might overshadow their lives.

Poor Carpenter

There was Jon Borage, the poor carpenter who designed the house and suffered when his sweetheart was forced by her father to marry Tom Rowhedge, a successful pirate for whom the house was built. Jon disappeared and the mystery of his death was not solved for over 200 years. There was Lady Alice, known as "The Witch of Suffolk" who escaped sentence of hanging when she died in jail of a mad dog's bite and whose great black horse can still be heard on dark nights, thundering along the lanes.

Passion for House

There was Luella who from childhood had had an overwhelming passion for the house and finally went there as governess and died as its owner. There was the young man who loved the house so much that he bartered his soul for it and then could never enjoy the sense of ownership until he had willed it away.

Happy Ending

There is a happy ending for the beautiful house as the ghosts of the past are laid when it is purchased by a young American who was a descendent of the original owner. Although the span of years covers the time between the two Elizabeths and contains eight separate plots, the story is continuous. Nothing ends, nothing is lost; the girl of one generation is the woman of the next, the innocent child in one chapter is the schemer in another. It is all the story of Merravay, so convincing the reader will wish that he, too, could have been cradled under its protecting eaves.

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