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Book Briefs

From Central Point Public Library
By Evelyn Graham

The View from Pompey's Head by Hamilton Basso

Mr. Basso, who was born and raised in the Southern states, has written with affection the story of a southern town. Pompey's Head is an imaginary place with its characteristics gleaned from the author's memories and impressions of Charleston, Beaufort, Savannah and New Orleans. From the moment of the inception of the idea of creating a town, Pompey's Head had become part of the geography of the South.

To what extent can a place influence the lives of its inhabitants? Since the quality of a town can only be revealed through its people, we find that the traditions and prejudices of Pompey's Head had steeped into the consciousness and into the very marrow of the lives of those to whom it was home. Anson Page, a rising young lawyer of a conservative New York law firm, had been sent on a ticklish business assignment back to his own home town. Anson did not realize how much he was bound by Pompey's Head even though he had fled its influence. It is through his eyes, memories, and experiences that Pompey's Head comes alive to the reader.

The novel is rich in personalities. Who could forget the lovely Dinah, who had always loved Sonny Page; the golden haired Midge, who came from the wrong side of town; Garvin Wales, a famous novelist who was a prisoner of his wife on Tamberlaine Island; Philip Greene, noted editor, over whose memory an ugly cloud hovered; the illusive and mysterious Anna Jones, who was only a name on \$20,000 worth of checks?

This is really a great novel of a portion of the American scene, written with such insight and quality that the reader will long remember it with pleasure.

Needle-Thread Girls Cut Skirt Patterns

Needle and Thread 4-H Sewing club met Tuesday afternoon, May 17, at the home of their leader, Mrs. Arden Pinkham, and devoted the meeting to cutting out skirts.

Refreshments were served later by Mrs. Pinkham.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 31.

Nancy McKay, reporter

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Iran Position Calls D. Dooley

By Mrs. Ray Doran

TABLE ROCK—Of interest to the many friends here was the word received by Mr. and Mrs. A. Doty that their son-in-law, Delmar Dooley, who has been Lakeview High School ag teacher, has been given a position with the Near East Foundation and will move to Iran in July.

Mrs. Dooley, who expects a new family member in June will spend a couple of months with

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her parents here before joining her husband. This will give him time to find a place for the family. The Dooleys hate to leave friends and families to go so far away, but are thrilled at the prospect of seeing new parts of the old world.

They expect to be gone about two years. Dooley was also offered an assignment in the Philippines and says there is plenty of opportunity for young folks in this field now.

Mrs. Patrick Finishes Home Nurse Course

Mrs. Howard Patrick of Central Point has completed a home nursing course held during the first two weeks of May at Gilman's Dairy Farm.

The courses were sponsored by the American Red Cross with Mrs. Patricia Hunsaker, nursing representative for the Pacific area in charge. Mrs. T. R. Florey of Medford is the local chairman.

Mrs. Patrick will be awarded a certificate showing successful completion of the course.

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Gold Hill Aid Class Takes Final Tests

By Adah Jones

GOLD HILL—The final session of the Red Cross First Aid class was held May 11 with the class taking final tests. Harry Lewis of Portland was the instructor and the classes were held in the music room at the grade school. Taking the course were Mrs. Melford Hood, Mrs. Melvin Burnett, Mrs. Lee Malone, Mrs. Leo Gilman, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Ward Hut-

ton, Mrs. O. W. Newland, Mr. Ruth McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Appen, Mrs. Cecil Johnson, and Mrs. Al Beman.

Mrs. Cecil Johnson has been teaching a Red Cross Home nursing class in Medford, which is held at the American Legion hall there. Two more lessons will complete the class work for this course.

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