

### Halting of Passenger Service Recalls Early Railroad Career

A train whistle is like music to some men. It sings a song and the rails hum the refrain in a cadence that only some can hear. Trains carry with them mystery and romance..... And some men love trains from the time they are small boys until the time they are old boys. Such has been the case of J.E.Laing, father of Mrs. R. Greenhill of Rogue River who began a colorful railroad career in 1892. In 1896, he secured a job as fireman on the Oregon and California

railroad which is now the Portland and Shasta division of the Southern Pacific lines.

At that time the line ran through the Willamette valley, south through Cow Creek Canyon to Ashland and then over the Siskiyou to Dunsmuir.

He was promoted to an engineer in 1900 and was a staunch member of the Brotherhood, retiring in 1945.

Mrs. Greenhill recalls hearing her Dad tell of many exciting things that happened on his run.

There was the time that a trestle was being constructed over Sardine Creek. The rails were laid but the trestle was by no means completed.

Workmen had failed to put out flares to stop the train and before they knew it they were crossing the trestle that was inadequately supported. They did it.

Another time he had a trainload of dynamite and had a head-on collision.

Crewmen jumped and dove into the brush like fleas coming off a dog in a pond, but nothing happened.

He also had his experiences with early-day train robbers. No wonder little boys always want to grow up to be engineers...and some do.

Mr. Laing now lives in Oregon City but he has not left his beloved trains behind. His home overlooks the Clackamas River where the railroad lines wind around like a lost snake.

Active engineers on their runs do not forget one of their kind whom they know to be watching for their coming.

They have for him a special hoot or toot or whatever a train does. And he watches and signals back and remembers when passenger trains ran between Grants Pass and Ashland just like it was last Tuesday.

### BPW HEAR TALK ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"International Relations" was the subject under discussion at the Business and Professional Women's meeting held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles McLallen on N. 99 Highway, Foothills Creek.

The theme was "Build a Free World" and was presented by Fern Trull of Grants Pass, first vice president of the Oregon Federation of BPW.

She was accompanied by three history students from Grants Pass high school, who showed flannelgraphs on the differences in a democratic, socialistic and communistic government.

Mrs. T.Z. Smith, international relations chairman, was in charge.

### Redecorating Star Motel, Adding Units

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Weed, who bought the Star Motel near Foothills Creek on Highway 99 last November, are in the redecorating business right now.

They are redoing 3 of their units and are to fix two more before the tourist season gets in full swing.

Living with the Weed couple is their grandchild, Donna Miller who is a Rogue River student.

The Weeds formerly owned a ranch on Evans Creek.

### "Aunt Jane" Is 88

"Aunt Jane" Cook, well known to many Gold Hill residents, celebrated her birthday along with Washington on the 22nd of February.

She was 88 years of "young" and welcomed many friends and members of her family, as well as enjoyed the radiograms that friends had put on the air for her.

### Gold Diggers

Mrs. Ed Butterfield conducted the regular meeting of the 4-H Garden Club "Gold Diggers" Monday at the Evans Valley Union School.

Members brought samples of soil from their gardens and the various types of soil and their productivity were discussed. The members will each raise a small garden.

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### Poolroom Changes

The local Gold Hill poolroom, formerly owned by James Sanders of Gold Hill, now belongs to T.R. White of Grants Pass.

White is the former owner of the Shamrock Cafe at 714 SW 6th in Grants Pass, and he and Mr. Sanders have traded places of business.

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