

OLD TIMERS

Reelfoot Killed in Battle Royal

By R. M. DeMILLE

(Continuing: No. 3) As the big tracks were seen and re-seen by different hunters it was a sure thing the old pirate was some place in the community close by — but where, was the question.

This thing of hunting a bear like this was getting to be a problem and nerve racking to some of the old bear hunters. So one day, some of the old natives got together. These were George Cook, George H. Bailey, Henry Moore, W. H. and Joe Shepherd, William Hollingsworth, and Thomas Wright.

April, 1890 Hunt

On April the 10th, 1890, William A. Wright and Purl Bean, who was 17 years of age, made up their minds again and started out with determination to get bear hair, a piece of bear meat or the whole carcass. After a long weary tramp over the rough country southeast from Pilot Rock in the northern part of Siskiyou county, they again came upon the tracks of Reelfoot. After careful tracking of many hours, they came to the entrance of a kind of a canyon, small and not so very wide. But the appearance of the tracks seemed to head for across to the other side. Stopping for a minute or so to get a fresh breath and a rest before crossing to the other side which was not very steep, they looked and combed every spot on the other side from their point of view. Near the bottom they spotted the old fellow just as he raised up from lying in an old packrat's nest that he had made a bed upon.

Volley of Fire

No doubt he got the scent of the hunters. As he raised from his bed they let him have it with all they had which brought him out with a roar of pain. He finally caught sight of the boys and started for them, but the dogs met him which stopped him long enough while the hunters poured a volley in succession with a 44 caliber and a 23 caliber small squirrel gun. These guns didn't stop the old grizzly, but they kept pouring in the hot lead as long as it lasted. When Reelfoot got within about a hundred feet of the hunters, the lead balls began to take effect on the old boy, while the dogs were doing their part in the battle royal. Still bullets and dogs couldn't stop him, but the hunters stood their ground like real soldiers with his pain-

ful growls and squeals and the froth dripping from his mouth leaving white foam scattered on the ground and leaves.

Hit Bear's Eye

While the bear was in a raging state of agony and the hounds were tearing the hair and flesh from his body and amidst the state of confusion while he tried to get closer to the hunters, Bean, the boy, by good luck or good marksman-ship shot the old bear in the eye at a close range of about 40 feet or so. This caused the bear to rage with pain and he reared up on his hind legs and fell backwards. Getting up, he started to spin round and round tearing at the side of his head with his paw and fighting the dogs in terrible agony. Then Wright shot the bear with the bullet entering near the root of the tail and passing through the body lodging under the front leg. This last shot from the old 44 floored old Reelfoot with dying curdling wails that echoed through the deep canyons with mournful sounds from the body of one of the mightiest grizzly bears that was ever known in the time of man's history in this great Siskiyou range of the Northwest.

Within 30 Feet

When the old warrior gave up and lay his old body down for the last time, he was within 30 some feet of where the two noble hunters stood. This old bear, the Reelfoot grizzly, will always be remembered as one of the greatest outlaw battlers in size and weight that was ever known of the grizzlies. His actual weight was 1892 pounds without the lead presented to him by the two hunters.

I really have no record of any monument ever being erected in behalf of his bravery when he stood in his gallantry of old age fighting for his freedom that nature gave him. As it was for him to know in his real state, of bear in mind, or mind in bear, that nature gave to all bears this great field and forest — the happy hunting grounds for them all to thrive and multiply.

Most Powerful

This old plantigrade was the most powerful beast of them all in this range of mountains that man knows of. Everything in his path of destruction was, and as I suppose seemed inferior, or so insignificant to his great strength and size while he feared no one, at all times. He mastered his range where he roamed. He picked his choice beef and sure showed his dignified way all right in choosing his meat.

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Vining Repertory

LOCALS PLAY VINING

Mrs. Robert Ingle will be seen in an important role in the Vining repertory's production of "Claudia," one of four modern plays opening soon at the Lithia theatre. (Kitty) Ingle will be remembered by many for her roles in pre-war Shakespearean festivals and for her last appearance in "Street Scene."

Three Ashland men are assisting the Vining players in filling out the large cast of "Arsenic and Old Lace," the romping comedy of homicide in Brooklyn. Bill Dawkins and Hank Williams portray two of the policemen needed to keep the wacky Brewster family under control. Fred Whited, Jr., from the cast of last winter's "Idiot's Delight," a Southern Oregon college production, plays the superintendent of Happydale, the sanitarium where most of the aforementioned Brewster clan are finally confined.

The busy actors of the Vining rep are now in the midst of rehearsals for their spring season and are readying the Lithia for the April 14 opening. Regular members of the company go to work in the box office when not on stage rehearsing, doing construction and painting of scenery. Nearly every member of the troupe appears in all four shows. Varied experience of the actors includes collegiate and professional appearances in every part of the country.

Barbara Curtis directs "Arsenic and Old Lace;" Phil Hanson, "Claudia;" Dick Graham, "The Importance of Being Earnest;" and H. Paul Kliss, "Death of a Salesman."

CPS Concert At Methodist Church the 29th

The College of Puget Sound Adelpian concert choir from Tacoma, Wash., will appear in Ashland on April 29 at the First Methodist church.

The concert is being sponsored by the Rev. Ross Knotts, pastor of the church, and the choir's director is Clyde Keutzer. The Ashland concert will be one of many during an 18-day tour for the 40 singing collegians. A chartered bus will transport the mixed choir on its annual music mission which will extend as far south as Marysville, Cal.

The CPS choir will feature solos, duets, trios and quartets on its road tour. The Adelpians' 1952 audiences will view an operetta, "The Telephone," and a comic opera, "The Salem Witch." This is the first year that the Adelpians have included operetta and comic opera in their repertoire.

"The Salem Witch" was composed by Leroy Ostransky and Gordon Epperson, CPS music professors.

'Y' Doings . . .

This week's program of the Ashland YMCA:

Saturday, April 5: Model Airplane club, 10 a.m., in "Y" game room; Boys' Craft class, 10 a.m. in "Y" Game Room; "Y's" Guys Gra-Y club meeting, 10 a.m., in "Y" social hall followed by baseball practice; YMCA Swing Center for high school students open at 8 p.m.

Monday, April 7: Explorer Scouts, 7:30 p.m., in "Y" social hall.

Tuesday, April 8: Craft Class for adults, 2 to 4 p.m., in "Y" social hall (leathercraft, metal tooling, textile painting, figurine painting); eighth and ninth grade Junior Hi-Y club meeting, 7:30 p.m., in "Y" game room; Kiwanis Athletic club program for grammar school boys at 7 p.m. at memorial court, Southern Oregon college; Adult Photography club, 8 p.m., in "Y" social hall.

Wednesday, April 9: Girls' Craft class, 4 p.m., in "Y" social hall; eighth grade Junior Tri-Hi-Y club meeting, 4 p.m., in "Y" social hall; seventh grade Junior Tri-Hi-Y club meeting, 4 p.m., at Junior high school; free moving pictures, 7 p.m., in "Y" social hall ("Fishing in Alaska" and "Pay as You Exit"); Knights Junior Hi-Y club meeting, 8 p.m., in "Y" game room; ninth grade Junior Tri-Hi-Y club meeting, 8 p.m., in "Y" social hall.

Glasses won't hurt your looks unless you empty too many of them.

10 Ashland High Girls at Meet

Ten Ashland high school girls were among 79 Jackson county young women, their mothers and adult leaders who attended the Ashland Conference for Young Women at Southern Oregon college.

The announcement was made this week by Mrs. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of the Ashland branch, American Association of University Women. The meeting was planned to give high school girls of 25 southern Oregon and northern California communities an opportunity to exchange ideas on common problems. Mrs. Stevenson explained. Branches of the AAUW at Medford, Grants Pass, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls and Lakeview cooperated with the Ashland group in sponsoring the program which had as its theme, "Mirror for the Future."

More than 400 young women, adult leaders and SOC students participated in the all-day session which was directed by Mrs. C. D. Winston, Ashland, Northwest regional vice president of AAUW. Miss Charleen Kring of the Ashland AAUW branch served as administrative coordinator of the program.

Ashland high school girls attending included Pat Austin, Joan Day-Anderson, Barbara Falwell, Barbara Bugbee, Colette Perrine, Marilee Mason, Jessie Mackie, Carol Sullivan, Norma Stephens and Millicent Tower.

Other Ashland AAUW members who had an active part in the conference included Mrs. Mary Christlieb, Mrs. John Cotton, Mrs. Jim Busch, Miss Betty Lou Dunlop, Mrs. Harry A. Skerry, Jr., Miss Beverly Bennett, Miss Marion Ady, Miss Frances Barta and Miss Veve Wilson.

Attendance breakdown by county revealed 79 from Jackson county, 52 from Klamath, 44 from Douglas, 42 from Josephine, 17 from Siskiyou (Cal.), 16 from Coos, 10 from Lake and two from Curry.

Toastmasters Invite Ladies on April 14

Ashland's Toastmaster club will feature a ladies night program on April 14 when the newly-elected officers will assume their duties.

Verne Blue won the weekly contest cup last Monday evening with his first official five-minute speech since joining the club. Gene Leidigh asked for action in combatting malicious mischief by youngsters in his prepared speech; the Rev. Jim Jondrow discussed the origin of rainbows; and Carlton Abbott told of pointers to consider in laying a tile floor.

Winston Marks served as toastmaster, Bob Edwards as topicmaster and Roxie Nelson as critic. Henry Gale, membership chairman, reported 25 men on the club's rolls at present.

Consider the postage stamp. It's usefulness consists of its ability to stick to one thing until it gets where it's going. (Josh Billings)

Obituaries

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away . . . Job 1:21"

MILLIE DONNELLY

Millie Donnelly, 83, a native of Ashland and a former resident of 107 N. Main, passed away Monday afternoon at San Francisco.

Mrs. Donnelly was born in Ashland on Jan. 18, 1869, the daughter of Henry and Ellen Giddings, her father being one of the early stage-drivers between Jacksonville and into California. She was educated in the Ashland schools, and took work at the University of Oregon in music. She was well known throughout southern Oregon as a musician, and as an instructor. She and her husband, Charles E., worked together in the Western Union office here and in San Francisco, where she often spent the winter. For the past three years she had made her home in San Francisco.

She is survived by a niece and nephew, and many cousins, two being Miss Mildred Million and Charles Morgan of Ashland.

Services were held March 29 in the Litwiller Funeral home with the Rev. James W. Jondrow officiating, and entombment was made in Mt. View mausoleum.

ELSIE PEARL McELMURRY

Elsie Pearl McElmurry, 70, injured in an auto accident on the Siskiyou on March 18, passed away late March 26 at the general hospital without having regained consciousness since the accident.

Mrs. McElmurry was born on Feb. 22, 1882 in Minnesota, and was a resident of Stanley, Wis., where she made her home for many years. She was traveling through Oregon at the time of the accident. Her husband, Charles Leslie McElmurry, preceded her in death 14 years ago.

She is survived by eight sons, three daughters, one brother, two sisters, and several grandchildren.

The remains are being sent to Stanley, Wis., by the Litwiller Funeral home where services and interment will take place in the Presbyterian cemetery at Huron, Wis.

NELLIE V. SLOGGY

Nellie V. Sloggy, 82, a resident of 102 Oak street, passed away on March 30 at the general hospital after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Sloggy was born on Aug. 12, 1870, in Marengo, Ia. As Nellie Vashall, she was married on Jan. 14, 1902 to Orlando L. Sloggy, who preceded her in death in 1932 at Ione, Wash. She had been a resident of Ashland for 10 years.

She is survived by her son Orlando L. Jr., Ashland, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Porritt of Lakeside, Ore.

Services were held yesterday in the Litwiller Funeral home and interment followed in Mt. View cemetery.

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EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

1047 Iowa, Ashland. Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Radio Program, Sunday, 9:15 a.m., KWIN.

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Wednesday services: 7:30 p.m. Let us meet together, to study and learn of God's word.

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Christian) Second and B streets. Earl F. Downing, Minister.

Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Anthem by the choir. Sermon, "Jesus Calls Us to March in Triumph with Him."

Junior Church, 1:1 a.m., for the children. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and young people.

Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Marimba solo, Mrs. Click. Youth Chorus. Sermon, "On Friday with Jesus of His Last Week."

Midweek Service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Iowa and Mountain avenue. Paul W. F. Harms, Pastor.

Sunday School 9:45. Adult Discussion Group 10:00. Morning Worship Service 11. Evening Service 7:30.

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over KWIN. Youth fellowship services, 6:30 p.m.; evening service, singing, testimonies and gospel message, 7:45 p.m. Monday, prayer meeting at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., mid-week service and Bible study; 8:30 p.m., choir rehearsal.

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Sky Pilots in their club house on Walker avenue.

Youth Fellowship groups, 6:00 p.m. Wesley Foundation, 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

130 N. Main (at Helman) "A Friendly Church" for "Thoughtful People" Church School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

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