

"Lem" Wilsons Reminisces as Old Time Indian Fighter and Scout Under General Miles

(Lemuel T. Wilson, well known pioneer of Jacksonville, has recently attained national prominence as one of the few remaining Indian fighters and scouts of the early southwest, writes articles starting in today's issue being reprinted from the Pampa (Texas) Daily News, with an introduction by his close personal friend, General W. C. Brown (retired) now of Denver, Colorado. The importance of this series from a news standpoint to the Texas paper, is shown by the comments of the editor of that paper, printed below together with General Brown's introduction. The series will be run consecutively in this and the subsequent issues of the Sunday Mail Tribune.)

Editor's note, from Pampa (Texas) News, October, 1933: Last year the News published an account of a thrilling ride of Lt. Frank D. Baldwin thru this Indian-infested country in September of 1874. Three civilian scouts were with him. One of them was Lemuel T. Wilson, now of Jacksonville, Ore., and through the courtesy of General W. C. Brown, of Denver, the News is privileged to print a series of Wilson's accounts of his experiences with the Miles campaign in 1874 in the Panhandle. Readers are advised to clip and retain this series before printed historical material.

By Gen. W. C. Brown In 1874, the Kiowas, Comanches and Cheyennes left their reservations in Indian Territory determined to disperse the white buffalo hunters to kill buffalo for their hides—a practice which had fair to deprive the Indian of a source of livelihood which he had enjoyed from time immemorial. It was the final struggle of these tribes against the white man. The scene of these activities was in the Panhandle of Texas. The supply base of the buffalo hunters was at Adobe Walls in the Canadian river in what is now Hutchinson county. It had originally been built by Bent and St. Vrain in 1830, but abandoned in 1840.

General N. A. Miles in August, 1874, was directed to organize at Fort Dodge, Kansas, an expedition to proceed against the hostiles. His command consisted of 8 troops of the 6th cavalry and 4 companies of the 5th Infantry. Later four troops of the 8th cavalry from New Mexico were added.

This was a notable campaign of which there are but few survivors, one of whom has turned up—Lemuel T. Wilson of Jacksonville, Oregon—who was carried as a scout on the rolls of the quartermaster department. He was one of a company of 39 scouts and trailers under command of Lieut. Frank D. Baldwin, an account of some of whose exploits has recently been published. Wilson has given some of his experiences from which we extract some of the following data on his services from August 18, 1874 to October 31, 1881.

By Lemuel T. Wilson I had hunted buffalo for about two years, so I was familiar with all that western frontier country. In the spring of 1874, we had considerable trouble with the Indians. Twenty-three of us (buffalo hunters) were captured by Indians at Adobe Walls for about three months. Helped to build the stockade there for our protection, and was in the battle of Adobe Walls on June 27, 1874. (Described in "Life of Billy Dixon.") In August, 1874, General Miles heard adverse reports about us, and sent Lieut. Frank Baldwin with a detachment of soldiers down to Adobe Walls to investigate.

Attacked by Indians Lieut. Baldwin and his command arrived at Adobe Walls in the evening of August 18, and camped about one-half mile west of the stockade. Next morning, the Indians attacked us and one of our hunters, Geo. Huffman, was killed and scalped. As soon as Baldwin heard the shooting, he came to our assistance. He took after the Indians and had a running fight with them for about 10 miles. When he returned, we asked permission to leave there under his escort as we could not go by ourselves on account of the Indians. As he needed more scouts he hired Ira Wing, Tom Tobison, and myself as scouts. We left Adobe Walls on the morning of Aug. 20.

Water was very scarce and in the afternoon Lieut. Baldwin came back to where we hunters were and asked if any of us knew where there was water. The men and horses were nearly famished. I said, "I know a place where we have always found water." He sent Gus Morrow and me to look for it. When we reached "Geyers" or Chicken creek, we found water, also two Indian scouts camped by a small fire with meat roasting on a stick. When they heard us one got away, the other one I killed.

Indian Chief Killed I shot at the other several times but missed him. We learned afterwards that the one I killed was a sub-chief and a great warrior named "Whizzing Arrow." He came from behind a stump and we met face to face but over six feet apart, and it had to be a finish. I beat him to it and I took his scalp. It may have been against military orders, but when I was about 10 years old, back in Iowa we got word that the Indians had killed and scalped my favorite uncle and I promised my grandmother that when I grew to be a man I would go west and kill an Indian to avenge Uncle Jim, and this was the first one that I was sure I had killed, so I took his scalp.

Lieut. Baldwin let me keep his trinkets, such as rings, knives, bows and arrows. But his ponies were turned over to Gen. Miles when we reached his camp August 21st on the Canadian river west of Antelope hills. Lieut. Baldwin made his report to Gen. Miles after which Miles sent for me, to have me give my version of the affair, which I did.

Battle of Byrnes Creek On the morning of August 22 or 23, we left with "Moss" Johnson and were with him in the battle of August 30 on Byrnes creek in the northeast corner of Eschscholtz county. At one

STATE POLICEMEN ARE SHIFTED FOR STEP IN ECONOMY

A number of transfers in the third district of the Oregon State police are being made, according to Captain Lee M. Bown, who yesterday announced some of the changes. Due to the elimination of several members of the game division, as an economy measure, Sergeant Ed Walker who has been in charge of the fish and game enforcement for seven counties, will report to Douglas county the first of the week for enforcement duty there.

Sergeant Walker, who has been in the state game division work for over 20 years, was transferred to Medford from Roseburg. With his family, he is moving back to that city. Officer Raleigh A. Taylor of Grants Pass has resigned from the state police to enter business in Klamath Falls.

Captain Bown expressed regret at losing Officer Taylor, whose record has been creditable during his work with the department. Taylor was responsible for the capture of Henry Adolph Bowles and John Alvin Barber, the two Los Angeles youths who are now serving life sentences in the Oregon state penitentiary for the slaying of State Police Officer Burrell M. Baucum.

Officer Mae Featherer of Medford is being transferred to Grants Pass to fill the vacancy left by Taylor's resignation. Captain Bown said, "No replacement for Featherer is being made in Medford at this time."

GEO. W. ISAACS DIES IN SOUTH

George W. Isaacs, who will be remembered in the Rogue River valley by many of the old timers passed away in Sacramento Thursday night, November 9.

Mr. Isaacs was born on the large stock ranch of his parents on Butte creek above Brownsboro, December 20, 1871. He engaged in stock raising in his boyhood with his father, one of Oregon's early pioneers. Mr. Isaacs attended school in Brownsboro and later in Medford. When a young man he left this valley, making his home in Vancouver, B. C. until about 10 years ago, when he moved to Sacramento, Cal., where he has since resided and was actively engaged in business.

He leaves to mourn his passing a wife in Sacramento and two sisters and three brothers, Mamie E. Riddle, Agnes I. Merrill, Wm. F. Chas. W., and Frank Isaacs all of whom reside in Medford.

Applegate

APPLEGATE, Nov. 11. — (Sp1) — Harry Gilson recently returned home to Buncom after spending several months at Alturas employed in a CCC camp, doing blacksmith work.

People of Little Applegate are enjoying a social evening at the Little Applegate school house Friday. They were entertained with a program and pie social sponsored by the teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Denner. After the program the pies were sold. Mrs. Denner made coffee for the crowd and pop-corn balls and home made candy were sold by the children. The proceeds, over \$11, will be used for hot lunches for the school children this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Eilenhammer motored to Wagner Gap Tuesday where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Combest. Jay J. Arant of Eugene, who formerly lived on Little Applegate was here Thursday on a pleasure and business trip.

Many of the Applegate cattlemen are busy gathering cattle from the high mountains. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peckham, who have been living in the Cunningham cabin on the Jim Buckley ranch, have moved to Buncom and will occupy the house where the Harley Perkins family formerly resided.

Leta Gilson of Sacramento, Calif., arrived here last Wednesday and plans to spend the winter with her father, Harry Gilson. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West entertained Saturday night for over 70 guests. The evening was spent in dancing, with the old-time music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sanger of Little Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nelmyer, son, Delbert, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McMullin and baby daughter of Medford called Sunday callers at Mr. and Mrs. Fred West's on Yale creek.

Scottish Rite. Stated Lodge meeting 7:30 P. M., November 15. L. E. WILLIAMS, Secy.

May Robson at Craterian



May Robson celebrates her fifty years in show business by turning in a sterling performance that lifts her to the very pinnacle of success in "Lady for a Day," playing for four days at the Craterian theater, starting today.

"Lady for a Day" has Miss Robson as "Apple Annie," known and liked by all night denizens of Broadway and the roaring "Forties"—the mugs, the gamblers, the panhandlers and the racketeers. Dave the Duke, a big time gambler, never enters a deal without buying an apple from Annie for luck.

Fine Cast in Rialto's Drama



"Beauty for Sale" with Madge Evans, Una Merkel, Florence McKinney, Alice Brady, Gito Kruger and Phillips Holmes featured, plays the Rialto theater for three days, starting today. It tells the story of three girls, beauty experts, each following their respective paths to happiness. Secrets that would make a columnist blush are disclosed within the perfumed walls of the beauty salon.

On the stage, today only, the Rialto will have an added attraction. Five acts of vaudeville will be shown on all shows. H. Kay Lewis and his Virginia Varieties; Alberta, one of the five lady ventriloquists in America; Thayer and Della in a song and dance number; Lewis the Magician, and the California Wrangler—who is a one-man band in himself—will be the acts shown.

ENTIRE CCC TO MAKE DONATIONS FOR CHEST DECLARES COMMANDER

Through the request of Major Clare H. Armstrong in command of the CCC headquarters here, all officers, enlisted men and CCC enrollees will contribute to a fund to be collected and turned over to the Community Chest, or similar agency in the town or city nearest the respective camps. It was made known yesterday.

In appreciation of this effort, the Community Chest committee, Eugene Thornadike, J. C. Thompson and Larry Schrade, yesterday extended their thanks to Major Armstrong and the men who are contributing. Contributions will be made on the following basis for officers, accord-

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TRAPPERS SHOULD HAVE LICENSE AS HUNTER SAYS LAW

To members of the game division of the Oregon State police Charles H. McClees, captain, has sent out information concerning trapping in the state, as replies to a number of questions given to the state game commission.

The letter forwarded to Medford says that "under the present game laws, trapping is constituted hunting and the hunting license is required to take or kill any of the wild animals of the state."

The fee for a resident hunting license is \$3 per calendar year, and the license may be secured from the state police headquarters in Salem, the county clerk or various license agencies in the state.

The letter from Captain McClees further states that there is no provision in the law for registering a trap line, but it is unlawful to molest the traps of a properly licensed trapper. The only way to secure exclusive right to any particular trapping location would be through the co-operation of the property owner.

"He could exclude other trappers under the trespass law," he points out. "It is not necessary to mark your trap unless you place it on a trail or path where it might endanger pedestrians. The open season for other, marten, mink, fisher and raccoon is from December 1 to February 28 and for muskrat from January 1 to April 15. There is no open season for beaver," the letter concluded.

JUNIOR HIGH FROLIC WILL BE STAGED AT SCHOOL GYM FRIDAY

Students at the Junior high school are working on the annual frolic, which is scheduled for Friday evening, November 17 at the school gymnasium, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. To start actively for the frolic, the most popular boy and girl from each class was nominated, with the following results: Burton Daugherty and Lela Henderson, 7B; Bobby Walker and Betty Fowler, 7A; Bob Ettinger and Jeanette Field, 8A; George Dudley and Catherine Conroy, 8B; Bob Hays and Helen Snyder, 9B; J. L. Campbell and Jane Solinsky, 9A.

Ticket sale for the frolic opened Friday and will continue until after the frolic, although the ballot box for popularity candidates will be closed promptly at 4:10 p. m., on Thursday, Nov. 16. One hundred votes on each ticket may be cast for the favorite candidate, the winner to be announced the night of the frolic.

LIONEL BARRYMORE IN 'LOOKING FORWARD'

Two men and their families in the midst of a financial tempest that rocks a great mercantile institution form the keynote of "Looking Forward," Lionel Barrymore's starring picture which opens at the Studio theater today.

Barrymore is seen as the old book-keeper in a great London department store. Dismissed because of the depression, he is regenerated by his love wife and in the end becomes the means of saving the tottering firm.

CHEVALIER FILM OPENING AT ROXY

Maurice Chevalier's latest picture, "A Bedtime Story," opens at the Roxy today.

Helen Twelvetrees, Edward Everett Horton, Adrienne Ames and Baby LeRoy head the cast.

Chevalier is cast as a man-about-town who suddenly discovers that home and fireside have their charms.

Back to Gonzaga—John Reddy left Friday for the north to accompany Robert Naumes, Bob and Jack Boyd and Bob Colvig as far as Portland, continuing on to Gonzaga to resume his studies. The others will return to Medford after attending the football game and accompanying events.

CENTRAL POINT LADS HELD FOR BURGLARY

Edward G. Elliott, 17 of Central Point, and Raymond Terrell, 12, also of that place, were arrested late Friday by state police on charges of a burglary not in a dwelling, in connection with the burglary of the Southern Pacific depot at Central Point October 31.

The two boys were released to their parents, and have been ordered before Juvenile Judge "art p. Day at ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

Penland Car Stolen—Ivan Penland of Central Point reported to the state police that his 1928 Dodge sedan was stolen from Talent some time between noon and 7:30 p. m., Friday. He stated that the glass was out of the two front windows, and they had been replaced by card board.

Barbara Stanwyck Pleases Fans New Show Holly Screen

"Ever in My Heart," now at the Holly, is filled with touching pathos and powerful emotional scenes in which Barbara Stanwyck is at her best. It tells the stirring story of a young New England girl devotedly married to a German at the outbreak of the world war, torn between love of her husband and her country.

Otto Kruger has the role of Miss Stanwyck's German lover, while others in the cast include Ralph Bellamy, Ruth Donnelly, Laura Hope Crews and Frank Albertson. Archie Mayo directed the picture from a screen play by Bertram Millhauser which was based on a story by Beulah Marie Dix and Millhauser. Roof flashings and gutters. Brill Metal Works.

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