

Pickin' Pears

By L. J. "Tick" Malarkey

The lad pitched a double-headed. He was discovered out in the main gate guard shed at 6 a. m. a frosty morning or so ago as Henry Hudson's White Pine cafe was calling and a cup of hot coffee seemed again to be a good idea before hitting the chow line still an hour away.

Henry was brought up around Junction City and Corvallis, had played high school football in both towns and then answered Uncle Samuel's call in '17 and sailed the seven seas with his navy.

When the war drums began to beat again in '41, ex-Seaman Hess enlisted again. A medical discharge was given shortly before the end. For several years he engaged in the real estate business and then trekked out to White, where he is one of the guards.

Son Jim, a navy flier, failed to return from a mission. At home with Henry and Mrs. Hess are another son and daughter. Folks over town tell me that young Hess is likely to be tearing up the turf at Hayward field as one of Jim Aiken's linemen in a year or so. The boy has what it takes.

That's Henry Hess, Greybeard of One and Kid from Two. Double-headers are hard to throw.

When this recruit member of Co. I Camp White was "going through the mill" he arrived at the pharmacy with a prescription to be filled. The man in charge glanced at the name and said:

"Remember you years ago." The pharmacist was one of "Tubby's" 59th birthday and when of 1912. He is a Greybeard, marine corps. Saturday was "Tubby's" 59th birthday and when George Vilas, lumber broker, also an ex-Oregon Stater, came to visit Thursday, Pharmacist Prescott called him by name. Hadn't seen George since they were on the Corvallis campus back in '12.

One of the most rabid football fans in the country, "Tubby" Prescott admits having four granddaughters, no grandsons.

Happy returns of the 59th milestone, you never-grow-old Gyrene. This pill dispenser has been with the VAs since 1937, coming to Medford from Seattle.

Got to talking with "Sky" Skyrman of Beagle, rancher and logger. He was out Camp White way looking for an operation that is slicing logs with a "Swede mill" into lumber. Skyrman, who says his name is a mixture of the Scandinavian peninsula, some generations back, is logging with his own outfit back of Table Rock. Friend "Sky" is a Greybeard and has been around the Rogue valley for many years.

Funny how timber beasts get together.

Paul Hatton, hospital manager. No brass about Mr. Hatton. When I walked into his office the

secretary said with a smile: "Go right in."

When the manager learned that it was my idea that the Medford Tribune might run some paragraphs from here and there he picked up the phone and talked with its news editor. A green light was given.

"Hop to it, 'Tick'," he said. It is good to be called by one's first name or nickname. So thanks, Paul, for your friendliness, informality and cooperation. In this Old Reporter's book there is too much brass in the world of ours, and not enough friendly informality. Nice to be put at ease by the person in charge of this big deal. Gives a guy a sense of confidence.

A word about George Vilas. He is back home where his boyhood was spent. Has recently opened up a lumber brokerage office and at present is on the old home ranch with his mother, Brother Ned and the family.

When George came home from France he settled in San Francisco in 1920. Got into the exporting and importing business. Twenty years were passed in China where he exported and imported. Mrs. Vilas and two daughters (both will be married late this summer) now make their home in Seattle. Will be here soon, if the business Greybeard Vilas is developing does OK. Know it will.

Until 4 p. m. Vilas drove "Private M" through the Valley of the Rogues. We saw it all, and had a noon lunch at the country club where a dozen lumbermen gathered to talk it over. Thanks and salutes, George Vilas.

Sooner or later we find ourself at the cashier's office of the VA finance office. We were greeted by a charming miss with a smile as radiant as this beautiful April morning in the Valley of the Rogues?

Her name? Gertrude Price. When she glanced at the name and asked if the hacker of "Pickin' Pears" was there, an admission of guilt was ours.

We around here enjoyed the column," she said.

That, Gertrude Price, is reward plenty and your Old Reporter has this lament: "Why was I born 35 years too soon?"

Next stop was at the post office. Here are Arthur and Marie Scarseth, husband and wife, serving as temporary clerks since the sudden and untimely death of George Lane, Camp White postmaster. Arthur Scarseth is a Greybeard of 1917, and he and wife Lydia Marie have been making Medford their home for the past four or five years.

Prior to this, Four Buttes, Mont., was home. They are a busy team getting the postoffice running again.

So help me, George Gates, other than a hint of silver above the ears, doesn't look a day older than when he was on the Oregon campus 35 years ago. It was



(Acme Telephoto) ANNIVERSARY—Deeply thanked from his recent Florida vacation and apparently in tip-top shape, President Truman presents this smiling picture as he begins his sixth year in the White House. The President will celebrate his 66th birthday on May 8.

Boy Scout News

Cub Pack 15, Phoenix

Sixteen cubs received awards at the recent pack meeting at the Presbyterian church in Phoenix.

In Den 1, Freddy Faytinger received a wolf badge and assistant denner stripe; Ronnie Daugherty, bob cat and wolf badges; Jimmy Floyd, wolf badge; Raymond Swingle, Henry Scott and Warren Richey, bob cat badges.

In Den 3, Jimmy McCracken, Ronald Bradley, Garry Simmonds and Randall Stothers received bear awards; Dick Harvey and John Harvey, bob cat badges, and David Lind, one gold and 13 silver arrows.

In Den 4, Gordon Caster and Charles Fisher received wolf badges and Dale Haggard one gold and two silver arrows.

A den mother's pin was awarded to Mrs. MacKintosh of Den 4. A pack committee meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., April 24, at the church, it was announced.

Refreshments were served by den mothers and parents.

Mrs. C. A. Stothers, Publicity.

STAR GAZER EFFICIENT

Cambridge, Mass.—(U.P.)—Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer, works at a huge, revolving circular desk which he can turn at will to reach the manuscript, report or book which he wishes at the moment. The desk has drawers at waist level and divided shelves in the center.

A pleasure to renew an acquaintance with Furniture Man George and to meet The Missis. The Gates boy showed extreme good judgment when he brought the bride to his Medford home.

In and Around Eagle Point

Eagle Point, Apr. 21—Dean McNeel, Pfc. 1st Recruit Tr. Btn. is home on boot leave from San Diego, Cal., visiting his father, O. R. McNeel of this place.

The Rev. Floyd Pollock and family left April 16 for a month's visit with relatives and friends in southern Wisconsin, after which they will go to Yakima, Wn., where they expect to locate. They will be missed in our community, but it is hoped they will be happy in their new location.

Mrs. Amy Brown, Mrs. Geo. Holmes and mother Mrs. Sarah Riley and Mrs. Van Scoy of Eagle Point attended the flower show at Rogue River April 15.

John Smith returned to his home here last week from Sacred Heart hospital in Medford, where he had been for ten days, after having undergone an operation on an eye for cataract. He is improving nicely. His daughter Hazel and husband Kenneth Edmondson of Seneca, Ore., spent a week here to be with him while he was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Walgamott, Mrs. Walgamott's father, Walter Collier, and their house guest, Mrs. Dougherty of Spokane, Wn., drove to Crater Lake and back home by way of Klamath Falls and Weed, Cal., April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertland Stanla yand Mrs. Henry Holman drove to Coos Bay where they spent last week end with Mrs. Holman's husband who is overseer of an F.H.A. project.

Dick Daley of Yreka, Cal., spent last Saturday here with his father Geo. Daley.

Don Ashpole recently purchased a lot from Dean Tyler in Eagle Point and will start building a house on it soon.

Mrs. Nora Strauss of Sams Valley is spending the week here with her daughter, Mrs. Bertland Stanley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Kirk and Mr. Kirk's sister, Mrs. Myrtle Sellers of Brownsville, Ore. were visitors at the Dean Tyler home here April 9. The two families have been lifelong friends and Messrs. Kirk and Tyler were messmates aboard the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Huntington during world war one.

Mr. and Mrs. "Pop" Frisbie of Baker, Ore., called on the Brown families here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown of Eagle Point left by plane April 19 for Santa Barbara, Cal., for two weeks visit with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Wm. Pflum and husband. They will also visit

Jack Stoner and wife while there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dickerson and son of Cave Junction spent last week-end here with Mr. Dickerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barron of Medford were last Sunday callers on Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Breeding of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Sparks recently of Riverside, Cal., have purchased the place known as "Coon and Betty's Shack" on the south side of the creek here and took possession April 15. They will operate a short order restaurant in connection with the confectionery and fountain service.

Miss Pat Stewart, who has been ill with rheumatic fever since last November, is able to be out in a wheel chair and enjoy the beautiful sunny spring days lately.

Percy Haley was taken to Sacred Heart hospital in Medford last Saturday for x-ray observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Short and children of this place drove to Crescent City for the Easter week-end with Mrs. Short's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ireland, who are doing commercial fishing there.

C. L. Quiring of Eagle Point was called to Dallas, Ore. by the death of his mother, Mrs. J. J. Quiring last week. The funeral was held April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McGovern, Eagle Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Barnes of Phoenix drove to Stockton, Cal., over last week-end.

Mrs. James Hannaford, who has been ill is improving at this time.

Evangelist John L. Newman started holding revival meetings in the Community church here Sunday, April 16, and will continue through this week. Cordial welcome is extended to all.

Work on the new school building here is well under way. The cement forms are all poured and work on the septic tank has begun.

Mr. and Mrs. William Perry drove to Butte Falls April 16, where they called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stowell.

CAN'T BE PERFECT — (U.P.) — Peter Johnsen won an uncontested divorce when he testified that he has discovered "the one perfect man in the world—my wife's first husband."

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

Jersey Cattle Club To Conduct Tours

The Rogue River Jersey Cattle club made plans this week for a tour of Jackson and Josephine county dairy herds May 16 and 17. The tours will begin with the E. B. Poyer herd in Ashland on the first day and the group will see Josephine county herds the second day. A special feature of this year's tours will be the judging teams that will be chosen from the touring groups to judge the herds visited. A Canadian dairy cattle judge will accompany the tours as an instructor.

OUT OF FRYING PAN— Grand Rapids, Mich.—(U.P.)—After a two-car collision, Dr. Warren C. Piling stepped out un injured. Then he slipped on the ice and broke his leg.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Upper Rogue 4-H Club

Upper Rogue 4-H club met at the Hildebrand home on Elk creek for regular business meeting, called to order by the president, Monte Axtell. We told how our 4-H club steers are doing. Next meeting will be at Bruce Grieves, at Prospect, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Betty Jo Hildebrand made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and Donna Clark seconded the motion. Present were Monte Axtell,

Donald Hilderbrand, Charleen Peile, Donna Clark, Douglas Chamberlain, Betty Jo Hildebrand, Hugh Millard, Eddie Peile and Velma Peile. Charleen Peile, Secretary.

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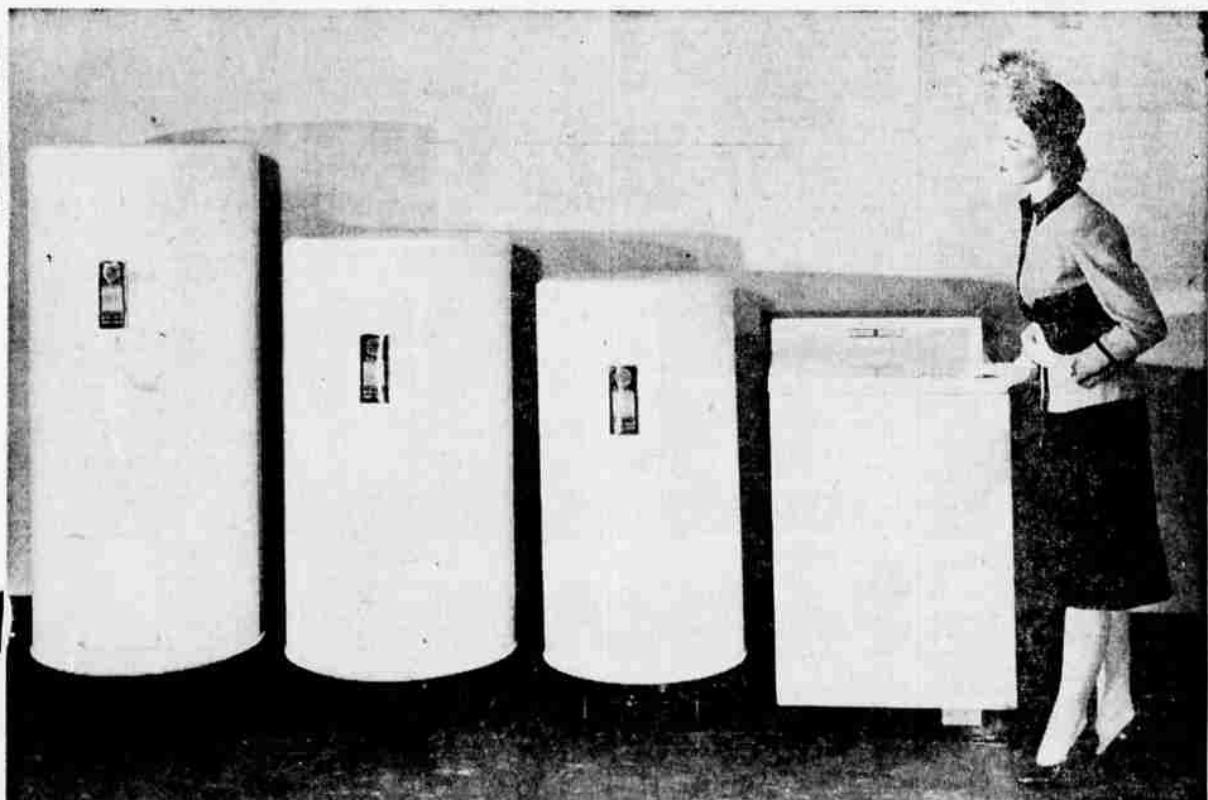


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