

# Early Days Recalled On Ninetieth Birthday

About 50 persons called last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brandon, 211 North Ivy street, in observance of Mr. Brandon's 90th birthday anniversary. Hostesses for the event were their daughters, Mrs. George Van Fleet, here from Austin, Tex., for the occasion, and Mrs. C. A. Tingleaf.

Mr. Brandon, a resident of Medford for 47 years, has been a merchant, a flour miller and in recent years an amateur historical writer.

He was born in Knoxville, Calif., in 1865 and moved here in 1908. On September 24, 1899 he was married at Merrill, to Miss Martha Ann Whitney, daughter of a pioneer couple, Mr. and Mrs. Elkany Whitney, who homesteaded on the banks of Lost river at Tulelake. Mrs. Brandon was born Dec. 20, 1880 on the homestead.

Mr. Brandon first came to this area with his family in 1878 from Santa Monica, Calif., when he was 13 years old, when they moved to Jacksonville. Later they moved to Ashland and on August 15, 1885, Mr. Brandon resigned his position as night miller at the Ashland flouring mills and left for Klamath Falls to accept a position in a new flour mill built and owned by the late Thomas Martin. He was then a resident of Klamath county for 23 years.

He recalls the town of Linkville, now Klamath Falls, and the basin as it appeared in 1885, covered with sagebrush. "In those days the basin was wild

and woolly, and night howls of the coyotes at first were frightening. Later their howls were music that would lull one to sleep," Mr. Brandon states.

"All was not milk and honey," he further explains. "There were good times and hard times, yet there was a fascination about the Klamath basin. At that time Klamath county was open range for stock. Settlers were horse and cattle raisers, few and far between. Their holdings principally were fat cattle and \$20 gold pieces.

"In 1894 Martin and Brandon built the Merrill flour mill. N. S. Merrill donated five acres of land for the mill. Mr. Martin was in favor of naming the town Merrill, and I too favored it. Thomas Martin actually did name the town, and in 1903 I was appointed postmaster of Merrill, the post office being located in the general merchandise store, where I was manager and a stockholder. In 1905 I sold my interest in the Martin and Brandon flour mill to the Martin Brothers Milling company. In 1906 I resigned as postmaster in favor of George Wilson. In 1907 I sold my shares of stock in the Whitney Mercan-

tile company to W. P. Whitney." "We had three children, Eunice, Ralph and Clarence, and moved to Medford when the big pear boom was on, when the grain fields of the Rogue valley were being set to pear orchards. We liked the valley then and still do," Mr. Brandon said as he reminisced during his birthday celebration.

Mrs. Brandon's family, the Whitneys, lived in a log cabin and arrived at Tulelake in 1872 when the family moved from Cottage Grove to homestead on Lost river. They arrived in July and in November of the same year the Modoc war broke out. Mr. Brandon explains, and the Whitney cabin was only a mile from the fighting. Two Indian fur trappers, friends of the Whitneys, came one night at midnight and told them that the war would start the next day and for the family to stay inside the cabin. "No make smoke, no fire, close window, keep still," Mr. Whitney was advised by the friendly Indians.

The cavalry troop of less than 40 men who came to force back the Modocs to the Klamath tribe soon was beaten by the Modocs, Mr. Brandon explained, and cavalry officers dispatched runners to Ft. Klamath for additional help.

When Captain Jack, Indian renegade, and his band headed for the Lava beds, they passed within 100 yards of the Whitney

cabin and followed the road leading to the stone bridge which crossed Lost river. "They continued south to Captain Jack's stronghold and did not molest the Whitney family of three little boys, a baby girl four months old and the mother in prayer," Mr. Brandon continued. Indians did fire bullets occasionally, however, at the cabin as they passed by.

Mr. Brandon opened his interview by saying, "There is an old adage, 'Never look back,' but when you have about reached the end of the road, it is, I believe a good plan to stop and recall the past."

**Boredom Causes Family Disruption Says Economist**  
Minneapolis—(U.P.)—Boredom with homemaking is a primary cause of family disruption, says Dr. Jennie I. Rowntree of the home economics school at the University of Washington.

"If homes could be invested with significance, if we could teach girls that housework is love made visible, if they could be taught to regard family meal hours as high spots of the day, their boredom might vanish," she told the American Home Economics Association convention.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crowl, 120 Almond street, were honored at an open house July 31 which observed their 55th wedding anniversary. The Crowls were married July 26, 1903, in Elgin, Ore., and came to Medford in 1906.

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## Open House Celebrates Fifty-Fifth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Crowl, Almond street, observed their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 31, with open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Crowl, 1920 Grandview avenue.

The Crowls were married July 26, 1903 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fields, at Elgin, Ore.

Mr. Crowl came to Oregon in 1901 from Indiana. Mrs. Crowl, a native of Paulding county, Ohio, came to Oregon as a child of 10. The couple moved from Elgin to Medford in May, 1906 and they have lived here since.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowl have seven children. The sons are Harold E. Crowl, Cave Junction; Cleo A. Crowl, Grants Pass; Delbert L. Crowl, in whose home the party was held, and Donald H. Crowl, who lives with his parents.

Their daughters are Mrs. Clifford Peart, 913 South Peach 51 1/2 Janney lane, and Mrs. C. street; Mrs. Kenneth Russell, E. Reeves, Wilson road, Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowl have 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crowl has been retired since 1948. Before that time he Center building for many years. was employed by the Medford In the early 1900's he was in the plumbing business in Medford.

Many friends and relatives called on the couple during the open house and refreshments were served. The Rev. and Mrs. Ellmore Gilstrap of the Central Church of Jesus Christ were among the visitors. The Crowls have been members of that church since it was built. Before that they attended First Christian church here. During the evening dinner

was served to members of the family.

For the occasion Mrs. Crowl wore a white and purple sheer print dress and her corsage was of gardenias. The home was decorated with bouquets of sweet peas.

### Topic Announced For Phoenix Club

Phoenix — Mrs. A. O. Floyd will speak on "Summer Care of Acid-loving Plants" at the meeting of the Phoenix Garden club Friday, August 12, at 1 p.m. at the Phoenix Community club. Hostesses are to be Mrs. W. A. Grochocki, Mrs. R. D. Kane and Mrs. Allen Paul.

Mrs. Vaughn Quackenbush will bring the arrangement of the month.

### Singer Arrives To Visit Parents

Miss Jean Farley has arrived in Medford to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Farley, Jacksonville highway, Medford. Miss Farley attended summer session at the University of California, Los Angeles, working toward a master's degree in music.

September 1 Miss Farley will leave for New York City to enter Columbia university for the fall semester and to further pursue her vocal studies.

### Temperance Legion To Meet on Tuesday

Mrs. E. J. Gilstrap will be the leader for a meeting of a Loyal Temperance Legion session Tuesday, August 9, at 2 p.m., at her home, 702 West Fourth street. Two films will be shown.

A regular business meeting will precede the films and refreshments will be served during the social hour.

### College Professor And Family Here

Dr. and Mrs. William P. Tucker and children, Larry and Elizabeth, from St. Paul, Minn., are visiting at the home of Dr. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Tucker, 524 West Eleventh street. They came here following a month's tour of the southwest, and en route home in late August, will tour the Puget Sound area, visiting Mrs. Tucker's old home.

Dr. Tucker is professor of political science at Macalester college, St. Paul.

### Tour Park

Talent — Talent Garden club women were conducted on a tour of Lithia park Wednesday and names of the various trees which grow there were given the visi-

### Nephew of Medford Man Dies in Auto Accident

Othel O. London, 25, who has been employed at Kerby as a logger for about four months, was killed in an automobile accident between Kerby and Cave Junction early Friday.

He is a nephew of W. C. London, 1212 Court st., Medford, and had visited in Medford recently. He was living with his brother, Jim London, Kerby, and recently was discharged from the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. London were to leave here Saturday for Eagletown, Okla., for funeral services. The young man's body was being returned there for burial.

A picnic was held at noon, with a business session following.

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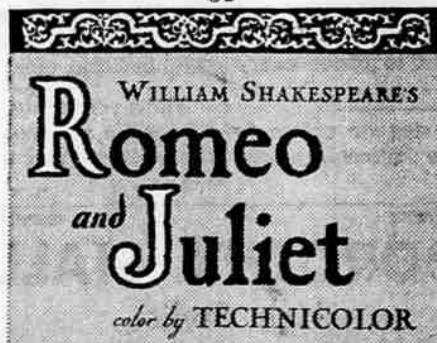
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