

Funeral Services Planned Monday for Mrs. Anna Carrico

Mrs. Anna Marie Carrico, 68, of 120 West 11th st., Medford, died Thursday following a short illness. She had been a resident of Medford for 30 years.

Funeral services will be held at Perl Funeral home at 10 a.m. Monday. The Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. Reames Chapter 66 of the Eastern Star will participate. Burial will be in Fort Jones cemetery, Fort Jones, Calif.

Mrs. Carrico was born in Marysville, Kan., Feb. 10, 1887. She is survived by two sons, Thomas J. Kearney of Medford, and Walter F. Kearney of Seattle, Wash., a daughter, Mrs. Earl Miller of Medford, two brothers, Ernest Helbig of Seattle, and Louis Helbig of Davenport, Wash., a sister, Mrs. Ragnar Bruhl of Portland, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Her husband, Charles Carrico, preceded her in death several years ago.

Mrs. Carrico was a member of Rhododendron chapter 45, Eastern Star, Aberdeen, Wash., and the Electa club, Medford.

Coast Guard Academy Examinations Slated

Salem—(U.P.)—Competitive examinations for entrance to the U. S. Coast Guard academy will be held nationwide Feb. 27-28 in 109 cities and Congressional Walter Norblad, (R-Ore.) Saturday urged Oregon youth to make application.

He said: "There are no appointments or geographical quotas for entrance to the Coast Guard academy. I urge all qualified young men who are interested in a worthwhile profession to write for details and applications as soon as possible to Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. Applications must be postmarked on or before Jan. 15."

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By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Below us in the ground, around us in the trees and shrubs, above us in the air there are countless insects—for every square mile of the earth's surface, there are probably two billion insects!

Fortunately, more than 95 per cent are beneficial to man and those few which are destructive are preyed upon by beneficial insects.

In all forms of agriculture insects play an important role in fertilizing and aerating the soil and assisting in the pollination of such plants as clover and alfalfa, apples and cherries, onions and potatoes.

In addition to helping supply us with vegetables, fruits and berries, they also supply man indirectly with food: the clover cattle eats is converted into



milk, cream, cheese and even steaks; the insects chickens eat to augment their diet, goes into eggs and roast chickens; the mosquitoes a frog consumes goes into a dish of froglets; the caddis larvae at the bottom of the stream go into the gullets of fresh-water gamefish, including young salmon, and make canned salmon possible.

Besides this, the honeybee supplies us directly with millions of pounds of honey to sweeten our fare. Before the advent of cane, beet and maple syrup, honey was the only sweetening agent in common use. And beeswax, secreted as thin scales or flakes by glands on the underside of the Worker bee's abdomen, is used extensively in industry to help manufacture carbon paper, floor waxes and furniture polishes, shaving creams, cold creams, electrical insulation, colored pencils, and boot waterproofing.

Silk-Worm's Role
Another "domesticated" insect, the silk-worm which was first cultivated extensively in the Far East performs an even greater role in clothing mankind with silk.

In southeastern Asia there is an insect, the lac, whose secretions produce shellac for which no true substitute has yet been developed—in India alone, this constitutes a \$30,000,000 trade with the U.S.

A relative of this lac, a parasite on prickly pear, is the cochineal which manufactures within its body a beautiful red dye which is nonpoisonous. This dye is used extensively in lipsticks

and rouge; for coloring medicines and beverages in cake and cookie frostings. It takes about 70,000 of these ground-up female insects to make a pound of this dye.

Another insect, in laying its eggs produces plant galls which contain an abundance of tannic acid—of great value in tanning leather and skins.

Must Restore Pollinators

With the extensive use of insect sprays which cannot discriminate between beneficial or harmful insects, many fruit and vegetable growers are finding that to get good crops they must restore the natural pollinators—and this they do by renting professional honey bee colonies. These are trucked in overnight and when morning comes, the intelligent honeybees go about their labors of collecting nectar and pollen. In doing so, they can orient themselves to the new location of their hive almost immediately—no small feat considering the size of the insect and the distance it travels, averaging about a half mile trip although they have been known to go five.

In giving man a "hand," other insects have been employed to check the growth and spread of noxious weeds, an outstanding example being the successful control of the prickly pear in Australia. This plant, introduced into Australia in 1787, increased and multiplied to such an extent that by 1925—its peak year before insects came to the rescue—60,000,000 acres in Queensland and New South Wales were overrun. Not only were native flora crowded out, but grazing lands were also invaded and in many areas the cultivation of crops became impossible. Every effort to combat the scourge proved unavailing until a small moth was brought in from the Argentine. It speedily solved the problem—the grubs from this moth burrow into the juicy stems and with the help of disease organisms which subsequently gained access to the vital tissues, the prickly pear plants were soon reduced to rotting masses of pulp and the land was saved!

Just as insects have a share in nearly every square yard of the earth's inhabitable surface, so too do they wave their antennae into most of man's daily concerns and make it possible for us to stay alive.

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WEeping AFTER COURT HEARING, Thomas S. Shields, 55, is comforted by daughter, Mrs. Mary Succop, 29, mother of four children, whose husband he killed with rifle. Shields said Succop beat Mrs. Clark in Los Angeles home. (International)

Foster Parents Get Custody Of Tiny Boy at Beaverton

Beaverton—(U.P.)—The feud over custody of 10-months-old David Martin Casteel was ended Saturday with the boy's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Remington of Beaverton, getting the boy.

Remington and the child's real father, Arnold Casteel, met Friday night for a man-to-man talk and settled the matter as "fathers should."

The feud started June 14 when Remington seized the boy from Casteel's home after police had taken him from the Remington's custody on a court order. Remington was charged with creating a riot but was acquitted in a Hillsboro trial.

Earlier, the Casteels, who have two other children, had put David up for adoption. The Remingtons took the child and said they considered him their own. The Casteels later had a change of heart and attempted to win the child back.

Friday night's agreement, however, appeared to have ended the dispute for signing of the

final adoption papers, which probably will be accomplished later Saturday.



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VINE TO WINE—Redwood Empire charmer Melody Ward offers products of vineyards around Sonoma, Cal., where the Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival will be in full swing Sept. 24-25.

Sunday, September 25, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Columbia River Searched for Body Of Missing Man

Maryhill, Wash.—(U.P.)—Washington state police and Klickitat county sheriff's officers were searching the Columbia river near here Saturday for the body of 24-year-old W. Dean Fuller of Moro, Ore., who apparently drowned Thursday night when he drove his car off the Maryhill ferry landing.

Fuller's Portland companion, Fred Lumum Jr., escaped through the car's open window and swam to safety.

The sheriff's office said Lumum told them the two men left The Dalles, Ore., Thursday night traveled east on Highway 830, stopped at a tavern and arrived at the ferry landing on the Washington side.

Lumum said that while waiting for the ferry he gave the wheel to Fuller. He said Fuller shoved the car in gear and floorboarded the throttle. The car roared over the dock into the river.

The car was recovered about 2 a.m. Friday, but Fuller's body was not found despite dragging operations, a search of the river bank and an aerial survey of the river downstream from the ferry.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

In the warehouses in which Spanish wine growers store barrels of sherry, there is always a glassful of Sherry with a tiny ladder leaning against it—a peace offering to mischievous

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