



Eagle Point Boy Named 4-H Club Member of Month

David Woolfolk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Woolfolk, Eagle Point, has been named outstanding Jackson county 4-H club member of the month.

A senior at Eagle Point High school, David has completed six years in 4-H club work with major emphasis on beef. He has taken camp cookery, fishing, forestry, and tractor maintenance, as well as other 4-H projects. He has held offices of president, vice president, secretary and reporter.

He is now a junior leader of the Antelope 4-H Beef club at Eagle Point.

Member of Council
As a member and vice president of the Jackson County 4-H council he has been active in the friendship follies, road signs and other projects of the council. During the past two years, he has assisted with the Antelope prefair and attended the forestry camp at Azalea.

He has been a member of the Eagle Point Future Farmers of America chapter since its beginning and has served as secretary and reporter.

He was a member of the second high FFA dairy judging team at state fair last September. He is student body treasurer at Eagle Point High school and has taken part in Student Government day and Career day. David is a member of the Lake Creek Grange and the Antelope Community church.

The family farm has 640 acres, of which 160 acres are irrigated. The family has about 100 head of Herefords, most of which are registered, and 12 head of dairy cattle which are fed with hay and crops raised on irrigated land.

Construct Lake
The Woolfolds constructed a 35-acre lake with a capacity of 500 acre feet which they use for their irrigation as well as swimming, fishing and boating.

David has two sisters, Alice, 13, who is an active 4-H member and Florence, 9, who will



BILL BESSER AND FRIEND—Bill Besser, 79-year-old adventurer and Alaskan pioneer who arrived to make his home in Medford

this week, is shown above with his cat, Tulip, which he left with friends when he came "outside."

—(Photo courtesy of Anchorage Daily Times.)

'Alaska Pioneer' Helped Clear Orchard Land Here 43 Years Ago

Bill Besser, 79, a one-time Medfordite who has spent much of his life in Alaska, returned here this week.

"The winters in Alaska are too long," he said. He added that nights in Alaska are already cold, and that "I feel better already" since arriving in Oregon.

Besser has been called an "Alaska pioneer" by the Anchorage Daily Times, which recorded his adventures since arriving in Alaska in 1914 when he left there recently.

Born in Argentina

He was born along the Pilcomayo river in Argentina, the son of a Swiss mother and a German father, who himself had been born in Montreal, Canada. "My family traveled much," he explained, "and maybe that's why I have a wanderlust, too."

Now more or less retired on a small social security income, Besser hopes to find a spot in the Rogue valley where he can build himself a "small cabin" in which to live and store the many mementos of his long and adventurous life.

Besser lived in Medford for about two or three years, starting about 1910. He helped clear land for fruit ranches during the time of the arrival of "colonists," and later helped build

some of the first sidewalks in Medford.

He is staying temporarily at the Allen hotel until he can find the right spot for his cabin, and has been visiting with J. J. Osenbrugg, 711 East Main st., who is the son of the man for whom he worked during his 1910 stay here.

The Anchorage paper said Bill left Alaska because "it's getting too cold," but the pioneer told the Mail Tribune that isn't quite right—it's just that there are too many months of winter in Alaska.

Besser, whose 80th birthday is not far away, still feels sturdy and active, although perhaps not quite so spry as in the days he cleared by hand nine acres of land on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, hauling topsoil for his garden in a yoke on his shoulders.

Honest Dirt
The Anchorage paper quoted him as saying, "Don't be afraid of blisters and getting honest dirt on your fingers."

Besser's early years were spent as a sailor, knocking around the world. He was hospitalized in San Francisco when the 1906 earthquake struck there, and he got out of bed to help rescue a number of chil-

dren trapped in an orphanage. Later he worked as a laborer chipping mortar from bricks knocked down by the quake.

After his stay in southern Oregon, he went to Alaska, working for the Alaska Engineering commission, which started the Alaska Railroad. He bought a homestead in what then was a tent city near Anchorage, and lived on the same location until his most recent trip "outside"—watching a footpath grow into Anchorage's Ninth ave.

Rows of Homestead
In addition, he had the homestead on the peninsula, and for 12 years he reached it by rowing across the swift waters of "treacherous Tunagain Arm," and down the twisted ebb and flow of Cook inlet, "according to the Alaska paper."

He also was a fisherman for a time, and recalls one day when 86,000 salmon were caught on one tide in a handtrap.
Besser arrived in Medford by bus late Monday evening from Seattle, where he got off the plane from Alaska. "Those big four-engine planes make too much noise," he said in his accented English, shaking his head. It is the first time he has returned to Medford since leaving about 43 years ago.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS
New York—Dr. Malka Goodman of St. Paul, Minn., defending the Israeli attack on Egypt:
"It is horrible that peace has to be obtained by warfare, but this is the only way to do it."

Damascus, Egypt—Premier Sabri El Assly of Syria telling his parliament that Syria's armed forces are at the disposal of the Syrian-Egyptian joint military command:
"We will fulfill our duties and obligations to sister Egypt."

London—Radio Moscow reporting the invention of an "atomic clock" which will lose or gain only one second in 300 years:
"The exact and regular oscillation of the gas atoms in the pendulum acts on a special electronic device which regulates the clock movement."

London—Prime Minister Anthony Eden on the turbulent Middle East situation:
"Our aim is to separate the combatants and stabilize the position. If United Nations were then willing to take over the task and maintain peace in that area, no one would be better pleased than we."

Calcutta—President Gamal Abdel Nasser pledging backing his countrymen in an all-out war against Britain, France and Israel:
"I shall fight with you for your freedom until the last drop of my blood."

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Jim is the former U. of O. football coach who has devoted most of his life to youth from grade school age through college. He is co-chairman of Organized Democrats and Independents who OKAY Doug McKay.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Back Stairs: Activity at White House

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press
White House Reporter

Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House: Since Israeli forces marched into Egypt last Monday, the lobby of the White House office wing has been jammed from early morning until well into the evening with reporters and photographers. The scene is reminiscent of the crisis days of World War II.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles walks across the lobby and suddenly finds himself the center of a pressing jam of newsmen. Questions are hurled at him in a dozen different accents, reflecting the intense interest of the foreign press as well as that of American reporters.

One well-known journalist, who rarely graces the Washington scene, remarks late at night: "Where's the restaurant here in the White House—I'm a bit hungry."

He gets a big horse-laugh. His attention is called to men eating hamburgers out of a paper sack, and the litter of empty coffee containers.

In the offices of press secretary James C. Hagerty, his secretaries eat sandwiches at their desks while answering telephone calls from all over the world.

Robert Montgomery strides by and someone shouts, "Is he going on the air?" Montgomery replies in French: "I don't know."

Shermana Adams sticks his head out of his office, surveys the crowd, and mutters: "My, my."

The old cabinet room just across from the President's office is a forest of microphones and motion picture cameras. They were set up in readiness to report any statements by Hagerty, Dulles or other key figures in the Middle Eastern crisis.

Hagerty tries to read a statement at a press conference in his office, but reporters in the rear can scarcely hear him. Three of the photographers fighting for pictures teeter atop a small fil-

ing case, each giving the other merry hedges as they strive for a vantage position.
Whirring newsreel cameras and a blinding bath of floodlights make conditions even more complicated. Hagerty's temper flares and he shouts at the cameramen to quiet down.

An eye-catching London girl reporter asks Hagerty to confirm that the British government has taken certain action. He is somewhat amazed and says what is for the British, not the White House, to say.

Presley's Friends Deny Wedding Plans

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Friends of Elvis Presley said today there was little reason to suspect wedding bells for the rock 'n' roll singer and movie actress Natalie Wood.

Presley and Miss Wood made the rounds Thursday night after she flew 3,000 for a date with him. They could not be reached today.

"Aw heck no," said one of Presley's friends of a possible marriage. "He and Natalie are just good friends."

Miss Wood met Presley while he was in Hollywood making his first motion picture, "Love Me Tender." The actress flew here from Hollywood under an assumed name Thursday but she was spotted by fans at the airport.

Meriden, Conn. — (U.P.) — Chivalry got four young men into trouble. Police said the men smashed pin ball machines in a restaurant and took 2,000 nickels so a girl companion could pay a bill.

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Late in the afternoon, dozens of similar telephone calls go out from White House outlets — "Honey, don't wait dinner for me and tell the kids goodnight—we're still tied up at the White House."

When the offices finally close for the night, the weary reporters and men and women of the President's staff wander down the driveway headed for home, the lobby outside the President's office looks like a well-upholstered cash heap.

Rumpled newspapers occupy virtually every chair and couch. Every ashtray is overflowing, and a sort of gymnasium smell prevails.

After a day of crisis bulletins involving conflict thousands of miles away, one of the departing men says dully to a companion: "Say, what ever happened to the election campaign?"

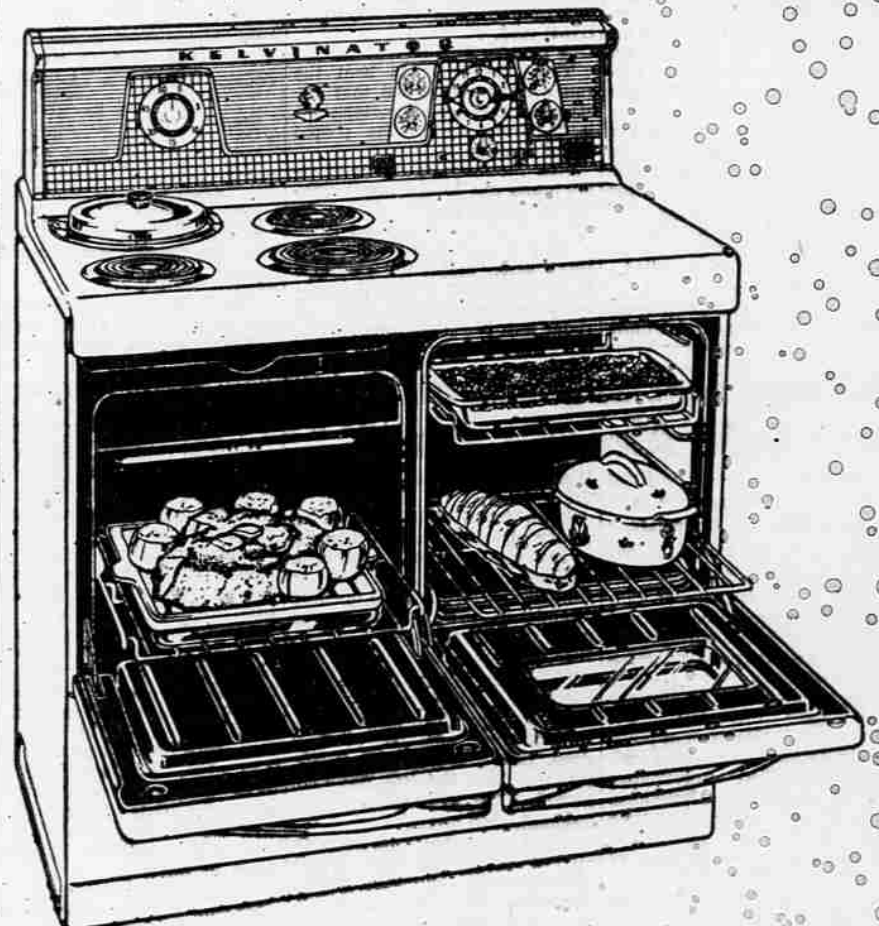
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