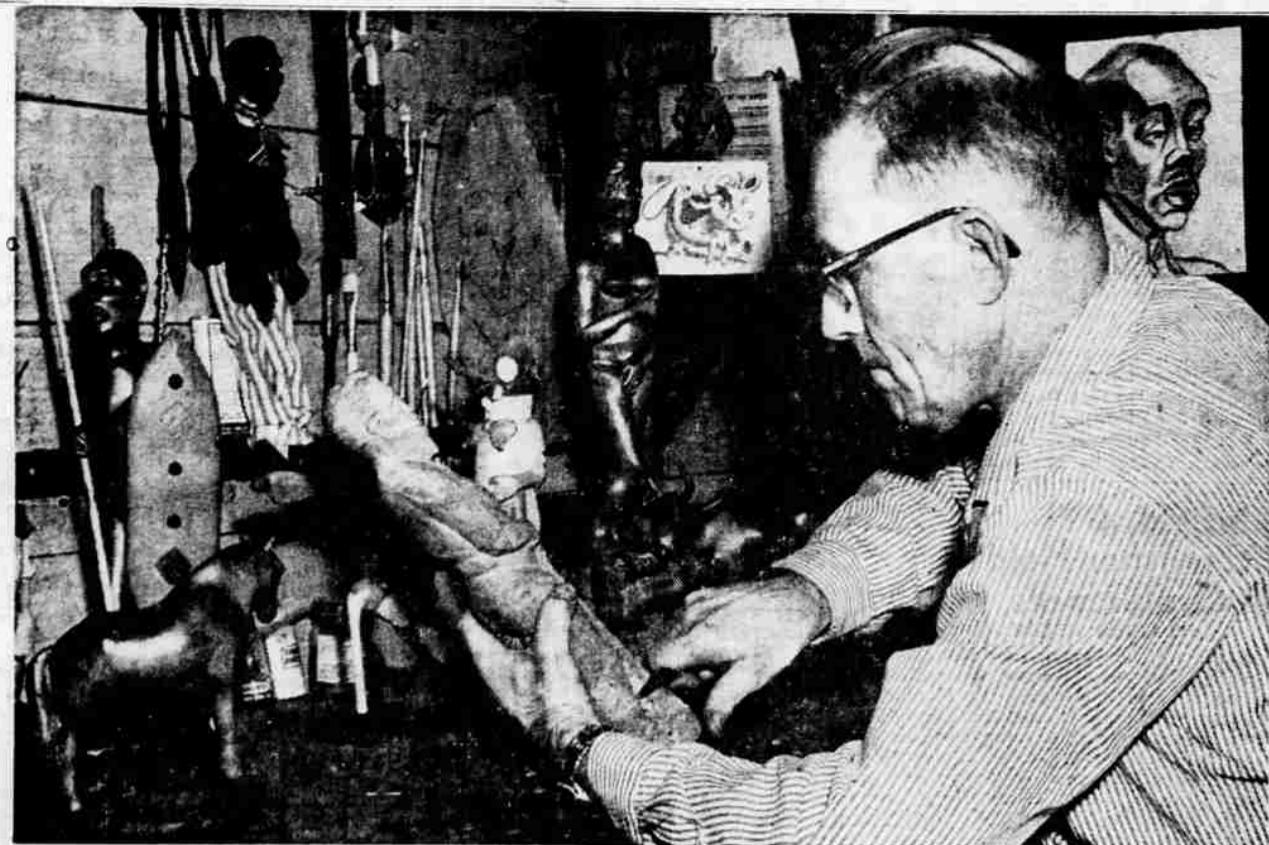


Businessman Makes Wood Carvings in Spare Time



MORE THAN A WHITTILER—Although he uses a pocket knife to carve wood, Medford grocery store owner Bill Fontaine is not just an ordinary whittler. He is shown above in the basement of his home where he spends most of his spare time forming wood into strikingly beautiful figurines. He is at work

on a carving of a bearded woodsman. Fontaine also works in copper and does a lot of sketching to get the "feel" of a particular subject that he plans to carve. Some of his work is on display at the Hawthorne market, of which he is proprietor.

Original Figures Created by Local Market Proprietor

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To see Bill Fontaine, wearing a grocery apron and arranging produce in his store, the Hawthorne market, a person wouldn't suspect that this "ordinary" Medford businessman spent his spare time in his basement at home carving beautiful figures from wood that easily fall within the realm of fine art.

Fontaine started carving about four years ago, and though he only does it in his spare time, he has created hundreds of original figures, ranging from animals and Zulu natives to some weird-looking creatures he calls "snorkle-bugs" which he first visualized when he was fighting a high fever in a hospital bed.

Most of his carving is done from pencil, or Red cedar, which works smoothly and makes possible the velvety finish that is typical in most of his work. He acquires this finish by rubbing the finely sanded surfaces with linseed oil.

Small Figurines
The figurines are small, most of them under one foot high, but are so delicately done that they seemingly could stand five feet high without any coarsening of detail.

Although he has all sorts of woodcarving tools, Fontaine prefers to use his penknife, which he keeps sharpened to a razor-edge for nearly all his work. He usually works from sketches that he draws before-hand that are complete in every detail.

Lately he has been busy collecting data on the American buffalo. His research is scientific and includes such details as the length of hair and ears and skeletal structure as well as pictures of the animals from all angles.

In the near future he plans to carve a buffalo cow and her calf and a yearling buffalo. Studied Art
Fontaine didn't take up carving accidentally. He studied art about 15 years ago at the California School of Fine Art and attended the Academy of Advertising Art in San Francisco, establishing a background in drawing and design that has proved invaluable in the execution of his carvings. One of his instructors at the California School of Fine Arts was watercolorist Millard Sheets.

As a boy of 10 Fontaine remembers carving bas-relief images in sandstone, using whatever tools were available to shape the material.

Though crude by his standards now, these early attempts at self-expression were when his natural talent came to light and led him to consider art as a career.

Earning A Living
But the struggle to earn a living deterred him from following art full time, and after he quit school he took a job in a Medford Safeway store as a clerk, which he held for seven years before opening a small store of his own on Holly st.

Several years ago he sold out and purchased the Hawthorne market at the corner of East Main and Almond sts.

When Fontaine became ill in 1933 with a severe case of pneumonia and was lying in a hospital bed under the effects of numerous shots of penicillin and a high fever, he began to imagine little creatures were scurrying around on his bed.

In his delirium, his wife, Freda relates, he was sitting up in bed swatting at the imaginary monsters, trying to knock them away. His fever broke several hours later and he described the unusual "things" that had attacked him to his wife, who had been at his bedside during the crisis.

Appearance Detail
He was able to tell her in detail the appearance of the creatures and later he made sketches of them, along with color notes, so that he could make replicas of them in wood.

When he got out of the hospital he began carving one of the odd-looking beasts that had the appearance of something from another planet. The bug-like abdomens and stocky legs of the creatures, which he was soon to call "snorkle-bugs," along with outsize noses and feelers, made them unlike anything anyone had ever seen before, and, Fontaine feels, are as original in concept as anything can be.

Though he looks back on the experience with humor, he said he wouldn't want to go through it again.

Traveling Bug
One of the long-nosed "snorkle-bugs" has traveled all over the United States with a salesman who delighted in showing it to customers, and who made an attempt to interest a pen company in using it in their advertising.

The company wasn't interested, but Fontaine feels that there is definite possibilities in using the little creatures commercially. He says they look very attractive in a planter or sitting on a knick-knack shelf.

Woodcarving is not the only craft in which Fontaine is skilled. He enjoys working in copper, forming the soft metal to the original designs he has drawn. The demand for this work locally is greater than he can supply since many hours go into the creation of each design.

Sold Copper Plaques
At first he sold the copper plaques to friends for a small fee, enough to cover the cost of materials, but since the demand became so great for them he has had to raise his price to where it is representative of the hours of work involved.

Governor Proclaims Advertising Week
Gov. Robert D. Holmes has proclaimed Feb. 10-16 as advertising week in Oregon.

Highlighting the week for the Oregon Advertising Industry will be the ninth annual awards banquet Feb. 13 at the Mull-nomah hotel in Portland. Awards will be made in several categories, singling out the best advertising originated in the state during 1936.



SNORKLE BUGS—Once, when Bill Fontaine was ill with pneumonia, he imagined grotesque creatures were running around on his hospital bed. He remembered what they looked like when his fever broke and made sketches of them. Later he made these carvings and painted them in the brilliant chartruese and reds that he saw in his imagination. Fontaine thinks there might be some commercial use for them. The figures are about 7 inches high.



ZULU WARRIOR—This woodcarving, made from Red cedar and hand rubbed with linseed oil, is typical of the work of Bill Fontaine, who spends most of his spare time in his basement at home creating unusually beautiful figurines. From 50 to 100 hours of work go into each piece. He was once offered \$200 for this one.

Local Committee Named to Supervise AFS Exchange Plan

A local American Field Service committee has been organized to supervise local participation in the world-wide AFS student exchange program. C. Weldon Kline, temporary chairman, has announced.

The AFS was founded in 1914 as a volunteer ambulance service in World War I, and served in World War II, when it decided to form a peacetime program.

Part of the program is carried out by sponsoring teenage students from 39 foreign countries to study in American schools and to live with American families for one year.

Sponsors Student
In Medford, the Rotary club has sponsored a student under the exchange program for the school year 1936-37. He is John Hansen from Copenhagen, Denmark, who is staying with the H. D. Christensen family in Medford and attends Medford High school.

The Rotary club will sponsor another student for the 1937-38 school year, Kline said, but noted that this area is allowed two exchange students under the program. The committee has expressed an interest in talking to other groups who would like to participate.

The newly formed committee will assume from the Rotary club the responsibility of conducting the local program. The committee has offered interested companies, clubs and individuals the opportunity of participating in the formation of a permanent committee.

Committee Members
Members of the committee serving until a permanent organization is formed are Kline, Joe Naumes, William M. Caldwell, Leonard Mayfield and Russ Jamison.

One of the first projects planned for the group in 1937 is the summer program of AFS which places American students in foreign homes for the summer months.

TOSS OUT CHARGE
Paris — (U.P.)—A French court has tossed out a charge that French auto magnate Louis Renault was killed by beatings in a French prison where he was held on suspicion of collaborating with the Nazis during World War II.

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More State Pay Asked For District Attorneys

Jackson county's district attorney will receive a \$7,000 increase in the portion of his salary paid by the state, effective July 1, 1937, if a bill now before the Oregon legislature is adopted.

Increases for all Oregon district attorneys were recommended by the District Attorney's association. The bill was read to the 49th legislative assembly for the first time on Feb. 6.

State, County Funds
The Jackson county district attorney now receives \$5,000 a year from the state and \$2,500 from the county. It is proposed that the state pay \$12,000 toward his salary.

The bill (HB-397) would also prohibit district attorneys receiving state salaries of \$10,000 or more per annum from engaging in private law practice. Present law permits the district attorney to maintain private practice.

Two Deputies
It would also provide for a deputy district attorney in each county having a population of more than 30,000, and an additional deputy district attorney for each additional 30,000. The deputy district attorneys would receive salaries of \$6,000 per annum from the state.

Law now provides that one deputy district attorney be appointed for Jackson county and receive \$3,000 from the state. Jackson county has two deputy district attorneys. One receives \$3,000 from the state and \$2,000 from the county and the other receives a salary of \$4,200 paid entirely by the county.

Increase in Student Population Discussed By School Officials

Leonard Mayfield, Medford school superintendent, and Howard Boner, principal of the Howard school district, discussed the increase of student population in Medford area schools at a meeting of the Medford Council of Parent Teacher associations at the Medford YMCA Thursday.

Mayfield summarized reasons why the Medford school board plans to submit to school district voters this spring a \$1,200,000 bond issue to finance construction of two elementary schools and a major addition to Medford High school.

Increase in Schools
Boner pointed out the student increase in Medford area schools parallels enrollment increases in city schools. He said Howard enrollment has increased 300 per cent in the last nine years, requiring two bond issues during that time for construction of several classroom additions.

Student membership at Howard has increased from 400 two years ago to 465 this year, according to Boner. However, he added, Howard facilities will be adequate to absorb enrollment rises for several years despite anticipated increases.

Howard now has 16 classrooms and 18 teachers compared to four teachers and 150 students nine years ago. Mayfield added the trend at Howard is indicative of enrollment increases in Medford and throughout Jackson county.

Students Population
The school superintendent announced earlier last week that the 1936 school census taken last October indicated the present student population in Medford is what school officials two years ago anticipated it would be in 1960.

The census disclosed an unpredictable increase in school-age population, due to immigration, accrued during the past two years, he said.

The Medford council of Parent Teacher associations is composed of representatives from various public school PTAs in the Medford area. About 25 PTA officials attended.

Deadline for Dog Licenses Nears
A penalty of one dollar, in addition to the \$1.50 license fee, will be imposed on dog owners who fail to obtain licenses by March 1. J. Chris Hagler, county dog control officer, reminded residents Friday.

Hagler will be at the Shady Cove Cleaners on the Crater Lake highway from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, to sell dog licenses.

The licenses may also be purchased every day from the Ashland city police department; M. W. Young, chief of police at Talent; Walter C. John, Phoenix police department; the dog pound, 2872 Howard ave., Medford; Gail's Market, Gold Hill; Harold Ottsen, city marshal, Eagle Point; Frank Carter, Jack-Orva Jean Cruise, city recorder, or Lois O. Morgan, city treasurer, Rogue River; Kizzie Edmondson, notary public, Butte Falls; and the county clerk's office in the courthouse at Medford.

About 800 languages are spoken in the world today.

Two Local Men Attending Church Meet in Cleveland

At a Moderators' meeting held last week in Cleveland by the Presbyterian church in the U.S.A., a \$54,000,000 benevolence program to be underwritten in 1937 by the church was discussed by 400 church leaders.

The meeting, attended by Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor of the Medford First Presbyterian church, and George C. Flanagan, elder-trustee of the local church, was called by the moderator of the church's General Assembly to discuss a new five-year program for the Presbyterian church.

Target for 1932
The \$54,000,000 benevolence target for 1932 was characterized as "a hoped for and hypothetical sum" by Dr. J. Hoyt Boles, synod executive from Texas. He thought the sum "not too great" according to the resources of the church.

Dr. West and Flanagan participated at the meeting as a team reporting on the stewardship progress of the Medford church at a presentation Wednesday.

Dr. Robert J. Cadigan, editor and general manager of Presbyterian Life magazine, spoke on "The Kind of World in Which We are Living" Monday evening at the Cleveland meeting.

Summaries Year
"It is a culture in which the year 1936 we committed murder on our highways for an all time record of 40,200 individuals. In one week the total reached 1,124.

When not very many more people lost their lives in the sinking of a passenger ship four decades ago, the nation declared war. Is it not high time for the declaration to lead the nation in declaring war against highway slaughter?"

Structural Changes
In summarizing the changes in the social structure of America Dr. Cadigan mentioned that church membership is at an all time high, and so are the crime statistics; that this is the age of the psychiatrist's couch, the moving van, and the portable television set and the conforming consumer; but it is also a time of fear and of courage, of hatred and of love.

After the three-day meeting in Cleveland the pastor - laymen teams left for Nebraska where they are speaking this week to test the plans discussed. The two local men will return to Medford Wednesday.

Willamette Band To Give Concert
The Willamette university band will present a public concert in the Hedrick Junior High school auditorium Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m., L. A. Mirick, instrumental music supervisor for the Medford school district announced.

The band, under direction of Maurice Brennen, will feature a variety of musical selections. The concert is part of a tour made each year and is sponsored this year by the Medford High school band.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from Medford band students, Mirick said. Admission will be one dollar for adults, 50 cents for high school and junior high students and 20 cents for elementary students.

Pay Hike Approved For County Rural School Teachers

The Jackson county rural school board has approved a \$200 across-the-board salary raise recommendation for rural school teachers of the county, according to Glenn Smith, Jacksonville, chairman of the board.

Recommendation for the salary increase was made by members of the Jackson County Rural School Board association.

Smith explained salary increases originate with the local school boards and are approved or rejected by the rural school board, depending on whether or not the proposed raises are within established county equalization limits.

Two-Mill Increase
The \$200 raise will result in an estimated tax increase of two mills.

The board previously approved raising experience levels for annual salary increases. Rural teachers holding bachelor's degrees will be eligible for annual raises until they have had 10 years of experience; those with five years of training will be eligible for raises up to 12 years of experience; and those with masters degrees will be eligible for raises up to 13 years of experience.

Level Raised
The level was raised one experience station for those with bachelor's degrees and those with master's degrees.

The \$200 raise for teachers in every station of the salary scale will be in addition to increments allowed under the revised annual raise schedule, Smith explained.

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Northern California: Fair Sunday. Morning fog in valleys.

Yreka Council Against Sales Tax in County

Yreka — Yreka city councilmen went on record last week as being against a Siskiyou county sales tax at the present time.

Supervisor Bill Ealy appeared before the council and asked for an opinion on the proposed tax. Ealy indicated "increasing pressure" had become evident in recent weeks on the sales tax question and pointed out that cities in the southern end of the county have already planned discussions on the subject.

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