

Myers Family Celebrates Fiftieth Year in Valley

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Myers, who arrived in Medford one November to spend a couple of days before continuing to California, recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their arrival here. Mr. Myers decided then that Medford was a town with a future, and gave up the idea of going further south. He knows now that he was right.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers and their two daughters arrived in Medford November 24, 1907, by Southern Pacific.

The family was "going south," leaving Portland in search of a more healthful climate for Mrs. Myers. Attracted by the sunshine, they decided to stay over a few days. The following day the family joined a Thanksgiving day excursion crowd of some 50 Medfordites going to Jacksonville via the Rogue River Transit company. This unique railway was owned and operated by W. S. Bartram, who was engineer, brakeman, fireman and conductor. Their destination was the Glidden House, which served a really sumptuous country style turkey dinner.

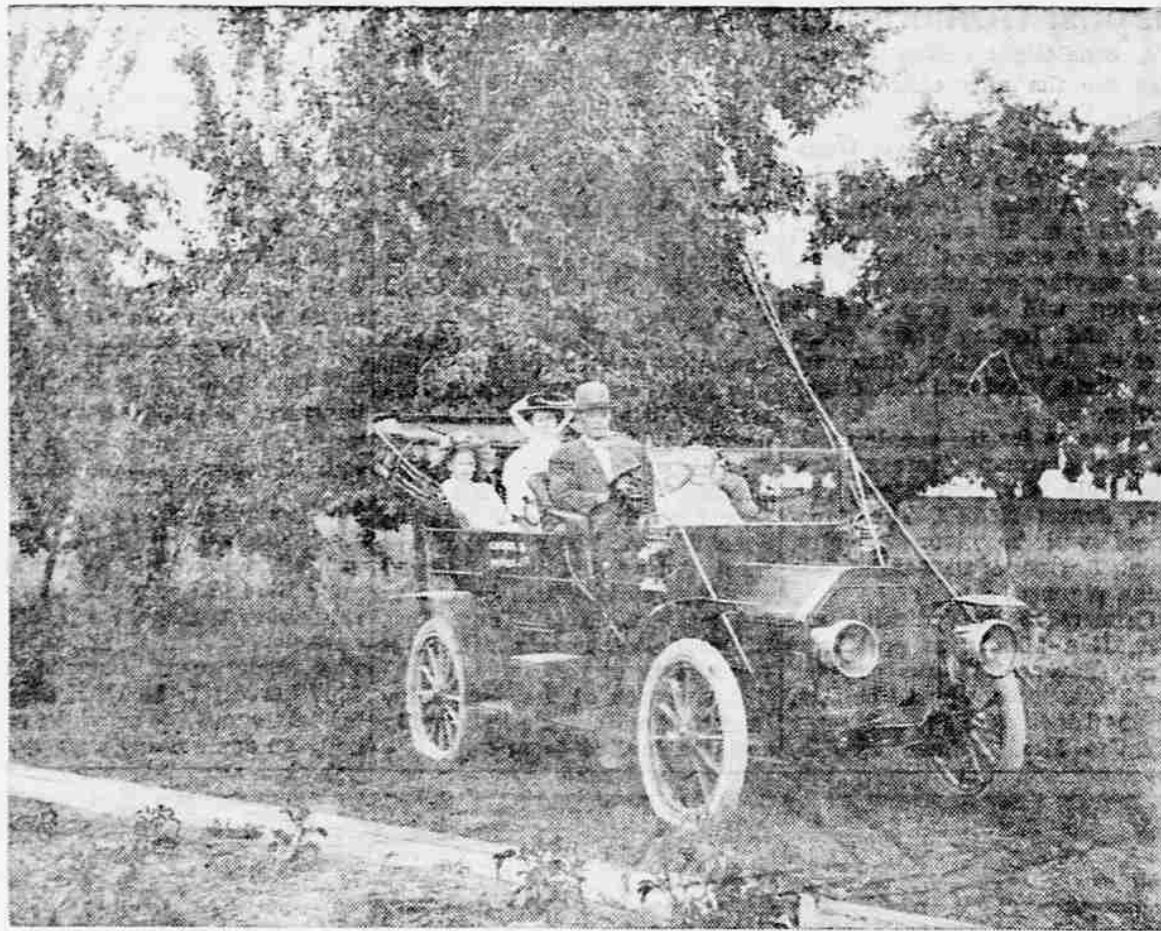
Attracted by the beauty of the Rogue River valley and the sunshine, as well as the hustle and bustle of the people, the Myers family decided to stay over. The real estate boom was on, and in 1908 Mr. Myers formed the real estate partnership of Myers, Cusick and Sharp, with offices at the corner of Central and Main street, now occupied by the Rexall Drug store. That firm took credit for selling some of the highest-priced land in the valley—\$2500 per acre was the price paid by a Minneapolis attorney, a Mr. Beckwith, for a portion of the Norcross property across from the present Mon Desire dining inn.

Mr. Myers owned and platted several residential additions, the largest being Highland Park and Capital Hill additions. The three James brothers, Carlton, Milton, and Harrison, were first to buy and build their fine homes near the reservoir.

A "bust" or recession in real estate sent Mr. Myers upon an equally venturesome project—the untied automobile business. In 1916 he became the Grants Pass dealer for the Bernard and Keeney Dodge Agency of Medford. The Studebaker, Reo, Chevrolet, Nash, and Cole Aero Eight agencies followed, and he pioneered the Mack Truck in the valley. During the depression years in the 1930s he turned to the land again, this time purchasing and operating an orchard on North Pacific Highway in the Berrydale district. Later he returned to work for the Skinner Buick agency and operated a used car lot at the corner of Bartlett and Ninth street until he sold out and retired in 1952. The recollections of the hazards, successes and failures of fifty years of business life in Medford are prized by Mr. Myers, and he's still sure that this is a town with a future.

Mrs. Myers (Birden) had many happy years teaching school at Howard and Phoenix schools. Her former students often call on her, now that she is an invalid. The two daughters, Marie and Dorothy, both graduates of the local schools and University of Oregon, are now Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., of Medford, and Mrs. Y. S. Christianson, of Oakland. There are five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Four of the five Myers grandchildren are also graduates of the University of Oregon, the fifth graduating at Miami University, in Ohio.

The Myers family home is located at 20 Ashland avenue, Medford.



When O. V. Myers and his family arrived in Medford 50 years ago in November, cars looked like this. Mr. Myers, one of the valley's first real estate and automobile dealers, believes that few persons will be able to name the make of this car in which he and his family were pictured in 1908. The Myers

celebrated the 50th anniversary of arriving here November 24, and shown with them are their two daughters, Mrs. Y. S. Christianson, Oakland, Calif., (at left) and Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth Jr., Medford.

(Knackstedt photo)



Frank Buchter Rounding Out Twelve Years In Footlighters

When Frank Buchter is seen as Floyd Dennison in "The Wooden Dish", three-act drama to be presented by the Footlighters at the Fairgrounds Theater beginning Tuesday evening, December 10, he will be rounding out 12 years of continuous participation in the local theater group.

Mr. Buchter, who plays the role of a self-centered "successful" son of an aged father (played by Dr. Frank Roberts) about to be sent to a questionable home for the aged, has previously been actor, director, make-up artist and set builder for the Footlighters. He has also served the group as president and board member for several terms, as well as being a charter member when the theater was organized in 1946.

Others in the production who have seen long service in The

Footlighters are Miss Ruth Kilbourn, who plays the role of Mrs. Forsythe, owner of "the home", Thayer Tarvin, who plays the role of Sam Yeager, lovable crony of "Pop Dennison", central character of the drama, Mrs. Helen Ashley who is cast as Bessie Bockster, a frustrated neighbor, and Charlene Tarvin, who acts as bookholder for the cast.

Miss Kilbourn, who has played many leading and character roles for The Footlighters, as well as serving as director and organization president, is a graduate of the University of Oregon where she not only took part in campus productions but won praise as a playwright.

The Thayer Tarvins, who have played more roles than either can remember, first met in Footlighter meetings and rehearsals,

Kaffee Klatsch Planned by PTA

Lincoln Parent-Teacher association will sponsor a kaffee klatsch Wednesday, December 11, in the sack lunch room of the school, from 2:30 until 4 p.m. The proceeds will go to the PTA scholarship fund. Mrs. Austin Caldwell, chairman of the ways and means committee, is chairman.

continuing their participation after their marriage. Mrs. Ashley has played a succession of roles since she first appeared with the group two years ago.

The play is directed by Richard Graham of Ashland.

"The Wooden Dish", former starring vehicle for Louis Calhoun on Broadway, will run for five nights, closing on Saturday, December 14. Tickets may be obtained at Puruckers, Swems or at the box office.

Sunday, December 8, 1957

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Music Teachers' Association Organized in Southern Oregon

Rogue Valley district of Oregon Music Teachers' association was organized at a meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. D. F. Huson, Medford.

Mrs. Edla Peterson, Ashland, was elected president and program chairman of the group; Miss Heleine Robinson, chairman of the music department at Southern Oregon college, vice-president; and Mrs. Harold Head, Medford, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. W. E. Hercher, Medford, was appointed membership chairman and Mrs. D. F. Huson, Medford, publicity chairman.

The president of each district in Oregon is automatically included on the state board of OMTA and serves on the board during his tenure in office.

Stanley Butler, president of Oregon Music Teachers' association and faculty member at Willamette university, was in southern Oregon to help organize the new group. Mr. Butler reports that he found a great deal of interest evidenced here, both from former OMTA members and from new teachers who have come to the valley recently. He believes the association with teachers on the local, state and national levels will be rewarding and beneficial.

Members of the group will have access to graded outlines of theory, technique and repertoire in the syllabus compiled by the OMTA and approved by the Oregon Board of Higher Education, it is stated.

The Rogue Valley district includes all of Southern Oregon.

Specialist Gives Tips On Care of Leather

Ames, Iowa—Leather upholstered furniture and leather table top surfaces are easy to care for, but not with furniture polishes, oils or varnishes.

June Brown of the Iowa State university's extension service said that these preparations frequently contain solvents that cause leather to become sticky.

She recommends using pure mild soap or saddle soap to clean leather pieces. Simply dampen a cloth or sponge in warm water, wring out and rub over the bar of soap or saddle soap. Rub dry with a clean soft cloth.

If leather seems to be drying out, rub it with a small amount of leather dressing, using your fingers and palm of your hand. This advice also holds true for leather shoes, handbags, luggage and book-bindings.

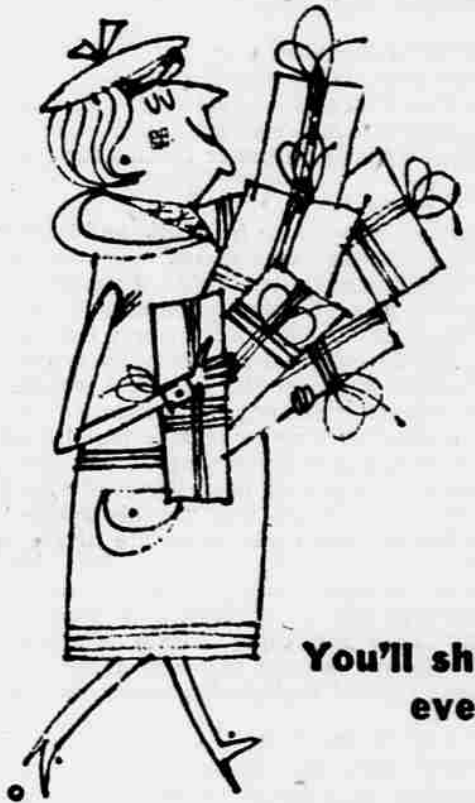
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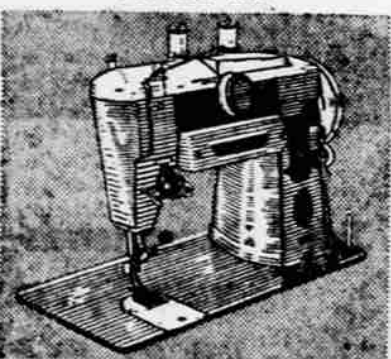
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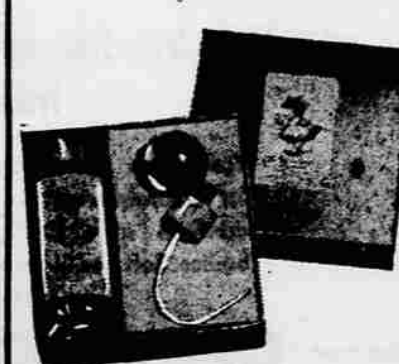
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