

Pioneer Cemetery Near Ashland Relocated

Izaac Hill Family Donated Land for Indian War Deaths

(Editor's note: Several graves in the Hill cemetery south of Ashland have been moved to a new location uphill because after completion of the Talent project they would have been under water. Enlargement of Emigrant dam, which will increase the capacity of Emigrant lake, made the move necessary. Frank E. Ross, engineer with the bureau of reclamation, has been in charge of the relocation program. Ross is the grandson of Col. John E. Ross, leader of the southern Oregon volunteer fighters. The first burial in Hill cemetery was Isham Keith, 19, who was killed in the Evans Creek area while fighting under Colonel Ross. The following article about relocation of the cemetery was written by Frank E. Ross.)

By FRANK E. ROSS
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Enlargement of the Emigrant dam will impound the waters up to the elevation where the lower half of the old cemetery will be inundated.

The bureau of reclamation, therefore, in the course of accepted practice is relocating the old Hill cemetery by moving those graves which would be below the normal water surface of the enlarged reservoir.

These graves are being moved uphill to a new location. This new area has been landscaped or laid out in a

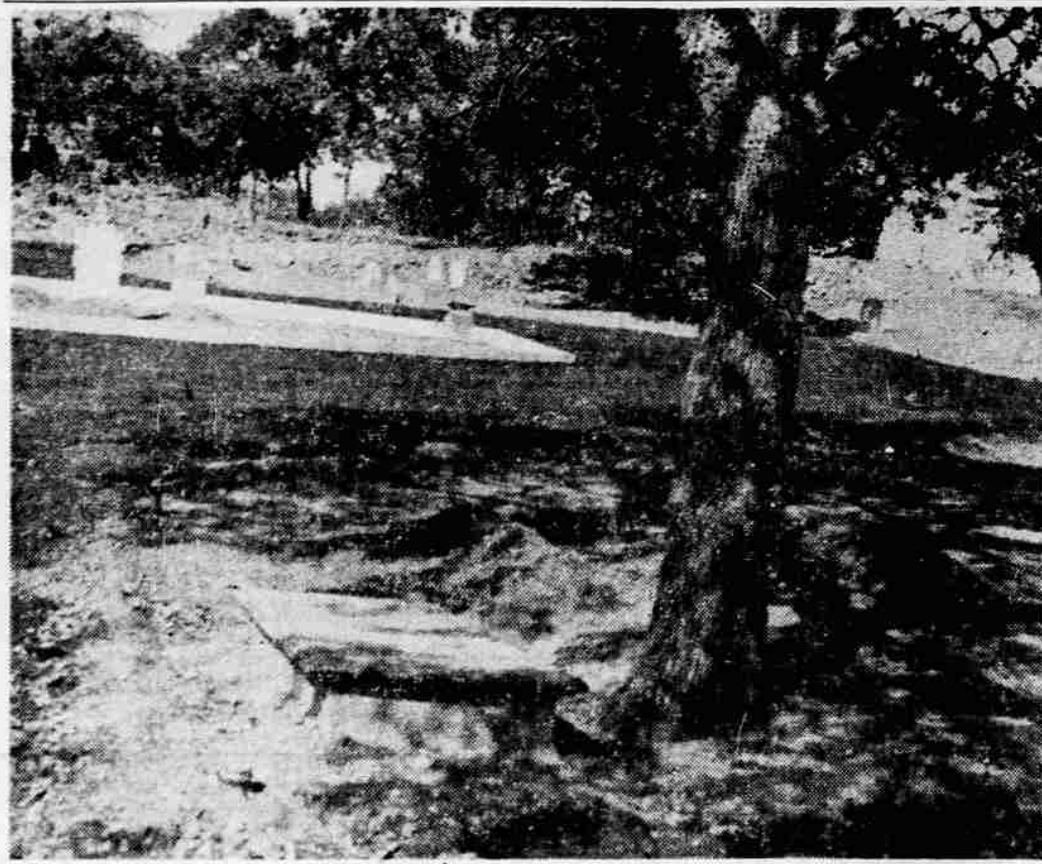
The following is the inscription on the carved sandstone tomb of Isham Keith in the Hill cemetery: "Sacred to the memory of Isham Keith, son of Alexander and Mary L. Keith, born September 13 A.D., 1834. He fell in the battle fought with the Rogue River Indians on Evans Creek August 17, 1853. This tomb is erected over his silent and vaulted chamber by his Mother, Maria L. Kelly who feels his death as the rose feels the blighted frost. "Fearless he stood upon that bloody field. "Bravely until his mournful doom was sealed. "He faced the savage foe. The earthly hopes all wither at thy tomb. "The fatal shot left naught for me but gloom. My Son! "That laid thee low."

fitting manner to give prominence to the donors of the original cemetery land - the Izaac Hill family, emigrants of the early 1850s.

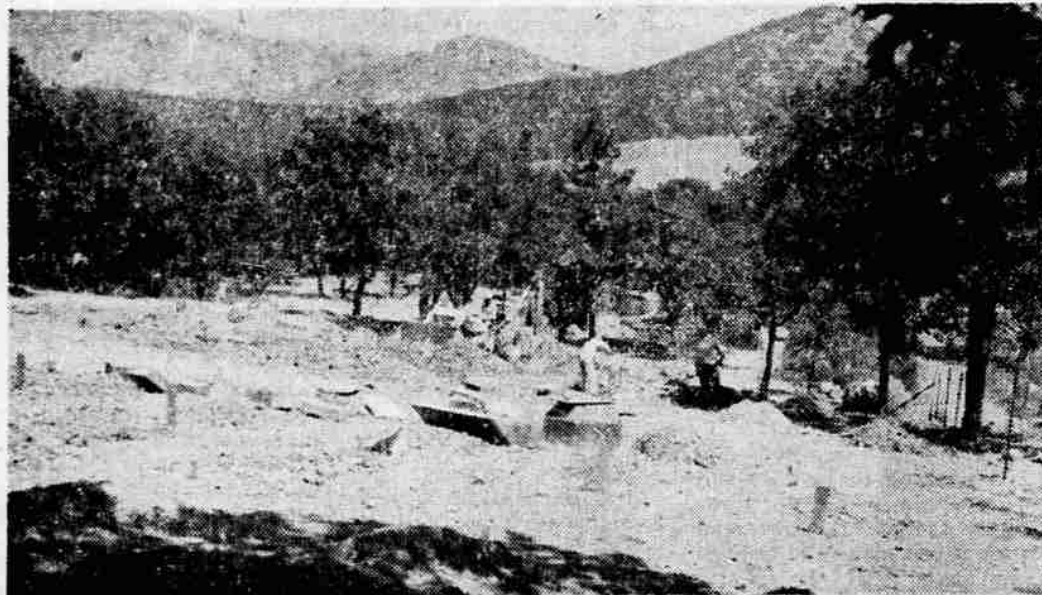
Set Aside Land
The Hill family set aside approximately five acres of their old donation land claims located at the present Klamath Falls junction from Highway 66.

The purpose at first was to take care of volunteers and other civilians killed by the Indians in the war of 1853. Other casualties resulted from the war of 1855, some of which are also buried in the cemetery.

The first burial was a 19-year-old boy - Isham Keith.



INDIAN FIGHTERS-This picture shows the Indian War veterans lot and includes the grave of Isham Keith who fell in the battle with the Rogue River Indians on Evans Creek Aug. 17, 1853. This plot is located in the grave relocation area just up hill from and adjacent to the old cemetery. (Photo by Frank Ross, bureau reclamation)



REMOVING GRAVES-This picture shows workmen removing graves from the section of Hill cemetery, south of Ashland, which will be under water when Emigrant dam is raised and the lake filled. The graves were moved to another location adjacent to the present cemetery under direction of bureau of reclamation officials. (Frank Ross photo)



REBURIAL AREA-This picture shows a section of the reburial area of the graves from Hill cemetery. The project was recently completed by the bureau of reclamation to make way for the waters of the Emigrant reservoir which will flow over a portion of the old pioneer cemetery when work raising the dam is completed. The re-

He was killed on Evans Creek during a skirmish with the Indians. This boy was a nephew of Hilland was fighting under Col. John E. Ross, leader of the Southern Oregon volunteer fighters.

Third Burial
Isham Keith was buried on the spot on Evans creek and three days later he was removed and buried in the Hill cemetery. Reburying him now makes his third burial. Some 19 volunteer soldiers and neighbors were buried by the Hills in the cemetery during the Indian uprisings.

About 156 Graves have been removed from the lower section of the cemetery and reburied in the new lot. One of the first burials was of a man named Wright, clothed in a buckskin suit. The old cemetery was made

available to the early settlers many times without charge. Travelers were buried there as well as merchants hauling wheat over the Siskiyou mountains and slain by Indians.

Early Records Lost
The early records of the cemeteries were lost and it was difficult for the bureau of reclamation to find the names of all those graves known to exist. After months of research, however, 85 per cent or more of the names were determined and the next of kin found. These next of kin gave consent for the removal and reburial.

Many of the old families of this area have kin buried in the cemetery. This includes the Russells, the Dunns, the Gilletts and the Fountains - all related to the original Hill

family. Mrs. Pearl Wiley and Mrs. Mable Lowther of Ashland are still living and are granddaughters of Izaac Hill, the original donor of the cemetery land. The mother of these daughters was a proficient stone carver. She did much of the work on the Hill lot gravestones. Her husband owned and operated a marble sawmill in the years 1865-69.

Design Special Lot

The bureau of reclamation designed a special central lot in the new cemetery area for these stones and for honoring the Hill family. A commemorative gate is also being constructed at the new entrance. This entrance utilizes two engraved granite posts which originally stood at the entrance of the old cemetery.

Some 75 to 80 graves were moved in the new cemetery area and did not have to be relocated. These graves are of relatives of many people around Ashland and the Green Springs area.

I designed the new cemetery, landscaped layout, drafted the specifications and supervised the reconstruction work. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, especially the contacts I have made with members of the old pioneer families.

Man Arrested After Traffic Accident

State police Friday afternoon lodged Clinton A. Kissinger, 57, of 204 California st., Jacksonville, in the county jail on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Police said Kissinger was driver of a car which went off the Brownsboro road east of Eagle Point and struck a California Oregon Power utility pole early Friday afternoon. He was not injured.

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27 Courses Offered In Adult Education Program in District

A total of 27 courses are being offered in the adult education program sponsored by Medford school district 549C this fall, according to Lindsay Vinsel, adult education director.

Registration for the classes may be made by telephone between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Sept. 29-Oct. 2. Classes are scheduled to start the week of Oct. 6, and will meet for a 10-week period, unless otherwise indicated, Vinsel said.

The tuition fee of \$5 per class does not include materials and supplies. The final schedule of classes will be determined by the amount of interest shown in the classes, Vinsel said.

The classes, indicating the class, room, instructor, time and days are:

At Hedrick Junior High school - clothing, 342, Mellie McCaulley, 9:15-11:15 a.m. Wednesday; tailoring (6 weeks), 342, Orma Farnham, 1-p.m., Tuesday and Friday; Lampshade (6 weeks), 342, Orma Farnham, 9-noon, Tuesday and Friday; millinery, 342, Lucille Collins, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday; millinery, 342, Lucille Collins, 7-10 p.m., Tuesday.

Knitting, 342, June Milestone, 1-4 p.m., Thursday; cake decoration, 342, Mildred Alder, 1-4 p.m., Monday; cake decoration, 342, Mildred Alder, 7-10 p.m., Monday; cake decoration, 342, Mildred Alder, 1-4 p.m., Wednesday; sculpture, 306, Catherine Fonken, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday; Catherine Fonken, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday; public speaking, 334, Jerry McDougall, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday; creative writing, 342, Edna Stewart, 7-9 p.m., Thursday; beginning Spanish, 318, Bert Villanueva, 7-10 p.m., Monday; beginning Spanish, 318, Bert Villanueva, 7-10 p.m., Wednesday.

At McLaughlin Junior High school - tailoring, 8, Joanne Weatherford, 7-10 p.m., Thursday; lampshade, 8, Joanne Weatherford, 7-10 p.m., Monday; leather craft, 7, Jack Teeters, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday; drawing and sketching, 7, Jack Teeters, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday; oil painting, 7, Vera Backstrom, 7-10 p.m., Wednesday.

College Extension Courses Offered In High School

Six college extension courses for credit will be given at Medford High school this fall, Lindsay Vinsel, director of adult education has announced.

Two sessions of constructive accounting, one on Monday nights and the other Tuesday nights, will be given in room 229 at Medford High by Arnold Wolfe and Harold Sekiguchi, both of the Southern Oregon college faculty.

The course is for three hours credit and is non-graduate. Course number is BA 111, and tuition fee is \$27. Classes will be held between 7 and 9:45 p.m. Monday and Tuesdays starting Oct. 6 and 7.

Other extension courses offered for college credit include:

Education Courses
Ed 410, methods and research materials; language arts, 3 hours, graduate, 7 to 9:45 p.m., Wednesdays, starting Oct. 8, in room 249, Medford High school. Dr. Arthur Kreisman of Southern Oregon college is instructor. Tuition fee is \$27.

Ed 463, the maladjusted child, 3 hours, graduate, 7 to 9:45 p.m., Tuesdays starting Oct. 7, room 247, Medford High school, Dr. Raymond Lowe, instructor, tuition fee \$27.

Ed 476, school law and organization, 2 hours, graduate, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays starting Oct. 9, room 247, Medford High, Dr. Eugene Bowman, instructor, tuition fee \$18.

SED 481, alcohol studies in school curriculum, 3 hours, graduate, 7 to 9:45 p.m. Mondays starting Oct. 6, room 251, Medford High, Dr. Kenneth Ferrier instructor, tuition fee \$27.

PE 223, fundamental body movement, posture and tumbling, 2 hours, 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays starting Oct. 8, room 30, Medford High, Lee Ragsdale, instructor, tuition fee \$18.

day; clothing, 8, Phyllis Black, 7-10 p.m., Wednesday.

At Medford High school - general mathematics, 241, Marvin Kautz, 7-9 p.m., Monday; slide rule, 241, Marvin Kautz, 7-9 p.m., Tuesday; English, new citizens, 251, Annette Gray, 7-9 p.m., Wednesday; parliamentary procedures, 217, DeVere Taylor, 7-9:30 p.m., Monday; blue print reading, 24, Harold Soballe, 7-10 p.m., Thursday; mechanical drawing, boys' gym, Harold Soballe, 7-10 p.m., Wednesday.

Art appreciation, 14, Warren Wolf, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Monday; upholstery, 8, Heinz Bertram, 7-10 p.m., Monday and Thursday; nurses aide, 11, Bertha Morrill, 7-10 p.m., Monday; preparation and butchering of wild game, 248, Charles Shepard, 7:30-10 p.m., Oct. 7 and 9 only.

Vinsel said there would be no charge for the course on preparation and butchering of wild game.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Porter To Arrive Monday

By RUTH RAUSCH
Cave Junction - Congressman Charles O. Porter, Democratic candidate for reelection in the fourth district, will arrive in Illinois Valley directly from his coastal tour and will be met in O'Brien Monday, Sept. 29, by Cliff Driscoll, Josephine county commissioner.

From 11 to 12 a.m., the party will be at the Illinois Valley Ranger station where H. C. Obye, Siskiyou Forest Service supervisor, will meet with Porter. After lunch a trip to Oregon Caves is scheduled. Last year Porter introduced a bill in Congress to enlarge the Oregon Caves National Monument area.

A non-political meeting with the Water Resources board is slated for 3:30 p.m. in the old real estate office of William McLean next to Nowman's cafe. The three newly elected directors of the Sucker Creek Irrigation District, Ronald Tyler, Ashby Fulk and Bob Martin will be present. A discussion on the feasibility of obtaining an appropriation of funds for the completion of the survey work on the proposed dam will be the first consideration of the meeting. Clyde Broeffle of the Water Resources board made it clear that anyone in the Valley interested in the Sucker creek dam is welcome to attend the meeting.

The pot luck supper at 6 p.m., sponsored by the Illinois Valley Democrat club, will be held in the high school library. Mrs. Ralph Messenger announced the rally is to be open to the public and children are welcome. Each one planning to attend the supper is requested to bring his own table service. Coffee and punch will be furnished by the Democrat club.

Bruce Manley, president of the California Oregon Chrome Producers association, who was in the Valley Sunday visiting Gene Brown's High Plateau mine, was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eggers.

Vernon Larson, high school principal, announced the possibilities of starting an adult ceramic class in January were very good. Otto Wilda, instructor at Southern Oregon college will conduct the class and college credit will be given for the course.

Clark England has been chosen by a vote of the chapter to represent Illinois Valley FFA at the National Future Farmers of America convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 11 through 18.

Announcement has been made of the coming marriage of Irene Ellen Ohler, to Winston Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marshall of Cave Junction, to be held in the Full Gospel Temple in Richmond, Calif., October 11.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ohler of Richmond, Calif. Miss Ohler is a graduate of the Richmond High school and has just completed her junior year at the University of California at Berkeley.

Winston is an Illinois Val-bien attending Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. The couple will live in Richmond until January, when they will return to Oregon and Winston will resume his studies at Monmouth.

Mrs. Clay Ramsey has re-



CROWD AT OPENING - Parking facilities in the area of the Food Basket, which opened on South Central ave. Friday were crowded. Dick Hicks and Norm Duffy, owners of Market Baskets No. 1 and 2 in Klamath Falls are owners of the new market here. Jerry Bradford, formerly of Klamath Falls, is manager of the local store. Sales area in the new store is about 6,000 square feet in the 7,500-square-foot building.

PENALTY POSTPONED

Washington - (UPI) - Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield said Friday collection of a 5c penalty on postmarked until Feb. 1, 1959. It was to have become effective Oct. 31.

MUSIC ACADEMY OPENS

Jerusalem, Israel - (UPI) - The new Rubin Academy of Music, named after American cosmetics magnate Samuel Rubin, is expected to be the focus of Israel's music life in the future, Israeli leaders said at its opening Thursday.

father, Lester Mathis, who has been recovering from a recent heart attack.

The student council of Illinois Valley High school voted to allow girls attending football games to wear slacks or peddle pushers for warmth. A taboo on wearing jeans is still in force.

St. Mathias Guild will hold the regular meeting Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the church.

Otto Tryon, Jubilee chairman, urges that all interested parties plan to attend the public Jubilee meeting in the American Legion hall Tuesday, Sept. 30. New officers for the association will be elected.

Vacancies Noted in Engineering Positions

John M. Young, regional director of the Civil Service commission, has announced that there are 126 vacancies for engineers in the northwest. The vacancies have been created because of increased activity in the lumber industry resulting in increased road construction.

Engineering branches include civil, mechanical, electrical, bridge, highway, management, general, electronics, marine, structural, material, tool, architectural and ordnance. Additional information may be obtained from the regional director at the Federal building in Seattle, Wash.

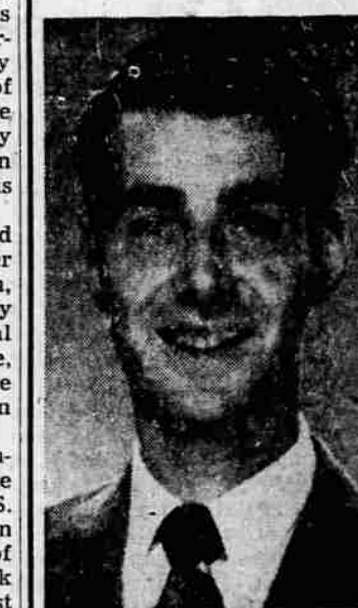
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