

Stith-Naucke House Bought for Museum In Cave Junction

Cave Junction - The old Stith-Naucke house, one time show place of Kerbyville has been purchased by the Illinois Valley Federated Women's club to establish a Josephine County Historical museum.

Work will begin in January to restore the structure.

As nearly as can be established, the house was built in the late 1870. Naucke, a Kerbyville merchant, was deeded Daniel S. Holton's half of a 160-acre donation claim owned by Holton, Short and Kerby, on Sept. 19, 1878. He then hired Stith to build the palatial home for his wife and five children. Later, Stith married one of the two Naucke daughters.

It has been thought by later historians that the Naucke house had at one time been used as the court house. However, according to a 40-page abstract held by the Clay Ramseys, the court house and jail buildings stood on the property now owned by Ramsey. The county seat had been changed and the county records packed into two saddle bags and taken by horseback to Grants Pass about the time Naucke secured his land.

Court Buys Land
About the time that Oregon south of Roseburg was being formed into counties and before the actual boundaries were established when Josephine county included a portion of Douglas and Jackson counties, the county court bought the site which is now the Ramsey place, from Kerby on March 13, 1865 for the

consideration of \$1,200 owed to the county by Kerby. On Jan. 8, 1880, the old court house, lot and buildings were sold by the county to Jim Hughes. It was much later when Naucke redeemed this property by paying the delinquent tax bill of \$2.75. This fact of Naucke finally owning the property on which the old court house stood is partially responsible for the general opinion the Naucke home had been used as the court house.

Present Plans
The present plans for the building is to be renovated and prepared in time for the Centennial observance this summer and will serve as a hospitality house where out-of-town guests will be greeted. It is hoped to have the home furnished in keeping with the Centennial era.

Plans include the erecting of a fireproof building or addition to the present structure where items and documents of historical value can be safely housed.

Man Sentenced on Petty Larceny Charge
Travis Edward Moore, 2060 Table Rock rd., was sentenced to four months and 20 days in the county jail by District Court Judge James M. Main Friday on a charge of petty larceny.

The defendant's parole was revoked. The jail sentence is subject to parole at a later date. Moore was represented by O. H. Bengtson.

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Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH
A little unfinished business remains before taking off for the holiday season in a few notes pertaining to Christmas. There isn't much news in Christmas preparations which are always about the same.

Speaking of human interest, a story appeared on the front page of the Mail Tribune last Wednesday from Applegate Valley which is a classic in this department.

The men here are still chuckling over it as the kind of writing that has all but disappeared from the American scene. Chitman, of the library staff calls it the "fire story to end all fire stories." There is a lesson in the yarn about a lot that is happening today.

"I have already seen the many fine things you volunteers do for our members and I am told that your Christmas programs each year are an outstanding holiday event," Acting Manager Banks I. Paul writes in the Christmas programs each year are an outstanding holiday event," Acting Manager Banks I. Paul writes in the Christmas programs each year are an outstanding holiday event," Acting Manager Banks I. Paul writes in the Christmas programs each year are an outstanding holiday event,"

A special party for children of personnel was held in the theater Tuesday evening. This is an annual celebration arranged by the employees, and entertainment is provided with a Santa Claus and gifts. There are about 100 in this list, ranging in age up through the teens.

Arrangements have been made with Medford and nearby churches for the seasonal carolling by choristers, always a welcomed contribution. On Christmas day the VFW auxiliary will distribute their fruit baskets, another distinct gesture at Camp White.

Miss Gladys McCracken, dietitian, reports that the usual Christmas dinner of turkey and trimmings is on hand. The American Legion auxiliary is providing the special menu. There will be 700 pounds of turkey, 60 pounds of cranberries, 350 pounds of potatoes, 120 pounds of fruit cake and 120 quarts of frozen custard, as well as other items.

Section 2, Military Order of Lady Bugs, Military Order of Cooties, Medford, DAV auxiliary, Medford and Grants Pass, Building 203; N.O. Trench Rats, Medford, American Gold Star Mothers, DAV, Klamath Falls and department, Building 206; American Gold Star Mothers, Building 207.
Section A, VFW auxiliary, department, Building 208; BPOE, VFW department, Building 216; American Legion auxiliary, Medford, Central Point and Cave Junction, Building 217; VFW department, DAV Medford, American Legion auxiliary, Grants Pass, and VFW District 7, Building 218; Blue Star Mothers, Cottage Grove, World War I auxiliary, department, Building 221; BPOE, Building 222.

received an unexpected phone call last week from his daughter, Mary Calvin Rea, in Los Angeles. Jim couldn't believe it when she told him over the phone who it was. The last time he saw or heard from her was when she was a WAC lieutenant 12 years ago. She had gone to Philadelphia after leaving the service.



WEARING prison garb, William G. Bonelli, one-time State Board of Equalization member, hears Mexico City judge rule against extradition to California on charge he accepted cash bribes.

The VFW auxiliary conducted their annual gift service for 230 non-comp veterans Wednesday, Dec. 10, with a supply of novel and useful articles, including toys from which to make selections for relatives and friends. Posts in every part of the state supply the gifts and the packages are wrapped and mailed on the spot.

All of the variety talent of the Rogue valley was assembled for the Eighth Annual Amateur show sponsored by the DAV and held in the high school auditorium, Medford, last Wednesday evening.

According to reports, it was a real turnout and an opportunity for many who are seen and heard regularly at the domiciliary theater, to compete for the prizes awarded in the various classes of entertainment. At least 50 members from Camp White, attended, including the Camp White orchestra which provided the incidental music.

Christmas is just another headache for Bob Doran and Eddie Walter, who carry the mail to and from Medford. Camp White is fortunate in having these two expert drivers familiar with the intricacies of traffic on the open road.

Three mail deliveries a day are made, one trip being a pickup service. They also drive the ambulance in emergency cases between here and Portland.

Pointers Given for Holiday Shoppers Here

"When you're shopping these December nights, make sure you don't unwittingly shop for an accident," Police Chief Charles P. Champlin reminded last-minute shoppers in Medford last week.

"Down town business areas and outlying shopping centers are crowded day and night, but especially at night when workers are trying to take advantage of evening shopping opportunities," the chief said.

Chief Champlin gave drivers a few specific hints on how to stay out of the hospital during the holiday season:

1. Watch out for cars pulling into traffic from parking lots or other off-street parking areas;
2. Keep a safe distance between cars, especially if the streets are wet or slippery;
3. Do not crowd your luck at an intersection—yield the right of way, even if it is legally yours, rather than risk an accident.

Champlin urged every citizen to exercise reasonable restraint in his enthusiasm for the year's happiest month. "That way," he said, "the holiday can stay happy for everyone."

New Service Station To Open Wednesday
Clair and Mel's Texaco Service station, Bessie and Jackson sts., will open Wednesday, Dec. 24, for business, according to the partners, Clair Wyant and Mel Fellows. The new station will provide complete car service and has three gasoline pumps.

Bids Opened for New Police Cars
Bids from five companies on new vehicles for the Medford police department were opened Friday morning in city hall.

Final computations on the bids were not expected until early this week.

The police department had advertised for five patrol vehicles and two unmarked vehicles, all to be 1959 sedans. In return, five patrol vehicles and one unmarked vehicle are to be traded in.

The department has reportedly had its fill of the station wagons now in service for patrol work. These vehicles have been found difficult to handle and are said to offer no more interior space than a sedan.

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Oregon's Centennial observance is important to us, here in the Rogue River Valley. We have much to offer and to show Exposition guests who come in 1959. Here we have incomparable, sapphire-blue Crater Lake, great forests and sweeping farms and orchards, historic Jacksonville and the Shakespearean Festival!

We must all be GOOD HOSTS . . . offer our warmest brand of hospitality to Centennial guests . . . tidy up our roadsides and communities and put our best foot forward when company comes. It will be profitable as well as pleasant to be hospitable hosts in 1959!

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