

Eagle Point Man Honored On Eightieth Anniversary

Eagle Point - Waldemar E. Hammel, long-time resident of the Eagle Point area, was honored on his 80th birthday recently by a group of old-time friends and local neighbors.

A dinner of ham and turkey was prepared by Mrs. Hammel in their new home. Featured as a dessert was the honored man's special birthday cake.

His wife recalled how this became his traditional birthday cake. "In our first year of marriage, I asked my husband what kind of cake he would like for his birthday. He replied, 'Just like my mother used to make,' and described it this way, 'A layer cake with gravy between the layers and sliced oranges all over it.' I timidly prepared the cake with vanilla cream filling and sliced fresh oranges to decorate it. I received his highest praise when he remarked, 'Just like mother used to make.' From that first cake 43 years ago, this has been the traditional birthday cake I have made for him."

Mrs. Carl Beebe had prepared a "This Is Your Life, Waldemar E. Hammel" presentation with the other guests participating, and Delmar Logan acting as master of ceremonies.

Incidents recalled were Mr. Hammel's birth in St. Louis, Mo., in 1879; his elementary, secondary, and college education in Missouri; on to his career in real estate with his father and three brothers, in St. Louis. The narration then went into his settling in the west, and his purchase of real estate in Southern Oregon in 1907.

The host described the Crater Lake highway which bordered his property at that time, as "two ruts for a road, and passable only by horseback during the winter."

His guests recounted for him his early ranching days on the 1700-acre undeveloped ranch, his courtship and eventual marriage to Jessie Minter in 1915; then helping to pioneer the Eagle Point Irrigation district. He was a charter member, served as the first president and held the office for four years.

Reminiscing brought back the years of pear orcharding, ranching with stock and turkeys that followed, and the sale of the ranch, and a new home across the highway. For 12 years there the couple raised turkeys, registered Hereford cattle and a few American bred saddle horses. The recent sale of this ranch gave them the opportunity to retire to their present new home on Hammel road off the Crater Lake highway, just across the way from the old original Hammel ranch.

Gracing the dinner table was a hand-crocheted table cloth made almost a century ago by Mr. Hammel's mother. The table decorations and evening's entertainment, arranged by Mrs. Beebe and Mrs. Logan, were in the valentine theme. The group of friends presented their honored guest with a hassoock for his new home as a birthday remembrance.

Guests included, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hendrickson, Mrs. Gertrude Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson, and Mrs. Hammel's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Merle McGraw.

Oregon Authors Topic of Chapter

Chapter BE of the PEO sisterhood will meet Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. F. Wilson Wait, 220 Vancouver avenue. Mrs. Victor Sether is in charge of a program on Oregon writers. Emphasis will be on Helen (Mrs. E. H.) Hedrick of Medford.

Miss Annette Gray will be co-hostess.

Chapter CP will meet February 18 at the home of Mrs. G. R. Polski, 1501 Lenora drive. Mrs. D. R. Gardner will be co-hostess for the 12:30 o'clock luncheon.

Chapter CG will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 18 at the home of Mrs. R. J. O'Sullivan, 518 North Barnburg road.



Waldemar E. Hammel, who has lived in Jackson county since 1907, was honored at a party recently which observed his 80th birthday anniversary. Mr. Hammel bought 1700 acres of undeveloped land in the Eagle Point district when he first came to Oregon, and has engaged in ranching ever since.

Officers Elected By Local Lodge

Bufoed Night was elected guardian neighbor at the last meeting of the Medford Neighbors of Woodcraft, Chrysanthemum circle, at the Eagles hall.

Also elected were Mrs. Ida Kelly, advisor; Mrs. John M. Dodge, banker; Mrs. Clarence Jordan, magician; Mrs. Charles F. Boussum, attendant; Mrs. George L. Watson, captain of the guard; Mrs. Elsie Lewis, musician; Mrs. Oda Thomasson and Mrs. Blanche Robinson, inner and outer sentinel; Mrs. Ida Ireland, Mrs. B. Kight and Mrs. E. Enos Naffziger, managers; Mrs. Sadie Delamater, senior guardian; Mrs. Carry Milnes, flag bearer.

Mrs. Edith Devaney was re-appointed clerk; Mrs. Watson, assistant clerk and Mrs. Milnes, assistant advisor.

MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Oregon, Sunday, February 15, 1959 7A

Senior Class to Present 'The Diary of Anne Frank'

"The Diary of Anne Frank" will be presented by the senior class of Medford High school February 26-27 in the school auditorium. Mrs. Lenore Zapell of the school faculty is producer and director.

The play, dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, is taken from the diary which Anne Frank wrote while she and her family were in hiding during World War II in Amsterdam, Holland. The Franks, and some of their friends, spent 25 months in the attic of a warehouse in Amsterdam, Holland.

The scene of the warehouse attic remains the same throughout the play. The 10 members of the cast include Mr. Frank, a gentle, cultured European in his middle years, who is played by Dennis Barry; Miep Gies, a Dutch girl of about 22, who is one of the two links the Franks have with the outside world, played by Pat Hansen; Mrs. Van Daan, an arrogant woman in her early forties, played by Judy Riebe; Mr. Van Daan, a portly man in his late forties, portrayed by Bob Sheldon; Peter Van Daan, a shy, awkward boy of 16, played by Glen Kaye; Mrs. Frank, a young mother, reserved, and gently bred, is portrayed by Judy McGraw; Margot, Anne's quiet, beautiful, shy older sister, played by Sylvia Morris; Ann Frank, 13 years old, interested in everything and mercurial in her motions, is played by Susanne Moore; Mr. Kraler, a dependable and kindly Dutchman who is the family's other link with the outside world is portrayed by Dewey Gail; and Mr. Dussell, a man in his

fifties, meticulous, and finicky, is played by Ted Lawson.

Jim Fontaine is stage manager; Robert Stedman and Ken Peek are in charge of lights; Phil Morgan and Ron O'Neill, sound; Gerry Byrd, Phil Morgan and Jim Fontaine are responsible for the set construction.

Rosemary Tokar, chairman, Marianne Samuelson, Sylvia Smith, Danusia Kosecka and Iverne Iverson form the props committee. Costume chairman is Karen Fisher with Vicki Palmer, Carol Hubbard, Karen Culbertson, Dewanda Winchell and Ann Shelton helping. MaryBeth Ramsey is publicity chairman, with Sandra Maxon, Dave Havlick, Leora Myers, Dewanda Winchell, Shirley Rutherford, Judith Ross, and Gerry Byrd on the committee.

Domiciliary Dance Slated for Monday

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Oregon, will sponsor a dance Monday, at the Camp White domiciliary, February 16 at 8 p.m.

Music will be furnished by Vern Marshall orchestra. Those wishing transportation may take the bus at the Trailways depot 7:30 p.m.

PHOENIX ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES MEETING

Phoenix - Woman's association of Phoenix Presbyterian church will meet Thursday, February 19, at the church. Dessert will be served at 12:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Albert Morin and Mrs. Horace Root.

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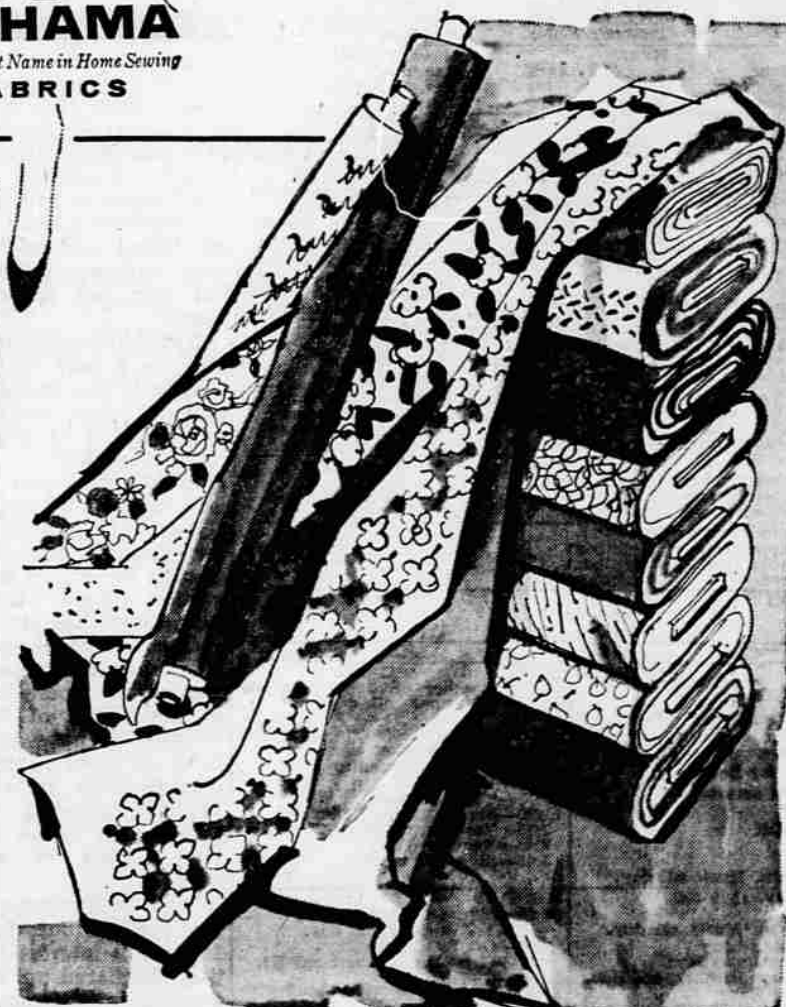
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