

# Versatility of Man's Hands Exemplified by Ashland Resident

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The versatility of a man's hand, as described in the old nursery school song, "What a Wonderful Machine Is the Human Hand," is exemplified by an Ashlander, who will celebrate his 91st birthday next July.

Ed Turner, retired southern Oregon farmer, doesn't pose as any masculine Grandpa Moses, but at the age of 84 he did start an artistic

endeavor, which developed into a profitable hobby. In the pattern of his ancestors, his descendants, and the contemporaries in his family, he put his hands to the task of creating. There was a reason for the particular creation he chose—a cane. He was temporarily incapacitated and needed a cane. So he made one. And the one he made was not an ordinary cane. It was so admired he decided to make more canes. He made them for friends and relatives. Then he made them to sell, supplying markets from Ashland to Pasadena, Calif., his boyhood home.

**Had Made 200 Canes**  
Before the project was cancelled by his recent confinement to a wheelchair he had made 200 canes, all by hand. Turner made most of the canes of myrtle wood with burl handles. His choice products, however, were carved from fiddle back maple, which is something very special. It results from a condition that occurs in the maple. The beau-

tiful grain that showed up under the hand polishing he gave it, made the long search for this particular wood worthwhile.

Turner said he could make a cane a day when he wasn't interrupted by hunting and fishing, his favorite sports.

**Tools Were Simple**  
The tools he used were simple, a coping saw, a rasp, a wood file and sandpaper.

At the start, he made the dowel pins, with which he attached the handles of the canes. These were made from hickory ax handles because hickory is strong and tough. Then, as sales increased, he modernized and bought ready-made birch dowel pins.

The canes sold for a good price and the making of them was a welcome challenge to a man of varied skills. But simple as the manufacture was, Turner commented this week, he couldn't carry it on from the wheelchair.

Sitting erect, his skin the tawny shade of the outdoor man's (lawyer beneath his snow white hair), Turner complained that life in a wheelchair is limited.

**Anchored to Chair**  
"I'm anchored right here," he explained. "I can't go anywhere in this."

That's not easy for a man who remembers vividly steering a high wheeled bike in the first Pasadena Rose parade; guiding horses over Oregon mountain passes; boats through rough and icy waters while playing a fish on the line; and shooting his buck in the snowy Steen mountains at age 87.

As soon "as the weather settles" his wife is going to take him for a drive over the freeway which he is anxious to see.

Where now stands the famous Rose Bowl, Turner and his playmates hunted rabbits and quail and collected bird eggs, he recalls. Later, with other Beau Brummels of Pasadena's Gay Nineties, he serenaded pretty shirtwaisted girls in hammocks. Mandolin and guitar clubs were then the rage. Turner still has his guitar.

**Moves to Pasadena**  
He came to Pasadena as a child with his parents in 1876. His father was one of Pasadena's first councilmen,



(Whitland Locke Photo)

ED TURNER  
Hands A Wonderful Machine

and while he feels closely allied with southern California history he has also watched Oregon grow for quite a few years. In 1908, he toured southern Oregon in a covered wagon with his wife and three little daughters. They climaxed the trip by purchasing a ranch at Fort Klamath.

The trip is subject of some of his most told stories. He purchased the wagon and a team of horses in Roseburg, to which city the family had moved by train from California.

The first day out, the Turners' home on wheels turned over on the South Fork of the Umpqua en route to Trail. There was no road through the area at that time.

"Didn't break a thing. I just put the wagon back on its wheels and continued up Rogue river—first to the Tucker place, now the Pearson ranch; then to Mill Creek ranch, Union Creek, Annie

Springs and Crater Lake," Turner outlined the trip.

**Three Days at Lake**  
The family spent three days at Crater Lake and saw only two other persons there. They caught some fish which were poor. That was many years before fresh shrimp were placed in the lake as food for fish, Turner explained.

Reviewing the fishing trip to Crater Lake reminded Turner of another one of his avocations, one shared by his present wife. It is "harvesting" and selling worms for bait. They have gathered as many as 70 dozen a night from their lawn, he said.

The Turners continued from Crater Lake to Fort Klamath where a reclamation project was going in, and where the hunting and fishing opportunities fascinated Turner. He purchased a ranch on a tip from Rube White, the livery stable owner.

After the purchase, the Turners drove to Ashland,

planning to sell the camping outfit and take the train to Pasadena. They "didn't get a nibble," Turner said. So, he decided to drive the horses with the wagon down to Pasadena. It took 30 days and in the whole trip the Turners met just one automobile, that one in Bakorsfield, Calif.

**Returns to Oregon**  
The next spring Turner returned to Oregon to stay. The family made the trip by stage from northern California to Keno.

At Keno the boat was boarded for Klamath Falls where the family waited nine days for a wagon in which to continue to the ranch.

Later the education of his daughters revived Turner's early link with California. He sent them to Pasadena to high school and on to Stanford university. The Ashland home of the Turners contains many proofs of the versatility of family hands.

On the walls are paintings by Charles Lewis Turner, Ed's brother, whose works were exhibited in east and west. Two which won prizes at the Chicago Institute of Art are in the Ashland collection. Also framed and hanging is a drawing of the old library in Pasadena, this one done by Ed, himself, and treasured by his family.

**Large Painting**  
One of the largest paintings in his living room is a portrait of Mother Turner, the strong influence in his life, for his father, Edson Turner, who survived three years of the bloodiest fighting in the Civil War, was killed in California in a runaway when Ed was in grammar school.

Was his father, also, an artist or musician?  
"He couldn't have been," Turner replied. "Several of his fingers were shot off in the battle of Peach Tree Creek in Georgia."

That was the battle in which the elder Turner found the field glasses given to the Pasadena museum. On exhibit in the same museum are an old Wellington muzzle loader, the Turner family spinning wheel and an 1812 counterpane, woven of wool spun by

the grandmother. Turner said he wishes now he had saved some of the family heirlooms for the Jacksonville museum.

There are paintings by both of his daughters in the Ashland house. Mrs. Wesley (Helen) Davis, formerly of Applegate, now of Glide, is currently more interested in creating miniature mountain scenes and seascapes in glass paper weights. Mrs. Ben (Marion) Verbruyck of Ashland, has done several bird pictures, which her father displays.

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He made a trip into Canada to see what it had to offer, took the boat from San Francisco just before the historic earthquake. He returned to find the city a shambles. He shot a few ducks in Canada. Things were wide open there, no seasons or regulations observed.

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## Former Wisconsin Residents Plan to Greet Sen. Nelson

U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, guest speaker for the 13th annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, will be greeted by a large turnout of former Wisconsin residents when he arrives at Hedrick Junior High school Saturday evening, according to "Dad Phillips, general chairman.

Attorney Phillips reported a good sale of tickets to former Wisconsinites. A special Wisconsin table is being arranged and decorated near the head table to accommodate these dinner guests, Phillips said.

Mrs. Ralph Poston and Ray Lembery are co-chairman of the ticket committee.

**Have State Motif**  
The decorations committee, headed by Mrs. Jean A. Mills, who has researched and carried out the state motifs for past Roosevelt Memorial dinners, is being assisted this year by Mrs. Jerry Christean. The decorations will illustrate the highlights of Wisconsin's political history, industry and scenery.

The primary decorations will be on the Roosevelt Memorial theme with Wisconsin providing the secondary motif, Phillips said. Five areas of interest in the life of President Roosevelt will be stressed at separate tables. These will center about the White

House, Roosevelt's Hyde Park home, the Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., Roosevelt's Navy career, his home life and his famous pet, Fala.

Reports from persons to whom special invitations have been extended reveal that Fourth District Congressman Robert B. Duncan tentatively plans to be in Medford to introduce Senator Nelson. State Representative James A. Redden will be here to act as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Redden also will attend the dinner.

**Others Are Expected**  
Others expected are Oregon Attorney General and Mrs. Robert Y. Thornton, Salem; C. Girard Davidson, Democratic national committeeman, and Mrs. Davidson, Portland; and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Adelheim of Portland. Mrs. Adelheim is Democratic state vice chairman.

Delegations from Coos Bay, Douglas county, Klamath, Lane and Josephine counties also have written for reservations, according to Phillips.

The dinner, which will be served buffet style, will begin at 6:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Frank Christian, co-chairman. A special provision is being made for elderly people, unable to stand in line. They will be encouraged to take

their places at tables while relatives, assisted by a volunteer group helping with the serving, may bring served plates to the tables Mrs. Christian said.

Tickets are available at the Labor Temple, from Jean A. Mills, North Central garage, 315 N. Central ave., Medford; from Tex Phillips, Courtesy Chevrolet; Medford Pharmacy, Attorney Bonnie Phillips, Goldy building; and Attorney Gerald Scannell, old First National Bank building, Ashland, for persons who have not been contacted by the Roosevelt Memorial Dinner committee.

For ticket delivery persons are asked to call Mrs. Poston, 773-4760 or Mrs. Edward McGinty, 772-4749, Phillips said.

**Lyle Newmans Sell Holiday Inn Motel**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Newman, owners and managers of the Holiday Inn Motel, 617 North Riverside ave., for the past five years have sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Halby, formerly of Long Beach, Calif.

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