

Letters Acknowledge Story of Former Edna Eifert of Medford

From Ohio to California and from Georgia to Jacksonville, Ore., letters have been coming to Mrs. H. R. Burk, the former Edna Eifert of Medford, whose experiences in early Medford were recently reviewed in a Mail Tribune story.

Friends in the valley sent clippings to relatives and friends in other states; and Mail Tribune subscribers, now in far away places, wrote to tell Mrs. Burk of the memories the story aroused for them.

Letters from two persons, known to many valley residents, were among the first received by Mrs. Burk.

Mrs. Belle True Griffin, now 93 years of age, and residing in Sacramento, Calif., with her daughter, recalled Mrs. Burk's position at the Hutchison and Lumsden store with this reference:

"You remember the Trues and Griffins who used to live on Griffin Creek when all the country folks went to town on Saturday. The first thing to do was to make a 'B' line to Hutchison and Lumsden. On cold days they always had a hot fire and every one wanted to get thawed out. I am Belle True, who married Henry Griffin. We always did most of our trading at Hutchison and Lumsden.

"I have heard you sing at the Riello and how nice to hear you sing. How times have changed. I still say Medford is my home. I have lived here since 1944. Sacramento, too, is a nice place to live."

Mrs. Griffin makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper. Mrs. Cooper is remembered in Medford as Babe Griffin. Her husband is employed at the McClellan Air Force Base.

Another letter from a former resident was written by Col. Bruce Hammond, now with the Marine Corps Supply Center, Albany, Ga.

Col. Hammond, the son of the late R. B. Hammond, for many years manager of the telephone company in Medford, now has his mother with him in Georgia, and reports that she is enjoying the Deep South.

His letter reads in part: "Although I have been gone from Medford for nearly 25 years my memories are strong indeed of the Medford of the '20s and '30s—and there is a very special place for the old Hutchison and Lumsden store which as I recall was located east of the Jackson County Bank Building on Main Street—and the raised spot, as I recall, on the left of the store and about half way down was where you presided. In addition to a gratitude for a folder of life-savers or a chocolate bar for a youngster I re-

call a wire transmission system in which slips and change were sent whirling to what are now called cash register stations in the merchandising game.

"Many times I reflect on how things have changed during the years to where an agent such as myself has three computers whirling like mad to support our supply and maintenance operations, and we're on an elec-

trical transmission system in which we send and receive computer generated data on a myriad of matters on a routine basis—some on magnetic tapes, and some on direct computer to computer electrical links.

"From 'Memory Lane' please accept the heart-felt good wishes of one of the many who have had the pleasure and honor of knowing 'Edna'."



BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

Most of the migrant birds flying south cleared this area during September. The peak of the turkey vulture migration occurred during the Sept. 20 to 30 period, although one laggard was seen from the Butte Falls Road Oct. 16. Swallows were seen perched on the wires Oct. 4, but I saw none after that date.

On Oct. 4 at Hoover Lake, there was a large flock of long-billed dowitchers, a greater yellowlegs, a few western sandpipers and over a hundred killdeer. The dowitchers and the greater yellowlegs were still at Hoover Lake Oct. 19, but the others had apparently migrated.

Many calls were received last month concerning strange birds. An American bittern has been resident for two or three months near the Talent home of F. Sparks. Both R. Browning and I verified the identity of the bittern.

This bittern is easy to identify; it is a large, streaked, buffy, brown, bird with blackish outer wing. When the bittern becomes alarmed it has the unique trait of thrusting its bill skyward, evidently hoping to be taken for a cattail or reed. It will be interesting to learn if this particular bittern stays in this valley during the winter.

C. Richardson, while hunting Oct. 8 near the Green Springs Highway, sighted a great gray owl. This is the largest North American owl. He is seldom seen as he lives in the dense forest. From head to tail his measurement can be as much as 33 inches, his wingspread is over five feet. This is the second gray owl reported in the county since 1954.

Two Lincoln sparrows near the park in Eagle Point, and a gray flycatcher near Meridian Road were reported by Ralph Browning on Oct. 12.

This is the first observance of a gray flycatcher in this area, although I have seen them in the sage brush and juniper country near Frenchglen. The gray flycatcher must be a late migrant as the normal valley flycatchers left during the first two weeks of September.

On Oct. 8 the golden crown sparrows and rufous-sided towhees returned to our garden. The Oregon juncos moved from the mountains to our valley about Oct. 19, but I still haven't seen any around my feeder.

"Where are the robins?" Many calls have been received asking this question. Prior to 1960 our Christmas Bird Counts indicated more than 10,000 robins winter resident in the county. During this pre 1960 period there would be from 4 to 20 robins in my garden industriously gathering worms. This fall, and last year it was the same condition, there are no robins in the garden and only a few are seen around the valley and foothills of the valley.

There are possibly two factors that have had an impact on the robin population. For the past six years Dr. Alfred G. Elter and Dr. George Wallace have studied the effect of DDT spraying of elms at the Michigan State campus on robins and other birds. During the spring as many as 15 to 25 robins were picked up at various times and analyzed as to cause of death.

DDT was found in lethal amounts in the brains of the robins. Other birds including cardinals, kinglets, black-throated green warblers, cedar waxwings, thrashers, and jays also were found dead from this poisoning. Dr. Elter reported that robins and other birds would arrive and try to nest but that the high concentration of DDT in the soil would soon prove to be a death trap. Only a few sparrows were able to survive.

I do not know if DDT is that prevalent here. However, there have been reports of sick, trembling, robins, a condition that is a characteristic of DDT poisoning.

There is another factor that must be considered. The decline of the robins closely parallels the increase of starlings in this area. The starlings are now almost as numerous as the robins were in 1965 to 1960. It could be that the starlings have usurped the food and nesting areas of the robins.

Perhaps there are other factors that contribute to the reduced robin population. However, DDT and starlings seem to be the most potent causes. If the starling population growth here is the same as elsewhere, they should stabilize sometime in the future.

Perhaps, they have already reached the peak of their buildup and they will commence to show a decline to their stabilization census. If there is a startling decline, this could help the robins to rebuild their ranks. As to DDT, I suggest using substitutes if possible, and to avoid use of DDT on lawns or trees in your garden.

If you like to have birds around your home in the winter, now is the time to start feeding. If you have feeding problems, give me a call.

Window Painting Contest Winners Listed by City

Three girls were grand prize winners in the Halloween window painting contest sponsored by the Medford Park and Recreation Department.

Winning bicycles were Holly Bertson, 10, and Ann Buhling, 9, both 3373 Perrydale Court, who worked on one painting, and Debby Tyce, 12, of 1109 Mt. Pitt Ave.

Other winners in the 11 years and under division were Gail Carpenter, 11, and Janet Carpenter, 10, of 912 Wabash Ave., first; Janet Brown, 11, of 1320 E. Main St., and Valerie Miller, 11, of 1307 Queen Ann Ave., second; Sandra Grissom, 11, of 87 Swing Lane, third; David Edson, 10, of 1113 S. Oakdale Ave., fourth; Dan Brandenburg, 9, of 507 Barnes Ave., fifth, and Celia Darby, 11, of 901 S. Ivy St., sixth.

Winners in the 12 to 14 age division were Carla Dibble, 13, of 1122 W. 11th St.; Mollie McCormick, 13, of 424 Lynnwood Ave., second; Barbara White, 12, of 1103 Queen Ann Ave., third; Teresa Ann Darby, 13, of 901 S. Ivy St., Teresa Henry, 13, of 641 Carington Ave., and Patty Evans, 13, of 2405 Starlite Lane, fourth; Annette Spour, 12, of 2558 Bullock Road, and Nancy Rice, 2237 Crater Lake Ave., fifth; and Wynne Perryman, 12, of Route 4, Box 376D, sixth.

Solon Says Federal Tax Cut Certain

PRINEVILLE (UPI)—Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., said Thursday it is "more certain than ever" that a federal tax cut will become effective next Jan. 1.

Ullman spoke at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Ullman said Congress might not get around to passing the tax cut until after the first of the year, but it would be retroactive to that time.

A tax cut offers the quickest way to a balanced budget, Ullman contended.

Prizes donated by local merchants were awarded each of the winners.

Council Will Start Debate

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The Ecumenical Council, which began a four-day recess today, is heading into what may be its stormiest debate on a "declaration of independence" for bishops.

The issue of whether the bishops should be allowed to run their own dioceses without undue interference from the Roman Curia is one of several controversial matters in a draft document entitled "of bishops and the government of dioceses."

Formal debate on the document will begin Tuesday, when the council fathers return from their recess, which was called because of All Saints' Day today and an Italian holiday Monday.

Council sources said the de-

bate is certain to arouse strong feelings. The issue is the decentralization of the church's authority—giving individual bishops or national hierarchies some of the powers now held by the various "congregations" of the Roman Curia.

The first chapter of the docu-

Salvation Army Seeks Bedding for Family

The Salvation Army is seeking bedding for a family of 10 in Medford. Persons having items to donate may telephone the Salvation Army at 773-7355.

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