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THE GOLD BEACH YEARS

Max was born in Enfield, Conn. Nov. 21, 1889 He completed the 8th grade and began working on cod fishing boats for Several years. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1908 and served 13 years. He spent his time on various ships and on ship-and-shore stations during WWI and saw service in Cuba and South America. His other tours of duty varied and even included 1 ½ years with the French Navy . On one job he worked on special electrical fire control equipment.

In 1931, while reading an article in an old copy of Field and Stream magazine about a cabin on the headwaters of Pistol River, Oregon, he made a decision to head home and research Curry County. He shipped out and headed to San Francisco and from there he took a bus to the Mount Hood area. He then walked South on the old skyline trail. During this time era, car rides were very few. When he reached the upper Rogue country he worked his way west down the Rogue staying with some of the families, such as the Billings, the Frys and Meserveys. Arriving in Gold Beach with about \$500.00 in is pocket, he bought a cabin with “all the contents.” It was while he lived in Gold Beach that he met and married Dolly James.

While they lived in Gold Beach, Max worked at various jobs. The roads were mostly dirt in those days and the mail came through only when possible. First class was given priority, and Max told of a bundle of

second and third class mail being used to fill a chuck hole so the first class could go through.

The Gold Beach bank closed during the depression and teachers had to turn in their county warrants for 20% of their value. To survive, people planted gardens, saved seeds and lived off the land. They could catch fish, dig clams, gather mussels, acorns, hazelnuts, and of course there was wild life. There was no vandalism or thievery in those days, people trusted and helped each other.

In Gold Beach, Max got an old Corona typewriter and began writing free articles for the paper and later sold items to other papers in the county under the name “Gold Beach Dateline.” During this time, he gathered stories about the local folks.

Dick Miles, the State Game warden, and Louis Neff asked him to go to work for the Forest Service in 1933. He was the first patient of Dr. Cartwright, for treatment of a tropical fever he had obtained during his service years. During his Gold Beach years, Max hiked all over the Rogue country, which measured some 3000 miles of trails. They covered from Klamath to the Coquille area, and the Kalmiopsis. All he had for protection was a 3” pocket knife. His wages were \$80.00 per month. During the hard times of the depression years, forest fires were sometimes intentionally set in order that men might earn some money fighting those fires. Times were very tough.

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Apr.

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25	<i>Pie & Ice Cream!</i>

May

12	<i>Core Group</i>
19	<i>Board Meeting</i>
22	

Jun.

	<i>Core Group</i>
9	<i>Board meeting</i>
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- ♦ **GROCERY RECEIPTS:** We receive cash when turning in grocery receipts to Ray's and McKay's markets. Please drop off your receipts at the museum or mail them to the above address. They must be less than 12 months old when we turn them in to receive the rebate.

One of the easiest and most helpful things you can do for the Curry County Historical Society is drop off or mail in your grocery receipts from Ray's and/or McKay's grocery stores. When we turn these receipts in, we receive much needed cash that helps keep the lights on and the doors open. Your assistance is always greatly appreciated!

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**Curry Historical Society
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Dear Curry Historical Society Members;

I am writing a request to each and everyone one of our members to make a donation to complete a steel building, we plan to place on the back of the parking lot. It is needed to house our larger artifacts needing adequate space to accommodate them. We have a beautiful old 1890's Dr's Buggy that is stored in a garage as we do not have a proper place to protect it from the weather and possible thievery. We also have an aged dug out canoe that has been refurbished, but needs to also be under cover and in a sling to prevent damage. There are other larger artifacts needing to be placed in an enclosed space for our visitors to view.

We have been saving for some time, but are still lacking greatly our needed funds to complete the building. We are a total volunteer organization, and we are very appreciative of our board members, core group members, and those who are so faithful to man the desk. So much of our many yearly fund raising monies are used to cover our monthly expenses, which slows our building fund down. This is why the membership dues are so important and a donation of any amount is so needed. We have applied for some grants, but so far have not been a recipient. We are receiving the small Mail Boat for further display donated by Bill Mc Nair of the Rogue Jet Boats.

I hope that our quarterly publication is enjoyed by all, as I try to fill it with true historical facts.

Once again may I encourage your participation of sharing a donation with us. We need an outside building for our outside artifacts. Curry Historical Society is a non-profit organization and for any donations, a receipt for the donation is sent to the donor. All contributions to the Museum are tax deductible.

Thanking you in advance

CURRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meryl Boice

THE BROOKINGS YEARS

Max and Dolly built several homes in the Brookings area. They had a variety store in the Jim Harris building and rented store space for about three years from Bernice Ward for \$7.50 per month. This was where the U.S Bank was later located. Theirs was the only "notion's" store in the Brookings - Harbor area. Since women had to sew for their family in those days, the Montgomery Wards, Sears and Roebuck catalogue stores and the variety store came in handy. People had good use for all three. Many a mother made their children's clothing out of the printed flour sacks. In the morning Max took care of the store while Dolly did the housework, and she took over in the afternoons, while Max worked on the mill pond for Mr. Bronson. He worked getting out old redwood logs from the mill pond. These they split into posts and sold them in Klamath Falls. Mr. Stotenberg, a brother-in-law, also made fir posts. It was often times difficult to get the needed merchandise for their store.

Later they moved the store to the Sanger Mann building and Max and Claude Clayton a former Commissioner, were the two who named Easy Street. Max worked part time for the Rossiter Brothers. They were florists from Minnesota who raised Azaleas. During WWII they raised vegetable seeds and plants to sell in their nursery.

Later Max worked as a coordinator between the U.S. Coast Guard unit station and the people here during WWII. There were mandatory black-outs along the coast, windows were heavily curtained and one drove with car dimmers on. The rules were strictly enforced. He recalled rifle pits and gun emplacements along Memory Lane and on Ocean View Drive. He, among others heard the Japanese plane that flew over the Chetco area and dropped a bomb on the head waters of Wheeler Creek. There were plane watch stations in the area, manned by local men and women, as well as older boys for 4 hour shifts.

Max wrote articles for the local paper for years and compiled a voluminous file on local people in the Brookings-Harbor area, the Gold Beach-Pistol River area, as well as the Northern California. (Smith River area) These files have been donated to the Curry Historical Society and the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. I remember when our family was living in Pistol River, he and Dolly came to visit us and interviewed Allen as a generational member of a pioneer family. They were a very pleasant couple.

Max and Dolly bought the old Decker place and fixed it up. He got a start of Easter lily bulbs from Mr. Amadon's son, at a time when they were at a high price. This turned to be a wise lucrative decision. He bought three acres West of where the present Lutheran Church is located on Easy Street. They put a \$10.00 down payment for the land which sold for \$50.00 per acre. They later built a house on it, and he eventually sold the land, bulb planting and house for \$10,000.00.

He and Dolly moved for a time to Ophir and lived with her Parents. They then decided to move back to Brookings. They bought 4 lots from Elmer Bankus on Pine Street, where Dolly designed the house they built on the land they cleared. They were very happy while living there. Max was quite an interesting and capable man during his life in Curry County.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello everyone, I hope that all who attended the Oregon Museums Association meeting enjoyed it as much as I did. It was well attended and well catered! A great opportunity to share ideas plans with like minded people. I'm looking forward to a strong season, and best wishes too all.

Ron Bradley, Pres. 2010

HAPPENINGS AT CURRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Well as usual we have been busy since reopening in January. Marian Davis and Donna Bates set up an early Americans exhibit at the High School, and they are preparing to set up a pioneer school exhibit at Riley Creek. We would like to encourage the young people to spend time at the museum so they will recognize the value of historical research and learning about the ways of the early pioneers and how they survived.

On January 29th we had a taco feed as a fund raiser at the high school cafeteria. Thanks to the entire Core group, Board and especially Raphael Torrez for all his help and donations. On March 15th we Hosted the Southwestern Oregon Museum Assoc. (SWOMA) and lunch was catered by the friends of the fair. Those who participated included Florence, Coos Bay, Myrtle Point, Bandon, Hughes House, Port Orford, Agness, Brookings and Gold Beach. Much information and many ideas were gleaned by all. Once again our two decorators came through.

On the 25th of April 1-4 P.M. we will be hosting as a fund raiser, our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars and bring a hearty appetite. We can boast of many wonderful pie bakers in Gold Beach.

Coming in May we are hosting a luncheon to honor all of our volunteers, who work so hard and also man the desk. Bette Hockema has the big job of calling volunteers to fill the schedule to man the desk Tues. - Sat. Kudos to Bette, it's a big job. Of course June brings our Annual Picnic at the City Park. Everyone always has a good time with good old hoedown music and pioneer story tellers. Other active core group volunteers and Board members who work hard on these fund raisers are (in addition to those already mentioned) Edna Riley, Shirley Langston, Bonnie Clarno, Yvonne Pettyjohn, Peggy Adams, Marisue Terry, Yvonne Skye, Gil, Norm, Ron, Zane, John and Sam Lento. John is the volunteer who gets called for so many things and he always accommodates us. THANKS John.

Plans are in the works to repeat the Cemetery play possibly in August. There are more pioneers resting there that have not been a part of the past plays. Raphael, Bernice and Walt are also discussing the Hathaway Jones biggest liar contest. These are all fund raisers to help defray our monthly expenses, but hopefully some can be set aside for placing our outside building on the back parking lot to house our larger artifacts. Please members take time to read our letter on page three of this publication.

Hope you enjoy this quarterly Echoes. Suggestions and changes in anything I write are always appreciated. I do have one change in the last Echoes. Nancy Fendrich shared with me what I needed to change. Apparently the location of the skating rink was on the bottom floor and Zip's engine repair was on the top floor of Jerry's Garage. Sorry Don and Nancy. Also one addition, Jock Headlee worked for an Eagle service station in that time era.

Next Echoes will be sent in July.

Meryl Boice.



Many of you may have heard tales of the great fish wars on the Rogue River in the in the early 1900's first with R.D. Hume and with the McCleay Estate. The main competition came from Seaborg, and war they did. The famous author Zane Grey wrote the "ROGUE RIVER FEUD," which was based on this Fish war. He wrote this book while spending a summer at his camping spot at Solitude Bar.

CLEVE LECLAIR

When Cleve Leclair first arrived in Gold Beach, it consisted of a little Drug store on one side and a little bank on the other, (that went broke). Added there was the peoples store owned by Bullhide Moore and a pool hall and the courthouse. Wedderburn was nothing but a store owned by The Macleay Estate. Cleve, his brother Jim and Fred McClung came down from Grants Pass in 1915. They traveled down river in a little open boat that could only travel down West. They had to take the boat out at Rainy Falls. Aubrey a half breed Indian had made a chute around the big falls when Cleve was a small young boy. His father had come down river in a large raft to get some lumber and they couldn't get past the Falls. It was a later that Aubrey made the chute.

During the trip by Cleve and his group, coming down river, they came upon the Coffee pot, and just went round and round. They couldn't pull out of there with their oars. They finally made it to shore and went on to the next challenge which was Blossom Bar. They luckily missed the big rock by staying in the deep water. When his youngest brother Wallace came down later with Al Hall's brother they had to get out of the boat and push it through the Coffee Pot. Further down they came to the Whirlpool, which at times sinks about 20 feet Al hall's boat was following his brother, but when it arrived Jack and Al's brother were not in the boat. They had gotten caught in the coffee pot whirlpool and went round and round and couldn't get loose. When they got close to the bank, they caught onto it and climbed out and hiked down the trail. Al picked up the boat.

Clara (Cleve's wife) came over from Grants Pass at the same time but she came in a covered Wagon with their four children Viola, Earnest, Orie and Mildred, and Jim's wife (Clara's sister). When they all arrived, their first home was a tent by the Seaborg Cannery. Clara baked bread in a wood stove at the cannery located at the snag patch and sold it to the fishermen for 5 cents a loaf. They would come to the upper cannery to get their bread. She would go through a 50 lb sack of flour in a couple of days. There was at one time a large flat out where the cannery stood, but the river washed it away, and now it is just a gravel bar. The actual location was just below the old Plywood mill where the Bagnell Ferry used to cross.

Clair and his family had arrived during the fish wars. McCleay owned land on both sides of the river and others came in to challenge him. Seaborg had run canneries for years before Cleve's arrival, and had left for awhile. Later he leased property from the Miller's ranch and built another cannery. He hired Fred Caughell to go to Grants Pass and hire fishermen to come down and fish for him. Cleve and his group were some that were hired.

Upon their arrival McCleay tried to stop them and had them arrested as soon as they stepped on the shore. He served papers on them and transported them to Marshfield. Cleve showed the court the date he had been arrested and the date he was served the papers. The injunction had been filed after the arrest. The judge threw the case out.

Seaborg had only about 300 feet of river bank, the rest was owned by McCleay. He even owned the bottom of the river. They couldn't anchor or even get out on the shore. If they did get out on the shore McCleay served papers on them and had them arrested. Since they couldn't anchor, sometimes they would have drift clear across the bar.

Just about everyone that fished for Seaborg had a 30-30 riffle in their boat. At one time Cleve and Fred McClung were shot at while fishing. They were sailing down the river, and the bullet went right between them and splashed in the river. A man, who had felt his nets were being robbed, was about 150-200 yards

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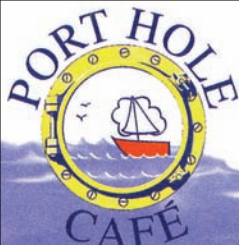
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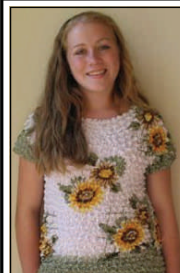
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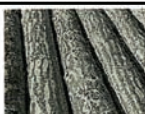
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upon the mountain. They put their boat on the bank and they grabbed their gun and went up after him. The man was just disappearing out of sight when Cleve got there. Cleve had always been thankful the man had disappeared, for Cleve was a good shot and would not have missed him.

One time McCleay wanted to hire the boys, so he brought a bottle of whiskey to those who were fishing and got them drunk. About that time a deputy sheriff came by, and Cleve told him to get McCleay out of there, for when the boys got to fighting, McCleay would be the first one shot. There were about thirty of them and they all had rifles. Cleve told the deputy not to let him bring any more whiskey down to the mouth of the river where the guys were seining. The deputy got McCleay out of there with his whiskey. One of the fishermen cut McCleay's seine and the whole thing went out to Sea. The deputy sheriff came down and wanted to know who had cut it. No one would tell him. They had a deadline there and had problems with people casting their lines over the seine and pulling it to shore. Claude Barton whipped one guy on the shore because of it. Cleve and his crew never had problems with those who were casting from the shore as they fished at night. Cleve bragged of having one warden bought off so he could fish any where and any-time.

The names of many familiar pioneers working for Seaborg were Aubrey, Harry "Squeak" Briggs, Tim Ferren, Fred and Sy McClung, Al and Jack Hall and Earl and Henry Johnson. These were as many as Cleve could remember. Seaborg fished for 2-3 years, and then went broke. At this time McCleay Marx and Buffington had it. They ran it for awhile, then Seaborg came back with a floating cannery. He anchored it down toward the mouth, while fishing for Chinook Salmon. Cleve was earning as high as \$500.00 in one night with an average of \$250.00 a night. One night they had so many fish that they couldn't take all their net up. They had a ton and a half with the first half of the catch. They took the first half, and on their return, found some one had removed the last half of the load of fish and cut the net. They never did find the culprit.

The price at that time was a minimum of 4 cents a lb, up to a maximum of 12 cents a lb. Seaborg's floating cannery only lasted another three years but went broke once again.. He never came back. It wound up with Buffington and Marx, next running the commercial fishing and they had full control until the State entered.

Cleve stated that at times, fishing could be fun but at other times it wasn't. You had to sit out in the boat with the wind blowing steadily and you couldn't come ashore. This got pretty old and uncomfortable. Cleve and his family bought some land at Hunter's Creek, and shortly thereafter, the State came in and closed the Commercial fishing in about 1938. The State planted cut throats in all the feeder streams, but the cut throat fish ate all the baby salmon and soon there were no salmon to fish in all the little streams.

After Cleve quit fishing, he started mining all through the depression years. He was removing about 1-2 ounces a day. Cleve and Pat Sorber did most of their mining in the area at the mouth of the Rouge river, where the jetty is now located. This helped to keep his family fed. It was later that he worked as a deputy for Sheriff Peck Huntley. His main job was to bring in the moonshiners as good moonshine went for \$20.00 a quart here. He only arrested people who made gut poisoning moonshine. The good ones he didn't arrest. According to Cleve good moonshine was better than whiskey.

When Cleve first came here, no one locked their door, and during a short period, he took up trapping back in the hills. He would leave his grub in the cabin, and hungry people would sometimes come and cook a meal when no one was home. They would wash the dishes and clean up the cabin. Most of the cabins maintained enough food to last a week and that was so welcome to another miner or trapper. Later the Forest Service burned all the cabins down. Two other projects that Cleve worked at when he lived at Hunters Creek, (now owned by the Van Leers) was to start a mink ranch, which he maintained for many years. His last project was a bulb farm, which lasted four years, He stopped planting them when the price came down. He was a man of many jobs and abilities. He was a fisherman, miner, deputy, trapper, owned a Mink ranch and was a bulb grower.

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James J. Welsh – March 5, 1922-November 3, 2009

James Joseph Welsh passed away in Gold Beach at 87 years old. He was born in Los Angeles where he attended school. He joined the Marine Corps with his brother and father to serve in World War II. He then returned to serve as a police officer in San Marino. He began a lifelong career in the motion picture industry. He remained in California until his retirement when he and his wife, Barbara, moved to Gold Beach where he served as a volunteer fire fighter on the Squaw Valley RFD. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Charles L. Heuser – December 21, 1920 – February 20, 2010

Charles Heuser was born in Dedham, Massachusetts. He went to Boston Trade School in Boston and entered Theology and Missions College in Boston. He attended Yale Divinity School in New Haven. He ministered in Maine, and as a missionary educator on the Atoll of Truk in the South Pacific. He was a pastor in Minnesota, Missouri, Palos Verdes, CA. Later he married Janis and moved to Gold Beach.

Helen Patricia Carichoff – Oct. 6, 1923 to February 25, 2010

Helen was born in Tujunga, California in 1923. She worked for the telephone company and then joined the US Marine Corps Women's Reserves in 1943. She worked as an airplane mechanic achieving the rank of sergeant. She worked in Hawaii where she married Air Force Lt. Jack Carichoff. They lived in various places in the U.S. and in Japan. In 1970 they retired and moved to Gold Beach. She is survived by her husband, Jack.

Muriel Anderson – March 6, 1922 – November 21, 2009

Muriel passed away in Springfield at the age of 87. She was born in Coquille in 1922 where she graduated from high school. She worked for the Coos County Tax department and in 1943 married Graydon Anderson. They lived for 10 years in his ranch outside of Coquille. They had 3 children who graduated from Gold Beach High School. She had a beautiful voice and sang for many weddings and for the First Baptist Church choir. After 47 years they moved to Eugene. She made many friends selling Avon in the Gold Beach area. She has 3 children.

Reverend Walter Scott Hammett – June 13, 1922 – November 11, 2009

Walter was born in Philadelphia where he attended school. He served in the Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He graduated from Oregon State College in agriculture in 1950. He received his Master of Divinity degree at the Church Divinity School in 1953. In 1962 he came to Gold Beach as Vicar of St. Mathew's and retired in 1984.

Vern Robert Gavin – March 17, 1931 – November 18, 2009

Vern was born in Gold Beach and raised on the Chetco River on his family's dairy farm. He served in the Korean War, then returned to enroll in Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. His career was in establishment of communications and TV franchise and he installed the first commercial satellite dish west of the Mississippi. He planted a vineyard in 1999 providing wine grapes for many wineries in Oregon. He was a pilot for planes and helicopters. He is survived by his wife and 3 children.

Dorothy Marie Burch – Sept. 14, 1927 – Oct. 12, 2009

Dorothy Burch died with her family at her side after long complications. She was a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge to which she volunteered many hours of work. She is survived by her husband of 64 years and daughter.

Mary Catherine Lantz – November 1, 1935 – January 26, 2010

Mary was born in Minneapolis and died in Springfield. She was a graduate of Laramie High School and the University of Wyoming in music. She was an accomplished musician playing several instruments. She was active in the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches where she participated as a choir director, organist and vocalist. She is survived by her daughter and husband.

Dora Boice Autry – November 23, 1922 – January 11, 2010

Dora was the ninth of twelve children born to Allen and Carrie Boice of Langlois. She died in Palm Springs, CA, at the age of 87. She attended the Behnke-Walker Business College in Portland and then moved to Vallejo where she worked at the Benicia Arsenal during WWII. She married Wilburn Autry who was wounded on Guam and spent 9 months at the US

Naval Hospital in Seattle. Dora moved to Seattle and worked for the U.S. Army, later to the Hanford Plant working for GE. Later she moved to Portland and retired in Gold Beach, spending winters in southern California. She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her 3 sons.

Merle Jack James – October 14, 1935 – January 19, 2010

Merle died in Gold Beach at his home. He was born in 1935 in Molalla and grew up in the Detroit/Santiam area. He served two years in the Navy before moving to Alaska in a 32 year career with Louisiana Pacific Pulp Company. Upon retirement he moved to Curry County with his wife, Linda. He is survived by Linda and 3 daughters, and one son.

Leona Angeline Miller – July 14, 1927 – December 16, 2009

She was born in eastern Washington where she grew up, married and had 7 children. She raised her children in Bremerton, and subsequently married George Miller and move to the Oregon coast. Later they moved back to Bremerton when their health started to fail to be closer to their children. She sold real estate and was a published author. She is survived by her 3 sons and 3 daughters.

Warren John Bothwell – August 17, 1963 – July 22, 2009

Warren was born in Bandon in 1963 and died in Seattle. He spent his childhood in Illahe and Gold Beach. He lived in many different parts of the US developing work skills in the logging, oil refinery, pyrotechnic, carpentry industries and fishing in the Bering Sea. He is survived by 1 daughter.

James W. Babb – Feb. 28, 1945 – Oct. 13, 2009

James died in Brookings at the age of 64. He was born in 1945 in Manchester, Iowa and grew up in Oregon and Montana. He worked on oil rigs throughout the Rocky Mountain States and then in Brookings as a builder and roofer. He is survived by his wife of 40 years and 3 children.

Eldora Patrick – September 14, 1929 – December 14, 2009

Eldora Dallis Butts Patrick died in Medford from congestive heart failure at age 90. She was born in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin. The family came out West when she was still a young girl to Eugene. Later she lived in Gold Beach and was well known for keeping her fellow seniors on their toes challenging them to games and other events. She was an artist. She is survived by her five daughters.

Reverend Ward Honey

Ward was born in Newburg and attended the Oregon State blind school, graduating in 1939. He moved to Coos Bay to work on piano tuning and repair. He enrolled at The Glad Tidings Bible Institute in San Francisco where he studied for the ministry. His first pastorate was in Eugene, then on to Portland. Twenty two years were spent in Gold Beach pasturing. He is survived by his wife and their five children.

Robert Floyd Catlett – March 19, 1973 – Jan. 18, 2010

Bob was born in Gold Beach and died in Coquille. He graduated from Myrtle Point High School in 1991. He joined the US Navy in 1991 and was honorably discharged in February, 2002. He was married while stationed in Virginia. In 2002 they returned to Portland, then to the Myrtle Creek area. He was involved in sports, both playing in them himself and working with his kids. He is survived by his wife, Sara Marie Catlett, and 2 children 13 and 7 years.

Edith Evelyn Fox – February 27, 1917 – Jan. 11, 2010

Former Brookings resident died at her home Jan 11. She was born in Oregon City and married there to Robert Fox in 1934. They moved to Brookings in 1947 where they owned and operated Fox Brothers Trucking in partnership with his brother Lloyd Fox. Then they owned Brookings Supply Co. until 1974 when it became NAPA Auto Parts. She loved to travel. Survivors include 2 sons.

Corabelle Ireland – 1913 – January 23, 2010

Corabelle was born in Hood River and died at her apartment at Spring Ridge Retirement facility in Wilsonville. She will most be remembered for being the owner and operator of Ireland's Rustic Lodges at Gold Beach. She was very talented at weaving and other needlecrafts. She is survived by 8 nieces and nephews.

Bobbie Lee Hunter – April 23, 1938 – Jan. 6, 2010

Bob was born in Hailey, Idaho. He married Sharon Brown August 1957. They lived in Idaho where he worked as a miner. In 1964 Bob and Sharon and their 4 daughters moved to Gold Beach where he worked at the U.S. Plywood Mill where he began his career as an oiler and millwright. He later went back to school to become an electrician. After raising their family they moved to Portland where he worked in Molalla as an electrical supervisor. He is survived by his wife and 3 daughters.

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