

Dedication of the George H. Himes Park

On April 10, 1935, the city council of Portland, Oregon, renamed the land formerly known as Fulton Park. Hereafter this tract of some thirty-four acres will be known as "The George H. Himes Park" in honor of Oregon's grand old man of history. Dedication exercises were held at the Park on May 18, on the occasion of Mr. Himes' 91st birthday. The program was in charge of the Oregon chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. Mr. Himes was personally present to receive congratulations from Mayor Carson and many friends. Mr. N. B. Coffman of Chehalis represented the state of Washington.

It will be recalled that Mr. Himes came to Washington Territory in 1853 via Nachez Pass, being at that time but nine years old. His father settled near Olympia. At the age of 17 years young Himes became a printer's devil in the plant of an Olympia newspaper. In 1864, he moved to Portland where he secured work as a compositor on the *Oregonian*. A year later he became partner in a printing shop enterprise and soon after sole owner. His slogan "Himes the Printer" was well known for many years. Numerous books and pamphlets of local interest bear the Himes imprint.

In 1898, he quit the printing business to become curator of the Oregon Historical Society, a position which he still holds. He has been secretary to the Oregon Pioneer Association since its formation 49 years ago. He has been instrumental in collecting and preserving a great body of material relative to the Oregon country.

Workers in the field of Pacific Northwest history are rejoiced in this new recognition which Mr. Himes has now received. Mrs. James Thorburn Ross deserves the major portion of the credit for suggesting and securing the renaming of Fulton Park as a memorial to Mr. Himes.

Death of Mrs. Flora A. P. Engle

Mrs. Flora A. Pearson Engle who came to Washington Territory with the second Mercer Expedition in 1866, died at Coupeville, Washington, on March 7, at the age of 84 years. Her father, Daniel Pearson, came west with the first Mercer party in 1864. He was for many years the lighthouse keeper at Admiralty Head and the daughter was assistant lighthouse keeper for 13 years. She was married to Mr. William B. Engle in 1876. She is survived by three

children, Carl Tony and Ralph Pearson of Coupeville and Mrs. Ernestine Waldrup of Shelton, together with four grandchildren. Readers of this *Quarterly* will remember her fine contribution in the October, 1915, issue, entitled, "The Story of the Mercer Expeditions."

The Passing of John Weinzirl

After a short illness, Dr. John Weinzirl of Seattle died on June 26 at the age of 64 years. He was a pioneer student of the causes and cure of tuberculosis and Director of the McDermott Foundation for tuberculosis research. For 28 years he was member of the faculty of the University of Washington, and for 16 years Secretary of the Washington State Tuberculosis Association.

History of Toppenish

Miss Lois Jean Olsen won first prize in a contest staged by the Toppenish High School to stimulate the study of the history of Toppenish. About 50 papers were submitted. Miss Olsen searched all available early records, interviewed many local pioneers, and prepared what proved to be the winning sketch. Not only was her sketch regarded authentic historically, but her booklet won high praise for artistic hand-drawn illustrations. The above information was received from Mr. George Stephenson, Secretary of the Yakima Valley Historical Society, and a long time friend of the late Professor Meany.

Correction

In the account of Dr. John Evans appearing in the April issue of the *Quarterly*, the statement is made on page 83 that Dr. Evans died in February, 1861. Mr. Richard X. Evans, the author of the article, has discovered an obituary notice which gives the precise date of Dr. Evans' death as April 13, 1861.