

## **CHARLES W. PALM, REALTY BROKER, CALLED TO REST**

Charles W. Palm, 72 years old, longtime resident of Medford and one of Jackson County's best-known citizens, succumbed to an extended illness at his home on South Holly Street at Eleventh, at 7:00 o'clock Saturday morning, June 17.

Mr. Palm was born at Lima, Ohio, on May 16, 1861. In the year 1888, at the age of 27, he took up his residence in Medford, where he has since resided.

Soon upon his arrival here, he engaged in the real estate business, which he followed for a period of 25 years, and from which he retired 20 years ago.

Besides his wife, Callie Eifert Palm, he leaves one sister and one brother, Mrs. Emma Starrett of Columbus, Ohio, and G. F. Palm of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 2:30 Tuesday with the Rev. William B. Hamilton officiating. Entombment will follow in the Medford memorial mausoleum.

"Charley" Palm was not only one of Medford's first residents, but one of the largest holders of business property in the city. A great believer in real estate as an investment, he owned at the time of his death the business block at the [northeast] corner of Main and Front, partly occupied by Browns, a similar block of buildings at the [northwest] corner of Main and Fir, the corner occupied by Cleo's, also the Rialto Theater property, and many residence properties in various parts of the city.

Two or three years ago Mr. Palm was stricken by a serious disease necessitating a major operation by Dr. Coffee of Portland, from which he never recovered. During this period, he bore his suffering with the greatest courage and fortitude, and even when his friends and family had given up hope he kept on fighting for his health.

Up to within a few weeks of his death Mr. Palm attended to his own business affairs, being a familiar sight in the center of town where his properties were located, usually in his closed car with Mrs. Palm, his faithful wife and companion these many years, and his two devoted cocker spaniel dogs.

*Medford Mail Tribune, June 18, 1933, page 1*

## **PALM MEMORIAL READY SOON FOR CITY PARK HERE**

Under the direction of the Flynn Electric Company here, the beautiful Palm memorial fountain in the city park is rapidly nearing completion, it was learned today.

The main feature of the fountain is the marble figure of a young man, playing with his two cocker spaniels. The pedestal upon which the statue stands is carved from Oregon granite, and rises from a mirror pool made from the same material.

When the memorial is finished, the pool itself will have pond lilies on its surface, and will be lit by four lamps, the shafts of which will be in matching granite. A floodlight, partially submerged at one end, will flood the white statue with soft light.

The statue is of white marble carved to order at Carrara, in southern Italy. It is the individual work of one sculptor, and has taken five months to complete.

When the order was first filed last year, it was accompanied by a photograph, in which a young Medford man posed with two spaniels. A small clay model was made in the Italian shops and sent to Mrs. Charles Palm, the donor of the memorial, for approval. The approval was forwarded, and work begun immediately.

It was received here recently and mounted upon the pedestal, but was immediately veiled pending dedication, the date for which has not yet been announced.

According to Thomas K. Flynn, whose company is superintending the entire construction, the statue and pool is not a memorial to Charles Palm, who died last year, but a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Palm to the city of Medford.

The new statue and fountain cost over \$7,000, it was learned.

The granite work was done by the Oregon Granite Works here, Elmer Hicks, manager.

*Medford Mail Tribune, January 13, 1935, page 3*

## **FOUNTAIN MOVING PLAN IS OPPOSED BY CLUB WOMEN**

A delegation of women, representing several Medford clubs, called upon Mayor E. M. Wilson this morning to voice objections to the proposed removal of the fountain in the city park for erection of a memorial to the late C. W. Palm.

They also voiced objections to the planned removal of the horseshoe pitching court, which offers diversion to many elderly Medford men without other means of recreation.

The chief objection to the memorial plans, however, was directed to the disturbance of the old-time fountain, which was donated to the city during the early days by the Greater Medford Club.

The memorial, according to plans recently presented the city council, is to be erected by Mrs. Palm in memory of her husband, and is to be a thing of beauty, an accomplished architect having been engaged to draw the plans.

No definite action regarding the matter has been taken by the city council. At the last meeting, however, it was voted to approve the removal of the horseshoe pitching court for location of the memorial.

The women, appearing before the mayor, were invited to confer with the city council today, and it is understood the matter will be presented at the regular meeting of the city dads tomorrow night.

*Medford Mail Tribune, March 5, 1934, page 5*

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## Work of Art to Grace Medford's Park

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*April 19, 1935 Medford Mail Tribune*

### **HOODLUMS AGAIN UNVEIL MEMORIAL**

Hoodlums again held an impromptu unveiling of the Palm memorial statue in the city park Saturday night, according to a report on file at the city police station. City Officer Sloniker, who saw four boys about 18 or 20 years of age take the canvas covering from the statue and throw it down, gave chase, but the hoodlums escaped in a car after having first hung a placard around the statue.

The placard was a picture of a dog with a can tied to its tail. The officer removed this and hung the canvas in a tree, intending to pick it up upon the completion of his beat. The canvas was stolen from the tree later in the evening, probably by the same marauders, the police stated today. They are still actively working on the case.  
*Medford Mail Tribune, April 1, 1935, page 3*

## **PALM MEMORIAL DEDICATION SET FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

The beautiful statue, pool and drinking fountain presented to the people of Medford as a gift from the late Charles W. Palm and Mrs. Callie Palm will be unveiled and dedicated at a ceremony in the city park on Good Friday, April 19, it was announced today by attorney Frank Newman, who is handling the affair for Mrs. Palm.

The structure fills a need long felt in this city for a center of interest in the city park in which it is located. The clear white marble of the statue proper, contrasted against the green summer foliage of the trees in the park, will undoubtedly be a striking feature of Medford's civic showplace.

Nine months have been devoted to the completion of the structure, the prolonged time having been made necessary through the fact that the statue itself was sculptured in Italy. The base, fountains, coping and seats were quarried at the Blair quarry in Ashland.

The structure will be bathed in a soft light at night by the four trim light fixtures at the corners of the plot, and a vertical beam spotlight installed in the coping of the west end of the pool will bring into clear relief the statue proper.

Mrs. Palm has arranged for the placing of pond lilies in the pool, although they will in all probability not be ready for the official dedication. They are now being developed locally specially for this purpose.

It is hoped that fair weather will be in evidence on the day of the presentation by Mrs. Palm to the mayor and city council, so that the people of the city can attend the ceremony.

All labor performed on the structure was provided locally, the Oregon Granite Company of this city having taken the contract for completion of that phase of the work. T. K. Flynn of the Flynn Electric Company had general supervision of the work and also installed the electrical equipment. Both firms have demonstrated the excellency of local work.

Further announcement about the dedication will be made later.  
*Medford Mail Tribune, April 10, 1935, page 1*

## **PALM MEMORIAL DEDICATION HELD IN CITY PARK**

In a very fitting and impressive ceremony this afternoon the Palm Memorial in the city park was formally presented to the city by attorney Frank J. Newman, representing the donor, Mrs. Callie Palm, widow of the late Charles W. Palm, and accepted on behalf of the city by Mayor Geo. Porter. A more beautiful day for such a ceremony could hardly be imagined, scarcely a breath stirring in the budding trees, warm sun shining from a clear blue sky and casting shadows on the fresh green grass. A large crowd of representative citizens and old friends of the Palm family gathered to listen to the dedication ceremonies and pay their respects to one of Medford's best known business men and early pioneers.

Rev. D. E. Millard sang two numbers during the ceremonies, "The Prayer Perfect" by James Whitcomb Riley and "Trees."

The presentation address by attorney Newman follows:

"Hon. Mayor, gentlemen of the City Council and citizens of Medford:

"I deem it an honor and pleasure to be chosen as spokesman for the late lamented Charles W. Palm and his estimable wife and widow, Mrs. Callie Palm, to tender to you gentlemen, as the official representatives of the people of this city, a useful and beautiful token of the esteem in which the citizens of this city and valley were and are held by these two pioneers of our city.

"Both Mr. and Mrs. Palm were born in the state of Ohio, and were married at Kenton, Ohio on the 3rd day of March, 1881.

"They moved to this city in the early spring of 1888. Medford at that time was merely a village with a population of about 200. Practically all of the business buildings were on the east side of the Southern Pacific railroad. There was not a foot of paved street or even a cement sidewalk in the entire village. Bear Creek furnished the only source of water supply and was used not only as a protection against fire but for most domestic purposes as well. Some of the drinking water, however, was derived from shallow wells scattered throughout the town.

"Filled with strength and vigor, this young couple established their home in the midst of these surroundings, and both lived to see Medford grow to a prosperous and thriving metropolitan city.

"By the exercise of good judgment, thrift and unceasing effort they succeeded in acquiring considerable property in this city and county, from which investments they later realized a substantial and comfortable income.

"Having fully enjoyed nearly fifty years of actual and continuous residence in Medford, and having met with success in their prudent investments, Mr. and Mrs. Palm naturally felt that they would like to leave to the citizens of this city and valley, present and future, some fit and suitable token of their esteem. With that aim in view, they spent much time and thought to that worthy and worthwhile object.

"Before their plans were fully matured, however, death overtook Mr. Palm, who passed away in this city on the 17th day of June, A.D. 1933, leaving Mrs. Palm and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

"Undaunted by her great loss through the death of a loving husband, Mrs. Palm determined to complete alone the plans she and Charlie had so long worked upon, and which each had hoped to see accomplished before death overtook either.

"Considerable correspondence and negotiations were carried on with the heads of the departments of art of the universities of Oregon and Washington, and Mrs. Palm personally visited several institutions of art in the larger cities of the United States in quest of information or suggestions which might aid her in choosing the most useful and suitable design for the desired purposes

"After thoroughly considering the many suggestions made, and examining models submitted, Mrs. Palm chose the design, conceived largely by herself, and now fittingly embraced and included in this beautiful and useful structure which she and Mr. Palm now take pride in presenting to the people of this city."

(Statue unveiled at this point.)

"Lovers of all mankind, the great out of doors, animal life in general, and dogs and birds in particular, Charles and Callie Palm have here sought to provide for the comforts and pleasures of each.

"As you observe from your survey of this structure, the prevailing and outstanding figure is that of youth, strong, happy and hopeful, represented by this figure of the boy just budding into manhood.

"At the westerly end of the structure a drinking fountain has been provided where men, women and children may freely refresh themselves by drinking the pure and sparkling mountain spring water from Medford's million-dollar water system, a fit and worthy substitute for the putrid waters of Bear Creek.

"Surrounding the statue will be observed a spacious pool of this same pure spring water, restful and refreshing to the citizens who visit our park daily in quest of rest and quiet, for whose convenience also seats at the sides of the pool have been provided. In the pool water lilies have been planted which will later blossom, giving an additional beauty to the pool and its surroundings.

"By the side of the boy you will observe two beautiful dogs, fit and loving companions to every worthwhile boy or man. Show me a person who has never loved a dog, and I will show you one who has failed to grasp one of life's greatest pleasures.

"U.S. Senator George G. Vest once made use of this beautiful tribute to canine affection and fidelity:

"Ladies and gentlemen: The best friend a man has in this world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son and daughter that he has reared with loving care may become ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him when he may need it most. Man's reputation may be [lost] in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees and do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one

absolutely unselfish friend a man may have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is the dog.

"Ladies and gentlemen, a man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounters with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince.

"When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in this love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. If fortune drives the master forth an outcast into the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard him against danger, to fight against his enemies, and when the last scene of all comes, and death takes his master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws and his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true even to death.'

"At the easterly edge of the pool a fountain has likewise been provided at which man's faithful friend, the dog, may also enjoy the refreshing coolness of pure mountain springs, while at the base of the statue [you] will observe a bird bath, in which the birds of the air may take their morning dip.

"Nearly a year ago, the Oregon Granite Company of this city took the contract for the completion of the structure, and the work has progressed from that time until completion, under their management, and under the general supervision of T. K. Flynn of the Flynn Electric Company of this city, who also installed the electric appliances in connection with the structure.

"An examination of the finished product is a strong recommendation of efficiency on the part of each of these firms, and am pleased to state that the work progressed to completion without any dissension or misunderstanding of any nature.

"Outside of the statue itself and the sculpturing thereof, all material used in the structure is of Jackson County origin, and all work was performed by local labor.

"The marble used in the statue is the white imperial Italian marble from the Carrara marble quarries at Carrara, Italy, and the sculpturing was done there. As you will observe, it is of the very highest quality. The Oregon Granite Company, in securing the statue, worked through the H. A. Whiteacre Company of New York City.

"On the granite base of the statue you will observe this simple inscription:

"Dedicated to the city of Medford by C. W. and Callie Palm, 1934.'

"At this time, Mr. Mayor, gentlemen of the council and citizens of Medford, I take great pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Callie Palm, widow of the late Charles W. Palm, who has gladly provided this beautiful improvement to our park, and comfort to our citizens, and who at this time presents to you the title to this memorial.

"Accept it, care for it as its high qualities merit, and preserve it for the present and future use and benefit of the people of our city and valley. May they derive as much pleasure and satisfaction from its use as Mrs. Palm has experienced through presenting it to them, is the fervent wish of our mutual friends, Charles W. and Callie Palm.

"I thank you."

This was followed by the acceptance address from Mayor Porter;

"My dear Mrs. Palm, it is indeed a pleasure to me as mayor of this city to accept from you this very beautiful and useful gift to the people of this city and valley. I wish to thank you most sincerely, and to assure you that the members of this city council, and our citizens generally, greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in providing this beautiful structure for the use and enjoyment of the people of this city. I can assure you that it will be maintained by the city in the future in its present state of beauty and usefulness, and that it will be cherished as coming from two of the oldest and most respected citizens of this city, yourself and Mr. Palm, whom we knew and greeted as Charlie.

"I have known both you and Mr. Palm very well for more than forty years, and I can never forget the pleasant associations which I had in my boyhood days through visiting at your home and associating with Charlie, and the ponies and dogs which he kept, not only for his own gratification, but for the use and enjoyment of the young boys of this city generally.

"Both you and Charlie were a source of great inspiration to the young boys and girls during my early childhood days, and I see among those present many who, like myself, are now turning gray, but who look back upon those happy days spent at the Palm home in pleasant association with the pets kept by you and Mr. Palm as some of the happiest days of our lives.

"I wish to congratulate you upon the effort and thoughtfulness displayed in the creation of this beautiful statue and pool. It certainly shows much thought, and is emblematic of the life spent by you and your esteemable husband in this city, for you have here incorporated the ideals which you and he entertained throughout your entire life for the boy, the man, the dog and bird life, all so beautifully and appropriately embraced in this magnificent gift which you have made to our city and people.

"For years to come this monument will stand as a token of love and respect entertained by Charlie and yourself for the people of this community, and I can assure you that the gift is accepted by the people of this city as a fit and suitable token of your love for them, and their high regard and esteem for you and your late husband.

"Therefore, Mrs. Palm, as mayor of this city and as councilmen of the city of Medford, we hereby gladly accept from you this beautiful, fit and useful gift to the citizens of this city and valley, and publicly acknowledge our most sincere gratitude to you, and the late Charles W. Palm, for this magnificent structure. Be assured it will be preserved and maintained in its present condition of loveliness, beauty and usefulness

for the future enjoyment of our citizens, and the pleasant memories of our associations with you and Charlie will cling about it for countless years yet to come. Again, we thank you."

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A special guard will be posted in the city park [on Halloween] either in uniform or plain clothes to prevent any further mutilation of the beautiful Palm memorial statue there which was smeared with walnut dye several weeks ago. A paste has been applied to the statue, and it is believed possible that some of the stain may be removed.

"Hallowe'en Vandals Will Be Arrested Is Warning from Police," *Medford Mail Tribune*, October 30, 1935, page 5



**VALLEY PIONEER DIES**—Mrs. Callie Palm, 97, in the Rogue valley since 1887, died at a local hospital Saturday morning. Mrs. Palm donated the carillon by

## **Mrs. Callie Palm, Long-Time Valley Resident, Dies Here**

Mrs. Callie Palm, 97-year-old early valley resident, died Saturday morning at a local hospital.

She had been in the hospital about a month.

Mrs. Palm was born Sept. 3, 1863, in Kenton, Ohio. She came to Medford with her husband, the late Charles W. Palm, in 1887. She celebrated her 95th birthday in her home at 343 South Holly St. Sept. 3, 1958.

The Palms rented a building on South Front St. where they operated a variety store shortly after they came to Medford. Later Mr. Palm built a small frame structure on the corner of Main and Fir sts. Mrs. Palm still owned the building on that corner. When it was erected, it was the only building west of the Southern Pacific railway tracks. [*Possibly the only store building, but it was preceded by the Clarendon Hotel and many residences.*]

When the Palms moved into the building, Mrs. Palm added a millinery stock to the variety store, since she was a trained milliner, and later they disposed of the variety stock. Mrs. Palm was in business for 19 years.

Later the couple built the home on South Holly st., where Mrs. Palm lived until she entered the hospital.

A statue in the library park was erected in Mr. Palm's honor. In recent years Mrs. Palm, a devoted Presbyterian, donated the carillon bells which now sound daily from the United Presbyterian Church.

Up to her death Mrs. Palm kept an active interest in local, state and national affairs.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. D. Kirkland West will officiate. Chapel Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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