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Abbreviations:

b = born

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F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

The logo for Tuscania, featuring the word "TUSCANIA" in a stylized, black, serif font with decorative flourishes. The text is set against a solid cyan rectangular background.

Meshke, Leonard Thomas
1894 WI – 1982 OR



Leonard Thomas Meshke - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/17207194/person/29339046356/media/b64bf54d-e66d-4b4a-8d6b-bb826c6c4ebb?_phsrc=hFB34877&_phstart=successSource



Leonard Thomas Meshke, in the US Army, driving a truck in France, 1918 -
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The World War I soldier kneeling in the center is my Grandpa Meshke



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Contributed to Ancestry.com by Leonard's daughter Dorothy Meshke Fager on 15 Jan 2018. These are her father's Army comrades. She wrote:



Dorothy Fager The picture was most likely taken near the town of Mariendorf, Germany. The man on the right was a good friend of my fathers from Boot Camp in Wisconsin. The soldier on the left is unknown.

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PICTURE TAKEN SPRING OF 1904

TOP ROW, left to right, Edward; Adolph; Julia; Paul (father); Victoria (mother); John,(on father's lap); Francis,(on mother's lap); Helen (between mother and father); Leonard; George.

Not pictured: Louis; Andrew; Mary; Kathryn

The Meshke family, spring 1904 – standing back (left to right): Edward, Julia, Adolph – middle: John on lap of father Paul, Julia (white-edged collar), Francis on lap of mother Victoria – front: Leonard Thomas Meshke (with bow tie), George - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/59559546/person/220149192190/media/96883c88-4f3b-4363-99dc-a03cf6e9c4cc?_phsrc=hFB34892&_phstart=successSource



OFFICERS and board members of the Klamath Basin Cooperative lined up for the photographer at the annual meeting of the organization held March 24 in the Sportsman's Hotel in Tulelake. Left to right, back of table, are E. R. Scott, Tulelake, vice president; D. P. Reid, Malin, secretary for many years who is retiring; W. W. Thompson, Henley, newly elected president; Chester J. Main, Tulelake, retiring president; Charles Cheyne, Henley, board member; Leonard Meshke, Tulelake, retiring board member; Clarence Moore, Tulelake, board member; and Alva Hardman, Tulelake, new board member. Not present for the picture were L. C. Kirby, Tulelake, newly elected secretary; Chester J. Stonecypher, Tulelake and Ronald Whittlatch, Henley, members of the board of directors, August Andrieu, in front of the table, a charter member and one of the 1934 founders of the cooperative, presents a \$438.40 refund check to Chet Main.

Leonard Meshke is standing, , 3rd from right - "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Sunday 30 Mar 1958 p 4

Tuscania Passengers Back in United States

107th Supply Train with Appleton and New London Men Is Back---Attract Attention on Account of Sturdy and Husky Appearance---Will Remain in Camp Hill for Few Days---19 New London and 6 Appleton Men with Command

ARE GIVEN A GREAT OVATION

(Special to the Crescent)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—The 107th Supply train arrived at this port late Tuesday afternoon aboard the battleship Virginia after two weeks sailing from Brest. Other units aboard were the 107th Sanitary Train, 107th Train Headquarters and 126 casuals, totalling 1,359 men.

They were quartered last night at Camp Hill to remain several days before being sent to western camps. In command of the troops was Colonel Peter Piasecki of Milwaukee. Most of the troops in the several organizations were from Wisconsin and Michigan and as they marched from the streets here on their way to camp they were greeted with cheers from thousands of people who lined the "way of triumph." The streets had been profusely decorated and scattered with flowers for Virginia troops who arrived earlier in the day and the Wisconsin men shared in the reception. They drew attention because of their sturdy and husky appearance.

Several of the men who landed were passengers on the ill-fated Tuscania when she was torpedoed. They demonstrated wonderful discipline at that time. Capt. Pettigrew formed his company on deck and held the men there for nearly two hours instead of risking the life boats. When a destroyer ran up to the side of the sinking transport the men of Pettigrew's company stepped from one boat to the other. Among the Appleton men on the Tuscania who returned yesterday were Capt. Pettigrew, Jacob Schneider, Arthur Hantchel and Irwin Meidam.

Following is a list of names of New London and Appleton men who arrived on the ship:

NEW LONDON



Francis Barlow, 19 Wolf River.
 Ralph Mayo, South Pearl Street.
 Leland T. Meany.
 George E. Dotman.
 Louis W. F. Hoffman, Avon Street.
 Harvey J. Travers, Cook Street.
 Laurel J. Conat, 1121 Shiocton St.
 Geo. C. Grawdunder, 338 Smith St.
 Herman W. Resbein.
 Arthur H. Ziemer.
 Leonard Meshke, E. Washington St.
 Leo A. Krueger, 317 West Pine St.
 Ohren R. Huntley, 1009 S. Pearl St.
 David H. Van, N. Deveer.
 Paul D. Rohany.
 Martin D. Bongers, Quincy Street.
 George H. Bonyers, Quincy Street.
 Byron E. Christian.
 Frank J. Herres.

APPLETON

Capt. Henry J. Pettigrew.
Sergt. Charles C. Baker, 670 Drew.
John J. Haug, Jr., 690 Lincoln St.
Jacob F. Schneider, 929 Richmond.
Arthur J. Hantchel, 920 S. Division.
Irwin Meidam, 426 Eldorado Street.

NEW YORK—The transport *Sierra*, bringing 1,511 men, mostly from the 82nd division, including Major General George B. Ducan, picked her way through a heavy fog that delayed several arriving transports and docked here today. Close behind her came the *Valacia*, with the 119th Machine Gun Battalion, company K and M and the Medical detachment of the 126th Infantry and Casuals.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Wednesday 21 May 1919 p 1

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My Grandfather was in the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division and was aboard the Tuscania with other New London Wisconsin boys. I have done a bit of research on the sinking of the S.S. Tuscania several years ago when I was in college. Shortly after the sinking, the New York Times printed a story about it and over several days, as information was available, also included a manifest of survivors. As I feverishly scrolled through the news pages on micro-fiche, I found my Grandpa's name "Leonard Thomas Meshke." I must admit, it sent a chill down my spine and brought to life, in a personal way, that dreadful night during the World War. When he was alive, he told me that at the time of the torpedoing, he was playing checkers with a buddy who flipped the edge of the board and said, "we've been torpedoed!" As Grandpa raced upstairs, he had discovered the the superstructure had crushed the life boat he was assigned to. To further compound the situation, he did not know how to swim! I remember him telling me about the lifeboats that dropped their human payload into the dark, icy February sea. He also recounted the the rough sea state and how the small destroyer would hit the stricken Tuscania and crush those who misjudged the timing of their jump onto the destroyer. He was among the last to be taken off the ship. Leonard Meshke, a 23 year old doughboy from New London Wisconsin, survived the war and lived 88 years. There is not a day that goes by that I do not think about him fondly. People of his like and generation gave so much to this country---his memory, and the memory of his comrades, must remain fresh and never be allowed to fade. I will always admire him with respect and thankfulness for he was truly a part of the "Greatest Generation."

Leonard Thomas Meshke, 88, Fort Klamath, died Thursday in Klamath Falls.

Mr. Meshke was born Nov. 19, 1894, in New London, Wis., to Paul and Victoria (Knopowski) Meshke.

He was a veteran of World War I, having served in the 32nd Division in Germany. He was a survivor of the HMS Tuscania, which was torpedoed near Ireland in 1918.

During World War II, he served on the gas rationing board in Tulelake.

Mr. Meshke was married to Addie Frankland in January, 1926, in Yakima, Wash. They lived in Brownstown, Wash., where they engaged in farming and warehouse management and were the proprietors of a small grocery store.

They moved to Tulelake in 1931, receiving a homestead on the west side. They raised potatoes, grain, hay and chickens until 1938 when they also acquired a registered Hereford cattle herd.

In 1956, they moved to Fort Klamath. Mr. Meshke went into semi-retirement in 1964.

He was a member of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church, Tulelake Grange No. 468, American Legion Post No. 164, Elks Lodge No. 1247 and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

He also was a member of the ASCS Committee for several years and past president of the Wood River District Improvement Company in Fort Klamath.

Survivors include his wife Addie of Fort Klamath; son, Walter of Tulelake; daughter, Dorothy Fager of Olympia, Wash.; brothers, John of Prosser, Wash., Andy of Portland and George of Yakima; sisters, Julia Wells and Frances Meshke of Grandview, Wash.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church, with Rev. David Turnmire officiating. Interment will be at Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens.

Unsourced obituary furnished by Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

Wife:

Washington, U.S., Marriage Records, 1854-2013 for Leonard Meshke

Franklin > Marriage Statistic Records

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Addie Meshke, Tulelake homesteader

Addie Frankland Meshke, 86, Klamath Falls, died Saturday in Klamath Falls following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Meshke was born Jan. 4, 1905, in Bone Gap, Ill., to Philip and Della Frankland. She was the fourth child born in a family of five children, all of whom preceded her in death.

She was married to Leonard Meshke in Prouser, Wash., Jan. 24, 1928. He preceded her in death in December 1962.

The Meshkes homesteaded in Tulelake in 1933. They were involved in farming and cattle ranching in Tulelake and Fort Klamath until their semi-retirement in 1973.

For the last 22 years of their marriage, they spent their winters in Mesa, Ariz., and their summers at their ranch in Fort Klamath.

Mrs. Meshke's hobbies were, for the most part, church oriented. She was a charter member of the Tulelake Presbyterian Church. She served as Sunday school superintendent and taught Sunday school, helped organize and teach junior church, and was Sunday school and church organist and pianist for many years.

In later years, she formed and taught Sunday school in the Methodist church in Fort Klamath, where she also was church pianist.

She was a charter member of the Tulelake Parents-Teachers Association, for which she served as president. She also enjoyed singing with the PTA Mothers Singers.

Mrs. Meshke was instrumental in starting the hot lunch program for school children in the Tulelake area.

She was a charter member and past member of Tulelake Grange No. 468, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a charter member of American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 164.

Survivors include her son and daughter, Walter and Betty Meshke, Tulelake; daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Bill Fager,



ADDIE MESHKE
1905-1985

Olympia, Wash.; foster daughter, Flora Rawlins, Klamath Falls; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Tulelake Presbyterian Church. The Rev. David Turamire will officiate. Concluding services will follow at Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at O'Hair's Funeral Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tulelake Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, Tulelake 96134.

Friends here were sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Phillip Frankland, whose death occurred last Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Meshke, at Tulelake. Mr. and Mrs. Meshke are owners of the former Pearl Baker ranch here, which was managed by Mr. and Mrs. Frankland. The remains of the deceased were taken to Yakima, Wash. for interment in the family plot.

Death of mother-in-law Della Frankland – “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Friday 18 May 1945
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OBITUARY

DELLA FRANKLAND

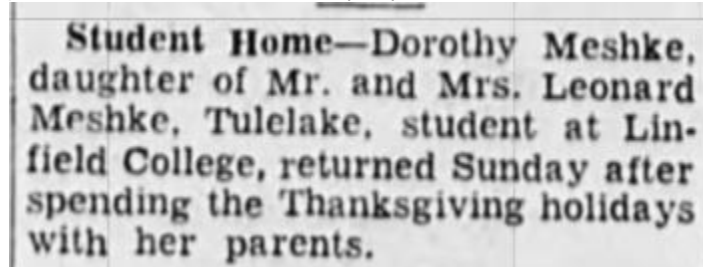
Della Frankland, for the last four months a resident of Tulelake, Calif., where she has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Leonard (Addie) Meshke, passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 1945 at 8 p. m. following an illness of 18 months. She was a native of West Salem, Ill., and at the time of her death was aged 75 year, 9 months and 10 days. Surviving are her husband, Phillip Frankland; one son, Walter L. Frankland of Seattle, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Leonard (Addie) Meshke of Tulelake, Calif., and Mrs. Fannie F. Kinter of Yakima, Wash.; three brothers, Friend A. Talley, Greenville, Ill., Lee of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Norman Talley of West Salem, Ill.; one half-sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Woods of Yakima, Wash.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine at Sixth. Notice of funeral to be announced Thursday.

Death of mother-in-law Della Talley Frankland – “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Wednesday 9 May 1945 p 4

Daughter:



Daughter Dorothy Meshke – "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Saturday 28 May 1949 p 3



"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Monday 30 Nov 1953 p 8

July Wedding Plan Announced By Tulelake Girl

TULELAKE — Against a background of a lighted Christmas tree and arrangements of Christmas greens and glitter on table and fireplace mantle, the coming marriage of Dorothy Meshke, to William Fager, Astoria, was announced on Friday, December 28.

The open house from 6 to 9 o'clock at the home of the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, well-known Tulelake pioneer family, was attended by many of the family's friends and relatives.

In the receiving line to greet guests were Mr. and Mrs. Meshke and Dorothy with her fiancé, William, who arrived by plane Wednesday for the announcement party.

Tiny white scrolls printed in red ink and tied with red satin ribbon and sprigs of holly, announcing the coming early July nuptials, were presented to the guests by young Robert Rawlins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Rawlins, Klamath Falls.

The bride-to-be, popular in local musical circles, is supervisor of music in Siletz, Oregon public schools. She is spending the holidays with her parents. The bridegroom-elect, recently discharged from the U. S. Army after service in Korea, will continue his studies at the University of Oregon. He is the son of Ray Arthur Fager, Astoria.



"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Sunday 30 Dec 1956 p 8



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FAGER received wedding guests in the garden at the home of the bride's parents following their double-ring nuptial service, July 7, in Tulalake Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Fager is the former Dorothy Meshke, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, pioneer ranchers of Tulalake and Fort Klamath. Her husband is the son of Mrs. Roy A. Fager and the late Mr. Fager of Astoria. Following a reception in their honor in the Astoria home of the bridegroom's mother, the young couple is at home in Creswell, Oregon.

— Photo by Farebee

Wedding of daughter Dorothy Meshke to William Fager on 7 Jul 1957 – “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Sunday 28 Jul 1957 p 17

Dorothy Helen Meshke Becomes Mrs. William Fager In Tullake Presbyterian Church

TULLAKE—Large bouquets of white gladioli and orchid stock in beauty baskets, a fan-shaped arrangement of the same combination of flowers in the chancel and lighted white tapers in candelabra, formed a summery background for the wedding of Dorothy Helen Meshke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, of Tullake and Fort Klamath, and William Fager, son of Mrs. Roy A. Fager and the late Mr. Fager of Astoria.

The 2 p.m. double-ring service was read by the Rev. Arthur Johnson.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a filmy white gown of hand-clipped Viennese lace and nylon tulle over white satin. The bodice was designed with portrait neckline outlined with flowers of lace which shimmered with iridescent threads. Long sleeves of the lace ended in points at the wrist. The very full tiered skirt of tulle swept from waistline to hem, continuing into a chapel train. A wide front panel of the lace separated the tiers of tulle.

Her double tulle veil which fell from a pearl tiara to the hipline had been worn by a cousin, Mrs. Richard Rosenfelt of Yakima. The bride carried white rosebuds and stephanotis on white net with satin streamers.

The wedding party moved up the white carpeted aisle to the white satin kneeling bench where the vows were taken. Pews were marked with white satin bows.

Deciding the service, Walter

brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and Don Virtanen, both of Astoria. The ushers lighted the altar tapers before the ceremony.

Ernest Armstrong, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church organist, Klamath Falls, played the traditional wedding marches.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Meshke chose a frock of mauve lace and chiffon over taffeta of the same shade. The long torso bodice of lace continued to the hipline. The square draped neckline was accented with rhinestones. She wore a pink straw hat with draped chiffon trim and pink rosebuds at the shoulder.

Mrs. Fager wore a mauve sheath dress with matching feather hat and pink accessories. Her flowers also were pink rosebuds in a shade deeper than her ensemble.

Ann Herrige, here from England to attend Oregon State College, carried the guest book. Mrs. Don DuFrain was at the gift table.

Flower borders, riotous with blooms, and the lush green lawns at the Meshke home were a perfect setting for the reception. The refreshment table, covered with white lace over pink organdy, was centered with the four-tiered white wedding cake, encircled with miniature pink rosebuds and tiny white wedding bells. A cluster of pink buds and white bells formed the top tier decor. Pink and white tapers in crystal candelabra completed the center arrangement.

Mrs. Verna Frankland, San

Preceding the service, Walter Meshke, brother of the bride, sang Cadman's "Because" and "I Love Thee" by Grieg and "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Walter Meshke, matron of honor, and the bridesmaids, Mrs. Durrell Walden, and Helen Kelleher, both of Tulalake, wore ballerina length frocks of sheer white organdy, embroidered at the portrait neckline and the hemline with lilac blossoms and green leaves. Lilac satin cummerbunds nipped in the waistlines above the full skirts. Each wore flower petal headbands in the colors of their dresses and carried arm bouquets of white gladioli and orchid carnations tied with orchid ribbons.

Small Teresa Rawlins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Rawlins, Klamath Falls, wore white organdy over white satin, with a huge orchid bustle bow above her full skirt. Wide streamers fell to the hemline of her dress. Her headband was of flowers identical to the senior attendants and she scattered lavender and white blossoms up the aisle.

Ring bearers were Kenneth Meshke, nephew of the bride, and Gary Barker, nephew of the bridegroom. Each ring was in a tiny lace flower on a white satin pillow.

Boyd Dunford, Seattle, was best man. Ushers were Morris Barker,

Francisco, aunt of the bride was at the silver coffee service. Another aunt, Mrs. Lewis Meshke, Yakima, served punch from a crystal bowl.

Young Gregory Meshke and Bobby Rawlins served the bridegroom's cake from a large basket tied with white satin bows. The tiny portions of cake were placed in tiny wedding bells encircled with frothy pink net.

During the reception, Nancy Horn, Tulalake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Horn, played incidental organ music.

Following a honeymoon spent at Diamond Lake and the Oregon Coast, the young couple is at home at Creswell, Oregon, where Dorothy will supervise music in the schools during the coming year. Her husband will continue his studies at the University of Oregon.

The bride is a graduate of Willamette University, Salem, where she was a member of Zeta Chi, honorary music society. Following graduation, she taught music for one year in the Siletz, Oregon city schools.

Bill served with the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan following his

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at a buffet supper for the wedding party and out-of-town guests at their home before the rehearsal, Saturday evening.

graduation from the Astoria High School. He is affiliated with Phi Kappa Alpha at the university, where he is majoring in education.

Out of town guests here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Barker and sons, Don Virtanen, Astoria; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strack, Earl Strack, L. H. Strack, Mrs. Verna Frankland, Genie Frankland, San Francisco; Ladonna and Larry Buris, Sebastopol; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meshke, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Meshke and daughters, Virginia and Janice, Yakima; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil R. Peebley, Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Peebley, Oakland, California, aunts and uncles of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. George De Looch, Tacoma, sister and brother-in-law of the bridegroom; Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Christopherson, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. William F. Jinnette, Merrill; Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Reid, Malin; Miss Mable Gaylord, Boise; Mrs. Samuel Hitchcock, Ann Herrige, Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Fowler, Hayward, California; Holly and David Brownscombe, Berkeley; Paul Street, Ruper, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Fogle and daughter, Evelyn, Dorris; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nix, Siletz, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Rawlins, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rawlins, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Van Meter, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Denny, Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Meshke entertained

"Klamath Falls (OR) Sunday 28 Jul 1958 p 18 -

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Post Given UO Graduate

TULELAKE—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, Tulelake and Fort Klamath livestock ranchers, have received word of an honor for a son-in-law, William Fager. Mrs. Fager is the former Dorothy Meshke, Tulelake.

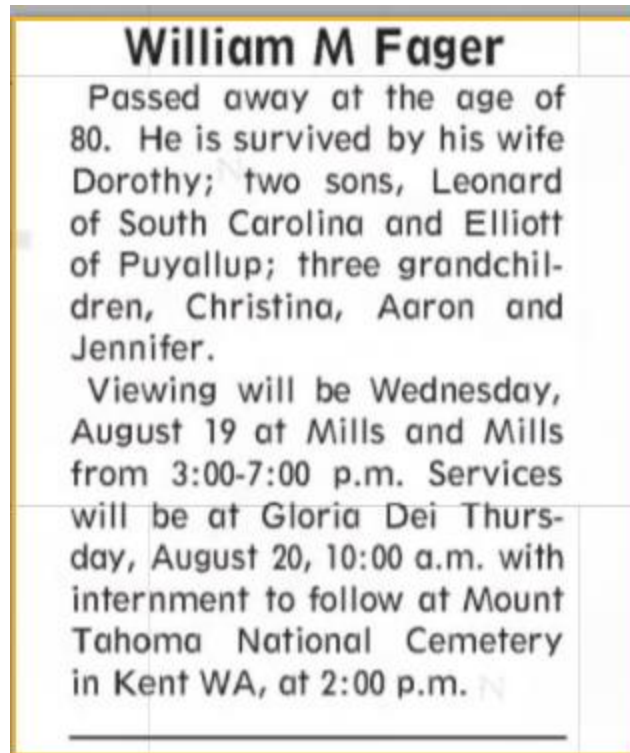
Fager, who will receive his B.A. degree Friday, August 14, from the University of Oregon, has accepted a position with the General Electric Atomic Products, Hanford, Washington. He will remain for three years under a training program starting in the chemical division as an accountant in the business administrative offices.

General Electric is processing prospective candidates for positions, picked 100 from over the United States and one from the University of Oregon. Fager was the winning choice.

Mrs. Fager has taught music for four years, the last three in the city schools of Creswell. She has resigned from her fourth year contract at Creswell to move to Richland with her husband.

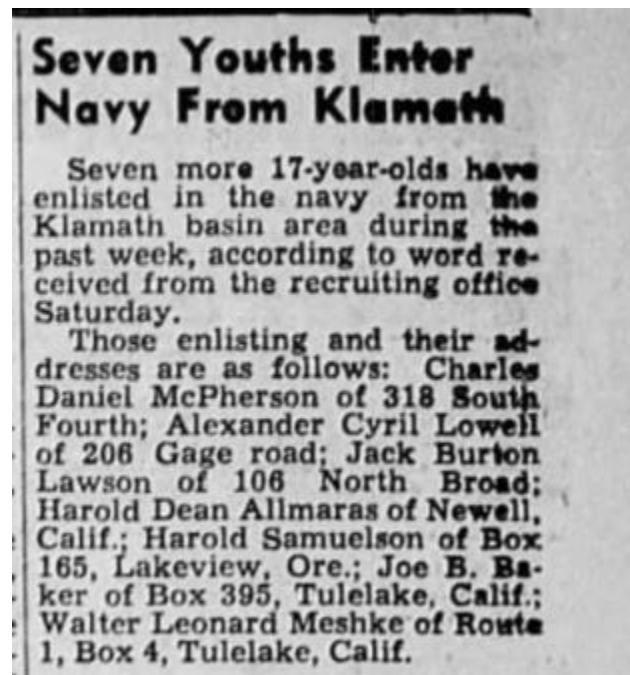
Mrs. Leonard Meshke will bring her 14-month-old grandson, Leonard Arthur Fager, home to the ranch at Fort Klamath when they return from Eugene. Meshke will assist the Fagers in their move to Washington.

Son-in-law William Fager, wife of daughter Dorothy Meshke Fager – "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Thursday 13 Aug 1959 p 9



Obituary of son-in-law William Manley Fager (1934-2015) – “The Olympian” (Olympia WA) Tuesday 18 Aug 2015 p A6

Son:



Son Walter Leonard Meshke enters US Navy – “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Saturday 5 Aug 1944 p 3



JUNE 4 is the date chosen for the wedding of Betty Jean Fowler of Hayward, Calif., and Walter L. Meshke, Tulalake. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R. Fowler of Hayward, and Mr. Meshke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke of Tulalake.

Nuptials Planned For Next Month

TULALAKE—Plans for the wedding of Betty Jean Fowler, Hayward, California, and Walter L. Meshke, Tulalake, at Hayward, have been announced here.

The bride elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R. Fowler of the bay area city. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, Tulalake.

The nuptials will be held June 4 at 4 o'clock in the Eden Congregational church. Rev. Richard C. Norberg will read the service.

Virginia Carey of Los Pinos, a close friend of the bride will be maid of honor. Bridesmaids will be Dorothy Meshke, sister of the groom and Georgette Kurtz, both of Tulalake, Mary Moore, Grass Valley and Claire Thomas, Oakland.

Flower girls will be Louise Jean Owen, Mountain View, Calif. and Judy Norberg, Hayward.

William Shield, Anchorage, Alaska will be best man. Ushers will be Robert Parker, Harry Moore, Oakland, Charles Beckett, San Leandro and Robert Johnson, Berkeley.

A reception in the church rooms will follow the service.

Miss Fowler is a senior at Permanente College of Nursing, Oakland, and following her marriage will return to school until her graduation in August.

The groom elect, graduate of Davis College of Agriculture enlisted in the navy in 1944 and was in Tokyo harbor when Japan surrendered.

He is associated with his father here in farming and the young couple will make their home near Tulalake.

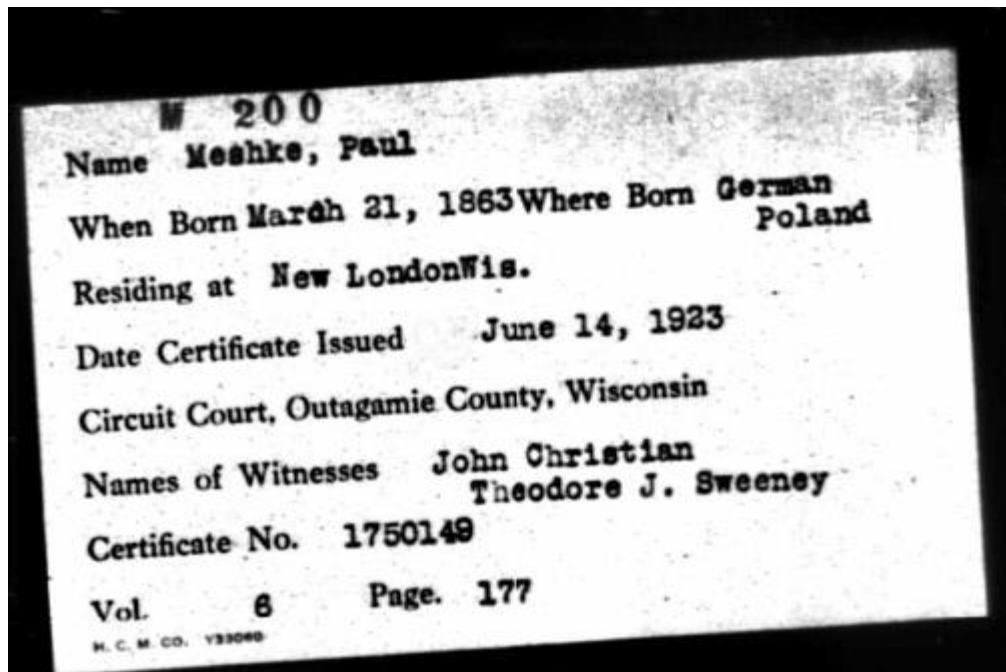
Wedding of son Walter Leonard Meshke to Betty Jean Fowler scheduled for 4 Jun 1950 – “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Thursday 18 May 1950 p 17



BIG STEER—Greg Meshke, 11, will show Linus, his 1,100 pound Hereford steer, at the junior livestock show during the Tulalake-Butte Valley Fair Sept. 11 through 13. He is a member of the Lava Beds Aggies 4-H Club. His father, Walter Meshke, and grandfather, Leonard Meshke, are Tulalake, Siskiyou County, and Fort Klamath, Ore., cattlemen. Bee Photo

“Sacramento (CA) Bee” Friday 3 Sep 1965 p 74

Father:



Naturalization of father Paul Meshke – 14 Jun 1923 in Outagamie Co. WI -
https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1629/images/31192_118216-09150?pId=4243032

Leonard Meshke was called last week to New London, Wis., by the death of his father.

Tulelake CA news: "Klamath News" (Klamath Falls OR) Thursday 30 Mar 1939 p 6

PAUL MESHKE

Paul Meshke, 76, 516 E. Washington street, New London, died at 11 o'clock this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruben Close, Pershing street road, after an illness of six weeks.

He was born March 21, 1863, at Polzen, Germany, and came to New London with his parents when he was six years old. He lived at New London during most of his life. He was a member of the Most Precious Blood Catholic church.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Everett Wells, Yakoma, Wash.; Mrs. Frances Stressman, Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Close, New London; seven sons, Adolph and Edward, New London; Leonard, Tule Lake, Calif.; John, San Francisco; Lewis, Brownstown, Wash.; George, Yakoma, Wash.; Andrew, Portland, Ore.; four brothers, August, New London; Christ, Hortonville; Ike, Craig, Canada; John, Milwaukee; one sister, Mrs. Julia Brown, Chicago; and 13 grandchildren.

The body will be at the Cline and Learman Funeral home at New London from this evening to the time of the funeral.

Obituary of father Paul Ignatius Meshke – "Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Tuesday 28 Mar 1939 p 9

Mother:



Mother Victoria Knapowski Meshke - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27570057/person/5015769567/media/92414158-a4d1-4acc-a8ee-8dc2f1d87b6e>



Wedding of Paul Meshke & Victoria Knapowski on 12 Feb 1889 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 351 E. 113th St., Chicago, Cook IL - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27570057/person/5015765774/media/f6f166c0-a675-4f98-a7a1-e03471bc9706>



Stained glass window placed in Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, New London, Waupaca WI,
by the sons of Victoria Knapowski Meshke – depicting “The Prodigal Son” -

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27570057/person/5015769567/media/f0a2cbbd-6a19-4957-8ddf-d477e5136eae>

TWO NEW LONDON PEOPLE PASS AWAY

Deaths of Mrs. Martha Kroll and Mrs. Paul Meshke Take Place.

(Special to the Gazette.)

New London, Wis., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Martha Kroll, who has been suffering for several years from tubercular trouble died at her home at the age of 31 years. She leaves a husband and three small children.

Dies After Brief Illness.

Mrs. Paul Meshke, after suffering for only six days, died at her home Wednesday at the age of 40 years. She leaves a husband and a large family of children besides a large circle of friends.

“Green Bay (WI) Semi-Weekly Gazette” Tuesday 1 Dec 1914 p 6

Siblings:



Meshke sibling reunion – Portland OR, Aug 1957

In front (left to right): Ethel Mishke (Mrs. Edward), Francis Meshke Boniface Sweeney, Marye E. Tracy-Lopas Meshke (Mrs. George), Lois Meshke (Mrs. Andrew), Andrew Meshke, next 2 unidentified –

in back (left to right): Edward Meshke, Adolph James Meshke, John M. Meshke, George Joseph Meshke, Faye Gregory Meshke (Mrs. Louis/Lewis), Louis/Lewis Meshke, Leonard Thomas Meshke, Addie Frankland Meshke (Mrs. Leonard) –

<https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/27570057/person/5015765774/media/9c020375-2728-4c2d-91c3-5f999f897bd6>

Funeral Rites Set for New London Native

NEW LONDON — Funeral services for Edward Meshke, 76, a former New London resident, will be Wednesday, in Portland, Ore.

Meshke is survived by his widow, four children, six grandchildren, six brothers and three sisters. Mrs. Ruben Close, New London, is a sister.

Sibling #1 Edward Sebastian Meshke (1889-1966) – obituary in “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Tuesday 2 Aug 1966 p 3

CONDUCT LAST RITES FOR MRS. A. MESHKE

New London—The funeral of Mrs. Adolph Meshke, 42, whose death occurred early Friday, was held at 10 o'clock this morning at the Most Precious Blood Catholic church, the Rev. Otto Kolbe in charge. Mrs. Katherine Franclement was born March 3, 1888, in Buffalo, N. Y. Her marriage to Adolph Meshke took place in that city Aug. 4, 1916. She is survived by her husband and four brothers, Fred, Leonard, Harry and George Francelemont of Buffalo. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

Sibling #2 Adolph James Meshke (1891-1973) – obituary of Adolph's 1st wife Katherine Franclement – “Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” Monday 16 Mar 1931 p 14

Miss Helen Meshke of this city and Elmer Rose of Milwaukee were recently married in the latter city. Miss Meshke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meshke. Mr. Rose is an employe of the Northwestern road. They will make their home in Milwaukee.

Sibling #6 – Helen Meshke Rose, married in 1916 to Elmer Rose - In New London news: "Green Bay (WI) Press-Gazette" Friday 6 Oct 1916 p 3

Life:

HOMESTEADS ALLOTTED 24 AT TULE LAKE

Announcement was made yesterday of the allotment of 24 homesteads, all to World War veterans, by B. E. Hayden, superintendent of the Klamath Reclamation Service. The homesteads are near the proposed Tule Lake townsite which will be auctioned on April 15.

Mr. Hayden also announced that between 50 and 60 more homesteads will be open to entry this fall, probably in October. With the allotment made yesterday counted out there yet remain about 15,000 to 16,000 acres to be opened to entry, it was stated.

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superintendent stated.
 The successful applicants and their residences are:
 Clyde H. Barks, Klamath Falls.
 Leonard T. Meshke, Harrah, Wash.
 William C. Hackler, Fort Klamath.
 Carl Tucker, Route 1, Klamath Falls.
 Antonio Manero, Klamath Falls.
 Frank Q. Jones, White Swan, Wash.
 Jackson B. McGahey, Merrill.
 Charles C. Chamberlain, Bishop, Calif.
 Francis P. Hannon, Malin.
 Washington I. Tingley, Klamath Falls.
 Norman G. Dahle, Logan, Utah.
 Frank Z. Howard, Klamath Falls.
 Horace E. Taylor, Junction City.
 Albert Beck, Hildebrand.
 Lucius E. Tillotson, Jr., American Falls, Idaho.

(story continues)

Homestead at Tulelake, Siskiyou CA - "Klamath Falls (OR) Evening Herald" Saturday 21 Mar 1934 p

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FOR SALE—Certified and common seed potatoes. Leonard Meshke, Tulelake. 5-18

"Klamath News" (Klamath Falls OR) Sunday 15 May 1938 p 11

Basin Cattle To Be Shown

Lawrence Horton of Klamath Falls and Leonard Meshke of Tulelake are two of the consignors to the Tehama County Cattlemen's association's 6th annual Red Bluff, Calif., sale, February 7 and 8.

Four hundred top registered range and herd bulls have been consigned to the sale and events will lead off with a bull show and grading program on the 7th, followed by the sale of the entire 400 head on the 8th. This is the biggest annual auction sale of selected Hereford bulls of breeding age in America, according to Charles Stover, association president.

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Thursday 9 Jan 1947 p 2

8 Vets From Local Area Hit Jackpot

Californians won 26 of the 44 homesteads opened to World War II veterans by the bureau of reclamation in drawing ceremonies conducted at the Klamath armory this morning.

Ten of the fertile irrigated farms in the Coppock bay district went to Oregonians, Washington veterans took three, two went to Idaho men, two to Utah, and North Dakota placed one.

There were 2757 numbers in the converted pickle jar used in the drawing. More Californians had applied than any others, but there were applicants from all parts of the country. Not a single aspirant from east of the Mississippi won a homestead.

One woman, Frances Jeanne Ivory of Redding, Calif., was among the 44 homestead winners. She is an ex-WAC lieutenant who served in the Mediterranean theater in Africa and Italy. She is a graduate of the University of Utah. At Coppock bay, she will be a neighbor of Eleanor Jane Bolesta, an ex-navy Wave, who was the only woman winner in the previous World War II drawing held here in December 1946.

Few of the winning veterans were present today and there was less excitement in the armory than at the time of the 1946 drawing. The armory was well filled with applicants

THE 44 WINNERS

NO.	NAME	ADDRESS	ACREAGE
1.	1256 Wesley Allen Worden	Box 189, Upper Lake, Calif.	86.7
2.	1605 Thomas Albert Gorham	Rt. 1, Box 12B, Paso Robles, Calif.	81.9
3.	3827 Gayle Myler Johnson	591 E. 9th, Logan, Utah	84.6
4.	925 Bernhard Reimer	Orosi, Calif.	84.3
5.	2234 Clatus Earl Birtwistle	Box 242, Tulare, Calif.	72.9
6.	498 Orvin Ray Ackley 2nd	Box 216, McCleary, Wash.	73.8
7.	835 Walter Eisenbeis	Route 1, Tulare, Calif.	71.4
8.	1296 Paul E. Macy	Rt. 1, Box 93A, Lakeside, Calif.	72.0
9.	1687 Leonard George Scheckla	Rt. 1, Box 297, Tigard, Ore.	71.4
10.	3891 Eugene L. Keeler	Rt. 7, 1708 Broadway, Yakima, Wn.	73.5
11.	1562 Manuel P. Silva Jr.	Box 534, Los Alamos, Calif.	73.4
12.	2971 Leland Muther	1629 Eye St., Oroville, Calif.	84.0
13.	1901 John Mattison Logan	Box 471, Chico, Calif.	86.6
14.	2535 Jacob Klassen Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 346, Kingsburg, Calif.	77.3
15.	1784 Edward Johnson	Box 74, Dixon, Calif.	75.5
16.	1660 Lynn Archie Swensen	Box 321, St. Anthony, Idaho	71.8
17.	3028 John L. Singleton	Box 55, Lakeview, Ore.	68.8
18.	1225 Leonard A. Taylor	Rt. 2, Box 731B, El Cajon, Calif.	75.2
19.	1638 Edward J. Spolek	Box 802, Malin, Ore.	77.4
20.	1717 John Leo Masterson	Vina, Calif., Box 1052	70.2
21.	3190 Frances Jeanne Ivory	Box 556, Redding, Calif. (girl)	91.4
22.	1740 Marvin D. Criss	Box 62, Macdoel, Calif.	80.2
23.	2103 Harold John Westland	521 W. Broadway, Anaheim, Calif.	72.6
24.	409 Irvin Earl Duerksen	Rt. 1, Box 155, Shafter, Calif.	71.2
25.	600 Augustine Roderick	Rt. 2, Box 96, Gustine, Calif.	70.7
26.	1196 Edmond B. O'Connor	Armstrong College, Kittredge St. at Harold Way, Berkeley, Calif.	72.5
27.	2213 Clifford D. Morris	Box 65, John Day, Ore.	72.6
28.	1856 David L. Carman	319 S. Alta Vista, Monrovia, Calif.	72.5
29.	1112 Bob Lafay Van Osdal	Rt. 1, Box 123, Estacada, Ore.	77.8
30.	2459 Oliver Perry	306 W. Locust St., Centralia, Wash.	76.0
31.	2494 Lester W. McDonald	c-o Horton Hereford Ranch, K. F.	75.4
32.	3534 Wendel A. Schey	420 1/2 W. Custer, Pocatello, Ida.	104.3
33.	3086 Frank Albert Badker	USBR, Newell, Calif.	112.2
34.	781 Glen Arthur	Star Route, Malin, Ore.	100.6
35.	2830 John J. Shaw	Box 476, Grants Pass, Ore.	77.5
36.	2798 Chester Eugene Kongstie	McHenry Co., Upham, N. D.	73.1
37.	2917 Jack Wendell Williams	Rt. 1, Box 65, Shafter, Calif.	97.7
38.	1115 Ardith L. Beck	440 N. 6 E., Brigham City, Utah	90.2
39.	2742 Thomas E. Withers	11558 Addison St., N. Hollyw'd, Cal.	79.0
40.	354 William James Cashman	1419 29th Ave., San Francisco, Cal.	84.0
41.	1471 Russel Wayne Girvin	Rt. 1, Box 146, Vale, Ore.	81.2
42.	3522 Patrick Clare McCullough	Rt. 10, Box 8073AA, Sacram'to, Cal.	81.1

43. 3497 Loren Lee Roth	Route 1, Albany, Ore.	81.8
44. 296 Cloyce Dudley Lemke	Rt. 1, Box 148, Buena Park, Calif.	83.8

and members of their families, but most of those present left disappointed.

Three of the winners came from Klamath county, three from Siskiyou county, and one each from Modoc and Lake counties.

The first applicant present whose name was drawn was Marvin D. Criss, a 28-year-old bachelor living at Macdoel. He was talking to his brother and did not hear when his name was called. He was called to a microphone but was too excited to say much.

First name drawn was that of Wesley Allen Worden, Upper Lake, Calif.

Brief ceremonies preceded the drawing, with Nelson Reed, chairman of the homestead examining board, presiding. Speakers included Wyatt Padgett, representing Governor John Hall of Oregon; Ulric Gendron, assistant regional director of the reclamation bureau; Max Singer, former commander in chief of the VFW of the United States, and Olney Rudd, veteran Tulelake homesteader who welcomed new homesteaders to the area.

Reed remarked that the turning of the pickle jar symbolized the turning point in the lives of the winners. He advised the new homesteaders to rely on old homesteaders in the area for advice. Singer urged the opening of more land to veterans, and spoke strongly for retaining the 160-acre limit in the reclamation law.

Layton Stephens and John Wynn, other members of the homestead examining board, were introduced. It was announced that the board will immediately re-check the applications of the 44 winners.

Forty-four alternates were also drawn, and will be advanced if there are any post-drawing disqualifications among the winners.

The examining board asked local veterans who won homesteads to check by Wednesday at the bureau office to learn their status. If approved, they can make arrangements for filing on the homesteads with Bert C. Thomas, U. S. commissioner here. Notification to winning veterans will probably be sent out by the USBR Wednesday.

Gordon Burris of the Allied Veterans' council picked the first pellet from the pickle jar, and other veteran representatives and speakers followed him to the jar.

The first three alternates, who are most likely to move up if there are any disqualifications, are:

Jared Eugene Fessenden, Rt. 1, Clifton, Kas.

Gerald Mark Sherwood, 2805 Summers lane, Klamath Falls.

Charles H. Delsman, Rt. 2, Box 30, Ashland.

Others on the alternate list, in their order:

LaVon Orvil Long, Tecumseh, Okla., 48; Stanford Arby Williams, Lodi, Calif., 49; John F. Burke Jr., Tulelake, Calif., 50; John Daniel Splering, Hillsboro, Calif., 51; Theodore Paul Henke, Chowchilla, Calif., 52; W. C. Thompson, Wilson, Tex., 53; William Paul Portnoff, Shafter, Calif., 54; John Willard Russell, Klamath Falls, Ore., 55; Donald Ratliff, Malin, Ore., 56.

Paul W. Bendix, Eugene, Ore., 57; Earnest M. Williams, Live Oak, Calif., 58; Oscar H. Pederson, Portland, Ore., 59; James A. Powell, Corvallis, Ore., 60; James Roy Akins, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 61; Robert Paul Cop, Banks, Ore., 62; Erwin Heim, Klamath Falls, Ore., 63; John P. Smith, Campbell, Calif., 64.

Beauford Louis Amerine, Southgate, Calif., 65; Richard R. Reynolds, Merced, Calif., 66; Frank B. Cooper, Bend, Ore., 67; Clarence J. Vanderzanden, Banks, Ore., 68; Carl G. Stevenson, North Hollywood, Calif., 69; Lawrence J. Caten, Martinez, Calif., 70; Don F. Haight, Layton, Utah, 71; Lester C. Urbach, Tulelake, Calif., 72.

Herman P. Henrikson, Turner, Ore., 73; Daniel G. Parker, San Francisco, Calif., 74; Donald S. Thompson, Corvallis, Ore., 75; Eibert D. Lauchland, Lodi, Calif., 76; Billy Clark, St. Anthony, Ida., 77; Julius V. Toews, Dinuba, Calif., 78; Robert LeRoy Adams, Roseburg, Ore., 79; LeRoy Hendryx, LeMoore, Calif., 80; Donald Lloyd Rivers, Westminster, Calif., 81; Kenneth L. Randol, Merced, Calif., 82; William Leo York, Bonners Ferry, Ida., 83; Walter Leonard Meshke, Tulelake, Calif., 84; Gale Jack Bradley, Bonanza, Ore., 85; Edward James Lukes, Tulelake, Calif., 86; Oldrich B. Roman, Orland, Calif., 87; Kenneth Frank Gowan, Oak Grove, Ore., 88.

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Monday 15 Mar 1948 p 1

Announcement is now made of the purchase this spring of the John Cauhapé ranch by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke of Tulelake, the newly acquired property adjoining the other Meshke ranch, the former Baker property. Mrs. Cauhapé sold the ranch following the death of her husband last fall, and is now making her home at Red Bluff, Calif., at the Cauhapé ranch there, where her mother, Mrs. Carolyn Mueller, resides with her daughter. Employed as foreman for both ranches is William C. Martin, former local resident, who with his wife is staying here looking after the properties for the owners who live at Tulelake.

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Tuesday 22 Jun 1948 p 6

Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be leaving soon to spend the winter months at the Leonard Meshke ranch at Cottonwood, Calif. Martin is employed locally at the Meshke cattle ranch, and has recently superintended the shipment of the Meshke cattle to Cottonwood for winter pasture. Friends will be looking forward to their return here in the spring.

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Saturday 4 Dec 1948 p 6

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke and daughter, Dorothy, have returned from an extended vacation trip. Traveling east to Flint, Mich., by streamliner they picked up a new car and proceeded to Hamilton, Canada, Niagara Falls, Washington, D. C., back to Illinois where they visited relatives and home by way of the Black Hills and Yellowstone national park.

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Monday 22 Aug 1949 p 2

Tulelake Grangers Attend Meet

TULELAKE—The national grange meeting this week at Sacramento drew a number of Tulelake grangers several of whom took the seventh or national degree. This is the first time in the past 10 years that the national organization has met on the West coast. Present for the session was National Master Albert S. Goss native of Seattle.

Expected to take the seventh degree were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Street and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, master of the Tulelake grange.

Several of those going south attended sessions of the California state grange which preceded the national meet.

Member of the Tulelake Grange – “Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News” Saturday 19 Nov 1949 p 14

Meshkes Buy Champ Bull

TULELAKE—The grand champion Hereford bull, Donald Ehu R 6, of the Cal-Ore Hereford show and sale held at Medford Wednesday was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, Tulelake and Fort Klamath ranchers and cattle breeders.

The animal from the Frank Riches held, Buena, Wash., is a two-year-old of famous Chandler breeding. The purchase price was \$925.

A second bull, from the Normandale ranch at Prineville, N. H. Duke Triumph the 12th was also bought by the Meshkes for \$425.

This animal was raised by Joe

Jacob, formerly of Malin, and his sons Norman and Dale.

The two animals will head the Meshke Hereford herd.

About 70 animals were offered for sale. Average price was around \$535.

The two animals were brought here by truck Thursday.

"Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Friday 9 Dec 1949 p 2

Tule Grange Fetes Couple

TULELAKE — Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, longtime residents of Tulelake, were honored in observance of their 31st wedding anniversary at the January 24 meeting of the Tulelake Grange. The surprise, mock wedding and presentation of a gift followed a 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Meshke were bride and bridegroom; Mrs. Bea Schweitzer and William Weitkamp assisted the couple in preparations for the wedding; Mrs. Della Frailey was maid of honor; Mr. John Baley was best man; Paul Tschirky was the father of the bride; Mrs. Fannie Ryckman was the bride's mother; Heide Tschirky, flower girl, scattered petals of the "Herald and News" up the aisle; Ken and Greg Meshke, grandsons of the bride and bridegroom were ring bearers.

Their son Walter sang, "I Wanna Go Back Where I Came From," and Mrs. Walter Meshke played the wedding marches. Guests came appropriately attired.

Mr. and Mrs. Meshke were married in Pasco, Washington, won a homestead here in the early days of the Tulelake irrigation project and are engaged in the livestock business.

Stanley Schwab received the grange obligation during the business meeting when plans were made for the next public card party on February 14. Play will start at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Baley will be in charge of refreshments. Clarence Moore and A. E. Ryckman will serve on the clean-up committee. The next regular grange meeting will be held February 28.

31st wedding anniversary celebrated by the Grange — "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Tuesday 29 Jan 1957 p 4

Church Guild Holds Picnic

TULELAKE—The Fort Klamath home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke was opened August 21 for a luncheon meeting of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church Guild. The potluck picnic lunch was served on the lawn with 27 adults including six men guests present.

Tulelake men were William Weitkamp, Leonard Meshke and Dave Crawford. Malin visitors were Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Reid, Mrs. J. Walter Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Stevens and son Paul, Mrs. Ernest Gray and Mrs. Homer Hill. Stevens is the student pastor at the Malin Presbyterian Church.

Visitors from Fort Klamath were Mrs. Ira Oram and young granddaughter. Mr. and Mrs. Oram also have a home in Merrill.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Art Johnson, Tulelake

Dave Crawford, Tulelake, spoke to the group on the work he and his family are doing in Logan, Utah, where Dave is attending the university under auspices of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church, preparing for the ministry.

He works each Saturday at a Safeway store, his wife, Ruth, in a bank in Logan. On Sunday, he serves as student pastor for a church in Preston, Idaho, a small town 25 miles north of Logan. Following two years of study at the university, he will attend San Anselmo Theological seminary near San Francisco.

Dave has lived most of his life in the Tulelake Basin and is the first young man to study for the ministry of the Presbyterian church from his home community.

Since August is "Opportunity Giving Month," in the guild, the tea offering that day went to the fund for special mission work in various parts of the United States.

A surprise visit to the Meshke home was paid that day by Mr. and Mrs. William (Dorothy) Fager, Creswell, Oregon.

His daughter Dorothy & son-in-law William Fager surprise the Meshkes at the church luncheon – "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Wednesday 28 Aug 1957 p 4

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meshke, who have spent the winter in Mesa, Arizona were at their son's home for a few days, and have now gone on to their ranch at Ft. Klamath.

"Modoc County Record" (Alturas CA) 5 Apr 1962 p 3

Name; Leonard Thomas Meshke

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. D - private

Serial number: 251,193

Entered service from: New London, Waupaca WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Leonard T. Meshke

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Paul Meshke, E. Washington St., New London WI

Returned from war on: "Virginian" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Leonard T. Meshke

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Paul Meshke, E. Washington St., New London WI (cpl, Co. D, 107th Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Leonard Thomas Meshke - b. 19 Nov 1894 New London WI; res: E. Washington, New London, Outagamie WI. Single. Farmer for Charlie Kelly, RFD 6, New London WI. Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): 1939 NTSA: New London WI - 1955 WI Survivors: Rte 1, Box 4, Tule Lake CA

World War II draft registration (1942): as Leonard Thomas Meshke - b. 19 Nov 1895 New London WI; res: Route 1, Box 4, Tulelake, Siskayou CA. NOK Mrs. Addie Meshke, same address. Self-employed at Tulelake CA. Height: 5'8" – 180 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 21 Jul 1917

Discharged: 29 May 1919

Address: Star Route, Harrah WA

Rank/unit: corporal, Co. D, 107th Supply Train

Birth & death:

Born: 19 Nov 1894 New London, Waupaca WI (WWII draft: 19 Nov 1895)

Died: 23 Dec 1982 Klamath Falls, Klamath OR

Find A Grave record: 34908607 – presence on Tuscania indicated in flower

Burial location: Klamath Falls, Klamath OR

Cemetery: Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens

Tombstone: veteran flat: CPL US Army WWI

Father: Paul Ignatius Meshke, 21 Mar 1863 Posen, Germany – 27 Mar 1939 New London, Waupaca WI. Son of Ignatz Meshke (1836-1906) & Elizabeth Kavitter (1840-1926). Until 1920 the province of Posen was part of Prussia (Germany; it was then given to Poland. Paul's birth country is found as Germany, Austria Poland & Poland. Buried in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 103730572

Mother: Victoria Knapowski Meshke, 23 Sep 1870 Germany (or Zerkow, Poland) – 21 Nov 1914 New London, Waupaca WI. Name found spelled several ways, including the Polish form for a woman – Knapowska. Daughter of Ignatus Knapovski & Julianne Fyzel. Buried in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI.

Find A Grave: 103730772

Parents' marriage: 12 Feb 1889 in Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 351 E. 113th St., Chicago, Cook IL

Spouse: Addie Gould Frankland Meshke, 4 Jan 1905 IL – 16 Nov 1985 Klamath Falls, Klamath OR. Daughter of Phillip/Philip Frankland (1876-1953, F: 187184520) & Della Talley (1869-1945, F: 135266776). Buried in Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens, Klamath Falls, Klamath OR.

Spouse Find A Grave: 34908487

Marriage: 24 Jan 1926

Children:

- Walter Leonard ("Bill") Meshke, 22 Oct 1926 Yakima, Yakima WA – 7 Nov 2001 Klamath Falls, Klamath OR. Graduate of Tulelake (CA) High School (1944) Served in US Navy in WWII (1944-1946). Attended UC, Davis for 2 years, majoring in agriculture. - Married Betty Jean Fowler (1929-1991, F: 14908570) on 4 Jun 1950 at Eden Congregational Church, Klamath Falls, Klamath OR. "Klamath Falls (OR) Herald & News" Thursday 18 May 1950 p 17. She was the daughter of Nelson R. Fowler. Walter & Betty had 2 sons. He enjoyed music & singing & performed nationally & locally in a family band with Betty & their sons. He is also found in newspaper articles performing for weddings & get-togethers. – Following her death, Walter married Jean Scott Peterson in 1993. Lived & farmed in Tulelake, Siskiyou CA & also owned a cattle ranch at Fort Klamath, which he sold in 1995. Died of Parkinson's disease. Buried in Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens, Klamath Falls, Klamath OR. F: 34908552
- Dorothy Helen Meshke Fager, ca. 1935 OR - . Married William Manley Fager, son of Roy Arthur Fager (F: 184096578) & Ruth L. Fager, in Jul 1957 in Tulelake, Siskiyou CA. William was b. 7 Dec 1934 OR, d. 12 Aug 2015, buried in Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, King WA, F: 150973876

Siblings: Leonard was born after Julia.

- Edward (Eddie) Sebastian Meshke, 5 Nov 1889 Chicago, Cook IL – 31 Jul 1966 Multnomah Co. OR. Married 8 Nov 1916 in Menominee, Menominee MI to Francis Charnetski (1889-1975). His mother's surname is listed as Knapasviska on the marriage license. In 1942 (WWII draft card) he was a farmer in Wapato WA.
- Adolph James Meshke, 15 Feb 1891 New London, Waupaca WI – 14 Mar 1973 Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI. Middle name also found as John. Married 4 Aug 1916 to Kathryn Franclemont/Franclement (1886-1931). In the 1930 census lived in New London, Outagamie WI with wife Catherine, 41 NY, father b. Belgium, mother b. NY. Adolph was age 38, b. WI, carpenter. – His 1st wife is buried as Catherine Meshke in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI, F: 103729444. - Married in 1950 to Edith (1891-1992). Buried in Wildwood Cemetery, Sheboygan, Sheboygan WI. F: 130531266
- Julia Elizabeth Meshke Wells, 7 Mar 1893 New London, Waupaca WI – 5 Jun 1987 Grandview, Yakima WA. Wife of Everett Austin Wells (1899-1956), whom she married 26 Dec 1916 in Menominee, Menominee MI. They moved to WA in 1938 ("Appleton Post-Crescent" Thursday 21 Mar 1939 p 7). Buried in Grandview Cemetery, Grandview, Yakima WA. F: 62911980
- Helen J. Meshke Rose, 19 Aug 1897 New London, Waupaca WI – 3 Apr 1921. Wife of Elmer Rose, whom she married in 1916. Buried in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F: 103729891
- George Joseph Meshke, 19 Nov 1899 New London, Waupaca WI – 20 Jun 1986 Yakima, Yakima WA. Husband of Marye Elizabeth Tracy-Lopas (1908-1987) whom he married 6 Nov 1929 in Harrah, Yakima WA. She was the biological daughter of Cecil Tracy & Mable Bushnell. Her mother then married John Lopas, who is listed as her father on their 5 Nov 1929 marriage license. George was age 28, Mary was age 21, neither previously married. Both were residents of Harrah WA. He was born in New London WI, she in Seattle WA. - Buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Seattle, King WA. F: 26892454

- John Mathew Meshke, 9 Sep 1901 New London, Waupaca WI – 9 Jan 1985 Yakima Co. WA. SSN 558-07-7452. Buried in Reservation Community Memorial Park, Wapato, Yakima WA. F; 136414070
- Frances E. Meshke Sweeney Bonifas, 22 Sep 1904 New London, Waupaca WI (Social Security Death Index: 26 Sep 1903) & WI birth record: 26 Sep 1903) – 15 Jan 1991 Toppenish, Yakima WA. Married Theodore J. Sweeney on 23 Aug 1920 in Menominee, Menominee MI. Theodore was b. 22 Apr 1888 Merrill, Lincoln WI, d. Feb 1968 Park Falls, Price WI. Son of Joseph Sweeney Choiniere & Genevieve (Jennie) Bricco Bricault. – Listed as Mrs. Frances Stressman of Denver CO in her father's Mar 1939 obituary. - Married William Audrey Bonifas (24 Aug 1904 McHew AR – 19 Mar 1981 Tucson, Pima AZ, F: 46839411, SSN 536-38-0651). He was the son of John L. Bonifas & Emma J. Van Every. WI birth record lists middle name as Lillian; all other records indicate initial "E." - William Bonifas is buried in Prosser Cemetery, Prosser, Benton WA. F: 46839411. Frances Bonifas is buried in Grandview Cemetery, Grandview, Yakima Co. wa. F: 62341987
- Louis Christopher ("Lew") Meshke, 18 Dec 1905 New London, Waupaca WI – 23 Sep 1982 Yakima Co. WA (also found as Browntown WA). Husband of Faye Aletha Gregory (1914-2006) whom he married 17 Nov 1938 in Vancouver, Clark WA. Buried in Reservation Community Memorial Park, Wapato, Yakima WA. F: 136405066
- Andrew E. (also found as Ignatius) Meshke, 15 Jun 1909 New London, Outagamie WI – 4 Mar 1988 Portland, Multnomah OR. Married Evelyn R. Unican (1913-1964, apparently on 7 Nov 1931 in Clark Co. WA). - Married 9 Mar 1942 in Carson City NV to Lois Lurie (1923-2010).
- Mary Meshke Jones, 10 Dec 1910 WI – 21 Aug 1937. Buried in Most Precious Blood Cemetery, New London, Waupaca WI. F; 103730398
- Katheryn Meshke Close, 6 Oct 1912 New London, Outagamie WI – 8 Jul 1977 New London, Outagamie WI. SSN 392-68-4928. Wife of Rueben Close (1895-1969, F: 171097276). Buried in Northport-Ostrander Cemetery, Northport, Waupaca WI. F: 171097241

Notes: Supposedly the letter "C" was dropped from the original surname of Meschke before WWI to avoid "Germanness." But the name was found spelled Meshke earlier than that.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – reported safe is Leonard Meshke of New London WI.

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Thursday 8 Jun 1978 p 2 – in article entitled "The Tuscania?" Leonard T. Meshke is listed as one of the New London WI survivors

Post-war:

"Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent" Saturday 3 Feb 1934 p 2 – two American Legion Posts were named for 3 Tuscania casualties – in New London WI for Clifford Norris & William B. Spencer, and in Neenah WI for James P. Hawley. One of the local survivors, from New London WI, was Leonard T. Meshke.

Obituary:

Social Security number: 560-50-3045

Censuses:

1900 New London, Waupaca WI – indexed as Misby or Merkey but would appear to be Meskey

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10	IL	Nov 1889	at school				
9	WI	Feb 1891	at school				
8	WI	Mar 1892	at school				
5	WI	Nov 1894	at school				
2	WI	Aug 1897					
1	WI	Apr 1898					

Paul Meskey, 36 Germany, Mar 1864, parents b. Germany, married 12 years, emigrated 1869, in US for 31 years, naturalized, day labor

Victoria, 29 Germany, Sep 1871, parents b. Germany, emigrated 1880, in US for 20 years, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Eddie, 10 IL, Nov 1889, at school

Adolph, 9 WI, Feb 1891, at school

Julia, 8 WI, Mar 1892, at school

Leonard, 5 WI, Nov 1894, at school

Helen, 2 WI, Aug 1897

George, 1 WI, Apr 1898

1905 WI state census – New London, Waupaca WI

Paul Meshke, 42 Germany, parents b. Germany, laborer

Victoria, 36 Germany, parents b. Germany

Eddie, 15 IL

Adolph, 14 WI

Julia, 12 WI

Leonard, 10 WI

Helen, 7 WI

George, 5 WI

John, 3 WI

Francis, 1 WI [daughter]

1910 Mukwa, Waupaca WI

Paul Meshke, 46 Austria Poland, parents b. Austria Poland, in 1st marriage, married 20 years, emigrated 1869, naturalized, farmer, general farm

Victoria, 39 Germany, parents b. Germany, in 1st marriage, emigrated 1879, gave birth to 10 children, 10 are living

Edward, 20 IL, laborer, general farm

Adolph J., 19 WI, laborer, general farm

Julie E., 17 WI

Lenard t., 15 WI, laborer, general farm

Helen J., 12 WI

George J., 10 WI

John M., 8 WI

Frances E., 6 WI

Lewis C., 4 WI

Andrew E, 1 year 10 (?) months WI

1920 Harrison, Lincoln WI –

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Boarding with Albert & Bertha Jolin & several other lodgers:

George Meschka, 20 WI, parents b. Germany, laborer, camp (line 33)

Leonard Meski, 25 WI, parents b. Germany, teamster, camp (line 49)

1920 New London, Outagamie WI – E. Washington St.

Paul Meshke, 56 Posen, Poland, widowed, emigrated 1867, alien, laborer, cabinet ---

Louis C., 13 WI

Andrew, 11 WI

Mary, 9 WI

Katherine, 7 WI

[for children: father b. Posen/Poland, mother b. Germany]

1930 South Harrah precinct, Yakima, Yakima WA – Yakima Indian Reservation

Leonard T. Meshke, 35 WI, parents b. Germany, age 31 at 1st marriage, farmer, general farm, WWI veteran

Addie F., 25 IL, parents b. IL, age 21 at 1st marriage

Walter L., 3 WA

1940 Tule Lake, Siskiyou CA – East West Rd. – same house in 1935

Leonard Meshke, 43 WI, farmer, own farm

Addie, 35 IL

Walter, 13 WA

Dorothy, 5 OR

& maid Vannie Van Meter, 17 OR, in private home