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Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers is being honored this month by the GRAPEVINE as he enters into his 25th Silver Anniversary Year of medical practice in Fresno. Dr. Meyers, who is sometimes called the "Father of Black Medicine in Fresno" by his colleagues has given untiring medical assistance, support and encouragement to numerous Blacks and Mexican-Americans of this community in the fields of medicine, community health, and education.

"Earl" or "Turk," as many Fresno oldtimers affectionately call him, was transplanted in Fresno at the age of nine months when his dad, Mr. Louis Meyers and his mom, Mrs. Mary Meyers, along with their two older sons, Louis E. & John C., left Alexandria, Louisiana to make their stake on more fertile ground. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyers opened a grocery store-restaurant on "E" Street and young Earl was often seen there helping his mom and dad in the business. When the depression came and their customers were unable to pay their bills, the Meyers' closed the business and Mr. Meyers began, what was later to become, a lucrative and flourishing junk business.

Shortly thereafter, Earl's mom became ill, followed by a series of illnesses and operations, which lasted over a long period of Earl's young life. Here was when young Earl decided to become a doctor of medicine when he was inspired by Dr. Henry C. Wallace, the only black doctor who had been to Fresno. Earl was deeply impressed that Dr. Wallace was able to relieve his mother of pain and suffering. As the young Earl talked of wanting to be a doctor, many people told him that he could not be a doctor because he was black. In fact, he became so discouraged that, after finishing Columbia School and entering Edison High School, he decided that if he was to realize his ambition, he should change high schools. So he transferred to Fresno High School, where he took necessary subjects which were not offered at Edison. Earl excelled at Fresno High; but often had to walk the five miles to school since there were no school buses. After graduation, he matriculated into Fresno State College, but due to World War II he hurriedly completed the neces-

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sary requirements for medical college and entered Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. In September, 1945, he was graduated from Meharry as a Doctor of Medicine—his lifelong ambition finally realized. Since few, if any, white operated hospitals would accept Negroes at that time, he was apprehensive of getting an internship. Finally, he was accepted at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Meyers completed his internship and a residency in Internal Medicine.

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YES... Dr. Meyers

Made a Difference!

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Meyers Family Relatives

Left to Right: Louis Meyers, "Mama" (his Daughter Meyers, she's sister to mother)
Bottom Left to Right: Earl R. Meyers (son of Louis Meyers), "Sweetie" (Mama's right)

Dr. Meyers

Unselfishly Gave to His Community

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Picture taken right after his

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Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on September 23, 1919 to Louis and Mary Cooper Meyers. He was the youngest of three brothers, Louis Evelyn and John Cooper Meyers. The family located to Fresno when he was just an infant and his father Louis Meyers opened Louis Meyers and Sons Junk Yard on Neilsen Avenue, corner of Thorne and Divisadero Streets. The business thrived as the three young brothers worked with their father. Young Earl's mother became gravely ill and Dr. Henry Wallace (the only Black doctor at that time) was called in to treat her. Witnessing the care given by Dr. Wallace inspired him to want to become a physician. Earl attended Edison High School but graduated from Fresno High School and was sent to Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee, one of only two medical schools for African-Americans during World War II. In 1945, he was accepted at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, North Carolina to complete his hospital internship for practical training, one of the few hospitals where African-Americans were admitted.

The Meyers Family - Fresno, California

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By 1959, Dr. Meyers relocated his practice into a newly built medical center of his design at 444 Fresno Street. The facility also provided offices for two other physicians in addition to an on-site pharmacy and clinical laboratory. He practiced medicine in Fresno until 1975. Dr. Meyers married Karin Black Butterfield and left Fresno to retire in Pebble Beach on 17 Mile Drive. Not one to ever be idle, he established three medical practices in the Monterey and Salinas areas. In a decision to move to Oregon, they sold their house just before the huge fire that destroyed many homes there. In Oregon, they first moved to Port Orford and established a medical practice. About a year later they moved up the coast to Bandon, where he established yet another thriving medical practice. He gave up the Bandon practice to move to Coos Bay where he went into semi-retirement (again) only to become head emergency room physician. Later he assisted physicians in the Northwest United States, filling in as a substitute physician which took him as far as Adak, Alaska and King Cove in the Aleutian Islands and to Indian Reservations in Oregon and California. Always on the move, his health became a major issue and at the insistence of his loving and devoted wife, Karin, Dr. Meyers FINALLY retired at the age of eighty-six. On August 11, 2014, Dr. Meyers suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized at Bay View Hospital. While there he celebrated his 95th birthday and kept insisting that he was well enough to go home. His condition deteriorated and on October 1, 2014 he died with Karin holding his hand. His minister son, Michael and granddaughter, Susan, were there to comfort him as he went to sleep in Christ, surrounded by is sister-in-law Peggy and other family members.

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Dr. Meyers was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Mary (Cooper) Meyers and his two brothers, Louis Evelyn Meyers and John Cooper Meyers. Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers Sr. is survived by his loving and caring wife of 44 years, Karin, Coos Bay, Oregon; his five children by Mattie B. Meyers of Fresno; Earl R. Meyers Jr. and his wife Shirley Fresno, Eric Meyers his wife, Tammy of Baltimore, Maryland, Gayle Weerasekera her husband, Chandra of Fresno, Minister Michael R. Meyers Sr. his wife Gloria of Grand Prairie, Texas and David K. Meyers of Fresno; one Step-Son Calvin Butterfield Jr., his wife Christy of Fresno, Dr. Meyers is also survived by (12) grandchildren: Earl III, Marc, Eric, Jr., (and) Jonathan Meyers, Hoesa Demery Jr., Jennifer & Brittany Stafford, Sharon Mattie Revis Green, Captain Michael R. Meyers II, his wife Captain Aida, Susan, Benjamin and Joseph Meyers; nine (9) great-grandchildren: Eddie III and Tahner Green, Alex Mckinzie, Aliza, Avianna, Amelia, Benjamin II, and Marcus Meyers, Nicolas Demery, and one (1) step great granddaughter Katie Butterfield; one niece, Sharon Louise Meyers White Kincey, (3) nephews, Rene, his wife Sharon, Joseph and John Stephen (Steve) Meyers his wife, Michelle; and a host of loving relatives and friends.

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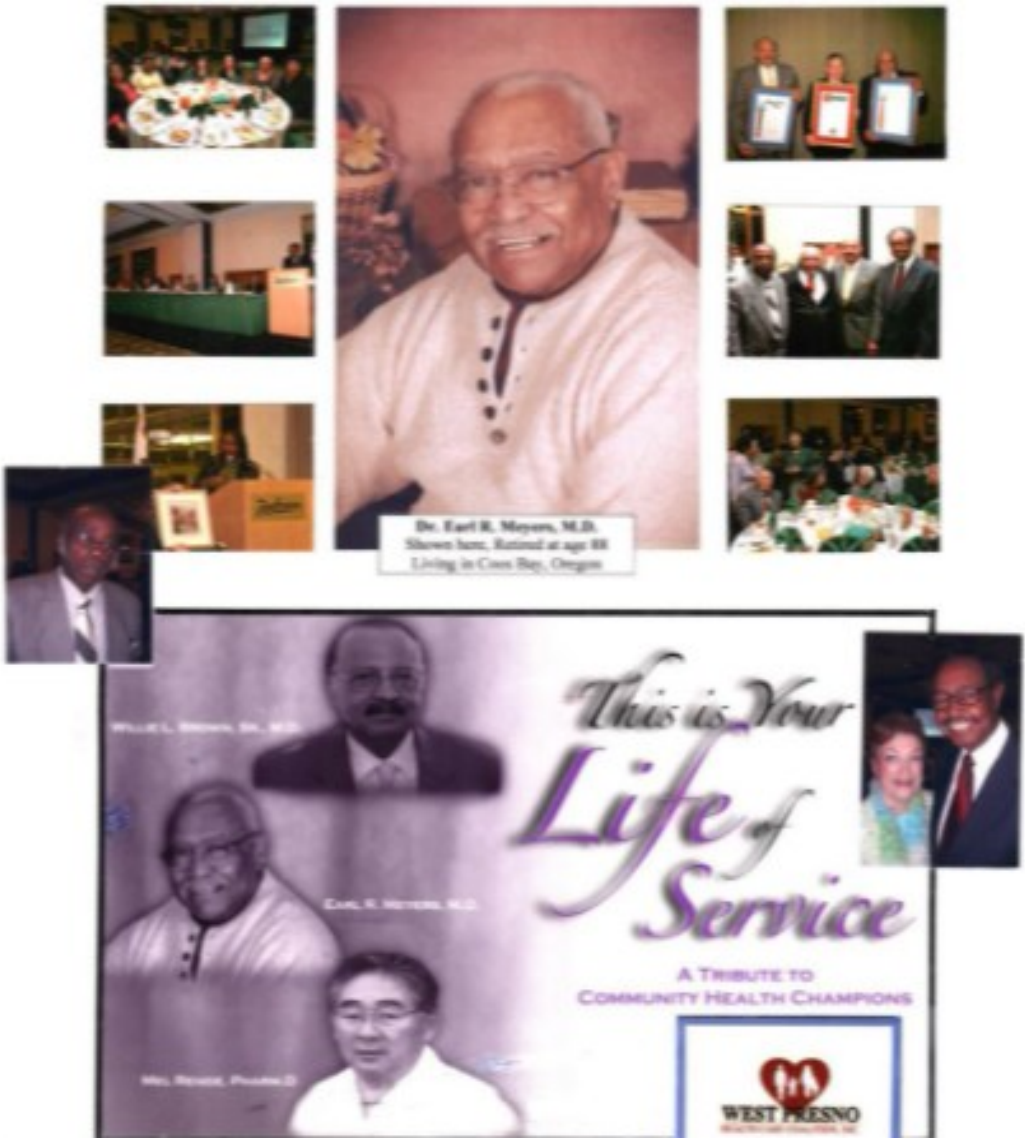

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Dr. Earl R. & Karen Meyers, M.D.
Married 44 years
Living in Coos Bay, Oregon

MEYERS FAMILY MEMBERS

It was a GREAT evening!

Dr. Earl R. Meyers, M.D.
A few years before his retirement.

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As told by Mattie B. Meyers – 12/31/ 2005

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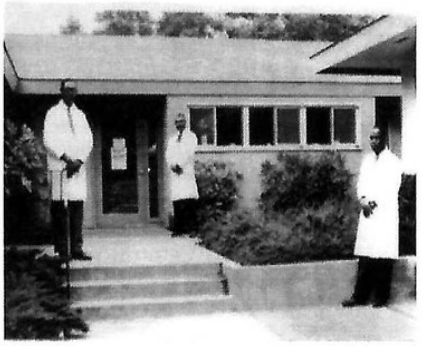

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In the Words of Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers, M.D.

"I only wanted to do one thing. I wanted to become a doctor. I wanted this since I was a little kid and my mother got sick and she was in so much pain. She would call the doctor and he would miraculously take her pain away. I never took my eye off being a doctor. I had to keep myself focused on that. I got through high school and I was number 28 from the top of 400 . I went to undergraduate school at Fresno State. After college I started to apply for medical school and was accepted to Loma Linda, Stanford and Berkley. I chose Meharry Medical School because I thought it was going to be easier program. I thought this because it was a black college. I was never so wrong. They were so particular that you had to read the footnotes, because you would be tested on it. The idea was that you had to be better than your white counter parts. when I got through, I thought that it was the grandest feeling that I ever had. And I have never felt like "Gee I wish I don't have to go to work." I couldn't hardly wait to go to work. I think that to be able to treat someone was the best thing you could do. I never let anyone come thorough my office without being treated. I treated a lot of people for free. Sometimes they would pay me in oranges. Me and my wife Mattie disagreed on this point. I did everything that I wanted to do in medicine. I looked around 15 or 20 years later and I was not a specialist, younger doctors looked down at me. I then wondered what did I ever accomplish, and it came to me that I was made to be this kind of doctor, a general practitioner. I worked hard to help people and had the guts to be honest if I didn't know how to treat them. I had no problem referring them to someone else. I was the only one in my medical class that raised my hand saying that I wanted to treat the down trodden..... everyone laughed at me and the teacher called me a liar. But I really put money before treating a patient. I got what I wanted personally out of it... and I was able to get the money too. I was a good provider for my family and that was also important to me. I wanted to be the kind of husband that my dad was to my mother. I never got that feeling until I met my wife Karin. "

Interviewed by Sharon Revis-Green..... April 5, 2009

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

By: Sharon Revis-Green (Grand Daughter)

I spent a summer researching my grandfather Dr. Earl Meyers. It was during this research that I came across several archived newspaper articles from the Fresno Bee. I was able to find articles on my grandfather when he was fifteen years old. I found news articles as early as 1934. I learned many things about him, that I never knew. I learned that he was a pretty good baseball player. He was also a high jumper on the varsity track team. Who knew?

It was also a big deal when he went away to medical school and when he came home to visit. So big that they wrote articles about it in the local paper. Later, when he returned to Fresno, they continued to write about the wonderful things he was doing as a physician here in the valley.

This is a part of local Fresno history. Dr. Meyers was a huge part of it. I have compiled all the articles I could find, so that you could see the life of my grandfather, Dr. Earl R. Meyers from a different perspective.... according to the Fresno Bee.

Sharon Revis-Green

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Little Rock, 8; New Orleans, 10.
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Fresno Bee
May 27, 1934
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Fresno Bee
January 13, 1935
(he was 16 years old playing in a community program)

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West Fresno News

FRESNO BAPTIST CONVENTION ENDS

Young People's Meeting Closes Sessions; Mrs. M. Saunders To Preside

A young people's session starting at 6:30 o'clock this evening will close a San Joaquin Valley District convention of the General Baptist Association in the Second Baptist Church, F and Merced Streets. Mrs. M. Saunders, the president, will preside.

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Rev. A. W. Hubbard was in charge of the session. Delegates from all parts of Northern California attended, including Rev. J. T. Muse of Sacramento, the moderator. General church work was discussed in meetings this morning. The afternoon was devoted to Sunday school and women's organizations meetings.

Cafe Leases Additional Space For Expansion

Several thousand dollars will be spent by proprietors of the Old Shanghai Cafe in improvements at 1407 Kern Street in the building adjoining the present location of the cafe.

Through leasing the additional quarters they will double the floor space of their establishment. The lease was handled by Levy Brothers.

MISSIONARY VISITS MOTHER

Miss E. Banks of Oakland, a missionary for the New Hope Baptist Church, is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. Jordan, at the latter's home on Trinity Street. She will speak at a meeting of the advisory board of the Church of God in Christ 1438 Amander Street, at 3:30 P. M. tomorrow. The public is invited.

CLUB WILL SELL FISH

The Good As Any Club of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will sponsor a pie sale starting at 9 A. M. to-morrow at the home of Mrs. M. D. Dixon, 1023 O Street.

A cracker eating contest will be a feature of a fish fry at 8 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Lillian Wolfskill, 1950 E Street. A prize will be awarded to the winner. Mrs. Lenora Nalls is the chairman.

CLUB PLANS SNOW PARTY

A snow party to-morrow and Sunday in the General Grant National Park will be discussed at a

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

LARGEST CLASS IS GRADUATED AT EDISON SCHOOL

Addresses by students, duet and quartet numbers and selections by a saxophone band marked commencement exercises last night at the Edison Technical School for the largest class in its history. Dr. W. E. R. Schottstaedt of the board of education presented diplomas to fifty-three June graduates and a number who completed their work at the end of the first semester. Service E certificates, earned on a point basis, were presented by Principal W. L. Potts to Shizuko Fujii and Kay E. Wren.

Lauds American Women

Miss Chiyoko Doi, class valedictorian, outlined the fight of women for their rights. Her subject was The American Woman Comes Of Age.

"Since August 26, 1920, when the nineteenth amendment was adopted, women have been active in public and national life," she said. "At the present time twenty-nine women hold high executive positions. Thirteen of them were appointed by President Roosevelt. There are 155 women in the legislatures of thirty-four states. The American woman has come of age and is making intelligent use of her citizenship. The woman of 1800 was a child compared with the woman of 1934."

George Nagel, whose subject was the American Aid Bis Newspaper, said Will Rogers' facetious comment, "All I know is what I read in the newspapers," is more nearly true of most of us than we are willing to admit.

"The sensational headlines of the newspaper," he said, "are for the same purpose as the leaders in store advertising. You get something more when you go inside."

Nancy Dreiel in a valedictory address said the school curriculum now includes not only the three R's but a study of the problems of real life. "High school students" she said "are learning how to overcome 'inferiority complexes,' how to make and keep friends and the rules of health.

"A Roosevelt served his country's great need a quarter of a century ago and a Roosevelt is serving his country's greater needs to-day," said Hector Ronald Zamora. "Theodore Roosevelt left the White House after unfeathering his forces against depression and graft. To-day after twenty-five years of growth, both good and ill, this nation is again looking to a Roosevelt for leadership in a crisis."

Andrew Renna paid tribute to various members of the class. Those introduced for outstanding scholarship were Hiram Cobig, Miss Doi, Miss Dreiel, Ellen Itanaga, Frieda Schmidt and Victoria Marian Tola.

Addie Mae Barry and Alice Saunders, accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Wallace, sang a duet. A quartet consisting of Ella, Reinholdt, Emil and Paul Wasemiller sang, and Mrs. Mercedes H. Bragg led in the singing of America.

The saxophone band included Peter Calandra, Peter Jordana, Edo Pozzobon, Angelo Papagni, Minoru Saito, Fred Ruder, Ralph Fowler, Earl Meyers, John Fytes and Frances Condella and was directed by F. C. Brohaska.

The class sponsors were Miss Ruey B. Brown and Miss Veda M. Jones.

Fresno Bee
June 7, 1934
he was 15 years old ...played
in a saxophone band for the
Edison High School
graduation

Just an interesting article
April 15, 1937

Riverside Man's Skin Turns From White To Black

SANTA ANA, April 15.—(AP)—The Santa Ana Register said in a copyrighted story today that doctors are studying the case of William L. Morrison, 49, of Riverside, whose skin reportedly has turned from white to black since January.

The paper said that Morrison, an American, was taken ill after tending citrus orchard heaters in January. Two physicians in charge of the strange case, the Register said, discarded the theory that smudge smoke caused the ailment and diagnosed it as a rare form of mellanosis, a disease which usually proves fatal.

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After blood tests and careful analysis, the physician said that the coloring came from a substance excuded from the liver into the blood stream. The change was painless, although Morrison dropped from his normal weight of 202 pounds to 160 and lost his appetite, the story said.

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Fresno Bee
April 15, 1937
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The program will feature vocal solos by Miss Addie Mae Berry and Jack Smith, instrumental selections by Earl Meyers and piano numbers by Maxine Brooks Hughes. Rev. A. W. Hubbard will conduct a prayer service. The public is invited.

Lodge Will Conduct Educational Program

Author Ayers will be the speaker at the annual educational program to be sponsored by the Twentieth Century Elks Lodge No. 868 at 8 P. M. Sunday at the Second Baptist Church at F and Mared Streets. A. Dixon is chairman of the evening.

The program will feature vocal solos by Miss Addie Mae Berry and Jack Smith, instrumental selections by Earl Meyers and piano numbers by Maxine Brooks Hughes. Rev. A. W. Hubbard will conduct a prayer service. The public is invited.

ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The West Fresno Progressive Association will meet at the Garibaldi Hall, Tuolumne and M Streets, tonight at 8 o'clock. Mike Manfredo, the president, will preside.

SCHEIDT WILL PRESIDE

The Edison Social Club will meet at 8 o'clock tonight at the club hall, California Avenue and A Street. Henry J. Scheidt will preside.

Fresno Bee
June 4, 1938
(he was 19 years old best man in a mock wedding)

Article Retyped

Two orchestras will play at a mock wedding the Mount Pleasanc Baptist Church will sponsor on the night of June 16th In the Garibaldi Hall.

Music will be by Gene Morris and his Five Aces and by William Burns and his orchestra. Ernest King and Leroy Calhoun will sing. Mrs. Laura Merrywood is in charge of the affair.

A forty five minute program modeled after a radio presentation will be given preceding the wedding ceremony.

Principals in the wedding are: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaufman, bride and bridegroom: Fred Atwater, minister: Beuiah Page, maid of honor; Louretta Bigby, Clara Robinson, Clara Hollins and Rosabelle Rogers, bridesmaids; Henry Sims Jr. best man: Earl Meyers, Roy Edmonson, Charles Hill and Will Atwater, ushers; Frances Birdwell and Shirley Williams, flower girls and Calvin Williams Jr. ring bearer. Mejha Campbell will sing the wedding song.

West Fresno News

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Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

Fresno Bee
September 10, 1942
(he was 23 years old graduated from Fresno State and going off to medical school)

Re-typed Article

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Representatives of American Legion State Center Post No. 511 and of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will assist, and the chief speaker will be Dr. H. C. Wallace. A gift will be presented to Meyers. Mrs. D. J. Crawford is in charge of arrangements.

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A graduate of the Fresno High School, Meyers recently completed pre medical work at the Fresno State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyers.

Fresno Bee
September 25, 1944
(he was 25 years old visiting home from med school)

Article Retyped

Student Is A Visitor

Earl Meyers 25. a junior student in the Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn, is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyers, 544 Plumas Street. He was accompanied here is classmate J. W. Parker of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Meyers, a graduate of the Fresno High School, took his premedical work at Fresno State College. He expects to graduate in September 1945, and after serving an internship will be commissioned a first lieutenant in the army medical corps.

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Durham North Carolina Newspaper Articles

Marriage of Dr. Earl R. Meyers and Mattie Douglas Burton

In the Durham home of Ms. Fannie B. Rosser

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

NOVEMBER BRIDE

[1946]

MRS. EARL RANDOLPH MEYERS, who prior to her marriage on November 16th to Dr. E. R. Meyers of Fresno Calif., was Miss Mattie Douglas Burton of Durham. Mrs. Meyers is an honor graduate of North Carolina College and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Doctor Meyers is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and a member of the Kappa Alphia Psi Fraternity.

[Ca. Nov. 17, 1946]

SECTION—A

Miss F. B. Rosser Annonuces Marriage Of Foster Daughter

Miss Fannie B. Rosser announces the marriage of her foster daughter, Miss Mattie Douglas Burton to Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers of Fresno, Calif.

The ceremony was performed Saturday evening, November 16th at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride and foster parent, 504 Dupree Street.

Mrs. Meyers is an honor graduate of North Carolina College and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Dr. Meyers is a graduate of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyers of Fresno, Calif. Mrs. Myers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Burton of Durham.

The couple plan to spend the

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Part of Article Retyped

Mrs. Roger Edwards, Miss Dorothy Sumer, Dr. Earl R. Meyers and Ernest Beal were elected as new members of the center's board of directors. The holdover board members are Chester II Cary James Ishawan, Mrs. George W. H. Pope and Miss Josephine Seraho.

B Street Center Youth Aid Is Praised

The work of the B Street
munity Center in providing
bilitation for the underprivi
was praised last night by
bloon, a special service offic
the Fresno Police Departmen

Speaking at the second a
dinner of the organization
center building at 1707 B S
bloon declared dozens more
centers are needed to meet th
quirements of Fresno's boys
girls.

"The police department is
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ported. "The police never have
called there, which is somethi
cannot say of all the playgro
schools and churches."

William E. Vickery, a memb
the Fresno State College fa
spoke on civil rights, discussing
equality, safety, political freedom
and freedom of expression for all
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Fresno Bee
May 5, 1948
(he was 29 years old participating on the board for a neighborhood center)

September 17, 1952
(he was 33 years old participating in a blood drive)

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Posts Schedule Drawing

Fresno area posts of the American Legion are seeking at least 150 pints of blood for the Fresno Veterans Administration Hospital.

They will hold a blood drawing in the Post 509 Clubhouse at 3509 North First Street Tuesday from 4 to 8:30 PM.

Members of the committee said the VA hospital needs from 125 to 150 pints of donated blood each month to care for veterans of both World Wars and the Korean conflict.

The committee members with whom appointments can be made and their telephone numbers, follow:

Fresno Womens Post No. 367, Esther Pickford, 7-2879; George Van Vleet Post No. 594, George Sinopoli, 7-1676; State Center Post No. 511; Dr. Earl Meyers, 4-9200; Fresno Post 4, J. F. Lewis, 4-9375, and Fresno Federal Post No. 509, Kay Dennis, 7-6223.

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

B Street Community Center Candidates For Director Are Named

A slate of 11 prospective directors for the B Street Community Center will be voted on at the next regular meeting scheduled June 9th.

They are named at the sixth annual meeting of the center's directorate and members in the Edison High School social hall last night at which Dr. Mark Zeifert, a Fresno psychiatrist, was the speaker.

The nominees are Mrs. W. H. Mikesell, Gerald A. Slater, Municipal Judge Leonard I. Meyers, Stuart M. White, Morris Mindell, Mrs. E. A. St. James, Tony Carrillo, Luke Gavotto, Matthew B. Thomas, Dr. Earl Meyers and George Krous.

Nomination is tantamount to election.

Some 180 persons attended the dinner session which featured entertainment presented by pupils of Eurora Proctor and solos by Shirley Williams. Max Hoen, the president, presided at the meeting which was arranged by Cecil C. Hinton, the center's director.

Fresno Bee
May15, 1952
(he was running for the community center director)

Freeholder Unit Calls Hearings In Charter Drafting

The board of freeholders which is drafting a new charter for the City of Fresno has called public hearings in the Fresno County Schools Administration Building auditorium for the week of June 15th.

J. Martin Winton, the board chairman, requested any presentation be in writing as well as orally.

Winton added the hearings will be continued the following week if necessary.

Wants Statements

Winton also urged civic organizations to submit statements to the board on the type of government which Fresno should have.

Meanwhile, a three man publicity committee composed of Richard S. Baird, Dr. Earl R. Meyers and Claude J. Lisle was appointed to map special efforts for getting the public out for the sessions.

In other actions at the regular meeting late yesterday afternoon in the Fresno City Hall the board decided to request the League of California Cities to furnish the names of attorneys in the state, qualified in municipal law, from which the board can select a legal adviser who ultimately will draft the new charter.

June 9, 1953
(on the committee to start a new Fresno Charter)

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

Fresno Bee
April 14, 1953

Get Acquainted Meeting Is Planned By College PTA

The Fresno State College Elementary Parent-Teacher Association will hold a get acquainted meeting October 12th at 7:30 PM in the school on the new campus at Cedar and Shaw Avenues.

Arrangements for the meeting were made when the executive board of the unit met Wednesday in the school conference room.

The new officers of the unit are Mrs. Besley A. Lewis, president; Mrs. Evans R. Namar, first vice president; Andrew D. Ripley, the principal, second vice president; Mrs. Ted Markarian, treasurer; Mrs. Jerome R. Brefouw, secretary; Mrs. Roy D. Stancoff, historian, and Mrs. John Geringer, parliamentarian.

The committee chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. George J. Roth, attendance and membership; Mrs. Dwight L. Williams, budget and finance; Mrs. G. B. Cearley, citizenship; Mrs. Nish S. Tatosian, health and safety; Mrs. Clifford C. Banks, legislation and school education; Mrs. Clarence H. Heagy, Mrs. Sidney Johnson and Eugene Brinker, art; Mrs. Roy Dubisch, parent education; Mesdames H. D. Richards, Earl R. Meyers and Albert E. Chadlock, projects; Mrs. Charles Blodgett of Clovis, publicity; Mrs. Harold B. Windell, radio and television; Mrs. E. O. Edwards, room mothers and hospitality; Mrs. Andrew D. Patterson, scholarship tea; Mrs. James Snedeker, telephone and inside publicity; Mrs. Richards, transportation, and Mrs. Vernon Friesen, youth activities.

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Dr. Earl R. Meyers, Freedom Fund and 1962 Banquet Chairman. Dr. Meyers is an ardent NAACP supporter, being the first Fresno Branch Paid Up Life Member. He has encouraged many Negroes to engage in the business and professional development of the Fresno community. He is the first Negro to have been elected to a public office when he ran for freeholder. For years, he advocated the Annual Freedom Fund Dinner and last year his dream became successful reality.

Fresno Bee
Jan 10, 1964

Earl R. Meyers, M.D., is resuming his practice at 444 Fresno St. (adv.

Re-typed Article

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Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

Fresno Bee July 25, 1964

Initiative Foes Plan Office In West Fresno

Californians Against Proposition 14 will open a West Fresno office at 452 Fresno Street.

Edward Lester chairman of the committee, said automobile stickers, literature and information against the proposition will be available in the new office and in the main office, 265 North Van Ness Avenue, beginning Monday.

Proposition 14 is a ballot initiative which would, if approved by a majority of the voters in November, nullify the Rumford Fair Housing Act, and nullify other laws prohibiting racial discrimination in the buying and selling of property.

The local committee against the initiative plans a voter registration drive to blanket West Fresno, where it estimated that only one out of four persons is registered to vote.

Persons interested in becoming deputy registrars are asked to attend a meeting in the office at 452 Fresno Street Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Dr. Hubert Phillips has charge of voter registration for the group.

Mattie Meyers fight for civil rights in Fresno

Baby Suit Blood Tests Are Awaited

Superior Judge Kenneth Andreen announced he is reserving his decision in a paternity suit against Dr. Earl R. Meyers, a Fresno physician, until he receives the results of laboratory tests of blood samples.

Dr. Meyers is accused by Leona Alexander, 25, a former elevator operator, of fathering a son born to her in December, 1962. Dr. Meyers denied the allegation in a two day trial concluded yesterday.

Judge Andreen said he will hear arguments of lawyers if requested before making his decision.

The judge said he will not make his decision before August 17th because he is on vacation.

Dr. Meyers fight against paternity

Fresno Bee
Sept. 22 1964

Doctor Wins Paternity Suit Ruling

Superior Judge Kenneth Andreen has decided in favor of Dr. Earl R. Meyers in a paternity suit brought by Leona Alexander, 24, a former elevator operator, for support of an 18 month old son.

Dr. Meyers denied he is the father of the youngster.

Testimony in the two day trial brought out that Miss Alexander, the mother of three, had named another man as the child's father when she sought welfare aid.

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

Fresno Bee
May 31, 1968

Dr. Earl R. Meyers MD will be out of his office until July 8th, 1968, due to illness. (adv.

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Fresno Bee
March 2 1969
Relocating his medical practice

Earl R. Meyers M.D. is relocating his office at 2807 Fresno St. (Civic Center Professional Building) Fresno and P St. 2 Blocks West of Community Hospital, March 15, 1969, Hours 7 a.m. thru 12 p.m.

Article Retyped

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Fresno Bee
October 25, 1975
Decreasing medical responsibilities

Bandon, Oregon

The Practice

With Dr. Meyers, M.D.

Dad

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Port Orford, Oregon Medical Practice

CURRY FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTICE

1403 Oregon Street P.O. Box 14
Port Orford, Oregon 97465-0014
(503) 332-0075

April 8, 1986

Randy Hempling
Administrator
Curry General Hospital

Dear Randy,

On April 22, 1986 will make the 9th month our Clinic has been in operation. We started with 4 patients and we are now solidly seeing between 20-25 patients daily. Thanks to Reg Williams and Ted Taylor who gave up their practice here and encouraged their patients here to come to me.

Our staff has worked miracles by making our patients feel they are the most important thing. This has been on a one-on-one contact basis. Patricia, my most capable assistant, and Betsy, our Lab and Xray Tech, make every emergency after office hour calls with me on each patient. Not one time have they given me an excuse as to why they were not available. This the community is aware of. The people know that if they need us we are available at our Clinic at any hour of the day or night.

It is this one main thing which I believe has made this Clinic a growing success: availability at the patients' convenience. My staff stops a patient in their tracks if they try to apologize for the inconvience of bothering us. Both Patricia, Betsy and I tell them right off they have nothing to apologize for. It is our job to be here when they feel they need us. This attitude has gotten around to the whole town and outlying community about our dedication to our patients. We have the proof of this (Patients) appreciation when they come back asking us to take them on as patients.

We have attempted to make getting a consultation easier. 1. We have Elmer Specht, M.D. once a month on Orthopedics. 2. Ron Thompson has seen his Physio Therapy Clinic grow from twice a week to 3 times weekly and his schedule is always full. 3. We have a well attended Diabetic Clinic and we hope to make it into a Chapter of the American Diabetic Association. 4. Jamers Atherton of C.G.H. heads a breathing Clinic (PACE) which completely filled up and we have 2 more for a future Clinic. 5. Dr. Bolin has a full Internal Medical Clinic and he is here twice monthly. 6. Dr. Bill Kelso has a very well attended Trauma Clinic each week.

CURRY FAMILY MEDICAL PRACTICE

1403 Oregon Street P.O. Box 14
Port Orford, Oregon 97465-0014
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7. We also have Mr. Bruce Lundgren who has a Hearing Aid Clinic. All of these Clinics are well attended by the patients who welcome not having to go to Coos Bay or Gold Beach on consult.

We are trying to establish these Clinic in the future.

1. I'm in contact with a Podiatrist who is interested in establishing a practice once or twice weekly.

2. I'm in contact with a dietician who is interested in establishing a Diet and Nutrition Clinic once a week here.

3. I'm in contact with a Dentist who wants to locate in Port Orford and wants to affiliate with Westworld.

I am sure that the above Clinics can be established before the end of this year. I'm very elated about the Dental and Podiatry Clinics as I feel they can and will be very successful in every respect.

I would also like to thank Glenda and Randy for being supportive of us and providing us with the help we have received.

All in all, the Port Orford Clinic is very viable, alive and growing.

On the 22nd of July will mark our first anniversity at our Clinic. I feel that we should have an open house and some type of entertainment for our patients. I would suggest having an open house in the morning and afternoon with punch and hors'd'oeuvres'. In the afternoon and evening we could rent the movie house for a show and have live entertainment on stage, serving the usual hot dogs, cold drinks, popcorn, etc.

Please comment.

Earl R. Meyers, M.D.

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cc: Glenda W.

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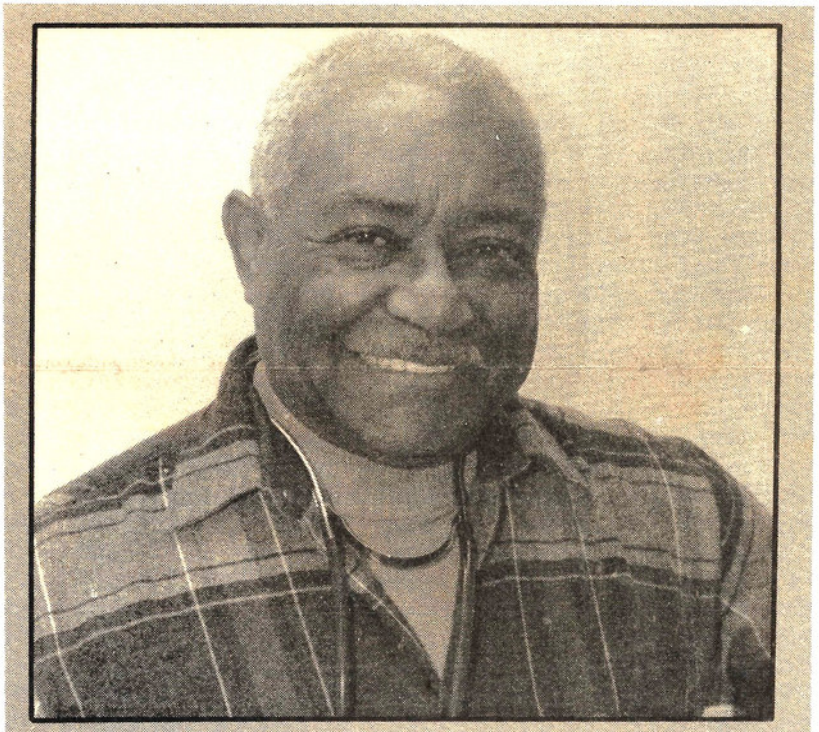
Port Orford, Oregon Medical Practice



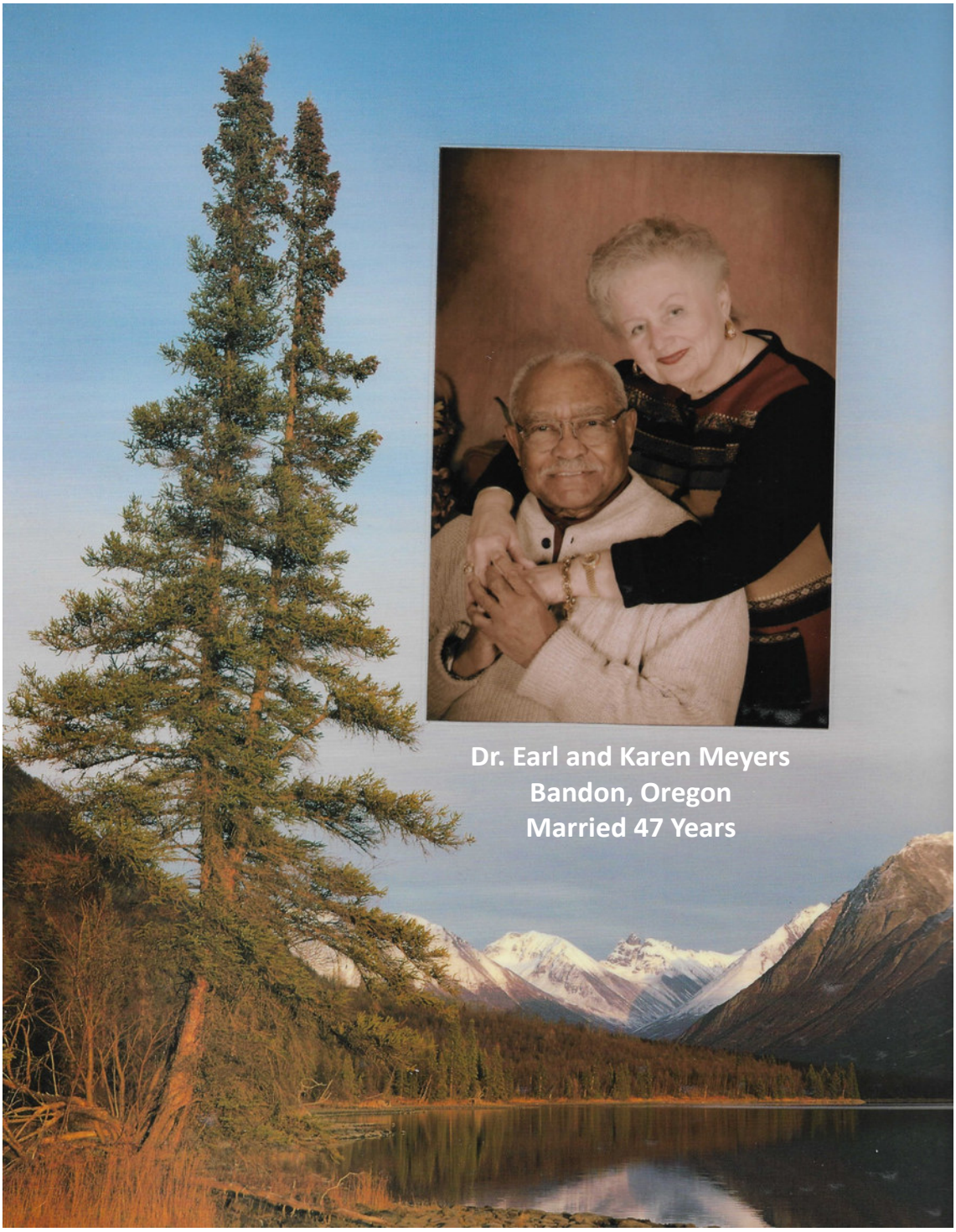
DR. EARL R. MEYERS

Port Orford Clinic sets and breaks record in same month

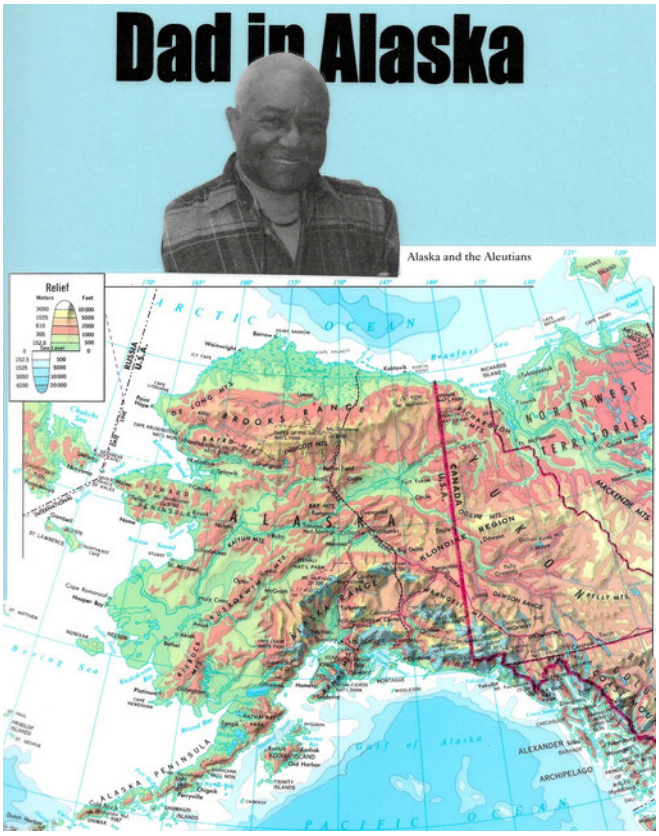
On April 1, 1986, Dr. Earl R. Meyers sent the following letter to the administrator of the C.G.H. Health Network. The letter is reprinted here, in its entirety, to show the wonderful teamwork which exists in Port Orford and to congratulate them on their latest record -- in April their patient visit goal, for one day, was to take care of 40 patients -- they in fact saw over 42 patients! What a vote of confidence from your community, Dr. Meyers. You and your staff are to be commended.

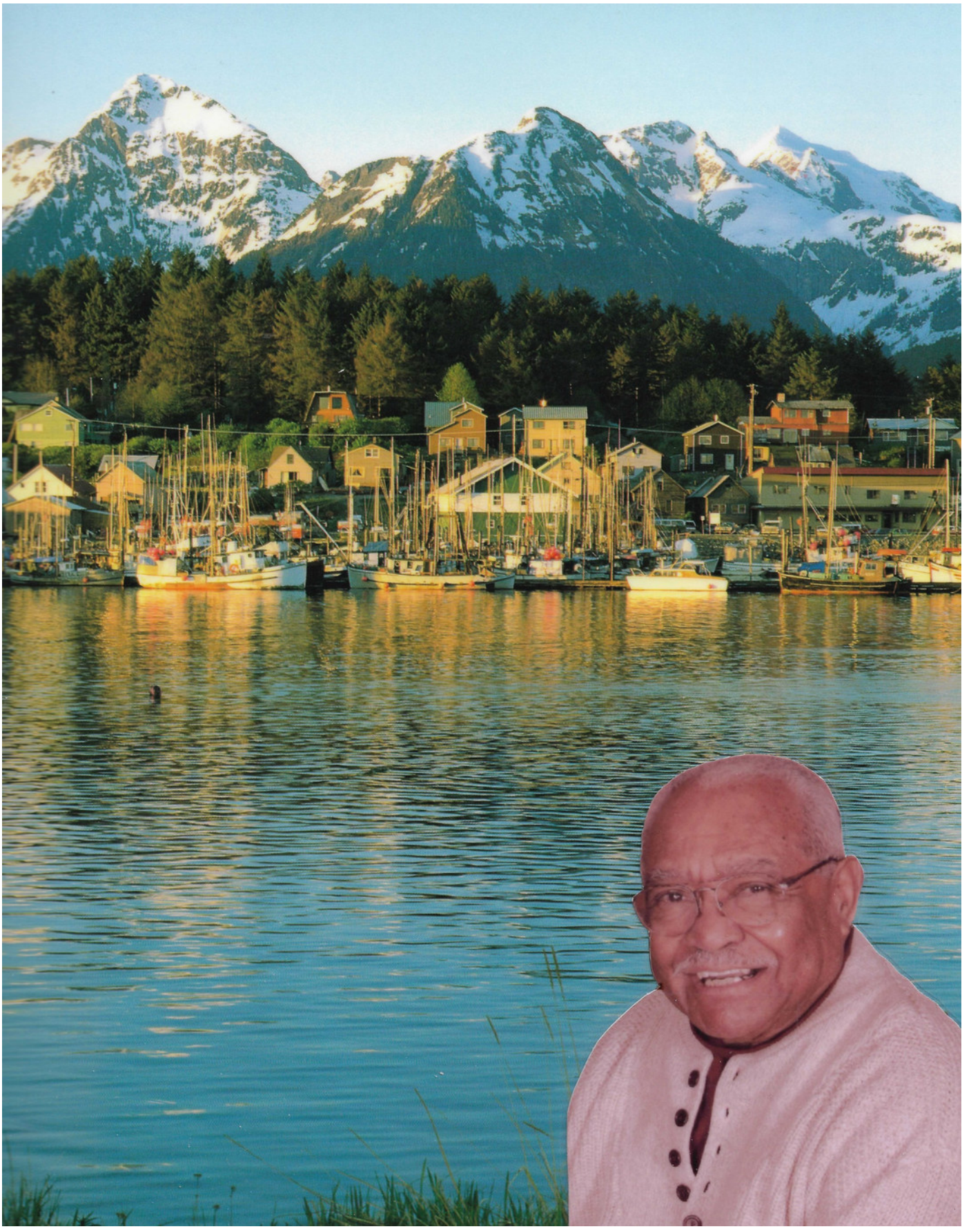
Watch for details on the July celebration in Port Orford.

Bandon, Oregon

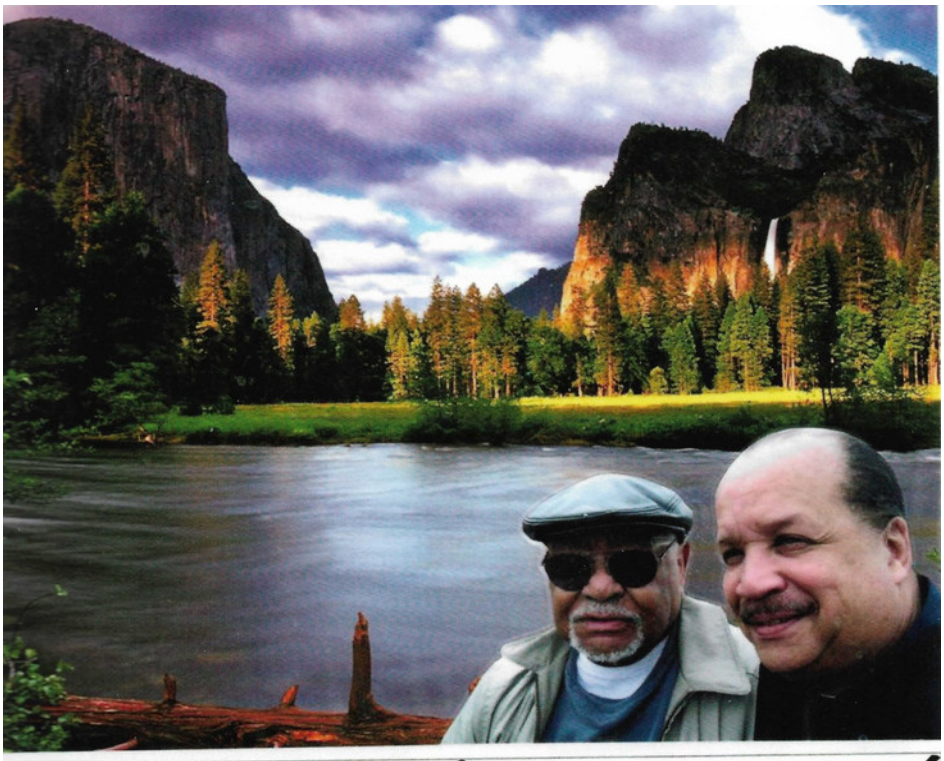


Dr. Earl R. Meyers - Adak, Alaska





Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers, M.D.
And Son Eric Louis Bernard Meyers, Sr.



I've been to the mountain top!

Me and my Dad At 90!

Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers, M.D. and son, Eric Louis Bernard Meyers. Picture taken on July 20, 2009 by David Meyers.

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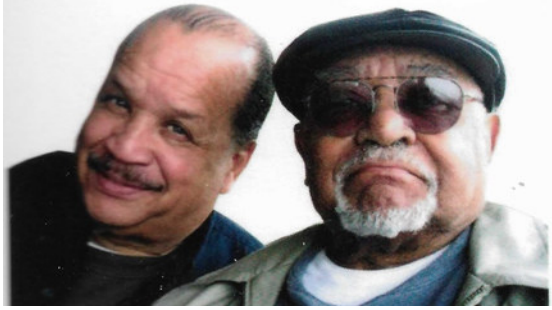

I'm 90 and Still Kicking!

Fresno Bee Newspaper Articles

Fresno's 'father of black medicine' dies at 95

By Eryn Baldrica-Guy
The Fresno Bee

Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers was a physician and surgeon who practiced medicine until the age of 85 and was known among his colleagues as "the father of black medicine in Fresno."

Dr. Meyers, who died Oct. 1 at age 95, opened his first medical clinic in 1947 on F Street in downtown Fresno. After 10 years as the only black physician in the Fresno area, Dr. Meyers began to encourage other black doctors to bring their services to Fresno. He built the Fresno-Klette Medical Arts Center, the first medical facility owned by local blacks, in west Fresno in 1957.

From early childhood, Dr. Meyers was inspired by Dr. Henry C. Wallace, who was then the only practicing black physician in Fresno. The young Dr. Meyers was impressed by Dr. Wallace's ability to relieve his mother of pain.

"Dr. Wallace inspired him. ... He was Earl's mother's doctor and he healed her," Mattie Meyers, Dr. Meyers' former wife, said. "At that time, there weren't any black doctors here. Dr. Wallace was Earl's mentor."

Dr. Meyers graduated from Fresno High School in 1937 and entered medical school in 1942. He received his M.D. degree from Tennessee's Meharry Medical College in 1945 and completed his internship and residency at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, N.C.

When Dr. Wallace left Fresno around the late 1940s, many black residents wrote to Dr. Meyers, describing the difficulty they had in getting medical care from white doctors and asking him to return to his hometown.

Because many of Dr. Meyers' first patients were unable to afford their medications, he opened a dispensary at his F Street office and made prescriptions available at wholesale cost. He often chose not to charge impoverished patients for his services.

The Fresno-Klette Medical Arts Center, established by Dr. Meyers on Fresno Street in 1957, made health care more readily available to west Fresnans. The facility was run by Dr. Meyers and other black physicians and included an X-ray department, a clinical laboratory and a pharmacy.

SPECIAL TO THE BEE

Dr. Earl R. Meyers in 1946. Dr. Meyers opened his first clinic in Fresno in 1947.

Earl R. Meyers

- **Born:** Sept. 23, 1919
- **Died:** Oct. 1, 2014
- **Occupation:** Physician and surgeon
- **Survivors:** Wife, Karen Butterfield Meyers; former wife, Mattie Burton Meyers; sons Earl Randolph Meyers Jr., Eric Louis Bernard Meyers, Michael Roderick Meyers and David Keith Meyers; daughter Gayle Katherine Fan Weerasekera; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.
- **Memorial:** 4 p.m. Sunday at the Fresno Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Meyers was active in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and early '60s, serving as the legislative chairman of Fresno's branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He became the first black to hold public office in Fresno when he was elected to the Board of Freeholders to draft a new city charter in 1953. "He wanted to give his input about the city," Mattie Meyers said.

After leaving Fresno in 1975, Dr. Meyers continued to practice medicine throughout California and in Oregon and Alaska. In 2007, he retired to Coos Bay, Ore.

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Earl Meyers Timeline

1919 **Birth**
Louisiana, USA

1920 **Residence**
Age: 1
Alexandria, Rapides, Louisiana

1930 **Residence**
Age: 11
Fresno, Fresno, California

1937 **Graduation**
Age: 18
Fresno CA
Fresno High School

1942 **Graduation**
Age: 23
Fresno, California
Pre-Med from California State University Fresno

1945 **Graduation**
Sep
Age: 26
Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Meharry Medical School

1946 **Marriage to Mattie Burton**
16 Nov
Age: 27
Durham North Carolina

1948 **Started Medical Practice**
Age: 29
Fresno CA

1969 **Divorce from Mattie Burton**
Age: 50
Fresno CA

1969 **Marriage to Karin**
Age: 50
Fresno CA

1975 **Moved to Pebble Beach California**
Age: 56

1986 **moved to Oregon**
Age: 67

1990 **Established Medical Practice in Alaska**
Age: 71
Alaska, USA

2006 **Retirement**
Age: 87

2014 **Death**
Age: 95
Coos Bay, Oregon, USA

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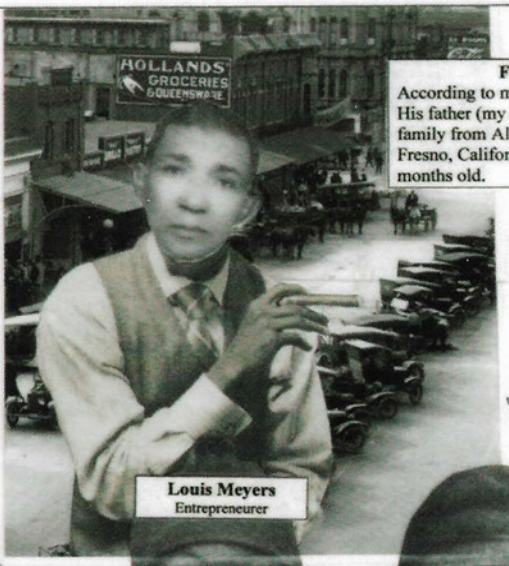
It was a GOOD ride!

To God be the Glory!

Great things He has done!

LOUIS MEYERS & SONS

Louis Meyers
Standing in front of his store in West Fresno

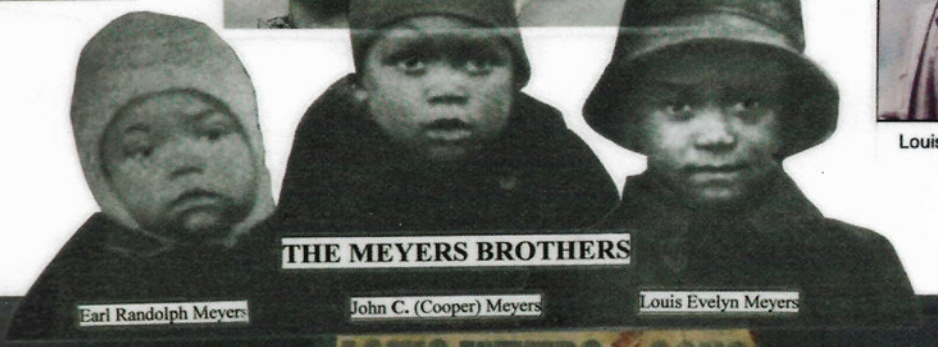


Louis Meyers
Entrepreneurer

From Alexandria to Fresno
According to my father, Dr. Earl R. Meyers, M.D., His father (my grand father), Louis Meyers, moved his family from Alexandria, Louisiana (Grant Parish) to Fresno, California, when my father was just three months old. -----Eric Meyers, Sr.-----

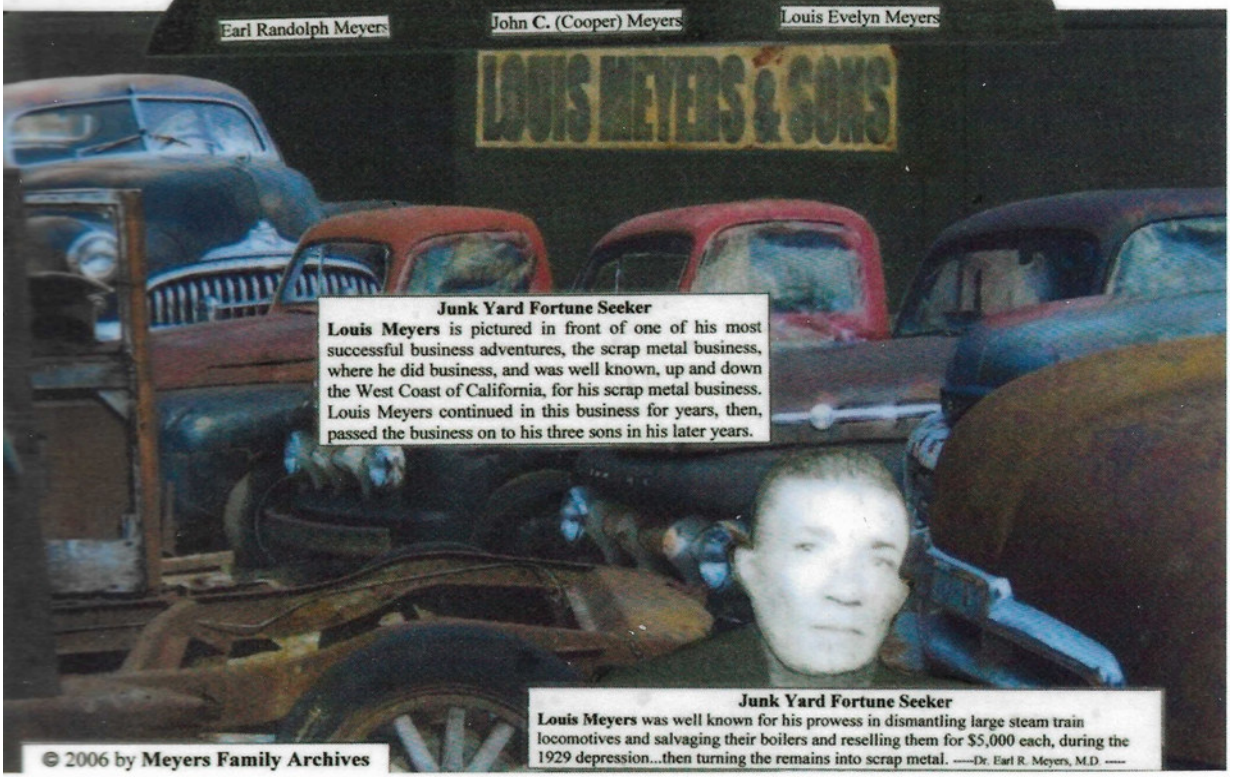
The hustle and bustle of downtown Fresno is recorded in this view looking north from the corner of Van Ness and K (Tulare) streets. Cars were well on the way to outnumbering horses, and parking was already a problem.

Louis Meyers



THE MEYERS BROTHERS

Earl Randolph Meyers | John C. (Cooper) Meyers | Louis Evelyn Meyers



Junk Yard Fortune Seeker
Louis Meyers is pictured in front of one of his most successful business adventures, the scrap metal business, where he did business, and was well known, up and down the West Coast of California, for his scrap metal business. Louis Meyers continued in this business for years, then, passed the business on to his three sons in his later years.

Junk Yard Fortune Seeker
Louis Meyers was well known for his prowess in dismantling large steam train locomotives and salvaging their boilers and reselling them for $5,000 each, during the 1929 depression...then turning the remains into scrap metal. -----Dr. Earl R. Meyers, M.D. -----

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