

The Joe M. Updegraff Typewriter Collection  
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Bend, Oregon

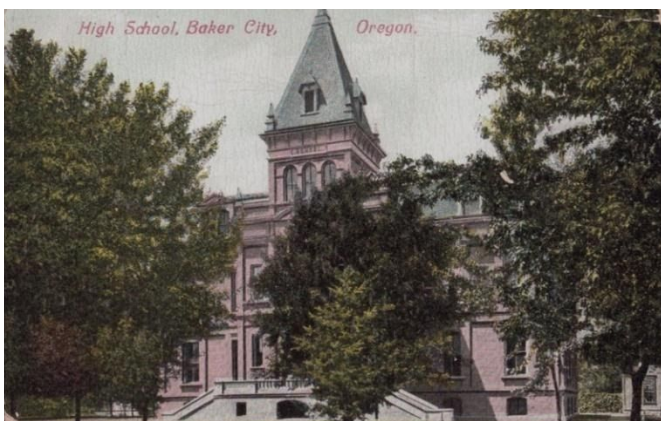
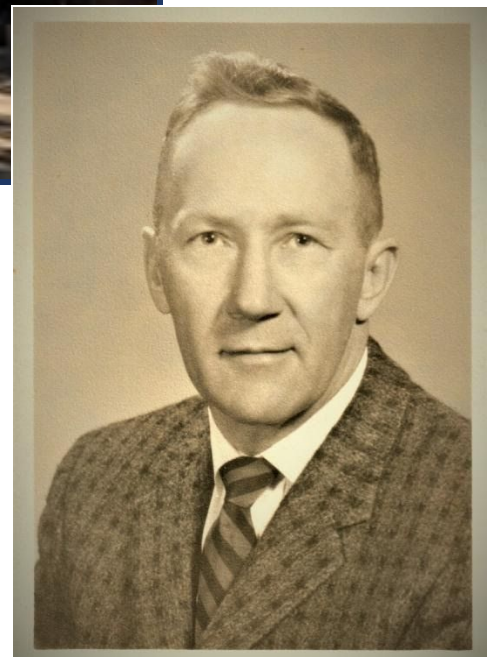


Joe Marr Updegraff

1914 - 1968

Typing and Office Practices Teacher  
Baker City High School  
Central Oregon Community College

Married Alice in 1938





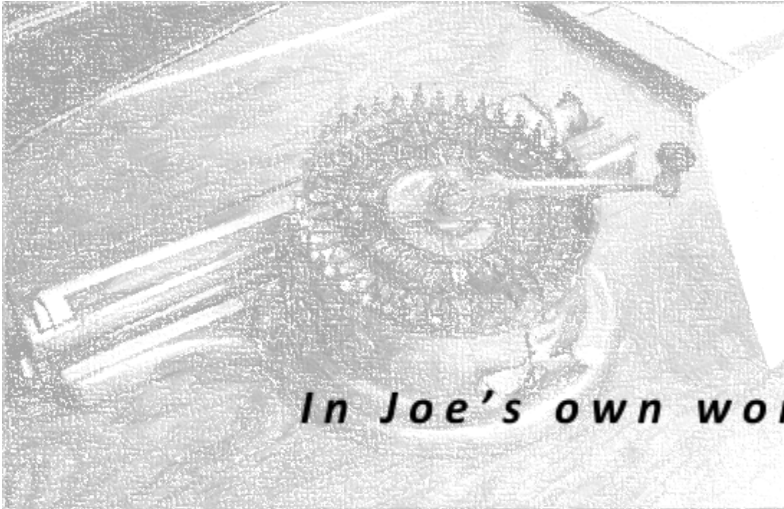
## The Edlund

“ . . . a machine that is so rare, that it is a machine of almost mythical proportions.”

--*The Virtual Typewriter Museum*







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## ***Information added by Frank Drew . . .***

The "friend" mentioned above was Paul Lippman. He actually found the Edlands, but was unable to make a deal, so forwarded the contact information to Joe.

*In a letter from Paul Lippman to Joe, January 10, 1966. . .*

"Concerning the Edlands. I have had no luck with the man and perhaps you may have a suggestion. He wrote to me on October 30, telling me that he had several Edlands, all evidently unused. I replied on November 3, and offered him \$25 for two machines. No answer. I wrote again on November 15, offering \$25 each for the machines. No answer. I even enclosed a reply card. Would you like to try? His name and address are: Wm. Truesdale, Box 94, Galway, New York." He enclosed a photocopy of the Edland advertising flyer.

I wrote to Paul in 1973 asking about the Edlands. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, he responded in part,

"I don't think I can add very much to the Edland story. I got an offer from a man in upstate New York who had five or six Edland typewriters, unused and in their original boxes. I made an offer for one, and eventually, Joe Updegraff bought all of them and somehow I wound up with one for which I paid about \$15 or \$25. My Edland came in its original wooden box with sliding cover, all wrapped in a page from the New York Sun dated January 23, 1893. The machine had a sample of its typing on a small piece of paper wrapped around the platen, but as you may have discovered from yours, it is made of the softest kind of pot metal, like tin soldiers, and cannot be actually typed on now."

Of the six machines, one, mentioned above, was donated to the Central Oregon Community College and Paul Lipman received one. The others remained in Joe's collection.

Shortly after Joe's death in 1968, his widow, Alice, told me she only had three Edlands remaining in his collection. She sold the majority of the machines to Ed Quiring in College Place, Washington including two Edlands. He kept one and sold one to Michael Adler in Rome.

To the best of her recollection, there were only five original Edlands.

“Joe received five of the machines and it was his belief that this was probably the only five ever made, as he never heard of another one in all his correspondences, and believe me, that was extensive.

You are correct in saying that they were found in a warehouse back east. In New York, to be exact.

Paul Lipmann in New York also has an Edland. He purchased one of the five that were found. The other one is in a display case in the library here to Central Oregon Community College. Joe donated twenty machines to the college, and this was among them. Of the three remaining machines, Ed received two of them and you have one. So that should account for five machines--if you can figure out the puzzle of my explaining them.”

I wrote to Ed Quiring asking about the Edland story. He gave his accounting as follows: “I’m not sure but think the Milwaukee Wis. Museum has one of the originals from Joe; Paul Lippman has one; You have one; Adler, in Rome, has one; and I have one. If there’s a sixth one, I’d have to ask Alice.” To correct Ed’s statement, Central Oregon Community College has one, but I’ve never see an Edland listed on the Milwaukee Museum’s machine list.

Of the six machines Joe acquired, that accounts for the whereabouts of five.

### ***One mystery continues. . .***

So in 1971, we could only account for five machines of the six Joe mentions on his display card. Where is the sixth original, mythical Edland?



Frank Drew with THE Edland



I passed THE Edland torch to my friend, Greg Fudacz, the new keeper of the flame on May 19, 2020.

Frank P. Drew