

Old Gardiner Masonic Cemetery to Become Park as Memorial to Community's Pioneers



PIONEER CEMETERY BECOMES PARK—Here are views of the Gardiner Masonic Cemetery, which has been dedicated as a pioneer park in memory of the early settlers of the Lower Umpqua Valley. The upper picture shows the cemetery as it overlooks the Gardiner community. Before and after—the lower pictures show the cemetery before it was cleaned of an overgrowth of brambles and weeds (left) and as it is now.

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R. EDSPONT—One of the oldest cemeteries in Oregon, the Gardiner Masonic, is to become the Gardiner Pioneer Park, established in 1850 by the Aurora Masonic Lodge of Gardiner as a place to lay the remains of those who pioneered the Lower Umpqua River country, the hillside burying ground is almost completely filled with the graves of the early settlers and their children.

Child Marriages Frequent in This Southern Family

SHREVEPORT, La., July 12—(AP)—Twelve-year-old Martha Jo McCart is going about her motherly duties these days as if they were the most natural things in the world for a youngster her age.

Martha Jo, the wife of 20-year-old Bill McCart, is the mother of a six-and-three-quarter-pound son born here June 27—and she sees nothing at all unusual about herself and the baby, young William Wiley McCart Jr., despite a lot of fuss being made over them.

The McCarts have set up housekeeping at the home of the husband's parents in the Fairview Alpha community about 10 miles south of Coushatta in Northwest Louisiana.

The arrival of the 115-pound mother and her son from the hospital a week ago set their rural community abuzz with a celebration for the homecoming. Bill's sisters pitched in and

helped get things ready for the new home. They seemed to know just how a young mother feels about such things. One sister, Mrs. Kermit Hunter, married at 13 and was a mother at 14. Another sister, Mrs. Mary Lee Phillips, became a bride at 15 and at 16 was the mother of the first of her nine children.

Getting married early sort of runs in the family. One of the baby's uncles, Emmett McCart, married at 17 and another, Hansel McCart, took his first bride when he was 15 and his second bride two years later.

Nor is that all. Mrs. Rena McCart, the baby's grandmother, married at 15 herself.

Martha Jo's sister, Emily Bamberg, is around to help out in any way she can, and watches all the goings-on with considerable interest. But it will be another two years or so, a member

of the family observed, before Emily might start thinking about getting married. Emily's only 10 now.

Brass Barred, Enlisted Men Get All Hotel Rooms

NEW YORK. —(AP) A hotel owner who is not impressed by brass agreed to rent all the rooms in his hostelry to enlisted men of the Michel Field Air Force base.

The field's public information division said that Corp. Charles G. Sattler, who works at the Lawrence Hotel in Rockaway Beach by night, has persuaded Joseph West to set aside all 51 rooms of his hotel to be rented to enlisted service men on a yearly basis.

Officers, West figured, can shift for themselves.



LOVELY GARDEN—Part of the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Wimberly, 604 Reservoir Ave., is shown above. The Wimberlys' home overlooks the city, commanding a sweeping view toward the north and west. Their home and garden take advantage of the location. Across the back of the house is a partly vine-covered porch, from which the Wimberlys may look down upon the city. Their garden combines the formal with the informal. In one corner is a goldfish pond, above, and in the background a clump of Shasta daisies. Along the house grow rose bushes, camellias and fuchsias.

the new wheat was planted in the Borispolsky region of Kiev. This year about two hectares were planted on a collective farm near Kiev.

Bumper Harvests Loom in Poland This Fall

WARSAW, Poland — (AP)—Poland's millions of peasants are looking forward to bumper harvests this fall.

Some farm experts say production may triple the figure of 4,000,000 tons of wheat, rye and barley in 1947.

Poland already is making substantial exports of foodstuffs to Scandinavian and Western European countries, including allied zones of occupation in Western Germany.

DRINK MORE MILK

LONDON. — (AP)—Britons are drinking nearly twice as much milk as they did before the war—when they can get it.

May sales, unrationed for the last half of the month, set an all time record for consumption: 145,000,000 gallons, the National Milk Marketing Board reported. These sales were 80 per cent higher than in May, 1939.

Milk rations for adults are two and one half pints per week.

Cleaning of Septic Tanks Best Done in Dry Weather

Cleaning of septic tanks is best done during the summer months when the ground is dry and there is no wet or cold weather to hamper the cleaning operations. Tanks that have been in service five or more years will usually function more efficiently if cleaned, says County Agent J. Roland Parker.

Septic tank cleaning service organizations are available in most communities and offer the average property owner the easiest and most convenient means for cleaning service. However, owners who plan on doing the job themselves, surface scum and sludge on the bottom of the tank need to be pumped out. There is no need to worry about the loss of bacteria in the tank. Continued use of the tank will quickly replenish the bacteria.

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GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 12—(AP)—Opening of the gates of Savage Rapids dam four miles from this city to permit repair work on two flood-damaged dam gates resulted in suffocation of 450 large Rogue River salmon Friday.

Local game commission officials, faced with more smothered fish than could be salvaged, passed them out to firstcomers. Scores of passing tourists on the

adjacent Pacific Highway and residents of the area flocked to the dam to get their portion of the spoils.

The fish ranged in size from 20 to 40 pounds in weight. The gates had been damaged by the flood last January.

BRANCHING WHEAT
MOSCOW.—(AP)—Experimental work on "branching wheat," which "Socialist Agriculture" describes as "a wonderfully new type," is being carried on in the USSR.

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