

PUBLISHER'S COLUMN

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Sometimes one wonders what makes 130 million people in America—hailing from all sections of the earth and scattered over 48 states in a vast domain of more than three million square miles—as cohesive and as cooperative as they are. In a country where, if all the lands were divided equally, there would be approximately 16 acres for each man, woman and child in the nation, what is it that keeps us as a whole as sweet toward each other as we are?

Whatever the answer is, certainly the fact that thousands of miles from home you sit up to the same kind of a drug store counter to drink a coke or milk shake, listen to the same kind of chatter from the kids; hear a couple of the younger business men discuss the strike situation over a cup of coffee and finally on the outside hear farmers and workers crab about the very conditions we heard them crab about at home must be one of the chief factors.

We are so essentially and so monotonously and so excitingly alike. In fact, here in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, a fine little American city, we could almost believe we were in McMinnville or Dallas or any Oregon town of that size. The gal who fizzes our coke doesn't know but that we might be one of the newer business men at the other end of the street.

Visiting in Kansas City after 30 years' absence was a revelation in what a few years can do in a great American city. Fifteen-story skyscrapers are dwarfed by the newer 30-story variety and the up-town streets of that day have the shopworn look of the has-beens. As a kid in the nearby town of Lawrence, Kansas, where we went to school, we not only discovered the old town but we explored it thoroughly and whenever there was a "celebration" it was generally staged in KC. Now we almost had to have a guide to take us around.

In Kansas City we met our daughter, Helen, coming in from New York. While waiting for her plane, we had the pleasure of seeing the new "Constellation" Hughes plane take off with its 52 passengers for Chicago and New York and Paris. Beside it, the ordinary passenger plane looks small and insignificant. Its take-off was easy and it shortly disappeared in a murky night sky. Out of the same thick clouds came the New York plane and set down smoothly and taxied up to the main building and to a couple of "land-lubbers" it was a thrill of a lifetime to see our kid, who had been in New York about seven hours before, come out and down the chute.

Sunday we will be on the way in real earnest for Mexico. We will go from here to Oklahoma City where we will meet our older daughter, Janice, from there through Fort Worth, San Antonio and to Laredo where the road leads direct to Mexico City.

South America, our real goal, has a hopeless outlook. Passenger ships are still in the hands of the government for the transport of troops and will not be available for several months. Freight transports have long waiting lists for their limited passenger facilities. Air travel is open but expensive and has little to recommend it against a leisurely ocean voyage across the Caribbean, one of the allurements of any vacation.

The entire family is equipped with U.S. passports, certificates of general health, certificates of "good conduct and no criminal record," and vaccination against smallpox. All of these are requirements for visas in the various Latin American republics. Immunization against typhoid, typhus and yellow fever are also recommended for one's own safety.

One thing yet remains and that is experience. We expect to pick that up in the hard way. While we expect no difficulty in the larger centers of Mexico, our limited Spanish will probably be stretched to the breaking point in out of the way places in the far southern and western parts of Mexico and such parts of Guatemala as are accessible to car or bus travel.

Mrs. Ernie Pruitt returned the first of the week from Roseburg, where she had been visiting her husband, who is employed there.

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PHOTO STUDIO OPENS NEXT TO P.O. BUILDING

**GUNTER AND SON TO
FEATURE PORTRAITS,
FILMS AND FINISHING**

W. A. Gunter and son, W. A. Gunter, announce the opening of the Gunter Photo Studio in the building next to the Willamina post office. Messrs. Gunter operate studios in Forest Grove and St. Helens, and have established a modern and spacious studio here.

In addition to portrait work and Kodak finishing, a feature is the minute picture studio, which produces your picture while you wait. The studio also carries a line of films.

Supervisor Will Conduct Health Demonstration

Miss Dorothea E. Moore, state supervisor of health and physical education, will conduct a demonstration of Oregon's new physical fitness program for girls in the Willamina high school gym next Monday, March 25, at 2 o'clock.

This program is for all high school girls. Their mothers and the members of the Civic club are invited to attend. The members of the GAA are sponsoring the program and will act as hostesses.

Wakkures Observe Anniversary Here

Saturday evening a group of 55 gathered at the Rebekah hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Axel Wakkure on their 25th wedding anniversary. Kenneth Shetterly acted as master of ceremonies. Music and dancing were enjoyed and refreshments served. Mr. and Mrs. Wakkure received many lovely gifts. There were out of town guests from Eugene, Olympia and Anacortes, Wash.

Grand Ronde Ladies Group Raises Hot Lunch Funds

The ladies of Grand Ronde gave a luncheon Tuesday at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Paul Yoder to raise funds for the hot lunch project for the Agency school.

TRAP SHOOT ANNOUNCED

Woodward and Ray announce a trap shoot to be held at Grand Ronde next Sunday, March 24. Lots of shells and merchandise are assured, according to the announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Paine went clam digging at Newport Saturday night.

Community Concert Association Closes Membership Campaign This Saturday

The Community Concert association has launched its annual membership campaign for the 1946-1947 concert season. The campaign closes Saturday, March 23, and admission to the concerts will be by membership card only. Arrangements have

been made to hold the concerts in the McMinnville high school gym during the coming season.

Memberships may be had by seeing or calling the following local committee members: Mrs. Aaronson, Mrs. Emmons and Mrs. Engdahl.

Robertsons Take Over Variety Store

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robertson, formerly of Yamhill, took possession of the variety store here Monday, having purchased it from Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Ellis. The Robertsons come to Willamina with much experience, having previously been engaged in the general merchandise business for the past eight years.

They plan to move into their new home, which they also purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, about the first of April. Mrs. Robertson is a sister of E. M. Huntley of Sheridan.

The store will be known henceforth as Robertson's Variety Store.

Sewing Group Shower Hostesses

On Friday, March 8, the Sans Susie Sewing club gave a stork shower for Mrs. Earl Burgess at the home of Miss Ethel Rydell. Those present were the guest of honor, her daughter, Marjorie, Mrs. Emil Carlson of Grand Ronde, and her daughter, Faye, Mrs. Charles McBee and daughter, Dee, Mrs. T. C. Turnidge, Mrs. Vincent Turnidge and son, Bruce, Mrs. Creighton Fouts and son Stanley, with daughters, Dawnelda and Sandra, Mrs. Mac Bowen and daughters, Karen Lee and Barbara Jean, and the hostess, Mrs. H. A. Rydell.

Playing of games, opening of gifts and serving of refreshments all combined to make a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Esther Churchman Observes 83rd Birthday

Last Sunday, March 17, Mrs. Esther Churchman was honored on her 83rd birthday anniversary with a dinner party at her home. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Turner of McMinnville, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves of Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Turner and family and Mrs. Pearl Wood of Willamina.

Mrs. Kenneth Turner made the beautifully decorated birthday cake, which carried the St. Patrick theme, being a light green.

Returns to Home After Spending Winter Away

Mrs. Sophia Sandberg returned to her home here the first part of the week from Beaverton, where she had spent the winter.

CHURCH MEN'S GROUP ENTERTAINS 96 MONDAY

The 96 and 9 Men, an organization of the Christian church, which includes all of Yamhill county, met Monday evening at the Christian church here. The ladies served a banquet to the 96, who were present. Bruce Caldwell of Amity was the speaker of the evening.

Nutt Buys Flynn Real Estate Firm

Announcement was made this week of the sale of the A. J. Flynn Real Estate firm in Sheridan to Mr. Archie Nutt, who has been working as a salesman with the company the past eight months.

Mr. Nutt formerly was associated with the Frank L. McGuire company in Portland. He will maintain his office in its present location, next to the stage depot in Sheridan, and the business will be known as the Sheridan Realty company.

Verlon Barkleys on Three Weeks Trip to the East

Mr. and Mrs. Verlon Barkley left the first of the week for a motor trip through California, by the Grand Canyon, on into Oklahoma, making two stops there, then into Kansas, on up to the Yellowstone National Park and then back home. They plan to be gone about three weeks.

Their son, Ronald, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barkley, his grandparents, and going to school.

Mrs. Whitman Dies in Portland

Mrs. Florence Whitman passed away Monday, March 18, at her home in Portland. The funeral will be held this afternoon (Thursday). The Whitman family used to be residents of Willamina, their daughter, Esther, having graduated from high school here.

Visitation Evangelism Is Carried Out at Local Homes

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey deVries of Sheridan were dinner guests Monday evening at the Methodist parsonage. In the evening he spoke to those present on lay visitation evangelism for 1946 in the Methodist church.

Tuesday evening he came back and four couple went out and put his discussion into practice by calling at various homes.

Betty Tillis New Phone Operator

Betty Tillis is the new operator at the telephone office, replacing Mrs. Alice Kusch, who has accepted a position in Sheridan with the Sheridan Grain company.

W.S.C.S. Plans All Day Meeting Friday at Church

W.S.C.S. of the Methodist church will meet Friday, March 22, for work day in the church basement. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and a potluck dinner will be served at noon.

CO-OP SHOWS 31 PER CENT GAIN IN SALES VOLUME

**JOHNSTON, GRAVES
RE-ELECTED TO BOARD
FOR TWO-YEAR PERIOD**

The members of the Community Cooperative at their annual meeting held last Sunday, March 17, heard the auditor's report, showing a 31 per cent increase in sales volume. This is more than double the patronage refund for a like period the previous year.

Fred J. Johnston and Wesley Graves were re-elected on the board of directors for two years.

An amendment to the by-laws changed the annual meeting date to the third Saturday in March.

Willamina Civic Club Will Hold Pre-Easter Meeting

The Civic club will hold a pre-Easter meeting March 28 at 2 p.m. at the Rebekah hall. The topic for the day is "Religion in Our Community." Rev. Harvey deVries of Sheridan will be the speaker. Mrs. Aaronson's chorus from the high school will furnish the music. Hostesses are Mrs. Geraldine McNamar, Mrs. Alma Lentz and Mrs. Alberta Smelser.

C. Stiles Resigns As City Recorder; Smith Appointed

At the call of the mayor, the common council of the city of Willamina met in special session in the library building Wednesday evening, March 20th. Members present were Mayor Newby and councilmen Arvidson, Green, Smith and Ellis.

A report of the water committee was made by Chairman Green.

At this time C. R. Stiles presented his resignation as city recorder, effective April 1.

The council went on record extending a vote of thanks to Mr. Stiles for his services to the city.

Immediately following Mr. Stiles' resignation, Councilman Smith tendered his resignation as councilman.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Smith the council appointed him city recorder to fill out the term caused by the resignation of Mr. Stiles.

Local Boy Scouts At Honor Court

Court of Honor of the Portland area council, Boy Scouts of America, was held Wednesday night at the Yamhill county court house in McMinnville.

Scouts from Willamina troop 254 who attended were Wilbur Harris and Jim Girard for first class rank, and J. A. Jensen for life scout merit badge.

Pre-Convention Rally Is Scheduled This Sunday

Sunday afternoon the Christian Endeavor young people of the county will hold a pre-convention rally in the Christian church auditorium Elldridge M. Gray will bring the message.

Miss Nina Hines Honored On Birthday Anniversary

Last Wednesday evening the Y.F. of Willamina and Grand Ronde met at the Grand Ronde Methodist church to honor Miss Nina Hines with a birthday party.

Army Regulars Enjoy Winter Sports in Europe

