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WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN INJURED FATALLY

Billie Duwayne Bate, 22, died at 5:30 this morning at a McMinnville hospital from injuries received yesterday morning about eleven o'clock in a logging accident seven or eight miles from Grand Ronde. He was falling trees in the Long-Bell area for his employer, Ted Welty, when a falling tree struck a snag, causing it to fall unexpectedly, and strike him, causing internal injuries. He was taken to the hospital in the Grand Ronde ambulance and it was thought last night that he had a chance for recovery. Arrangements were being made for blood donors from here, when word came of his death.

The deceased was born August 1, 1925 at Gopher, South Dakota and came with his parents to Oregon when he was twelve years old. The family moved to Willamina about three years ago. Billie served in the Navy during the war with a rating of gunner's mate, third class and saw action in the Pacific on the aircraft carriers Cowpens and Belleau Wood. His ship was once struck and severely damaged by a suicide Japanese plane, but he escaped injury altho he had several narrow escapes during the war. He received his discharge in March of 1946, following 27 months service and returned to Willamina where he was married to Miss Sue Tillis, who survives him, together with their infant son, Gary.

Other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bate, two sisters, Lois and Viola (Mrs. Gordon Sisk), two brothers, Kenneth and Merle, his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jensen of Independence and a number of aunts and uncles. An aunt, Miss Clara Jensen came this morning from Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are on a vacation trip and could not be immediately located.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced. Billie was a member of the Christian church in South Dakota.

Dr. Ford A. Cheney inserted an advertisement listing a jeep for sale in the Times classified columns a couple of weeks ago with instructions to run it until further notice. He sold the jeep but forgot to order the ad out and now he says, he is being besieged by would-be jeep buyers and he implored the Times to tell their readers he had no more jeeps for sale. This week's classified page had already gone to press so jeep-fanciers who don't happen to see this story may continue to pester the doctor.

Ivan Dent Traps Coyote

Ivan Dent caught a coyote in a trap in his back pasture this week.

Cougar and Cub Apparently at Home In Brush Thicket Just Outside City Limits

By Mrs. Glenn E. Mendenhall
Unusual as it may seem, a cougar and her cub have been residents on the O. K. O'Reilly place since last October. Tracks were first noticed at that time by the O'Reillys, although it was early summer before the quadrupeds grew bold enough to approach the house. Tunnels made in the briar thickets and brush on eight acres of their land skirting the Yamhill River, were apparently made by the cougars. They appear unafraid of women but keep out of sight when men are about. Mr. O'Reilly saw the mother leap out of a tree one day, and this, with the tracks, the disappearance of chickens and two persian kittens, the skittishness of their horse and the women-like cries in the night, confirmed the story of Mrs. O'Reilly, her daughter, Jeanine, and Miss Darleen Bristow who stays with the O'Reilly family.

SEPTEMBER 6, LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION HERE ELECTION

September 6 is the last day voters can register for the special election October 7 since the poll books close 30 days before election.

Willamina voters living in Yamhill county will register at the city hall. W. B. Matthews is authorized to register those living in Polk County. Matthews may be found during working hours at the Willamina Feed and Seed Store. Any person who did not vote here at the last election should register, or ascertain if his name is on the poll books.

4-H COOKING CLASS GOES TO McMINNVILLE TOMORROW

Mrs. Warren C. Engdahl will take her 4-H cooking club to McMinnville tomorrow to the junior fair where Norma Buswell and Royalline Cook, both members of the club, will demonstrate the making of cinnamon rolls. Seven of the members will attend.

Other Willamina clubs will be represented also when six Fendall club members will put on demonstrations.

Carol Spicer and Carol Matocha will give a demonstration on ironing and folding a sheet.

Lorraine Matocha and Glenva Magers will make a furniture polish.

Susan and Richard Johnson will give a health demonstration with the seven basic foods.

NARROW ESCAPE

Low Palmer, Willamina IGA Store manager, ran into a bit of a squall Sunday on his return from Hood River in his plane. As another flier who had made the trip to Hood River in another plane was attempting to land, a sudden down draft caught his plane and caused it to ground loop, damaging the plane altho the pilot escaped without injury. Palmer coming in behind him, managed to get his plane down safely altho he said the air was rough.

YOUNG VISITORS HONORED

Hope and Connie Hulett of Port Angeles who are visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Ruef, were the guests of honor at a party at the Ruef home Tuesday. Mrs. H. J. King of Willamina took a group of Hope's and Connie's former playmates from here and Sheridan guests were Virginia and Steve Hulett.

Holds Bi-Monthly Meet

The Grand Ronde Saddle Club met Sunday at their new club grounds, and had a potluck dinner followed by racing and roping contests. The group meets twice a month. They are getting ready for a celebration in September when they will dedicate the new club grounds.

SALEM VISITORS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beal and son, Stevie of Salem were Wednesday dinner guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Floyd Edmiston. Professor Beal is a member of the faculty at Willamette University.

TAX REGRESSIVE FRANCIS STATES IN ADDRESS HERE

Carl H. Francis, state representative from Yamhill county, spoke before the Kiwanis club at its noon time meeting at the Lark Cafe, Tuesday, on the proposed sales tax, which will be up before the voters at a special election, October 7. Mr. Francis said it was his belief that a sales tax was unnecessary to the financial well-being of the state; that it was a regressive move; and he also believed it was of the utmost importance that voters study the merits of the proposed law and vote at the October election.

President of the club, A. D. Newby announced an invitation had been received for two couples from Willamina to attend the charter presentation celebration of the newly formed Estacada Kiwanis Club on September 9.

William Kletzer, visiting Kiwanian from McMinnville invited support for the Yamhill county junior fair now being held at the county seat. The club extended its thanks to the picnic committee for their efforts in making arrangements for the club picnic last Friday.

Non-member guests were Dr. Ford A. Cheney and Robert Harris.

REBEKAH OFFICIAL IS VISITOR HERE

Mrs. Suda Comstock, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, paid her official visit to the local lodge, Primrose Lodge, No. 184 at a special meeting in her honor at Rebekah hall Monday evening.

Other guests included Mrs. Vernette Newby of Amity, past state president and delegations from both Amity and Sheridan lodges. All of the local officers were present. Fourteen guests and thirty-two members were at the meeting, at which Mrs. J. M. Olson, noble grand, presided. Miss Opal Spence, Warden; Mrs. Roy Durham, musician and Mrs. Mamie Edmiston, Chaplain were installed in their offices by the state president.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served in the dining room by Mrs. Louise Arnold, Mrs. Luzelle Benefiel, Mrs. Robert Young and Mrs. Roy Crichton. The long table was decorated with single large dahlias placed at intervals on the white cloth.

While in Willamina, Mrs. Comstock, whose home is in Baker, was the house guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McNeill.

EASTERN VISITORS ACCOMPANY NICHOLS' ON RETURN HERE

Mr. and Mrs. John Nichol returned last week from a three weeks visit in the east. They went back by plane to Pennsylvania and visited Philadelphia, New York and Washington D.C. They returned with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Oaf in the latter's car. Mr. and Mrs. Oaf are planning to return to their home in Pennsylvania soon. On the trip out here they visited Yellowstone Park, where they found a welcome relief from the heat of the central states. It was 107 in the shade during two days of their trip, Mrs. Nichol said.

Plans for rebuilding the Cascade Handle factory which was destroyed by fire last spring are indefinite as yet, they said.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kershaw and son Skeeter are spending the summer at Woods and will return to Willamina when school starts.

WEATHER REPORT

	Rf.	Tp.
August 12	Clear	60
August 13	Lt. Fg.	57
August 14	Clear	58
August 15	Clear	64
August 16	Cdy	60
August 17	Clear	62

C. E. Sawtelle, Observer

Anniversary

This week marks a milestone for the Times which is beginning its 39th consecutive year of publication. This month also marks the first anniversary of the present publishers who purchased the Times last August.

The Times was established in 1909, with J. A. Hart its first editor.

It is a coincidence that one of its first subscribers was a visitor in Willamina this week from San Diego. Mrs. M.A. Nicol, who is looking after property interests in Willamina and is a house guest of Mrs. R. H. Mullen, recalls that she and her family were among the first ones to sign a petition favoring the establishment of a newspaper here when Mr. Hart was considering the proposition in 1909. Their subscription began with the very first issue, she said, and they had been constant subscribers ever since. She said they look forward eagerly every week to the arrival of the Times in their San Diego home and appreciate news and pictures of old friends.

LIBRARY OFFERS SAVINGS

"Why pay out hard earned dollars for best sellers when you can rent them at the local library for ten cents per week," the city library board asks.

The Willamina Library has five of the ten most popular including "Mrs. Mike," "The Vixens," "The Story of Mrs. Murphy," "The Wayward Bus," "Lydia Bailey" and "The Miracle of the Bells."

Some of the new ones in soon will be "The Tin Flute," "The Big Sky," "Wife's Eye View" and "The Chequer Board."

NEW PROJECT PROMISING

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Heider drove over to Redmond over the week end to look over the new irrigation project around Culver and Metoillus. Crops of peas and alfalfa are looking very promising in the first year of irrigation under the north unit of the Deschutes River project, Mr. Heider, owner of the Willamina Feed and Seed Store, said upon their return. Mrs. Heider lived in Central Oregon during her girlhood and a trip over there is in the nature of a home-coming for her.

O. W. Heider Jr. Gets

Ontario Appointment

Otto W. Heider Jr., graduate of a mortuary school in San Francisco, has been accepted as an apprentice at an Ontario funeral home, preparatory to taking the state examination as a mortician.

TO BRING NEW PLANE

Cecil Fletcher of the Wilsheron Flying Service is going back to New Jersey to fly out a new plane over the week end.

SCHOOL TO START SEPT. 15, FACULTY IS COMPLETE

His staff of teachers is now complete, Lloyd A. Parsons, principal of the Willamina union high school announced this week. New teachers include Miss Mary Ellen Cary, Newberg, for the science department; Arthur Fisher, McMinnville, manual training and shop; Miss Anita Joseph who has taught the past three years at Myrtle Creek in Douglas county for social sciences. E. D. Keith will be in charge of the band and chorus. Mr. Keith comes to Willamina from Eugene where he was first assistant to the band director in the Eugene schools last year.

Returning teachers are Miss Phipps, Miss Harnsburger, Miss Stevenson, Miss Aertz and P. S. Gretsche, coach. Mrs. Parsons, the principal's wife, will be secretary and librarian. A janitor, L. Dell Land, Portland, has been engaged to handle the new heating plant.

Altho school will not begin until September 15, Mr. Parsons is planning to call the faculty together for its first meeting September 11.

The school building has been cleaned and repaired and a new partition has been placed, separating the library from the study hall.

J. C. Ramey, grade school principal is expected to arrive Monday, and has rented the Nicol house, formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Duggan. The staff of teachers is complete, J. A. Matocha, chairman of the school board said.

Mr. Matocha said the new classrooms provided by the quonset hut building now being erected would be ready for school when it started. The company putting them up promised completion in nine days. The school buildings have been cleaned and repaired and the floors are being refinished.

STATE GRANGE OFFICIAL VISITS KINFOLK HERE

Recent guests at the R. Y. Neely home were Miss Bertha Beck, Portland and Mrs. Pearl Shedd, Philomath, cousins of Mrs. Neely.

Miss Beck is the state secretary of the Oregon Grange, a position she has held for the past 27 years, and is widely known thruout the state. While here, the sisters also visited another cousin, Winfred Beck and his wife.

Local Firm Furnishes Brick

For Portland Hospital Project

The Willamina Clay Products Co. are trucking brick into Portland for the new addition to Providence Hospital.

Lots of Food, Lots of Fun; Kiwanians and Families Picnick on Banks of Willamina

Last Friday, local Kiwanians staged a picnic at Johnston's Park on the Willamina. The attendance was good altho not all the members were there. Due to the efforts of Ray Morrison and K. E. Shetterly, (hard-working members of the picnic committee), the stage was properly set. They had provided excellent coffee and trimmings and plenty of ice cream. Did we say "Plenty"? That's right, as who should know better than this writer.

Before the banquet started, Ken Shetterly laid claim to the horse shoe pitching championship. President Newby was a little late in arriving but was forgiven when it was discovered he had brought a large container filled with fried chicken. Frank Barrett, by the way, had just remarked after looking at the groaning tables, that the only thing missing was a platter of fried chicken. Mrs. Newby and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Spencer accompanied Al. and to Mrs. Spencer go the laurels for a chicken-frying job that couldn't be topped

by Aunt Jemima herself.

Finally the dessert stage was reached and Shetterly stopped ladling coffee and started slicing watermelons generously provided by Earl Richardson. There was no butcher knife in sight but with typical American ingenuity, Ken did a creditable job with an axe. By this time, horse shoe pitching had started again and it was soon evident that lots of real talent was present. A game of catch was interrupted when someone missed the ball and it rolled into the water. Ed Spencer rushed to retrieve it before it floated away and was able to do so when Earl tossed his cane to him.

It was a pleasant occasion until the end of the evening when little April Endres, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Endres, fell against the stove and burned the palm of her hand. That rather put a damper on the spirits of the crowd but they were cheered next day to find April had slept well during the night and the burn was not as serious as it had been considered at first.