

Willamina Whoosits and Whatsits

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Girard of Willamina took a nice trip with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Girard of Forest Grove recently and returned home Friday morning. Gordon is a nephew of Frank's. They visited a sister of Frank's in Milton-Free-water, and another sister in Lewiston, Idaho, where it was 105 degrees. They also visited other relatives in Grangeville, Idaho. Frank celebrated his 82nd birthday in Kenniwick, Wash., with his sister and other relatives.

A family picnic for the Shetterlys was held in the Dallas Park on Sunday.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Howard Wilmarth was discharged from Oregon Medical School hospital and returned home Friday quite improved.

Mrs. Angie Johnson of Los Angeles has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Mrs. Gardner. She visited with her brother over at the coast and other relatives while here last week.

Mrs. Pat Grace (Laura) returned home Saturday from the Oregon Medical School hospital, where she was a patient for a week or so, and wants her friends to know she is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Newby flew down to Las Vegas Sunday where they will vacation this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cook of Mason City, Iowa and Mrs. Lloyd Bare of Sheffield, Iowa arrived at Mrs. Sterl Bare's last Wednesday and spent a few days. Mrs. Cook is a niece of Mrs. Bare. While here, they were taken to the beach, which enthralled them. They thought the Pacific Ocean and our trees and country were interesting and beautiful. They had dinner at Spanish Head on Wednesday evening and visited Lacey's Doll House. Thursday they visited Silver Creek Falls and had dinner at the Town House in Silverton. They visited relatives in Salem and enjoyed the rose gardens and the Bush House.

Rev. and Mrs. Eddy Moore of the Baptist church of Sheridan, and their two children, Mark and Timmy enjoyed a delicious dinner at the home of Mrs. Sterl Bare on Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Shipley and her granddaughter, Mrs. John Alden of Salt Lake, Utah, and her two children Wendy and Christine spent a few days at the Alden summer home at DeLake, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Alden are moving to Portland, Oregon where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Iva Ellingsworth spent ten days at Canterbury Crest, near Tigard and enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Pauline Carmin of Palm Desert, California is on an extended visit with the Fox family and Mrs. Iva Ellingsworth. Mrs. Ellingsworth and Mrs. Carmin are sisters. At present these two ladies are enjoying a few days at Surf Tides.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurice Fox have returned from a delightful ten day vacation. They went to Madras where they joined their daughters, Betty Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Doug McConnell (Pattee) and a friend, Mr. Ernie Koshney. The entire party went on a camping and fishing trip at Cow Camp, near Lava Lake. Fishing was pretty good. While they were camping, Mrs. Murray's daughters, Mindy and Cheri, visited their grandpa and grandma Bowers at Yacolt, Wash.

Word was received by Mrs. Amy Fox, that Mr. Laurice Knutson of Roseburg passed away Sunday night. He was married to Mrs. Fox's sister, Alpha, and they were former Willamina residents. Mrs. Fox, Laurice and Ellen went to Roseburg to attend the funeral Wednesday.

Mrs. Betty Murray and daughters of Madras, arrived at Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fox's home Thursday for a few days visit.

Mr. Joe Powers was admitted to McMinnville hospital for surgery Monday. He got along exceptionally well and will be home this weekend, probably.

Lt.(jg.) Jens A. Jensen, serving on U. S. S. Albert David, arrived at his parents' home last Saturday and enjoyed a short visit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jensen and brother of Nels. He left here Wednesday morning to spend a few days camping in the Sierra's before returning to duty at Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Alline Skinner of Evansville, Indiana has been visiting Mrs. Jackie Kelson and family and renewing acquaintances in Willamina. Mrs. Skinner lived here many years ago and was known then as Mrs. John Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lyda are spending some of their vacation at the beach this week. Last week they visited in Kenniwick, Wash. with their son. Weather was really hot.

Mrs. Dan (Kathy) Coblenz underwent surgery at McMinnville hospital, Friday and is doing quite well.

Pleased to report that Scot Olson, patient in the McMinnville hospital is improving daily and that Tommy Davis who has been in Oregon Medical School hospital with serious injuries was able to return to his home on Friday. Mr. Vern Slack was home last weekend, but has returned to the Oregon Medical School hospital for more treatment.

Mrs. Kenneth Holmes, Mrs. Verda Felton and Mrs. Darlene Holstad have not been feeling up to par this past week.

Mr. Kenneth Holmes, Mr. Al Felton and Mr. Ricky Turner have been working near Big Fort, Montana the past two weeks and will return home this coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Van Leuven and children, Lloyd and Deanna, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis this past week. They left on Friday for their home in Cupertino, California. Mrs. Van Leuven (Caroline) is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.



behind "The Times" by Vance Welty

Well, we went and did it. You are reading the first edition of the new, locally-owned Willamina Times. If it doesn't look very different from the Times you've been reading before, that's because it isn't supposed to. Except for a few technical changes due to a different press, the only thing that's changed is the ownership.

A couple of weeks ago, I ran in this space a column which certainly drew attention and quite a bit of reaction. The column, as you may recall, dealt with local merchants' advertising and involvement (or lack thereof) in certain community affairs.

I hereby take the opportunity to apologize to anybody whose toes might have been trod, but the article was necessary.

You see, my family and I have more or less "fallen in love" with Willamina. We wanted to make it our permanent home, and it seemed that the best way to do so was to buy the Willamina Times.

Because of the extremely favorable reaction to the article I wrote, we bought the Times and are now solidly committed to this community. -- I'm afraid you're stuck with us for quite a few years to come.

I think you might get a kick out of how all this got started in the first place.

Last December my wife and children and I were planning to go to Ontario, Oregon for Christmas. About a week before we planned to leave, I got a phone call (in Medford) from somebody named Frank Parchman in Monmouth. He said he wanted to talk to me right away, but was not very specific as to what about.

Well, we planned to spend a couple of days in Salem visiting relatives before going to Ontario, so I decided we might just as well drop in at Monmouth and see what the gentleman wanted.

So on December 21, I left my wife and children in the car and walked into the offices of the Polk Sun expecting to spend at most a few minutes talking with Mr. Parchman before continuing on to Salem. I was sure that he was looking for an advertising salesman or a part-time reporter. Not being interested in either position, I expected the interview to be a short one.

Honestly, now how would YOU feel if somebody told you that he wanted you to be the editor and publisher of a newspaper? The title alone would make your head swim, right? Well, it made MY head swim, anyway.

He then informed me that the position was open on the TIMES -- a weekly he had recently bought in Willamina.

"Willamina?" I asked (pronouncing it Will-a-MEE-na). "Yes," he replied. "Have you ever been there?"

"No."

So he pointed to it on a map and I found out for the first time where Willamina was.

There was one condition to the job. If I wanted it, I would have to begin the following morning (December 22). It was already 2 p.m., leaving me with three hours to make the most important decision since proposing marriage.

So my wife and I drove the 26 miles from Monmouth to Willamina. The situation did not look promising. The office consisted of a small cubbyhole at one corner of the Nice Electric building and the newspaper didn't even own a typewriter. In fact, all the equipment the paper did own consisted of a somewhat battered desk (which I still use) and a chair, nothing more.

Well, to shorten the story, I spent about an hour in Willamina that day, and made my decision not on the basis of impressive equipment, run-down office of fancy title, but on the basis of the people I met during that hour. Several dropped in to sign up for subscriptions and I talked with several others while walking around looking the town over. Everybody was so incredibly friendly; the town had such a nice "feel" about it -- something one can't put into words -- that when we drove back to Monmouth, the decision had been made.

Early the next morning, I was in for something of a shock. December 22 was a Friday, and the deadline for all news and advertising copy was Saturday night -- and the paper had to be put together the same night!

I had exactly two days to do a week's work. Worse yet, I had to gather and write the news of a town I knew nothing about, and talk to advertisers about running ads in a newspaper I hadn't even seen! Those two days are something of a blur. I got up at some indecent hour in Salem each morning, drove to Monmouth where Frank Parchman and I decided what all had to be done that day, drove to Willa-

mina and put in about 14 or so frantic hours, and drove back to Monmouth to slap together whatever news and ads I had managed to gather. Finally, back to Salem to get some sleep.

But not for long. Saturday, December 23, was much the same, except that once I got back to Monmouth (about 10 p.m. or so), I got to put the whole paper together.

Remember a few weeks ago, when I outlined all the fun we have each Monday pasting this newspaper together? Well, I got to do the same that Saturday night (and Sunday morning). By the time the paper was finished (the one that had '72, Year in Review as the front page

news), I was so groggy that I didn't know or especially care what I was doing. When the paper was finally printed the next week, I was as surprised as anybody to see what it looked like.

The following morning, I started to drive to Ontario, made it about as far as Hood River, let my wife take over the wheel, and woke up someplace the other side of LaGrande. You'd think a person would learn, but not I. I stayed longer than I should have in Ontario, and got back over here just in time to do the whole blessed paper in TWO DAYS again!

Let's face it; after a start like that, the paper had no place to go but uphill.

In earlierdays

by Lee Perkins

EARLIER DAYS
July 28, 1938

Mayor R. Y. Neely called a special council meeting on Monday night for the purpose of considering offers for city property located just east of the Union service station. It is reported that the city was offered \$200 for these lots at the meeting but rejected this bid by a majority vote.

An offer for the corner lot at lot one, block four in the city, of A. B. Churchman for \$100 was accepted by the aldermen. Another offer for the adjoining lot, lot two, block four, by Frank Smelser for \$50 was also accepted.

These lots have been in the possession of the city for the past number of years and the aldermen decided to sell them and get them back on the tax rolls.

Safety lanes were painted across the highway on Main Street here last week and proved their worth last Saturday when the crowd gathered in town for Award Day, was well protected from the stream of traffic going to the coast for the weekend.

Pedestrians are not only urged, but warned to use these lanes to avoid accidents and personal injuries. Motorists who have driver's licenses know that the pedestrians on these lanes have the right-of-way, and slow down and in many cases come to a complete stop. People crossing the highway outside the safety lane do so at their own risk.

The Willamina City Council has provided these safety lanes for your protection, so when crossing the street be sure you are inside the painted lines at the intersections.

Apparently distracted by the heat and the fact that his car wouldn't start, John Tovo Niema, 53, shot himself through the head with a high powered rifle last Thursday evening while returning home from Willamina.

He had been employed by Amalie Selin, who lives in the Bell Mountain district, for the past eight years.

Niema is survived by a brother and sister in Finland.

Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of resistance. The history of limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it.

One of the first things dictators and communists demand is the right of free speech, and one of the first things to which an end is put when they get into power is freedom of speech and freedom of the press. There is no freedom of speech or of the press in Russia, Italy or Germany. Dictators are afraid of the truth.

-- Southwestern Oregon News
Marshfield, Oregon

From M. Petersen:
August 8, 9 & 10 the Oregon Real Estate Fraternity will hold a state convention at North Bend. I am invited to make a speech from memory, fullness of the heart, subject matter of our home community. They want to see our home community represented, so I guess I will have to go. Do you have any suggestions?
Saturday evening Grand Ronde was a fine climate to live in.
Saturday Alvina LaChance was at her old home, the Petersen's. She enjoyed her dinner; she also pressed her mother's coat and her father's suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Green, our new merchants are doing fine. They have a fine intelligent daughter as assistant at the store.

"Kentucky Moonshine," starring the Ritz Brothers will be playing at the Hi-Way Theatre in Sheridan next week.

From around the house:
Children's outgrown stockings that have holes at the knee can be made over into socks for younger children.

Nowadays the earth revolves on it's taxes.

The Pest

I must have tried to write this column a dozen times this week, but only two things kept coming to mind. Mainly, the question on your minds as to how we feel about the arrest. We are sick, of course, as the other parents must be, but he is our God-given son and we love him and will do all we can to help him. If only angels were loved, there wouldn't be a whole lot of loving going on, now would there? I am terribly sorry to hear that some of you felt God-like enough to make harassing calls to one mother that I know of. As the Bible reminds, judge not lest ye be judged. I also want to thank all my dear friends for their prayers at this difficult time for us.

My other thoughts and prayers this week were for all our friends in the hospital. We were surprised to see Vieta Hines "exercising" in the hall on our way to visit Scott Olson Monday. Harley and Susie Whitten were visiting her and someone else on the third floor. We also spotted a daughter on the way to visit her mother, Mary Beachy, who underwent eye surgery that day. We all hope by this reading that those aforementioned are up and out, except Scott, who was still anticipating arm and ankle surgery after his ordeal with internal injuries and removal of his spleen.

I'm probably in the doghouse with my family for not mentioning our Angela being one year old Thursday and young Ray seven, on Sunday. Hope they, Leona Zetterberg, Ivan Dent and my ocean rescuer Roy Tucker all had happy days. Anniversary congratulations to the Erling Jacobsens, Bill Barretts, Reed VanScoyks and Ernest Hollmans who will have celebrated before the next issue of the Times. May God bless all.

THE PEST
P. S. - Congratulations? Vance, on becoming the new "Papa" of this here publication. Your public failed me on an invite to go wild blackberrying with them so I had to settle for tamer varieties, mmm-

Calf falls in well

Mishler Wreckers were called out Friday for a rather unusual job -- they had a calf to pull out of a well. Thomas Reed of Grand Ronde called and informed Mishler that a calf was swimming around in his well and that he couldn't get it out. The wet animal had evidently fallen into the well sometime the night before.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the privilege of using the columns of your newspaper to add my bit to the concern expressed by others in the community about our schools.

Our schools have been a major concern of mine since 1947 when my late husband returned to Oregon with his family to make his home. That concern has never lessened and is again heightened because of my grandchildren now dependent on the same schools.

Not satisfied with the news reported in the columns of this newspaper, I talked with parents of children now in school, and with board members of divergent views. From the beginning I have never felt that the children of this school district are second class -- they are entitled to the best teachers and the finest schools we can afford. I also learned the repeated refusals

of the proposed budgets this year did not express voter disapproval of the amounts requested but dissatisfaction with the quality of schooling furnished.

With this in mind -- in summing up the present situation: It is a clear case of the Peter Principle at work, to wit:

"In a hierarchy, every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence."

Dr. Peter thus defines hierarchy: "Man orders his affairs in hierarchies. His schools are ordered in grades from kindergarten through graduate school --" etc.

The practical application of the Peter principle of course is, i.e. a garage owner needs a shop foreman, he looks over his crew --

"Here's a very good mechanic -- I'll make him shop foreman," whether or not the good mechanic has

any ability to get along with others, schedule and supervise the work properly etc. so a good mechanic is turned into an inefficient shop foreman who loses business for the owner etc. Applied to the schools -- a good English teacher, if "promoted" may be hopelessly at sea trying to be a principal and the analogy can be continued up through the various levels.

We have had excellent teaching staffs and good administrators before and will again provided the board members can broaden their outlook and if unable to choose qualified administrators and principals on the basis of their own experience and knowledge, then to seek advice from those whose judgement they respect. The tragedy is, until this can be achieved the youth are short-changed and deprived of the proper opportunity to learn.

I have also observed the corrosion of our language and am quite familiar with "educationalese." The battle may have to be carried to our State Board of Education which, unfortunately, can use the club of withholding state support funds if their directives are not adhered to.

In the meantime, for my grandchildren, there is Sesame Street and the Electric Company on public television from which programs they are learning phonics -- even the three year old.

With the budget finally being passed with the slim margin of two votes rather than to ask board members to spend so much of their time on school matters (without pay), our efforts should be directed to repealing the statutes that say we must provide schools and our children must attend them until they reach the age of eighteen years or have a high school diploma.

A concerned
Berniece J. Tydell
*The Peter Prescription - Dr. Laurence J. Peter - William Morrow and Co. N. Y. 1972

Grass fire

Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department was called out Saturday afternoon to extinguish a grass fire above the water reservoir north of the city. About four acres of grass burned on property owned by Jim Sledge of Silverton.

Willamina court report

Thelma LaBonte - driving while license suspended - dismissed.
Dave Zook - illegal parking - bail forfeiture \$5.

Loren Greenlaw - unnecessary noise - dismissed.

Walter J. Herzog - no operator's license - fine \$5 - court cost \$5 - assessment \$1.

Blanch Shatos - VBR 40 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. zone - found guilty

by court - fine \$6 - court cost \$5 - assessment \$1.

Robert Wayne Mathena - disorderly conduct - plea of guilty - fine \$75 - court cost \$5 - assessment \$3.

Ray Schlaepfer - dog at large - found not guilty.

Edwin Ashman - minor in possession by consumption - bail forfeiture \$25 - assessment \$2.

The Times

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