

Cornelius Baby Wins Area II Derby Prizes

CORNELIUS — A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Botham, named Sharon Marie, on New Year's day at Jones hospital in Hillsboro. The baby will share in the gifts given by the various merchants, being the first baby born outside of Hillsboro, area two in the annual baby derby.

Clem Miller has left for Bremerton, Wash., to receive new orders. It was incorrectly reported that he had received his discharge.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet at the church January 9 for the first meeting of the new year, with the newly-elected officers in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stevenson and Richie were guests over the New Year week-end of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bertsch had as guests for New Year's the following: Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lutz, Mrs. Bertsch's parents, and

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Merkle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Lutz, all of Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Noble, Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lutz and family of Underwood, Wash., and Mrs. Rosina Houck.

A family dinner was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman January 1. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoffman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Unvericht, Lloyd Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Senke, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Selfridge and son and Mrs. Catherine Hoffman.

Will Go to New York — Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schultz are visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Clara Schultz. Mr. Schultz has recently been discharged from the navy and after visiting with relatives for a while plans to go to New York to attend a school of photography.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turk had New Year's dinner with Mr. Turk's family and Thomas and family of Forest Grove.

Guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herring were Mrs. Herring's two brothers, Lester Muhly of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Muhly and family of Aberdeen, Wash.

Mrs. Laura Zellitz New Scout Leader; Officers Elected

CORNELIUS — The Girls Scouts have been meeting at the city hall on Saturday afternoons at 2 o'clock. After the meetings the girls have a sewing class. Mrs. Laura Zellitz will be the new leader. Mrs. Louis Hoffman has been their leader. On Saturday of this week there will be a Scout party at the home of Mrs. Zellitz. Last Saturday they elected new officers, who are Jo Ann Tupper, secretary, Bernice Herring, treasurer, and Bonnie Olson, reporter. Mr. and Mrs. George Rithaler and Donald visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bortelmann and other friends in the county.

George and Helen Halseher and son Davy spent some time during the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Bess Halseher.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Saver had as dinner guests Mrs. Grace Saver of Portland and Robert Powell of Mill City.

Mrs. Carl Schneider entertained for her husband's birthday on Tuesday with the following guests: Miss Freda and John Headinger, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shields, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hershey of Helvetia, Fred Hering and family, Arnold Schneider and family, Walter Hering and Miss Zelma Smith.

Reunion Held — Mrs. Barbara Smith and Leland entertained with a New Year's dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Sim May and Sim Jr., Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. William Medley, formerly of Tacoma, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rose and sons Keith and Gary, Reedport, and Mrs. Dollie Havens and granddaughters Colleen and Pauline Parrett of Astoria. Mrs. May, Mrs. Havens and Mrs. Medley are sisters of Mrs. Smith and this was the first time they had been together for several years. Other callers during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ford of Hillsboro.

Blaze Destroys Baker House

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Baker a short distance east of Hillsboro was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early New Year's morning while the family was at the beach.

Hillsboro fire department was unable to stop the blaze but protected a dynamite shed about 400 feet away. A garage and workshop in back of the house was partially burned and a Ford panel delivery truck inside was lost. Nothing was saved from the house.

The house was one story and flames from it shot 60 feet into the air, according to firemen. A Hillsboro resident reported seeing the fire at approximately 6:15 a. m. but thought a haystack was burning. The fire alarm was sounded at 6:45 here.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker did not learn of the fire until Tuesday afternoon, it was reported. He is manager of the Tualatin Valley Coop.

County Seal Sales Near \$8500 Goal

Christmas Seal sales for Washington county were close to the \$8500 goal this week with collections listed by Mrs. Zola Morgan, chairman of the annual drive. Hillsboro tops the list in the Pacific area with \$2100.81, Beaverton has \$1314.59, and Forest Grove reported a total of \$1200 to Mrs. Morgan.

Additional purchasers of Christmas Seal bonds are: Newman's Grocery, Orange Pheasant, Nye, O. Bristol, all of Hillsboro; Citizen's Bank of Sherwood; Names added to the list of those contributing \$5 or more: J. N. Wiley of Hillsboro and C. D. Chamberlain of North Plains.

Local Folk See Flood Tragedy

Mr. and Mrs. George Weinhard of Hillsboro were just behind the Portland car which was swept down Salt Creek canyon in southwestern Oregon by flood waters Friday, according to word received here by R. W. Chapman from the Weinhard, who are visiting in San Jose, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Howell are two children of Portland were in the car and all four were drowned.

The car plunged into the water at a point where the creek had cut a big hole in the Willamette highway.

Whenever local people have social, club or fraternal items of general interest they are asked to please co-operate by reporting them.

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Return of Peace Top News Story of 1945; Front Pages Reveal Progress

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to the fight against Japan. O. B. Gates replaces M. H. Stevenson who resigns as member of the Hillsboro city utilities commission. Washington county christens 10,000-ton Victory cargo vessel, the "S. S. Jackson Victory" at Portland as a reward for winning the "Big 10" series E bond-selling race in the seventh war loan drive. Forest Grove proposes plan for experimental seeding to grass and trees of a one-mile strip through 13 sections of the Tillamook burn area. Forest fire burns over about 700 acres of green timber in Parry canyon southwest of Laurel. 1945 Washington county junior fair opens three-day program. Forest fires all reported under control.

SEPTEMBER — City council orders improved street lighting in Hillsboro. County Judge H. D. Kerkman named chairman of Governor Earl Snell's special committee to investigate forest fires. Al Bogue installed president of local Lions club. William G. Ide, well-known local realtor, dies. John T. Kovaly of Hillsboro elected county chairman of the Red Cross as successor to O. B. Gates. Hilhi defeats St. Helena in football 26 to 13. War chest drive opens for county goal of \$32,400. Hilhi defeats Milwaukee by 21 to 0 on local gridiron.

OCTOBER — Chamber of commerce has first luncheon meeting of season. Bond issue of \$165,000 for improvement of Hillsboro elementary schools approved by 183 to 44 vote. Hilhi wins over Tigard by 29 to 0. Overseas G. I. Christmas mail gets heavy at local postoffice. Hilhi loses at McMinnville by 14 to 7. Wage controversy over walnut picking rates keeps 170 Mexican nationals away from work. Hilhi wins over Newberg by 26 to 0. Victory Loan drive opens. Hilhi wins at Tillamook by 25 to 7.

NOVEMBER — Lagging war chest fund hits 58 per cent of quota in county. Banks area lead in Victory Loan drive. Hillsboro wins over West Linn 27 to 12. Miss Dorine Foecker named Hillsboro area candidate for Victory Queen race. Washington county dairymen sign up over 240 cows in the local artificial insemination association. Christmas Seal sale opens with more than 11,000 letters bearing stamps sent to county homes. William L. Moore re-elected mayor of Banks after 22 years at the post. H. H. Neill of route 2, Hillsboro, dies of injuries received when hit by automobile near Reedville. Hilhi wins 28th annual Turkey Day football classic at Forest Grove 21 to 0. Lewis B. Thrush of Forest Grove dies of injuries suffered when hit by car near Forest Grove. Hillsboro's proposed reconstructed municipal water system approved by voters at special election.

DECEMBER — Hilhi junior class presents play "Junior Miss." Miss Genevieve Vowell of Forest Grove wins county Victory Queen contest. Washington county over quota in Victory Loan drive in series E bonds by five per cent and Banks area by 142 per cent. Ray L. Antrim of Aloha named as county chairman for Oregon's annual infantile paralysis fund drive. Three Hilhi gridder honored at annual Rotary club banquet—Jack Doyle named honorary captain for 1945 and gets Al Bogue award, Tom Strauchman the Rotary club plaque for "most inspirational" player, and Ken Brandaw the W. G. Hare trophy for "most improved" player after secret ballot by the squad. Joseph Cox succeeds Don E. Anderson as assistant county agent. Proposed Columbia Valley Authority discussed at meeting of Washington County Land Use committee. Kenneth Wilcox home wins top prize in local Christmas lighting contest. Hilhi basketball quintet ends seven-game pre-season schedule with five wins and two defeats. Flood damage on Tualatin river basin claimed big by residents at hearing in courthouse on proposed flood control and drainage project. Five grade school districts consider consolidation.

Below is a list of county servicemen listed as killed in action or missing on the world's far-flung battlefronts during 1945. The list will necessarily be incomplete on some deaths and on the return of some missing men as the summary was taken only from front pages of papers for the past year.

January 4—Sgt. Charles Tews of Hillsboro, previously reported missing, reported killed over China in November.

Paul Bradford of Banks reported missing in action over Germany since December 17 (April 26 issue of Hillsboro Post listed as missing since December 22, (April 5, listed as POW), (May 24, liberated); January 25—Ensign Mark Edwards, Jones of Beaverton, missing in action in the Pacific since January 16; S. Sgt. Neil R. Jepson of route 2, Cornelius, missing in action in Luxembourg since December 18, (April 26, POW in Germany, (May 24, liberated); Pfc. Orville G. Kooz of Hillsboro, killed in action in Belgium on Christmas day.

February 1—Cpl. Robert Wilcox of Cornelius, killed in action in battle of Luxembourg, January 5; Sgt. Gerald E. Phillips of route 1, Sherwood, killed in action in Mediterranean area; February 15—Pfc. Roland Dale Frost of Reedville, killed in action on Luzon, January 18; Sgt. John R. Borich of Hillsboro, dead on Luzon; Pfc. Kenneth E. Vershum of Beaverton, killed in action in ETO; Harry Bechen of West Union, missing in action on western front, later reported prisoner; Pvt. Robert Phillipott of Pumpkin Ridge, missing in France since January 18; February 22—Norman Lien of Banks, killed by accidental gun shot in Pacific; Nels Anderson of Farmington, killed in action in Belgium; December 24; Lt. Robert E. Campbell, formerly of Hillsboro, killed in action over Germany.

March 1—Pfc. Alvin K. Haney of Gaston, missing in action in Belgium since December 18; March 8—Pvt. Walter A. Mulhy of Blooming, killed February 7 in Luxembourg; Earl Jones, S. I. c. of Banks, presumed dead after ship sinking in Pacific; December 18; M. Sgt. Max Smith of Cornelius, dead of wounds received on Luzon, February 1; March 15—S. Sgt. John W. Connell, Jr. of Hillsboro, missing in action in Europe since February 22 (March 22 killed in action); T. 4 Charles T. Shaper of Hazeldale, dies of pneumonia on Luzon, February 10; S. Sgt. Charles Richard Loomer of route 2, Beaverton, missing in action since February 22 over Germany; March 23—Sgt. Duke of Hillsboro, killed in action in Belgium, February 23; March 22—Sgt. Roy F. Davis, Jr. of Hillsboro, dies of wounds in ETO, February 27; Ensign Delbert Davis of Sherwood, killed in auto accident at Long Beach, Cal.; Cpl. Charles Spies of route 1, Gaston, killed in action on Luzon, February 18; Julius Matthew Dobra, electrician's mate, 3 c. Hillsboro, dies at Veterans' hospital at Walla Walla, Wash. of illness December 18; South Pacific; Freddie Homburger formerly of Manning, killed in action in South

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Used Car Ceiling Lowered by OPA

OPA ceiling prices on used passenger automobiles were reduced four per cent, effective January 1. This reduction, which applies not only to the base price of used vehicles, but also applies to extras, is the regular depreciation scheduled by the regulation to be taken at six month intervals.

It was announced that every person, when he sells a used car covered by the regulation, shall prepare a certificate of transfer in duplicate and not later than five days from the date of sale, turn in the original copy to his local war price and rationing board, and give the other copy to the purchaser.

21; June 28—Pfc. Leland R. Soldiers of North Plains, killed in action on Okinawa, May 9; Pfc. Erling Harris (Bud) Kommer of Buxton, killed in action on Okinawa, May 21.

July 5—James Van (Buster) Jones of Hillsboro, died on Luzon June 3, 1942; Pfc. Henry Amrein of route 1, Gaston, killed in action on Okinawa, May 11; Jordan Lee Moot-er of Tigard, killed in action off island of Ie; Pfc. Bob George, formerly of Reedville, missing in action over Tinian, May 25; Robert L. Prater, ships cook, 3 c. Glenwood, missing in action; First Lt. Walter M. Dickinson of Sherwood, missing in action in Pacific, July 12—Ensign Philip Stretcher of Hillsboro, naval aviator, missing in flight over Pacific; Marine Pfc. Jerry Marshall of Forest Grove, killed in action; Pfc. Dick C. Foster of Sherwood, killed in action in Pacific, July 26—Lt. W. V. Everett of Hillsboro, missing in action in Pacific area.

August 2—Capt. Richard E. Carberry, formerly of St. Mary's school for boys, reported died in sinking of Jap ship, December 15, 1944; August 9—Second Lt. Raymond Fred of Hillsboro, and Maj. Reed Fendall of Forest Grove, both reported killed in sinking of Jap prison ship in Subic bay, December 15, 1944; August 29—Pvt. Ralph S. Willford of Aloha, died in Jap prison camp, July 19, 1942; August 30—Pfc. William L. Van Kleek of Kinton, died of malaria in Luzon prison camp, July 23, 1942.

September 13—Roger Horton of Sherwood, drowned in Umpqua river while on leave.

November 1—Pfc. John Amrein of route 1, Gaston, missing in action since October 6, 1944, reported officially dead.

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