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Area Rich in History Welcomes American Trails President

Hillsboro and Washington county are rich in historical tradition and the Old Oregon Trail Days centennial observance here in connection with the visit of Dr. Howard Driggs of New York, president of the American Trails association, is a natural. The co-operation among local people has been very good and everyone seems to be having a good time.

Friday will be a big day in Hillsboro with plenty of interesting entertainment for everyone. Everyone seems to have had a big time with various forms of facial adornments and tomorrow will be the grand climax with plenty of fun.

In observance of the centennial, observed in 1948 and 1949, the Washington County Native Sons and Daughters and Historical association, sponsored a centennial and homecoming at the fair last year in such a successful manner that it was decided to make it an annual affair. Plans call for this observance again this year on Friday of the fair.

The same enthusiasm going into the July 22 event should be continued into fair time with the wholehearted co-operation of local residents, who should do everything in their power to make the county fair successful. In another year, the effort on the historical angle and homecoming should be concentrated on the one day of the fair.

The people of this area are glad to welcome Dr. Driggs and feel honored to have him visit this community. They anticipate hearing him for he has a fine reputation as a speaker.

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Low Hanging Limbs Nuisance

Low hanging limbs over sidewalks and streets are a definite nuisance and in some instances, if the limb is broken, could prove hazardous. Attention has been called to the fact that low hanging limbs have been noticed in many parts of the city. Also the writer, in walking in residential areas, has noted that property owners in some cases have permitted limbs to grow so far down that they definitely interfere with the pedestrian.

This condition is covered by a city ordinance which requires an eight-foot clearance over sidewalks and 11 feet over streets. If property owners do not maintain such clearance, the city can have it done with the cost being charged to the owner. Everyone should want to keep his trees trimmed to a point where they will not interfere with pedestrians and traffic.

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Loss to Journalism, State

Journalism in Oregon, the United States and the world is shaken by the tragic death of 13 topflight newspaper people in an airplane crash near Bombay early last week. Their deaths came in the line of duty for they were making a study of the Indonesian situation and of the far Southeast.

Oregon is hit particularly hard in the loss of three Oregonians—George L. Moorad, Charles E. Gratke and Fred W. Colvig—all of whom had gained distinguished and important positions in the news field. All were graduates of the University of Oregon school of journalism and all had been connected at one time or another with the Oregonian.

A staunch foe of communism, Mr. Moorad, through his knowledge of Russia gained by personal observation, had been doing a fine work as correspondent for the Oregonian and commentator for KGW in calling attention to the threat of communism to our way of life.

Mr. Gratke, a native of Astoria, who had served on a number of Oregon newspapers, was foreign editor of the Christian Science Monitor and was considered one of the best informed newsmen on foreign affairs. It was only a year ago in February that he visited his native state as a guest speaker at the Oregon press conference at Eugene.

Mr. Colvig, who was born in Jacksonville, was editor of the Denver Post editorial page, having gone there with Palmer Hoyt to start the page after several years on the Oregonian and in the service.

All three of these men were known to local people and particularly Mr. Moorad, who had addressed a number of Hillsboro organizations on Russia. Their deaths are a great loss to the field of journalism as well as to Oregon and the nation.

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Many will applaud the action of the Portland city council in deciding to maintain the World War memorial board in the park blocks on the plea of the Gold Star Mothers, backed by the Disabled American Veterans. The city planning commission had previously recommended that the memorial be eliminated. All cities, large and small, should maintain memorials, preferrably living war memorials, to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. It is to be hoped that the time will come when Hillsboro will have an adequate living war memorial that the names of those who gave their lives may be held before all as a patriotic inspiration. No finer memorial could be constructed here than the long-discussed swimming pool.

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Organization of a drum and bugle corps by the American Legion should fill a long felt need in this community for a musical organization that can help pep things up at various local events. Lack of a band or some type of musical group takes much out of a parade as for instance on the Fourth of July this year. While plenty of effort was made to get a band for the occasion none was available. All success to the new corps and may it be a community asset.

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A real treat is in store for the local kiddies participating in the summer recreation program through arrangements made to attend a Portland-Hollywood game July 27. The recreation program is most worthwhile for our local youngsters and should be a regular summer feature.

In Other Days

15 Years Ago

Argus, July 26, 1934—David Hagg & Sons dairy herd of 44 Jerseys cited as high producers in Yamhill-Washington County Herd Improvement association for June.

Deaths—E. R. Lilly killed instantly at Roger's mill near Glenwood. Mrs. Kate Bagmar Berge of route 3, Hillsboro. John Pieren of Helvetia.

Paul Patterson elected president of Washington county chapter of Oregon Republican clubs.

Continuation of Washington county airport near Hillsboro as an SERA project approved.

Hugh S. Rogers of Hillsboro elected junior vice-commander at annual encampment of Oregon department, United Spanish War Veterans.

Demonstration staged in Hillsboro Wednesday under direction of the county civic emergency federation committee of action to demand increases in relief met with rebuff when four of the seven members of the county relief committee refused to discuss alleged grievances except at regular committee meetings every Tuesday night.

Hillsboro Bears dropped further into the cellar of the Tualatin Valley league Sunday by losing to Sherwood 28 to 11.

Hillsboro dumped Roy Sunday 14 to 7 to climb into fifth place in Sunset league.

30 Years Ago

Argus, July 17, 1919—Monday heat registered 102.

Deaths—Henry Peterson of Farmington. Mrs. Elsie B. Hoard of Hillsboro.

Claude Bettis returns home from navy service.

R. D. Alexander of Varley station returned last week after 18 months' service in France with the 20th engineers.

"Big Bend" swimming hole most popular place in community.

Sgt. Glen Taylor, last of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, who were in overseas service, returns home.

45 Years Ago

Argus, July 21, 1904 — O. G. Wilkes resigns as superintendent of Hillsboro water and light plant.

W. H. Wehrung in charge of Oregon exhibit at St. Louis exposition. W. G. Hare is in charge of forestry and game exhibit.

Deaths—Mrs. Arvilla Miles Pruyn of Hillsboro.

Hillsboro delegates to meeting of state development league are Dr. F. A. Bailey, Dr. J. P. Tamiesie, J. A. Imbrie, G. A. Morgan, Ed Schulmerich, James H. Sewell, E. J. Lyons, F. M. Heidel, W. V. Wiley, and A. C. Shute.

Speaking of People . . .

Along the Rural Route
By Teresa Mullin

W. S. French has returned from a 10-day vacation in California, where he visited his son and daughter who are living in Los Angeles . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Solomon of Clatskanie came down to pinch-hit with Mrs. French at the grocery store during his absence.

The county highway department is sure busy these days filling in the damage done by old man winter and I can feel for them in this heat but hold my breath every time I see their trucks spattering tar on some of the new models on the road.

Still talking about that largest fuchsia I have ever seen in the Troutman's store in North Plains . . Certainly interested in knowing more about that ultra-modern house that's under construction out in Mountaindale . See that the Commercial Bank in Banks is undergoing a paint trim . . Chatted with Mrs. Joe Cox and son who were bathing in the sun on route 5, heard all about the Earl Ready's taking off in the new Studebaker for Kansas where they will visit with family and friends and then return with Grandfather Ready who will make his home with them on route 5 . . The Coxes have been doing the neighborly thing by caring for the livestock while they are away.

Found Mrs. Earl Morley looking cool and crisp, picking posies in their beautiful garden on route 4 . . Could hardly resist not coming away with one of those precious Siamese cats I saw at the W. H. Vanderberg's new home . . . a new arrival is expected soon . . . Mrs. Ernest Johnson of route 5 tells me they came out from Chicago two years ago to make their home and "love it."

Had a long chat with Mrs. John DuBois, "Molly's Green Thumb," and what an education! Never knew there were so many varieties of cactus and ivy . . . but I learned many other helpful and interesting things that I will pass on to you at a later date in an article worthy of all she tells.

The Kenneth Robinsons have been away for a vacation at Tule Lake . . . W. D. Fernley has moved his family from Portland to their new home on Birchwood Drive . . . Found a lot of whisker-minded men as I toured around . . . A. P. Peake of the Modern Food store at Orenco was doing nicely with quite a beard . . . Johnny Teufel wears quite a staggering number and still looks cool in spite of it.

SO LONG FOR NOW . . . I'll be seeing you along the rural route . . . start writing down that favorite recipe of the household so I may gather it for a county cook book that we want to get out as soon as we have a sufficient number of recipes.

Born in Barn

OLD SALES BARN—The West Canada city poured itself into the old sales barn now set with a sawdust trail. Far back in the gallery, God and Satan battled for the soul of a proud New England college woman. She had years of study in Greek and Latin, daily in chapel the Bible was read and hymns sung but as to Christ, our Lord, the college had Him only as a man. Just a man like us.

BORN AGAIN—That night she learned that Christ was the Son of God and that His miracles are given us that we might believe in Him as God's Son and believing have life from on high. As the woman listened she received Christ into her heart as the Son of God and at that God lifted her up out of death into life with Himself.

UP INTO LIFE—All of us have sinned and the wages of sin is death, Bible Death, eternal separation from God for here and now. Even one sin earns us BIBLE DEATH—eternal separation from God out into eternal night. So what? Lay hold on Christ, the Son of God who died for your sins. Take Him into your heart, make Him your own. He came up out of death and the grave to be your new life for here and now and your life eternal. Make Him yours and live by POWER FROM ON HIGH.

Geo. N. Taylor.

Portland 1, Ore. This space paid for by a Washington county family.

Tualatin Valley Air News

Wik's Air Service

Everything on the airport this week is the annual air maneuvers to be scheduled next Sunday, July 24. From the plans being formulated, it looks like there will be plenty of surprises and pleasant ones, too. You will all want to see it. The Ralston troupe will be the backbone of the show and there are to be several out-of-town and out-of-state participants. There will also be an all girl's race from Hillsboro to McMinnville to Scappoose and return. All planes will have to be 85 horsepower and no handicap. We have heard rumors that we are to have some Jet planes again this year, also. Be sure to save the date.

Betty Kasner and Ruth Wikander have both taken their first hour of seaplane instruction. Betty's comment was that she burned worse from the reflection of the water; Ruth's, that she found it easier than she had expected.

The big yellow bird still goes up almost every night. Earl Pieren is to take his check ride next Monday and Henry Brunswick will be next with Wesley Pieren not far behind.

The Wik's Stinson took another trip to southern Oregon this week with Guilford Wikander as pilot and Robert J. Pope, Winthrop A. Wells and Miles Buenik as passengers.

Harvey Henderson and his passenger took off Saturday about seven for Burns. An emergency job on a culver was the reason for the trip.

The Wik's BT made a trip to Bend last Sunday with return on Monday, and took off for a trip around Mt. Hood. Made it right over the top at better than eleven thousand feet. Wik's passenger was Walter Winter, who makes a practice of taking really good pictures.

Mrs. Walter Gadsby entertained Friday at a supper party at her home in Westover complimenting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Fuller, who arrived earlier in the day with their two sons to spend the week-end in Portland. The Fullers flew north in their Navion taking just four hours flying time with no stops, landing in Hillsboro just an hour before the party.

Sunday was a busy day at the "Inn" where there were many refueling stops for the airplanes and coffee stop for the occupants of the planes. The fleet of Ercoupes from Astoria were on their way home from Mills City. They were flown by Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. Roland McGinnis, and Mr. Fred Fluhrer with passenger R. Anderson.

Joe Hucker of Yakima, Wash., stopped to get a "flying lunch" on his way to San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and son of Birkenfeld met Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham also of Birkenfeld and had dinner on their way home from the south. Charles Hamin of Salem in a Taylorcraft, Ken and Robert Laudahl in their Aeronca Chief from Dallas, Roland E. Craig and Betty Mann from Vancouver in an Ercoupe all enjoyed the delightful weather of Sunday evening.

Ball-Ralston Flying Service

Dr. Bob Ellis, Bill Winter, and Swede Ralston flew to Moose Creek, Ida., and then hiked four and a half miles to Magpie on the Selway river to get some of the prettiest trout a fisherman would want. They fried many trout while there and brought home fifty four of the speckled beauties.

Dale and Al Busch have been practicing night flying in their Swift.

Bill Forbis and Joe Smith spent Friday afternoon taking low altitude pictures in the Detroit dam area.

Pete Amacher is dualing in a Piper Cub getting ready for his first solo flight.

Jack Campbell completed a trip to Spokane, returning through Yakima.

Ed Ball put his head out the window of a Luscombe Friday and nearly lost his head when the wind caught in his Centennial Beard.

Sammy Mason, famous Hollywood and internationally known aerobatic pilot will arrive in Hillsboro Saturday afternoon for the big airshow. He is bringing Bill Bushman one of the foremost breakaway chute jumpers with him to thrill the crowds with his long free fall jumps.

Bill Winter flew to Eugene Thursday night and returned Friday morning.

Joyce Martin has been busy all week flying around the country organizing the all girls' race which will be part of the Airshow Sunday.

Public Forum

Warning Issued

Boys Town, Neb.
July 12, 1949

My Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that a magazine racket misusing the good name of Boys Town is being carried on in various communities throughout the United States without our knowledge or sanction.

I would appreciate it very much if within your newspaper columns you would warn your readers to beware of any magazine solicitors identifying themselves as having any connection whatsoever with Boys Town. We have no authorized representatives selling book or magazine subscriptions. None of our boys are permitted to do so and we have no arrangements with any solicitors whereby a portion of their commissions are turned over to Boys Town.

Any magazine solicitor who represents himself as a Boys Town citizen, a former Boys Town citizen, or claims to represent Boys Town in any way whatsoever, is using the good name of Boys Town to promote his own personal ends.

Please urge your readers that if any magazine solicitors call upon them using the name of Boys Town in any way whatsoever, they should immediately contact their local better business bureau or police department so proper investigation may be made and this unauthorized practice may be stopped.

Will you please warn your readers of this magazine racket in which the good name of Boys Town is being misused? We do not want any of your readers to be victimized or taken advantage of by fast-talking magazine salesmen who sell their magazines on the strength of Boys Town rather than on the merits of their publications and mislead people into believing that by subscribing they are contributing to the work which is being done at Boys Town.

Thanking you for your cooperation in helping us stop this vicious magazine racket, I am, sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner.

Sales Tax Opposed

To the Editor: In the face of the Hoover report and the weight of everyday facts, Mr. Todd's article seems to me to be just a little unnecessary. There seems to be a lot of wishful thinking concerning this "forward looking majority" stuff, in regard to a "sales tax." If he is really concerned about the welfare of our county, state or nation a sales tax isn't the answer. Dr. Townsend has the more logical answer in a 3 per cent gross tax with a $250 monthly exemption, which would eliminate a thousand other taxes which now vex the whole American people. The appeal to tax the neighbor within our state, and at the same time eliminate the food tax on our lower bracket people, is just so much hooey. This seems to me to stem from the old idea of taking off all restrictions and relying on the proverbial "trickle" to leak through to the lower strata; and far be it from me to suggest who might compose the upper strata.

However, our Centennial is more timely, with its beautiful costumes and the bustle, and hustle.

Sincerely, C. J. Crook

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Personality of the Week . .

Editor's Note: In order to give public recognition for individual merit, the Argus is running a series of articles on citizens of Hillsboro and Washington county, whose work is presently in the limelight. The weekly selection will be known as "Personality of the Week."

By ERNIE MARTZ

"Now that things are getting back to the way they were before the fire, I'm going to try to get out to the rivers and make up for some of the lost time of the last two years," was the remark of Homer W. Settlemier, sales and service supervisor of the Imperial Feed & Grain company of Hillsboro, when asked what he intends to do in his spare time in the next few years.

H. Settlemier

Since the fire that destroyed the feed mill two years ago, Homer has done everything from help draw up the plans to supervise the work on the building. The company began operation in the new plant in March and Homer is beginning to get the call to go back to that normal quiet life that was his before the fire.

Salmon Derby Fan

"I never miss the Astoria salmon derby and even after the fire I went down and this year I'm really going to take the thing in, hook, line, and sinker."

Turning to the career of the bearded gent, we find that he is a native Oregonian, having been born in Woodburn 44 years ago. He spent his grade and high school days in the little Willamette valley town, partaking in all the athletics he could squeeze into his schedule. He was active in football, basketball, track and a little baseball. After getting out of Woodburn high, Homer made his way to Oregon State college where he majored in poultry and agriculture.

Started Career in California

Homer worked his way through Beaverland and upon graduation took a position with the state of California as poultry supervisor of the seven southern counties of the Golden Bear state.

While in California, he married Hazel Stewart, a Corvallis girl he had met while attending OSC. Together they returned to Oregon and he took a position at Milwaukie as a sales and service manager.

The next stop for the Settlemier family was at the corner of Fourth and Lincoln in Hillsboro where they temporarily lived while he established himself at the mill. He moved in 1939 to his present home on north Fifth avenue and his 11 years with the Imperial company has resulted in a steady rise in the prominence of the city company.

Two daughters round out the Settlemier household. Betty, 19, is a sophomore at art college in Portland and Joanne, 13, is a freshman at Hilhi.

Next to his family and his position, Homer rates fishing as just about the most important sport there is for a guy of his age. Hunting, too, rates but not to the extent of fishing in the eyes of the stocky sales supervisor.

Color Photo Bug

In the line of a hobby, Homer is a photography bug and he specializes in color work. He has a collection of over 100 slides and delights in showing them to guests of the family. Last summer, he took a trip through the Grand Canyon, California, Arizona, and Mexico and on this trip he took many color shots which he contends are his best work thus far in his eight-year-old hobby.

Heads School Board

Not all of his spare time is devoted to his enjoyment, as he is chairman of the grade school board and a member of the Lions club.

Next time you happen to be down Imperial Feed & Grain company way, drop in and see the stocky sales and service manager and per chance, he will tell you a fishing story or how to take color films.

Safety Education Stressed at Rotary

"Miracle in Paradise Valley," a moving picture that forcefully stresses the need for exercising care for the promotion of safety on the farm, etc., was shown at the Rotary club Thursday afternoon by Couch Wallace, who is in charge of the safety program for Birds Eye-Snider. Wallace said it was necessary to educate people to be safe.

That the program as conducted by General Foods is working is evidenced by the reduction in accidents, it was brought out by Wallace and Carl Huber, who was program chairman.

Sam Coy spoke briefly on his trip to Honolulu and pointed out that the longshore strike there is paralyzing the economy of the islands.

Rev. C. N. Trout introduced Rev. Clarence Forsberg as a new member.

R. W. Weil will be chairman today and E. A. Griffith reporter on the Narrator.

Estate: W. E. O'Brien

NOTICE: The County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County has appointed the undersigned administrator of the estate of W. E. O'BRIEN, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to the undersigned at the office of E. J. McAlear, 243 East Main Street, Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from this date, July 21, 1949.
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