

'Freedom Goes Where the Newspaper Goes'



Strong Small Town Papers Are Found Only in Two Countries

By Edwin Emery
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Only in two countries of the world—the United States and Canada—does there exist a small-town journalism of any consequence.

Professor Thomas F. Barnhart of the University of Minnesota School of Journalism believes that much of the reason for this development of thousands of community newspapers is reflected in the slogan of 1949 National Newspaper Week—"Freedom Goes Where the Newspaper Goes."

Small-town newspapers flourish in this country because the setting is right, Barnhart points out. "We have developed, hand in hand, a democratic form of government, a free press tradition, widespread public education, and a private enterprise system of business."

Out of this combination have come other factors which enable the United States to have more than 10,000 weekly newspapers as "the backbone of American journalism," Barnhart declares. These factors include:

The building of thousands of small towns in the country's immense rural areas, with the com-

munity newspaper playing its part in such a development.

The creation of a vast network of rural free delivery routes, and the establishment of postal rates in keeping with a national policy of encouragement of dissemination of information.

A social environment in which citizens have a friendly interest in the everyday activities of friends and neighbors.

Barnhart, author of several books on weekly newspaper editorial and management problems, believes that the small-town newspaper currently is improving its historical position as a community leader and as a business enterprise.

Hiteon

By Mrs. Cora Metzentine

Bud Hite had the misfortune to lose a fresh cow last week. Mrs. R. E. Lietz and Mrs. Herman Metzentine attended the project leaders' training meeting on "Food for Entertainment" held at the Episcopal guild in Hillsboro Friday.

Henry Metzentine left for eastern Oregon Friday to hunt deer.

This Sunday is Rally day at the Christian church, Beaverton, with basket dinner at noon.

The Hiteon club met with Mrs.

Rural Fires Call Local Department

Hillsboro firemen were called to four rural fires late last week and over the week-end. Three of the alarms asked assistance to quell brush fires and the fourth was a barn blaze at the E. C. Dixon farm near Sherwood.

Both Hillsboro and Beaverton fire departments answered brush fires on September 27 and October 1. One call sent firefighters to Rose Avenue at Aloha and the other call sent trucks to F. B. Fowler farm near Scholls Ferry. The fire at the Fowler place for a time threatened the farmer's orchard.

A call Saturday afternoon sent firemen to the R. J. Toomey farm, one-half mile east of the Gable school, to quell another brush fire. At about midnight Sunday night, firemen were called to a burning barn on the E. C. Dixon place near Sherwood. Officers report that the local crew worked until nearly 3 o'clock Monday morning to mop up the fire. They said that flames from the barn threatened to spread to the Dixon home. However, fire crews were able to hold the fire to the barn. No damage estimate from the blaze was available.

Adam Miller with Mrs. Metzentine, co-hostess.

Building Permits Take Sharp Slump During September

New construction permits took a nosedive in Hillsboro during the month of September. City building records for the period reveal a total of only \$240 in permits for all types of building activity during September compared to a whopping total of \$173,375 during the month of August, according to E. M. Bowman, city recorder.

Out of a total of 12 permits taken out during August, only one application was made for a new residential building. All the other permits were granted for house additions, garages, or building repair.

W. R. Ziegler was granted a permit to erect a \$2500 home on E. High street. Vincent Phelps received a \$1500 permit to make an addition to his house at 136 N. 3d. and Earl Calkins received permission for a \$1200 addition to his home on N. Connell avenue. Marshall Binkerd was granted approval on his request for a \$750 bedroom addition to his home. All of the other permits were granted for either garage construction or garage repair.

The September building permit total brings the 1949 Hillsboro construction total up to \$763,540.

Men Donate Time To Fix Grounds

By Mrs. J. A. O'Dell

MIDWAY—A group of men from Tualatin Valley Men's club met Sept. 25 at Grover Consolidated school to put up the swings and other equipment that had been moved there from other school grounds. Some swings, teeter totters and other equipment have to be moved yet and will be put up later.

Miss Garnet Guild spent a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Guild, before returning to Ames, Ia., to resume her work as college aide. Her work is sponsored by the Friends Service committee. As a college aide she visits 32 colleges and universities during the year giving speeches.

Surprised On Birthday—A group of friends and neighbors met at the home of Hank Rhulin recently and surprised him on his birthday.

Don Rhulin is enrolled in the University of Portland this year.

Mrs. Ralph Butcher has a sunflower about 11 feet tall that has blossoms all the way up the stem. In all there are about 40 blossoms. She had others with 3 and 4 blossoms on a stem.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Argyle and children of Auburn, Wash., are spending a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. O'Dell. While here Mr. Argyle's car broke down and Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell left Tuesday morning to tow it back to Auburn for him. While gone they visited their two daughters in Seattle, Wash. They all returned to Midway Wednesday evening. The station and store was left.

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Americans Have Priceless Heritage in Free Press

By Orrin R. Taylor
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The priceless heritage which Americans enjoy through their right of a free press is appreciated most when we realize that "Freedom Goes Where the Newspaper Goes."

From the time of Peter Zenger, who fought all opposition in his contention that freedom of the press was a heritage worth fighting all critics to retain—to the modern, crusading newspaper man who is doing everything in his power to see that right is maintained, may be but a short step in man's measure of time, but it is an important assignment.

Our freedoms were retained by those who thought enough of them to preserve their heritage for future generations.

All our freedoms are dependent upon the right of the people to be informed; upon their inherent right to read of the actions and activities of those who are legally elected to represent them.

Newspapers are custodians of the right of free expression and they should also be the guardians of that right so that strong men and women of today and the true Americans of tomorrow who shall carry on these freedoms will be strengthened by the knowledge that their heritages were preserved.

OSC Homecoming Set Oct. 29; Play WSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Homecoming here will be held this year October 28 and 29, in connection with the Washington State college football game. Bob Dunn, Corvallis, has been named general student chairman for the event.

Dad's day, formerly held in the fall, will be held next February 3 and 4 instead, at the time of two conference games with University of Washington. Completion of the 10,000-seat pavilion makes possible entertaining them at conference basketball games for the first time.

In Edith Butcher's care and Mrs. Argyle's children stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Dell. Mr. and Mrs. Argyle plan to return to Auburn Sunday evening.

Say you saw it in the Argus.

Services Set at Bethany; Meeting Reminder Given

BETHANY—The Hillsboro Business and Professional Women's club will attend the morning service at the Bethany Presbyterian church next Sunday. Special music is being planned in their honor.

Officers To Be Named—Sunset Valley school patrons are again reminded of the Parent-Teacher association meeting to be held October 13 at 8 p.m. at the school. Officers will be elected and the by-laws adopted at that time. All who join at that meeting will be enrolled as charter members.

Softball contests with West Union school on Friday resulted in two wins for Sunset Valley.

Rev. H. G. Dickman is reported improving from a recent illness at his home.

The Washington County Christian Endeavor convention will be held October 15 and 16 at the Bethany Presbyterian church with Earl Morgan from the staff of the Multnomah School of the Bible as featured speaker. The banquet will be Saturday evening at 7 o'clock with the Ladies Missionary and Aid society preparing the meal. Miss Esther Stucki will head the kitchen committee. Program and decoration theme will be "At the End of the Rainbow." Each society will receive a refund of five cents for each member buying a banquet ticket.

Meeting Planned Tonight—Tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock the Baptist Guild will meet at the church. All ladies are requested to be present.

Two Teachers Added to Roster—Promotion Day was observed during last Sunday school at the Baptist church. Because of increased enrollment, two new teachers were added in the primary department; namely, Mrs. Leonard Vincent and Mrs. Roderick Egman. The bus which was purchased this summer is believed to be responsible for the new pupils.

The Presbyterian church observed World Communion Day Sunday at the first service of its annual Missionfest. Services were conducted by Dr. Samuel Lee in the absence



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 9 TO 15

of Rev. Dickman, with Donald Meier assisting. Special music included a solo by Mrs. R. A. Wismer and a choir selection, "How Beautiful Up on the Mountain" with Mrs. Donald Zylstra at the organ. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by over 100 members and friends. At the afternoon session Mrs. Marshall Stiles of Oregon City and Mrs. Louise Parsons of Portland led devotions and prayer.

Both are prominent Presbyterian church workers. A trio composed of Mesdames Ben Faber, R. A. Wismer and Herman Schindler sang "Faith, Hope and Love." The speaker, Mrs. Albert Casteel of Portland, delivered an inspiring address on "Missionary Motives" highlighted with experiences during her years as an educational missionary to Bengal, India. The young people had arranged the evening service during which Rev. Joseph Dixon of Trinity Presbyterian church presented some practical thoughts on missions. A men's chorus and the

choir furnished special music directed by Otto Zurburg. Church treasurer, E. Ray Miller, announced that missionary collections for the day totaled over \$1500.

Miss Vivian Jeffries entertained at dinner Saturday evening honoring Mrs. Frank Goddard and Mrs. Louise Harris of Wendover, Utah. Covers were laid for ten.

Following a two-weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wismer, Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Harris left for home by bus Sunday.

Construction of a home on the McKenzie property is coming along rapidly. The site is the former A. J. Dyle ranch.

Returning from a fruitless hunting trip in the Jewell area, a local party saw three bucks standing by the Sunset highway near West Union just inside the game refuge. The hunters were Tony Trachsel, Don Ficken and Frank Jeffries.

Bill Jeffries and Alvin Hergert left Friday for several days hunting in the Bend area.

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