

SHORT CUTS GREAT HELP

Dallas and Salmon River Cut-Offs Popularize Coast Resorts

SILVERTON, Aug. 6.—Since the two new cut-offs—the Dallas and the Salmon river—bringing ocean beaches over 40 miles closer to Silvertown, every Sunday sees some party of motorists finding its way westward.

The first cutoff begins, for the Silvertown, at Rickreall, where instead of going north toward McMinnville, he will continue west toward Dallas. Just where the pavement turns down into the city of Dallas itself, the ocean-bound motorist turns north, following the signs pointing toward Wallace bridge. This cutoff saves something like 15 miles, and although it is over macadam road instead of pavement, the shortening of the distance is well worth the few bumps—if time is any element.

At Wallace bridge the motorist reaches the pavement a few miles west of Willamina and a short distance from Grand Ronde. Just before Grand Ronde the road forks, the pavement going to the right and the gravelled road branching to the left toward Otis. This is known as the Salmon River cutoff and brings Devil's Lake and Neskevin close to 30 miles nearer. Thirteen miles of this cutoff is over dirt road, two miles over rough macadam, and 21 miles over ordinary macadam. But those who have made the trip report the scenery so wonderful that the hard surfaced road is not missed. From Otis, which is on the Oregon coast highway, Neskevin is 12 miles north, and Devil's lake, with its neighboring beaches, is five miles to the south.

Among the Silvertowners who were at these beaches Sunday were Henry H. Hirth, Miss Althea Meyer, Mrs. M. J. Madsen, Miss Lillie Madsen, Selma Storassli.

BROOKS LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING

BROOKS, Aug. 6.—Reading by the camp fire was a feature of the fourth outdoor Epworth League meeting which was held Thursday evening in the oak grove on the Gilbert place near Brooks. The devotional services were led by the pastor, Rev. D. George Cole, after which the young folks enjoyed a marshmallow roast. Those present were Miss Edna Leshner, Miss Marie Dunlavy, Miss Ina Leshner, Miss Emmaline Sears, Miss Inez Allison, Miss Gladys Otto, Miss Kathryn Blanton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris, Mrs. A. H. Sears, Mrs. John Dunlavy, Mrs. Jennie Gilbert, Mrs. Cris Otto, Rev. D. George Cole, Duane Sears, Frank Riggi, John Dunlavy, J. Pete Bogkins, Mitchell Lowery, Henry Robertson, Lester Miller, Theodore Lowery, Earl Miller, Billie Jenkins, Lloyd Miller, Albert Harris, Jack Clifton, W. L. Lowery, Willie Wright, Carmel Wilson, James Riggi, Richard Hess, and Earl Chastain.

INSTITUTE DRAWS RECORD CROWD

FALLS CITY, Aug. 6.—The Falls City Epworth league institute opened here last night with the registration of 244 members of senior Epworth leaguers in the Portland Salem districts of the Methodist church. A larger number is expected before the close of the institute August 11.

Already 50 more leaguers have been registered than the total registration of 1928.

PIONEER FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

SPRING VALLEY, August 6.—The descent of Ira and Harriet Stoutenberg Versteeg held their annual family reunion at Champeog, Sunday, August 4. The next meeting will be held the third Sunday in July 1930 with the following officers: President, Harriet Edwards; vice president, Henry Versteeg; secretary, Buelah Noble. Program committee: Blanche Thompson, Verna and Lela Warren, Hester, and Mrs. Henry Versteeg, Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Versteeg, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth of Spring Valley; Mrs. Jane Cob, Gresham; Mrs. Bertha Short and Clarence of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey (Hallie Ver-

steeg) and Eldon, Billie and Deloris of Gresham; Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Versteeg, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Thompson (Blanche Versteeg) Yonine and Darrell of West Linn; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Versteeg (Gertrude Versteeg) Beryl and Gertrude Alice of Wheatland; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Warren, Verna, Lela, Orla, Ella, Bern and Alta of Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. Seth Noble (Buelah Versteeg) Roy and Wayne of Newberg; John Versteeg and Walter, John H. Howard, Lester and Hazel of Amity; Mr. and Mrs. Wynne Versteeg of Amity; Miss Bauer of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Versteeg of Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Edwards (Harriet Versteeg) and Margie, Lucy, Mavis, Dora Lee and Jack of Dayton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent (Melissa Versteeg), Barbara Jean and Russell of Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Versteeg and Rosalie and Lawrence Nelson of Hopewell; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson (Lenna Versteeg), Denzil and Lela of Wheatland.

SIMKINS CLAN MEET AT CHAMPEOG

SPRING VALLEY, August 6.—The annual reunion of the Simkins family, who are descendants of the pioneers, Hiram and Mary Ann (Gay) Simkins whose home was in Spring Valley, was held at Champeog, park Sunday, August 4.

A basket dinner was served and a general picnic enjoyed by all. Present were: Newton Simkins of Spring Valley, Mrs. Al Williamson (Jane Simkins) of Rainier, Ore.; Mrs. Florence Simkins Elwood of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Charles (Ella Simkins) of West Linn, Mrs. Belle Simkins of Spring Valley, Mrs. Hettie Simkins of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Simkins of Salem, Mrs. Mark Simkins of Oregon City and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Versteeg (Mae Simkins) of Spring Valley. Mrs. Blanch Thompson and Iyonne and Darrell Thompson of West Linn, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davidson, and Beryl and Gertrude Alice of Wheatland, Miss Grace Reigleman of Rainier, Mrs. Tora Newcomer of Colton, Calif., Orville Charles of West Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. Arman Groshenbacker (Mildred Charles) of Vancouver, Wash., Misses Beatrice and Pauline Simkins and Arlie Simkins of Spring Valley, Charles Niel of Portland, Mrs. Henry Davidson (Reya Simkins) and daughters, Odine and Janet of Spring Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ray (Hazel Simkins) and Elma and Johnnie of Dallas, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ottinger (Jessie Simkins) and Hettie, Jane, Evelyn and Vesta Ottinger of Independence, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook (Georgia Simkins) and Helen May and Georgia Rose Cook of West Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Versteeg of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson and Denzil and Lela Wilson of Wheatland, Ila Marie and Kenneth Versteeg of Spring Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Andrews of Sherwood.

Military Funeral At Silvertown for K. C. Thompson

SILVERTON, August 6.—Military funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Jack and Ekman chapel for Kenneth C. Thompson, 18, who died at the Jones hospital at Hillsboro Saturday evening. The Rev. S. W. Hall of McMinnville read the funeral services and interment was made in the Silvertown cemetery.

Thompson was not well when he went to Camp Clatsop with Company I of Silvertown last June. On June 16 he was taken to the hospital. At the termination of the camp he was taken to his mother.

During his childhood he made his home with his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Thompson of Silvertown. Besides his grandmother and his mother, he leaves a brother, Loren.

Auto Accident at Brooks Injures Four Persons

BROOKS, Aug. 6.—Mrs. A. E. Harris suffered severe bruises and facial cuts, as well as body bruises and a badly twisted knee when the car in which she and her husband were riding collided with a car driven by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Williams of Salem on Sunday evening about 6:30 o'clock, at the Brooks cross roads, on the Pacific highway.

Mrs. Williams was also painfully injured, and Mr. Harris received some cuts, and Mr. Williams slight injuries. The two ladies were taken to a nearby home and first aid was given by Dr. Dowd of Gervais.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris had slowed down at the intersection of the Brooks road and the highway and as they proceeded the Williams car crashed into the side of their car. The Harris car was almost a total wreck and the Williams car was unable to proceed on its own power and was towed into the Brooks garage.

BUYS TEA ROOM

HUBBARD, August 6.—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Matthews of Portland arrived at Hubbard Wednesday to take charge of Peggy's tea room which they have leased from Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pangborn. The Pangborns have gone to Los Angeles to visit at the home of their daughter Margaret, Mrs. Fred Woods. From Los Angeles they expect to go to Arizona. Mr. Pangborn has suffered many years of rheumatism and hopes to find the Arizona climate beneficial.

Aurora

AURORA, August 3.—J. H. McAllester who has been visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAllester, returned to his home in Spokane yesterday by airplane. He went by stage to Portland where he took the 3 o'clock plane and arrived in Spokane at 6 o'clock. This was his first trip in an airplane and he said, "he enjoyed the trip very much even if it did make him nervous at first."

A group of young folks celebrated the fourteenth birthday of Walter Kell yesterday at a picnic at Shade-E-Acres. The day was spent in swimming and playing games. They all reported a good time.

Miss Alice Garrett had the misfortune of someone stealing her watch Monday evening about 5 o'clock. Miss Garrett had left the watch in the house when she went to help her parents who were working about half a mile from the house. About 5 o'clock Mr. Garrett came to the house, before going to town, but no one was around. He returned from town about 20 minutes later to find a stranger knocking on the back door. The stranger asked Mr. Garrett for work but Mr. Garrett, thinking he looked rather suspicious told him there was no work for him. In the evening when Miss Garrett went to get her watch it was gone.

Mrs. Wilson of Seattle is to be the visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAllester for the next few weeks. Mrs. Wilson is coming to Portland by train and will meet Mrs. McAllester there, then come by auto to Aurora. Mrs. Wilson is the mother of Mrs. McAllester.

Sublimity

SUBILITY, Aug. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curtis of Salem visited Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rauscher and son Raymond have returned from their visit in California.

A group of Sublimity folk have been attending the old time dance at Mehama every Thursday night. Herman Hassler had his tonsillectomy, W. J. Hermans who has been sick, is feeling better again. Theresa Arnold of Salem, visited friends in Sublimity Friday.

Silvertown

SILVERTON, Aug. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pett of Salem have purchased the S. E. Osborne home on McClaine street. Mr. Pett, who has been with the Levy Meat company at Salem for several years, will drive forth and back daily.

L. H. Fischer, manager of the Fischer Flouring mill at Silvertown, has returned from a business trip to eastern Oregon. Mr. Fischer says that the wheat crop in the eastern part of the state looks promising.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf O. Nelson, who left last Sunday for Puget Sound regions, are expected home Monday. Mr. Nelson is manager of the Lutheran Home's agency at Silvertown. Miss Jerdis Hansen, stenographer, and Fred Mehl, salesman, have been in charge of the office during Mr. Nelson's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Meyer left Thursday evening for Oregon beaches where they will vacation until Sunday evening. Mr. Meyer is with the Chevrolet garage at Silvertown and Mrs. Meyer is a member of the Cunningham Eat shop force.

Leonard Rue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rue of Evans Valley, has accepted a position at Portland with Skaggs-Sawyer. For a number of years he was connected with the N. Digness store at Silvertown. He is a brother of Clifford Rue of the Coolidge and McClaine bank.

Mrs. Velma Adams and son, Bruce, of Portland were at Silvertown a few days this week visiting old time friends. Mrs. Adams, who graduated from normal this past month, has secured a school at Lyons and while at Silvertown she took the opportunity to motor out to visit her school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Underdahl and three children, who have been guests of Mr. Underdahl's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. Underdahl of Portland at their cottage at Newport, returned to their home here Wednesday evening. They report a very enjoyable time during their few days at the coast.

Mrs. Ben Furrue entertained for her son, Raymond, Wednesday afternoon, at the Furrue home in the Silvertown Hills district, the occasion being Raymond's eleventh birthday. Among those going out from Silvertown for the occasion were Mrs. Oscar Satern, Joan Satern, Darold Satern, Norman Jensen, Marvin Jensen, Weldon Hattberg, Jordan Moe, Robert Moe, and Harlan Moe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ekman have as house guests Mr. and Mrs. John Bernier of Hutchinson, Wisconsin. Mrs. Bernier and Mrs. Edman are sisters.

Mrs. Lottie Burch and Miss Rhoda Comstock have gone to Sutherlin, Oregon, where they will assist their brother, E. A. Comstock and wife who recently arrived from Blanchard, Michigan. In caring for the ranch of P. A. Comstock while he and his children visit in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Welty and son, who have been visiting relatives at Silvertown, have returned to their home in Berkeley, California. Mr. Welty, who is now employed with the Dohrman Hotel Supply company at San Francisco, is a brother of Mrs. William Graham of Silvertown and himself a former resident of this part of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ravin have gone to Toronto, Ontario, to visit Mr. Ravin's parents. They will go from there to Nebraska to see other relatives before they return to Oregon.

Trinity Young People's society which was to have met Sunday has been postponed for a week. A picnic is being planned for the next meeting of the society. Miss Esther Towle is president of this group.

The tall flag pole which was placed on the Eugene Field school grounds in front of the school building July 4, 1919, at the jubilee celebration for the return of Silvertown war veterans, has been taken down and reset in the court at the rear of the building.

The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hardie of the Methodist Episcopal church at Silvertown, have returned from a two weeks' visit in the Puget Sound country. Rev. Mr. Hardie will occupy the pulpit again Sunday.

While at Seattle they visited with their daughter, Miss Ethel Hardie, with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cressy (Miss Eleanor Adams), Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn, Miss Louise Medler, and Miss Martha Bell Whitaker, all of whom, with the exception of Mr. Cressy, are formerly of Silvertown.

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