

SILVERTON IS 'CARRYING ON'

Some Calamities but Mills Run Part Time, Many Gains are Noted

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
In going over the past year's events at Silverton one, upon first thought is apt to say, "What a year!" and say it with a sigh. The First National bank went broke, Fischer's Flouring Mills closed its doors; the cannery voted not to open after the strawberry run and the Cozy restaurant, where Silverton high school students and Silverton business men had been wont to eat since they became students and business men, failed to open its doors one morning.

But it is human nature to let one's thoughts run on the calamities and forget the better things that have also happened. The Oregon State Orange convention was held at Silverton in June, quite a little affair for a little city. And the 2000 visitors were very complimentary of their reception here.

The Silver Falls Timber company mill has given its employees at least part time employment throughout the year when other sawmills have been down completely for over a year. Flour Mills Face Brighter Future

The Longview flour mill was sold to the very substantial W. Scarth & Sons of Portland and the Scarths have come to make Silverton their home. Several head of Jersey cattle were sold from the Silverton farming community to a Canadian cattle buyer—money from across the line! The local Isaac Walton league sponsored the planting of 50,000 fish in adjacent streams.

The Silverton high school band, under the direction of Prof. Hal Campbell, played first in its division in the state contest and Prof. Campbell brought further good publicity to Silverton when he was chosen as one of the judges of the national American Legion drum corps contest held at Portland in September.

The Silverton Future Farmers of the Smith-Hughes department of the Silverton high school gave a broadcast over the Corvallis station. Thirty-six vocational education leaders met at Silverton in October.

Modern Cabins For Tourists Erected
The "closed" cannery put up fruit and stew for the relief work at Silverton. Silverton has four modern tourist cabins built during the past year. The Silverton Legion post was host to the district Legion picnic. An Ad club was formed by Silverton business men. The Young People's Federation of Oregon district of the Lutheran Free church convened at Calvary church in September. Trinity church observed its 40th anniversary with a group of charter members present, in June.

The walnut crop in this community was unusually large this year and hop growers don't believe this rumor about a depression! Not so bad a record—all things considered—and there is more of it to tell if there were more space to tell it in.

CHAMBER BULLETIN GIVES INFORMATION

In order to keep its 500 members fully informed as to its work, the chamber of commerce issues a weekly bulletin. Following are quotations from bulletins issued during 1932:

In Marion county, 415 farms are growing quinces and 42 farms reported a few almond trees. But 1101 farms are growing grapes. About 30 years ago Salem was a city of mud streets and with a population of little more than 4500.

When a delegate to a convention comes to Salem, or say, member of the legislature, he spends his dollar like this: Retail store, 25 cents; restaurants, 20 cents; hotels, 17 cents; garage and oil, 12 cents; transportation, 10 cents; theatres, 10 cents; and confectionaries and smokes, 6 cents.

When the state highway commission made a traffic count September 12, 1932, the record showed that 8103 vehicles passed a point just north of Salem between the hours of 6 o'clock in the morning and 10 p. m. And not one of these was a horse-drawn vehicle. And during the same traffic count and same hours, 991 vehicles were reported on the West Side highway north of Rickreall. Salem pays 37 per cent of the taxes in Marion county, and including precincts adjoining Salem, 50 per cent of county taxes are paid.

Chemeketans, Lovers of Outdoors, Constantly Increasing Activities

Visits to Numerous Worth-While Places off the Beaten Track are Made by This Early-Rising, Strenuous Clan

What is a Chemeketan? Well, a Chemeketan is a person who likes the great outdoors and one who prefers to climb mountains, hike, camping, early sun rises, lakes, rather than riding in a car all the time, or sleeping.

In Salem there is a group of 80 such lovers of nature and they call themselves The Chemeketans, just as the folks in Portland take the name Miamas.

One of the first requirements of a Chemeketan is the ability to do some good hiking and then a disposition to get up early in the morning, as Chemeketans often drive 20 or 30 miles and then put in the rest of the day hiking over mountain trails. All of which requires not only a cheerful disposition, strong heart but also stout legs.

These outdoor trips are usually taken every two weeks excepting during the summer months when weekly hiking events are scheduled.

Interesting Trips Taken Last Season
During the year 1932, outstanding trips of the Chemeketans included winter sports on Mt. Hood, Columbia river boat trip, Silver

Falls State park, historic Champeog, High Deck Lookout station, Pepeco-Estacada power plants, Breitenbush mineral hot springs and Rock Lookout near Detroit. Many other shorter trips were taken to nearby points such as Mary's Peak, Wilholt Springs and for good measure, an extra trip to the famous Breitenbush Mineral hot springs.

The big annual event, which was the fourth of its kind for Chemeketans, was the week at Spirit Lake in Washington. That was a week of hiking, camping, swimming, boating and the usual camp fire story telling.

For real fine out-door enjoyment, just imagine a hike into the mountains to Mirror Lake and Paradise Park, walking ten miles over an interesting mountain trail and a genuine first class appetite about 6:30 o'clock in the evening. None but a Chemeketan knows such joy.

And then, how would you like a moonlight hike and a corn roast? And walking underneath and around the most wonderful of all parks, the Silver Falls State park only 26 miles from Salem? And a trip to Tumble Rock, and Breitenbush, and Sardinia mountain

and Needle Rock?

All these are an open book to the Chemeketans and membership is open to those who love nature and an occasional sunrise. Great privilege and there is no country in the west that offers so much in the way of nature. There may be plenty of nature laying around loose almost anywhere, but you don't get it unless you are a Chemeketan. And from a health standpoint, nothing beats hiking.

And being a Chemeketan isn't all hiking and sleeping with the stars winking at you. There is the annual Mistletoe trip and then the annual banquet.

Chemeketan officers for 1933 are as follows: Dr. Chester A. Downs, president; Ruby M. Hoffmann, vice president; Walter Robinson, membership secretary; Geo. N. Fike, recording and corresponding secretary; Leah M. Sullivan, treasurer; W. M. Hamilton, chairman of Annual Outing committee; J. A. Burns, chairman of Local Walks committee; Cora Randle, chairman of Publicity committee; Flora Turnbull, Asst. chairman Publicity committee; C. A. Sprague, member Publicity committee.

Y.W. Adapts Program to Timely Need

In a time like the present, the Y. W. C. A. adapts its program to meet the temporary needs, and perhaps the greatest of these needs has been to find employment for the hundreds of women and girls in Salem who have been deprived of the right to earn their way.

The supply of jobs has, in no way, met the demand, but the employment department is always open, never overlooking an opportunity to help in finding work for the needy. During this past year more than 5,000 women have visited this department seeking help.

That "Man cannot live by bread alone" was never more truthfully said than at the present time, and the Y. W. C. A., realizing this truth, has made every effort to bolster up the moral courage of these women and girls and help them make the necessary adjustments in their lives to carry them through these discouraging and painful times.

The crowded condition of the waiting and reading rooms these days at the "Y" attest to the fact that the women of Salem are taking advantage of this help in a most appreciative way. To many it is home when they are out of employment, a place where they can be aided over and helped until employment is again found.

The Y. W. C. A. is co-operating with other agencies to meet the present emergency.

Howard Marsh, 9, Passes; Burial to Be at Aurora Plot

AURORA, Dec. 31—Howard Marsh, nine years of age and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Marsh of this place, died Tuesday, December 27 at Waldport, where the Marshes were temporarily located. The death of Howard, who had been an invalid most of his young life, was caused by an attack of the flu.

The body will be brought to Aurora where it will be placed in the family plot, Tuesday, January 3. Services will be held at Marshfield.

AUDITORIUM BUILT BY GERVAIS PEOPLE

By MRS. I. V. McADOO
GERVAIS, Dec. 31—Nineteen hundred and thirty-two has been quite productive for Gervais, despite the "depression" that has been hovering over the entire nation, and Marion county.

The first major undertaking was the voting and selling bonds for the erection of a new auditorium, which would serve as a school, and for general use by the community. The building cost so far has been better than \$8,000, and there are yet some additions to complete.

The next project of great moment to the people here, the farmer in particular, was the coming of the Associated Seed Growers Association, Inc., from Salinas, Calif., and leasing the Moisan warehouse for storage and cleaning seeds of all kinds for the gardener, both home and truck. The company has spent thousands of dollars here among the farmers and a large acreage is contracted for 1933. Large quantities of seed have been shipped to all sections of the country.

The next of importance was the additions to the Simon Brown Old Time Pork packing plant. A large cold storage plant was erected this fall and other improvements made that ran up into the larger of four figures.

Generally speaking, things look better for 1933 than they did in 1932, and 1932 was much better than expected. Gervais is not booming, but it has a way of going ahead and doing things when others are loafing.

Fred Wintermantel Dies; Final Rites Slated For Monday

JEFFERSON, Dec. 31—Fred Wintermantel, 21, of Talbot, died at the Willamette sanatorium at Salem, Friday—mornings of double pneumonia.

Beside his widow and one child, he leaves his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reeves; also two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Blinston and Elda Wintermantel, all of Talbot.

Funeral services will be held at the Evangelical church in Jefferson Monday, January 2, at 1:30 o'clock.

Hotel de Minto Proves Boon in Handling of Transient Problem

Wandering men Served 3189 Meals Each Month on Average; Police and Local Firms Contribute

Hotel de Minto, completing its first calendar year in service in 1932, proved a boon to the city in caring for the transient problems. An average of 2189 meals a month were served to wandering men throughout the year. The grand total reported by the police department, which under the leadership of Chief Frank Minto opened the institution and kept it going, is 38,269 meals supplied in the 12 months.

Contrary to expectations, the calls for a "flop" and meals did not diminish during the summer and as colder weather came on they increased still more. The

one night stay and two meal rule was modified late in the year to permit three meals and two nights' lodging.

All city policemen contributed heavily during the year to purchase staple foods for the flop-house, situated on third floor of city hall. Cooperation of meat dealers, grocers, bakeries and many farmers in providing monthly supplies of foodstuffs kept the "hotel" larder even with demands.

Last fall R. N. Yonkers replaced J. G. "Jack" Bullard as Hotel de Minto cook. He continues to serve in that capacity and now also as manager.

INDEPENDENCE HAS HOPES FOR FUTURE

New Building, new Business Establishments Noted Since Year ago

By ELIZABETH BAKER
INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 31—1932—the year now passing into obscurity was a year of many changes in Independence. It has been a year of many hardships. It is true, but hopes are high that 1933 will bring many changes for the better.

Along the building lines—S. J. Hoover has erected upon his hop ranch north of town two modern hop houses, the very latest device along the line. Independence Seed and Feed store has built a rolling and chopping plant within their store. W. T. Hoffman added a new house to his modern dairy farm and a new system of irrigation for his ladino clover. L. A. Davis constructed a large, commodious house upon his hop ranch. The ranch has recently been purchased by Mr. Kennedy, manager of the Horst company hop farm. Extensive repairs upon the house on the McLaughlin hop ranch have been made for Bert Gwin, new foreman of the ranch.

Among the changes in the business district have been: Mailand's Grocery was started in the Slopier building. The Stannard Variety store moved from this building to the old Barbary store. Mrs. Tom Fay and Mrs. Elmer Frye started a new restaurant in the old Lee restaurant. A second hand store was started in the old Holt Meat Market building. Trump's Auction Block replaced the Ball Second Hand store. A. L. Thomas purchased the partnership share of A. E. Horton in their hardware store, as C. O. Sloper purchased the share of his partner W. H. Cottle in their hardware store. Ray Harmon purchased the radio shop from Ross Nelson.

Two new doctors have set up businesses in town—Dr. L. L. Hewitt, and Dr. Ivan Bennett; and a new dentist, Dr. Wilfrid; and a new lawyer, C. L. Marsters.

Independence has quite distressed over the low prices paid in working in the hop fields, but the hop growers benefited this year. Their crops were harvested for less than they have been for many years, and the hop prices went up. So 1933 has hopes of being a good year for Independence—and Independence hopes for everyone.

WOODBURN IN GOOD FINANCIAL STATUS

By DON COVEY
WOODBURN, Dec. 31—A review of Woodburn and its activities during the year of 1932 reveals that this little Willamette valley town is tiding through the depression more handsily than countless other communities of similar size. The finances of the city itself are excellent, and the fact is brought home even more forcibly when they are compared with other towns. There are now very few Woodburn municipal bonds for sale.

Hop growers in this vicinity have been very fortunate this year. With the possible repeal of

the eighteenth amendment in sight, the hop price skyrocketed. A large amount was sold at 26 cents a pound.

The Ray-Brown cannery here, although like other canneries the object of some criticism, was undoubtedly a big help to many Woodburnites. The canning plant, giving employment to a large number of men and women, put up the largest pear pack in its history this fall.

Building activity here, as elsewhere, has been slow. Nevertheless, a small building is being built at the corner of First and Hayes streets for the use of Dr. Paul Pemberton.

Competition Not Life of Onion Trade

By W. R. GWINN
LAKE LABISH, Dec. 31—The onion business, which a year ago was easily the most lucrative of the vegetable businesses, is something considerably else this season. It is necessary only to contrast the prevailing price with that offered a year ago to be impressed with this fact. A year ago these indispensable items with the etherial odor were bringing about \$4 per hundred. This year the top has been 60 cents with 50 cents being offered currently. A disconcerting discrepancy here.

It is generally believed that but for the new outlet to Oriental markets the price would be such that consumers could buy hundred-pound sacks in the 15 cent stores. Several hundred carloads have departed for the Orient, or are scheduled to depart.

Last year's mark (which hit a new high of \$7 for a short period) inspired farmers all over the nation to go into the onion game. According to government estimates there were 20,482,000 bushels raised in 1932, as compared to 12,911,000 in 1931. Curiously enough, the Oregon harvest decreased 68,000 bushels in 1932. Apparently, Oregon farmers were cynical at the possibility of two good years in a row. Thus far their judgment has proven sound.

INDUSTRIES MAKE GAIN AT STATON

By MRS. G. F. KORINEK
STATON, Dec. 31—A resume of Staton's industries shows a good business during the past year. In fact the statement is heard on all sides, that if the bank here had not closed, Staton would "be sittin' pretty."

The Staton cannery packed 60,000 cases and 5700 barrels, the latter being wild blackberries and strawberries. At the peak of the season around 180 persons were employed.

The Western Bait and Bedding company, makers of wool batts, pads, sleeping bags and other articles and the C. & P. company, makers of wool batts, have kept a small crew at work continually. In fact at one time the latter concern was obliged to work 24 hour shifts. The concerns have worked up a splendid eastern trade.

Never if the history of the town has there been so much building, 14 houses and one business building having been built in the past few months in Staton and adjacent districts.

MILL CITY SCHOOL STANDARD IS HIGH

Town has 1300 People but Is not Incorporated So Taxes are low

By ANNA A. LAKE
MILL CITY, Dec. 31—Few people of the outside world know that nestled high up in the coast range of the Cascades is a little city of over 1300 inhabitants, most of whom own small acreage homes while others rent, the latter mostly from the lumber company. The town is not incorporated, as a result we have no city officers, no taxes, very few cement sidewalks and no other improvements to call for the output of money as do those of other places.

During the past year some few improvements have been made to residences and public buildings. Among the latter the most notable was the re-roofing of the school gymnasium, Catholic church and the Four-L and Hammond halls. Several residences have been re-modeled, some few have had additions built on, and still a few other new houses have been erected.

Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the past year is the high standard maintained by the grade and high schools. As in the past these schools are not out-classified by any in the state. The pupils rank high in both studies and athletics, and the best teachers to be hired are on the faculty list. One other outstanding feature for the year just going away is the almost daily operation of the saw mill. True it has not operated every day but it has been kept running so that those who

were dependent on it for their living and that is the majority of the residents, could keep going, and due to this perhaps we who live in this little mountain city have not felt the depression as much as those less fortunate who live in the valleys.

For the coming year at least nothing is being planned in the way of building or improvements. It is the intention of the mill owners so far as possible to keep the mill operating. Of course this will depend largely upon the demand for building materials during the year.

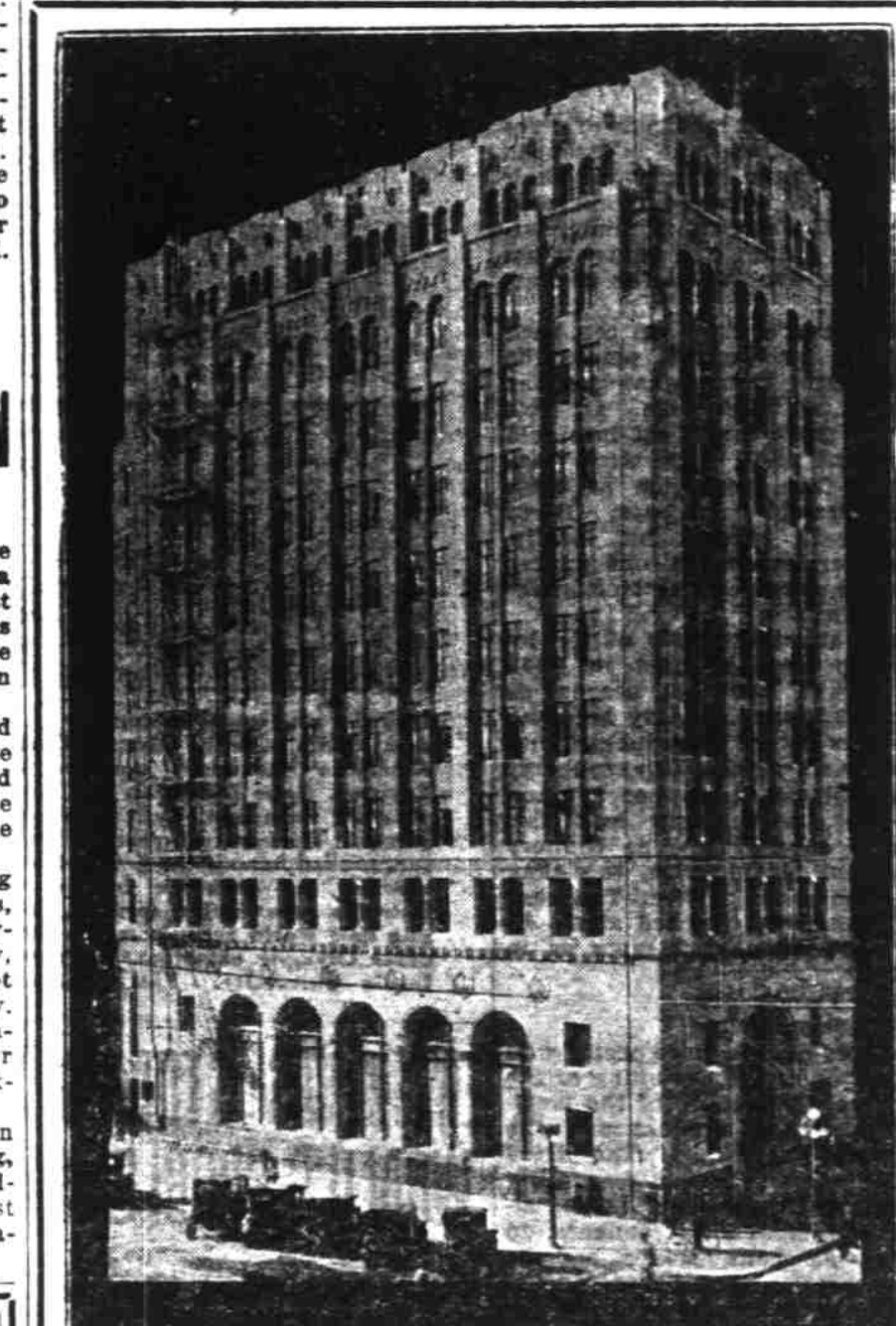
Gervais Happy as Railroad Station Is Continued Open

GERVAIS, Dec. 31—Announcement was received here this week that the railroad station will remain open for a time at least, which was good news to our citizens. E. L. Kirby is agent at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. I. V. McAdoo returned Wednesday night from San Francisco where they spent Christmas at the home of their son, F. W. McAdoo and family. H. D. Mars of Jefferson, a former editor of The Gervais Star, conducted affairs at the Star office during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Adkisson are the parents of a daughter, born at a Salem hospital Wednesday night, December 28. This is their first child. Dr. and Mrs. Adkisson came to Gervais two years ago, he taking the place of Dr. H. A. Dowd now of Salem, when he went east to take post-graduate work.

FEW RENTED FARMS
In the census of 1930, the government reports show that only 15.6 per cent of the farms in Marion county are operated by tenants.



Happy New Year

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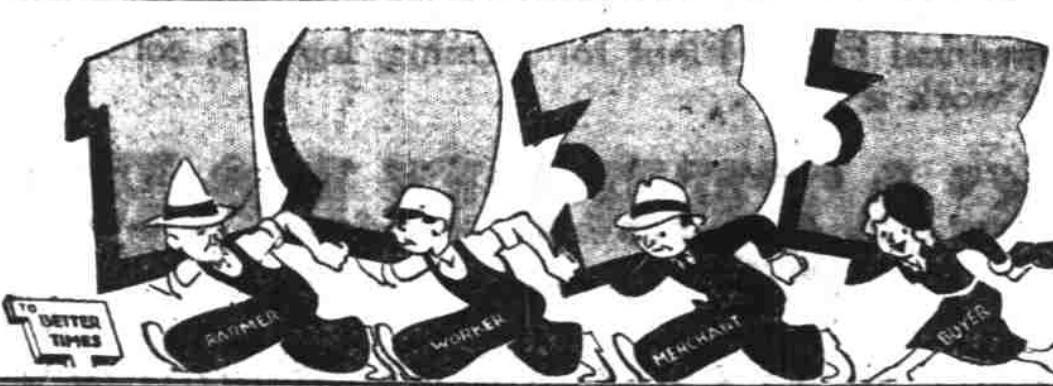
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