

Samuel Parker, 84, Pioneer Marion County Native, Dies

Funeral Will Be Held Today

Passing Auto Takes Life of Man Born Here in 1852

WOODBURN, Aug. 24.—Funeral services for Samuel F. Parker, 84, pioneer Marion county native, who was killed by a passing automobile Friday as he was crossing the highway at Milwaukee, will be held at 1 o'clock, Tuesday from the Presbyterian church at Woodburn. Interment will be in Twin Oaks cemetery, Turner.

He was born May 8, 1852, in his parents' home on their donation land claim, standing at the present location of the penitentiary shops, and is one of the oldest native sons of Marion county. The Parker donation land claim included what is now known as the penitentiary four corners, a mile east of the state prison, and much of the Auburn section.

Father 1845 Pioneer
His father was Samuel Parker, who came to Oregon with the covered wagon immigration of 1845, and represented Champe county in the provisional government legislature of 1848 and in successive territorial legislative sessions. He was a member of the first board of trustees of Williamette university.

In 1858, the small boy accompanied his parents to Sublimity, where his father started a store. The store was later sold and a farm near Turner, in the Baker neighborhood, was purchased. First schooling at the Baker school. His father sold that farm and bought one on the Garden road about four miles from downtown Salem. That farm was disposed of and one purchased outside of Salem, land that later became the county poor farm. Then the mansion house, at the northwest corner of Division and Liberty streets, was purchased. After this hotel was sold, the Parker family moved to Aumsville.

Worked at Prison
Samuel F. Parker, Jr., worked at the state penitentiary for about 16 years, having held the position of turnkey and captain of the guards. For 14 years he was night watchman at the same mill of Inman-Polsen company, Portland. After that, he owned and operated a farm in the Fairfield district, going from there about six years ago to Woodburn. His wife died July 18, 1931. At the time of his death, he was living with his daughter, Mrs. Ida Jamison of Milwaukee.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Vay Parizo, Wood River; Mrs. Essie Huggill, Woodburn; Mrs. Dorothy Grafen, Mulmultonah; Mrs. Ida Jamison, Milwaukee; two sons, Sam Parker, Portland, and Frank Parker, Milwaukee; and a brother P. Y. Parker, Portland; besides a number of grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Woolly Family to Live in Kesling House When Redecorating Completed

FRUITLAND, Aug. 24.—George Kesling is having his home rehung and new wall paper hung. Mr. and Mrs. B. Woolly will move in soon. Kesling expects to go for a visit to Superior, Wis., where his daughters live.

The young people of the church choir are planning a marriage roast and swimming party Tuesday evening at Hazel Green park. Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Fogt will be chaperones.

Iowans Leave Following Visit With Wood Family

PIONEER, Aug. 24.—Mrs. C. F. Leggett and daughter, Frances, who have spent the past two weeks visiting at the home of her cousin, Clinton Wood and family, left for their home at Martinberg, Iowa.

Mrs. Cecil Dell and two daughters arrived Friday from Los Angeles for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Slater, and sisters and their families.

Receives Injury

SILVERTON, Aug. 24.—Fred Baker narrowly escaped what could have been a serious accident Friday when a canting hit him over the hips at a cross angle. He lost but one day's work because of the accident.

Historic Santiam Academy



Former students of the Santiam Academy, founded in 1854, met Sunday on the Lebanon high school campus, formerly the Academy grounds, for their second annual reunion and voted to convene there again next year.

150 Former Students of Santiam Academy Meet Sunday on Lebanon High School Campus For Reunion

(Editor's Note: The author of the following article, The Statesman's correspondent at Lebanon, attended the Santiam Academy in 1887-88 and lived on the top floor of the new historic building.)

By EMMA BELLINGER
LEBANON, Aug. 24.—Former students of the Santiam academy, founded in 1854, when covered wagons were still bringing settlers to Oregon, met Sunday on the grounds of the pioneer Methodist educational institution for their second annual reunion.

Within a grove of tall conifers that rise from the present Lebanon high school campus, dinner was served to 150 persons who attended from Lebanon and other parts of the state. An address was given by Rev. A. Melvin Williams, of Dallas, who was introduced by the president of the alumni association, J. M. Donaca. Old time songs were sung, led by A. M. Hammer, with Mrs. E. E. Rogers at the piano. The secretary, George A. Randle, son of S. A. Randle, one of the professors of the school, read letters from persons from a distance who were unable to attend. Judge G. F. Skipworth of Eugene welcomed the group. Rev. George W. Simons led in prayer.

Joseph Swank and Mrs. Pauline Smith tied for honors as earliest attendants at the academy, each having attended in 1862 and 1863, and received bouquets of gladness.

Albert F. Wilson was elected president and C. H. Ralston, jr., secretary, for the ensuing year.

The Academy was founded under a charter granted by the territorial legislature of Oregon on January 13, 1854.

School Described
A typical year was that of 1857 and 1858. Maggie Sutton, Mary Mothorn and Emma Newquist were living together in two rooms in the northeast corner on the upper floor of the academy. One room was the kitchen and the other the bedroom.

There were two class rooms on the first floor, one for the advanced classes, the other for primary and grades. Professor J. L. Gilbert taught the advanced classes and Mary Gilbert the grades. To the right of the three girls' room on the second floor was the chapel. The students all attended chapel the first thing in the morning. Hela Gilbert taught music and played for chapel.

Mrs. Frank Gilbert, now Mrs. Arch Hammer of Salem, taught music. In those days, pupils were not graded in school as now.

There were two or three entertainments during the school year. Nearly every one had to take part in some form or other. Recitals and entertainments were given from the stage in the chapel.

Log School First
The Santiam Academy had been preceded by a log cabin school, located directly across the street from the present high school campus. Soon after this school was started, Rev. J. H. Wilbur came and organized the First Methodist church, and a frame building was constructed in 1850 on the northeast corner of the present school grounds.

A few years later, 1854-55, the academy building was constructed on the northwest corner of the present school grounds, in the approximate position of its present location. The building was erected by popular subscription, for school purposes for the whole community, but under control of the Methodist conference.

A little later, the building which had previously been constructed as a church was moved and placed beside the academy building, making a "lean-to" in which the preachers in charge lived. Later this addition was used for school purposes. The main building was a two-story structure.

Historic Bell
The old school bell, now in the high school belfry, the window panes and most of the furniture of the Academy was brought around Cape Horn.

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New Homes Built, Roberts District

Wells Are Drilled, Dug; Additional Building Is Planned

ROBERTS, Aug. 24.—Building and well digging have been carried on in the Roberts district. John J. Roberts built a new house with Oscar Parcell, carpenter.

John Edwards built a new home, which will soon be completed. A new house for Claud Edwards will be started in a few days, with John Edwards and Phillip Ferris as carpenters.

Wells have been drilled and dug at the homes of F. P. Isley, J. P. Brensler, John Edwards, Louie Zielke, Roy Rice and Esther Query, and at the schoolhouse.

Wilson Picnic - Reunion Fetes Many Relatives

ORCHARD HEIGHTS, Aug. 24.—Honoring a number of relatives from a distance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson were recent hosts at a picnic dinner and reunion. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Wilson of Forest Wash, Mrs. Barney Wells, her daughter and family, all of Wichita, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Busch and family of Seio, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and children of Stayton, Sam Wilson of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis and family of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Kennedy and family, Mrs. Albert Isaack, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welson and daughters, Ruth and Fern.

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conference passed the following resolution: "The course and period of study of the Academy shall correspond in every respect to that adopted by the University, both in the preparatory and higher department, provided that the last year of the advanced grade shall be attended at the University in order to entitle the candidate to a diploma."

"The principals of the Academic Institutions shall be ex-officio members of the Faculty of the University, and shall so appear on the annual catalogue, together with the names of students in their several departments."

With the coming in of public schools, the need for an institution of the type of Santiam Academy was lessened, and in 1906, the building and grounds of the school were leased to the Lebanon school district for a period of 99 years, a virtual gift of the property to the school district.

The transaction was completed by a board of trustees elected by the Methodist conference to represent the church.

A leader in the activity to use academy funds to improve the present campus, yet retaining the dignity and sentiment of the old building, was Mrs. Anna Bond Reed, pioneer of 1853, who taught school near Lebanon and served as a physician when the academy was an active institution.

Aumsville Boy Raises Beans For Education

AUMSVILLE, Aug. 24.—Orville Snyder, who graduated from the local high school last spring, has earned a way to go to college. He will enter the University of Oregon this fall as a result of 16 hours per day this summer, without even Sundays for rest.

Last spring Orville planted beans—a lot of them. His success rivals the illustrious "Jack and the Bean Stalk" tale. He has already marketed 50 tons and expects to have as many more.

He is clearing an average of \$20 per ton on them, and his college expenses are assured for this year, with enough left to plant beans another year.

Self Speaks For Peace Campaign

BETHEL, Aug. 24.—George Self of Salem, in connection with the Emergency Peace campaign, was a guest speaker at the Friday night open meeting of the Farmers Union here.

He declared that "this is the first opportunity any state has ever had to vote on the question of armed preparedness." He believes that in time the people will have the right to vote on whether or not the United States should go to war.

Beryl Lincoln of Seattle spoke of the fallacies of past American wars and declared that "American wars have not always been defensive."

Dick Johnson sang a group of solos and played a cornet solo with Mrs. Arthur Johnson at the piano. Mrs. J. R. Carruthers served as program chairman, W. L. Creech and C. R. Christie will be in charge of the program for next meetings.

Rickey Community Will Have Homecoming Event Sunday, Paradise Island

RICKEY, Aug. 24.—The annual Rickey homecoming and community club picnic will be held at Paradise Island August 30, as Hager's grove where it has been held in former years is closed this year.

The committees in charge are general arrangements, Waldo Miller; refreshments, Mrs. O. D. Binegar; Miss Nita Taylor, Miss Loyal Sheridan, Mrs. M. M. Magee; reception, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. La Branche, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Martin; sports, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Mahrt, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Houser. Bring dishes, table cloth and cream. Free coffee will be served.

Several to Change Residence in Fall

EVENS VALLEY, Aug. 24.—Several residential changes will be made here during the fall according to reports being made now. The Gillis & Miller firm on which the M. S. Chandlers are living has been sold and the Chandlers will move elsewhere this autumn. It was not known here this week who purchased this farm.

The Tom Snyders, who are living on the old Heige Rue farm, plan to leave this autumn and may settle at Damascus, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Barker of Silvertown have moved to the A. Ulvin farm, formerly known as the Jelmer

Tows farm. A pretty new home is being built on the Joseph La Rud farm here also.

Christensens Parents Of Daughter; Oakdale People Will Pick Hops

OAKDALE, Aug. 24.—Word was received here by Mr. and Mrs. John Larson that their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Christensen of Broadmead, have a new baby girl, born Aug. 20. Mrs. Christensen taught school here five years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Eibin Olson of St. Helens visited with his relatives here one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Cochran and son, Joe, Ed Cochran and Mrs. Hanna Olson left for the Sloper hop yard last Thursday.

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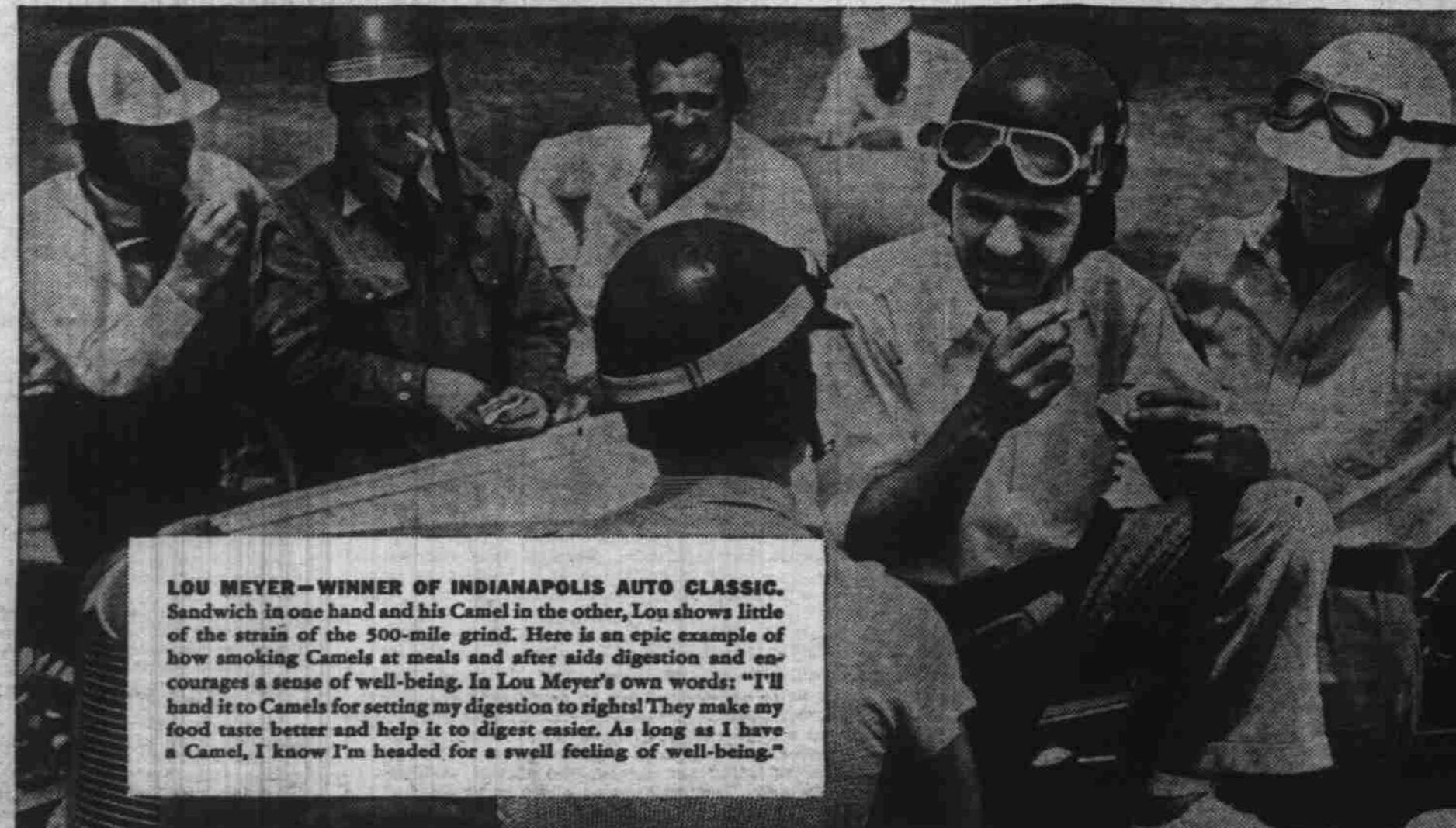
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