

Return From Convention of Rural Mail Carriers in Indianapolis

Find Midwest Heat Extreme

P. M. Schweitzer Represents Oregon at National Convention

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MONMOUTH, Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Schweitzer and daughters, Annetta and Irla are home from a trip to Indianapolis, Ind., and way points. Schweitzer, retiring president of the Oregon Rural Mail Carriers' association, went to Indianapolis as delegate to the National Rural Carriers' convention from Oregon. They report finding extremely hot weather in the Midwest, which caused them to long for our moderate Oregon temperature.

Miss Annetta Schweitzer reports that to convince eastern and mid-western people of the fact that western Oregon's temperature seldom rises above 98 degrees, and we all sweeter when it does occasionally go that high, was a feat of super-human achievement. She sounded too good to be true, when quoted in that terrific heat. Folk who had been in Oregon frankly longed for another taste of its refreshing coolness and color. A Nebraska woman, being informed by the Schweitzers that they had come to the convention, was sounded out on the subject. "Why did you ever leave home for this?"

Drive Through Washington

Leaving Monmouth Aug. 8, the Schweitzers drove north to Seattle, and across northern Washington to Spokane, then across Idaho to Montana to the Dakotas, down to Iowa, through Illinois to Chicago. They occupied campground cabins en route, and found those in the west to be uniformly clean, well equipped and comfortable. In the Mississippi river area camp accommodations were more adequate in almost every place they stopped.

About 8,000 persons were in attendance at the national convention, and interspersed with business were many delightful social functions including dancing in Indianapolis' most famous ballroom. The two measures passed at the convention, which were most discussed, and of greatest general interest, Schweitzer says, were: widows' annuity, which would provide a \$50 per month pension for the widow of any postal employe of rural mail carriers, and will be introduced into congress at its next session. In a talk at the convention, Postmaster-General Howe assured the delegation of a reasonable expectation that the bill will be passed.

Consider Short Routes

The second measure concerned rural carriers on short heavy routes. These carriers have short routes, of perhaps 30 miles, leading out of cities, such as Portland, where in a very short distance they serve a very large number of patrons. Formerly they have been paid by the mile like other rural carriers. Effort was concentrated on getting a change in the method of payment to more adequately recompense them.

Grand Conulee dam, Yellowstone park, Black Hills of South Dakota, Mormon tabernacle of Salt Lake, Little Brown Church in the Dell in Illinois, Kansas oil wells, the home town of Mark Twain at Hanover, Mo., and Pike's Peak, Colorado, were among the outstanding points of interest they visited. The drive, by motor, up Pike's Peak is said to be about 14 miles. The Schweitzers started out, not within some four miles of the summit, and stopped to enjoy the view. They couldn't start the motor, due to it was thought to be the rarified atmosphere. Undaunted—like a true Oregonian—Schweitzer turned his car, coasted downhill until the motor started, turned around and they made the ascent easily.

Of the many dark sights observed, the wheat fields in Dakota, with grain about four inches high, burned to a brown-yellow death, and cornfields in Iowa, devastated by hail, were the most depressing. Colorado Springs, a small town, maintained by tourist traffic, looked particularly green and lovely amid arid mountains. The Lake Shore drive in Chicago was another outstanding sight in green and lovely area. "But there is no place like the Willamette valley," they all aver, "and oh! how glad we are to be back in it."

Hold Funeral Services For Mrs. Kniken Friday

LYONS, Sept. 5.—Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Kniken were held at the Weddle chapel in Stayton Friday with burial in the Fox Valley cemetery. Katherine Hangerhouse Kniken was 63 years old, born in Holland, and was the daughter of her late husband, Martin Kniken, sr. Thirteen children, six sons, seven daughters, they are, Weibe, William, Alec, Ray, Martin, Jr., John, Abbie, Ella, Anna, Sarah, Kate, Effie and Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Kniken came to Oregon and located on the McCully mountain near Lyons many years ago and have spent the greater part of their lives here, where several of the children have their homes also. A large group of friends and neighbors attended the funeral.

Grangers' News

MACLEAY, Sept. 5.—At the grange meeting held Friday night Miller Haden and Harry Way were given the first and second degree obligation and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown the third and fourth degree obligation. During the business meeting Frank Bowers and M. M. Magee reported on legislative matters; A. Mader on sowing lime, and Mrs. J. L. Amort on home economics work. The lecture's program included violin numbers by Leonard Mosler, piano numbers by Robbin Mosler and round table discussion on "Building Up Soil."

Schoolboard Gets Ready For School

SCIO, Sept. 5.—At a special meeting Wednesday evening, school board of district No. 95 Scio, authorized several alterations and improvements in preparation of the opening of school Monday, Sept. 14.

Refinishing of the girls' dressing room in the basement was ordered. Frank Irvin of Scio will do the work. Installation of a 50-foot radiator in the sewing room will be done by Jacob Spaniol, Stayton. Two new Singer sewing machines, one electric, were ordered.

Contracts were signed to transport and instruct grade and high school students from districts 1 and 83, near Scio. The contracts are similar to those in effect in the districts for the past two years, with the exception of a number limit. Scio will transport by bus, and instruct in the Scio schools, a total of 15 students at a cost of \$7.65 to each district for the 1936-37 term. For additional high school student, \$25 will be required, and \$55 for each additional grade student.

W. Z. Sims, board member, was instructed to see that school buses were in proper repair before the opening of the school term. Possibility of operating another bus in the Riverview, Oakview and Shelburn districts was discussed. The arrangement would be a substitution for the system in operation last year, when district No. 95 rented a bus to these districts.

Dead Aviator Was Jefferson Youth

JEFFERSON, Sept. 5.—Word was received in Jefferson Wednesday telling of the tragic death of Cecil F. DeLasaux of Chicago, Ill., when the plane he was piloting crashed, taking his life. His widow, Ella DeLasaux, and daughter, Caroline Frances, survive.

Mr. DeLasaux was the son of H. A. DeLasaux of Coquille, and Mrs. Mary K. Hill of Los Angeles, Calif., and a nephew of Mrs. C. M. Smith of Jefferson.

He is well known in Jefferson, having lived here at one time, attending the local school, and graduating from the local high school in 1920.

He was 38 years old and was engaged in commercial aviation at the time of his death. He was also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Jack Holt of San Pedro, Calif., Mrs. Montie Norman of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Leroy Grote of Salem, Ore.

Mrs. Cooper Hostess For Meeting of Club; Robertsons Take Trip

AMITY, Sept. 5.—The East Side Sewing club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elwood Cooper for its bi-monthly meeting. The afternoon was spent in piecing quilt blocks for the hostess. The president, Mrs. Earl Tallman, presided over a short business meeting at which time plans for the club's work were made. Seven members were present. Guests present were Mrs. Frank Thomas and Mrs. Lillian McKee of Amity. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Heber Martin, September 17.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kurtz are spending their vacation on a motor trip through Washington and British Columbia.

Aunt Becky Morris Has 94th Birthday

Crossed Plains in 1845 From Missonri; Long A Widow

SCIO, Sept. 5.—Scio's Rebecca Morris, affectionately known to hundreds as "Aunt Becky," quietly observed her 94th birthday today at the home of her son, R. G. Morris, 9225 N. Charleston avenue, Portland.

The last surviving member of a pioneer family of 15 children, "Aunt Becky" came across the plains from Missouri by wagon train in 1845, when she was a toddler of three years. Her keen memory has often furnished members of later generations of details of the six-months' trek overland of Indian attacks and constant hardships.

In 1927, Mrs. Morris was chosen queen for life of the Linn County Pioneer association, whose annual celebration is held in Brownsville in June. Ill health has prevented her from attending the meetings of the association for the past two years.

Long a widow, "Aunt Becky" lived spryly and self-sufficiently alone for a number of years in a small house on East Water street in Scio. Her strength of character is illustrated when, at one time, she lost her last ten-dollar bill. Walking to a neighbor's home across the street, "Aunt Becky" said, "Will you lend me five dollars—I just burned up ten!" She had taken the bill to the bank, and the teller had given her a five-dollar bill.

Families Go Back For School Start

JEFFERSON, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. P. Augustino and Mrs. J. Augustino and their children who have been staying in Jefferson with their husbands while they are in charge of the PWA projects of laying the new water mains in town, left Friday for their homes in Seattle, Wash., to be there in time for the opening of the schools.

Mrs. Lydia Hoyt and Miss Lou Miller and their houseguest, Mrs. Nellie Whitfield of San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lillard enjoyed a motor trip to Silver Creek Falls Wednesday.

James Patlett left Wednesday morning for Haines, where he will be athletic coach in the high school. He is a graduate of Willamette University.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weddle have returned from a business trip to Tule Lake, Calif., and Klamath Falls through Bend, Redmond and Prineville. At Klamath Falls Weddle purchased 20 carloads of alfalfa hay to be delivered before the first of January.

The new Texaco gas and oil station at the corner of Main street and the Pacific highway opened for business this week. Chris Whitaker, recently from California, is manager, and Maurice Mangis is helper.

Pickers Begin Monday At Hashebacher Yard

HAZEL GREEN, Sept. 5.—Fred Hashebacher, sr., will begin picking hops Tuesday. The hop yards of Mr. Hashebacher, E. J. Montandon and Alois Duda are located on the east side of Pudding river.

Prunes Not Hurt By Recent Rains

SALEM HEIGHTS, Sept. 5.—The recent rains did not crack the prunes in this vicinity and harvest will commence next week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gile, Schuyler and Mina Gile left for Roseburg, Ore., Thursday morning where they will visit with Mrs. Robert Gile of that city.

E. R. Woodburn is installing an electric water system in his home on Ewald avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Clark of Salem were dinner guests at the Van Eaton home Saturday evening, the occasion celebrating Mr. Van Eaton's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wheelodon, of route three, are rejoicing over the birth of a little daughter, Charlotte Ann, born August 21, at the Salem Deaconess hospital. Mrs. Wheelodon is now at the home of Mrs. Emma Wheelodon.

The state highway department has built a fence in front of the D. D. Dotson home on the Liberty highway, as two cars have turned over in their front yard recently.

Mrs. Leroy B. Senter has been visiting Mr. Senter in Medford the past few days. Mr. Senter is employed in the S. P. Freight house in Salem but has been sent to Medford to take care of the pear shipping a few months.

Rev. E. E. Stanard has remodeled and painted his house on Laurel avenue and the appearance is greatly improved. Rev. and Mrs. Stanard recently purchased the Scott farm and moved from Brownsville, Ore.

William MacDonald has purchased a home on Hanson avenue. They formerly lived in Montana.

Roy Salsbury, brother of F. M. Salsbury has been visiting at the home of his brother and has decided to locate in this community.

Dean and Mrs. F. M. Erickson have just returned from a trip to California, via the Oregon coast, where they visited their children. Mary had spent her vacation in Yosemite national park and climbed Mt. Whitney. She will teach at Santa Cruz, Calif., the coming year. Herbert is assistant manager of the California Packing plant at Oakland, Frank, Jr., is co-pilot for the United Air Lines between Oakland and Los Angeles.

House Guests at the D. D. Dotson home are Miss Wilhelmine Koerib and Miss Hazel Stanton of New York City. They have written a book on psychology which will be published this month. Miss Koerib, Miss Stanton and Mrs. Dotson taught together in The Dalles some years ago.

David Hunter, who has spent some time with his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Graham, has left for his home in Webster City, Iowa. Paul Jones had the misfortune to break his arm yesterday while cranking a car. Paul works at the Robinson service station.

Ancestral Scenes Noted on Journey

Monmouth Folk on Trip to Crater Lake Pass Historic Creek

MONMOUTH, Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Blair returned Thursday night from a motor trip to Crater Lake and Diamond Lake via McKenzie pass. They found innumerable improvements in Crater Lake park since their preceding visit there 17 years ago.

The road around the rim, nearly 50 miles in length, is almost completely paved with water grade and easily traversible.

In Klamath Falls the Monmouth folk visited Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wright, proprietors of a candy store. Mrs. Wright was a classmate of Mrs. Craven at Oregon Normal school. At Ashland the Monmouth group visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Hannon, who attended Oregon Normal school here last summer.

A stop for luncheon was made at Wolf creek tavern, historic old hostelry for southern Oregon. The trip ended in Medford, Sept. 3, 1846, a wagon train of pioneers, headed for Polk county, encamped at Grave creek, near the site later chosen for Wolf creek tavern. The creek was so named because Martha Leland Crowley, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crowley, died from the rigors of the journey and Grave creek became her burial place. The Crowleys were great-grandparents of A. H. Craven, and settled at Monmouth before the townsite was plotted.

Also in that area were the Linvilles, who settled at Parker, among them being Hannah Linville, then about one year old, who later became Mrs. A. J. Richardson, well known in Polk county and Salem, during her long life.

Mrs. Zielinski Is Called on Friday

HAZEL GREEN, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Mary Zielinski, widow of the late Joseph Zielinski, died Friday at the home of her son, John Zielinski. Mrs. Zielinski has lived in the community for 50 years. She was known as a kind neighbor and friend. In addition to her son, she was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hattie Hammelman of Woodburn, Mrs. Leona Wojcik of Portland and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Donald Zielinski, son of Mrs. G. H. Williamson, has been brought home from the Deaconess hospital where he had an operation for appendicitis Sunday morning.

Called to Hillsboro By Word of Son's Death

MILL CITY, Sept. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Homer were called to Hillsboro Thursday on account of the death of their son, Wayne, who had been employed at the Stinson Lumber company mill. The Happy Hour club met at the home of Mrs. Clara Ellsworth Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ed Haynes was given birthday gifts. A luncheon was served by the hostess to the following guests and members: Mrs. Henry Baltimore, Mrs. Ed Haynes, Mrs. Dick Turpin, Mrs. M. E. Hendrickson, Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. S. Jepsen, Mrs. Ed Bertram, Mrs. Charles Sullivan, Mrs. Fred Ellsworth, Mrs. Louis Geerton and the hostess, Mrs. Clara Ellsworth.

Miss Dorothy Dean Mason is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Blazek in Jefferson.

The Mill City Townsend club No. 1, in their regular session in the city hall, Wednesday night, Rev. Fleming and B. I. Plummer of Salem were the speakers of the evening. The Purdy family furnished music. President Dick Turpin and Secretary John Purdy turned in their resignations. Mr. Turpin held the office until the club was organized in 1934.

"Oregon Year" Is Theme For Women

SALEM HEIGHTS, Sept. 5.—The Salem Heights Women's club met Friday afternoon in the community club house. The attendance was good for the first meeting. The new year books were distributed and their appearance favorably commented upon.

"An Oregon Year" is the theme of the year's programs, as follows: The Fall Round-Up, Oregon Children's Home, An Oregon Christmas, Oregon Song and Verse, Willamette Day, Our State Institutions, Oregon Beauty Spots.

Each member was called upon to give her most embarrassing moment and tell how long she had lived in this community. Mrs. Emma Wheelodon read an original poem entitled "September."

The new officers are: Mrs. A. A. Taylor, president; Mrs. H. E. McWain, vice president; Mrs. Alice Edmundson, treasurer; Mrs. H. R. Woodburn, secretary. The new officers served tea at the close of the meeting. Those present were: Mrs. F. M. Erickson, Mrs. Alice Edmundson, Mrs. King Bartlett, Mrs. Fred Salsbury, Mrs. Charles Sawyer, Mrs. D. D. Craig, Mrs. Harry Halderman, Mrs. W. A. Carr, Mrs. H. E. McWain, Mrs. Cleve Bartlett, Mrs. A. A. Taylor, Mrs. H. R. Woodburn, Mrs. Maud Sherman, Mrs. F. M. Nixon, Mrs. Jay Morris, Mrs. A. M. Chapman, Mrs. P. P. Stolzeise, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. Emma Wheelodon, Mrs. D. D. Dotson and Mrs. Myron Van Eaton.

Woman of 70 Dies Of Year's Illness

LEBANON, Sept. 5.—Mrs. Anna Buchardt Middlestead, 70, a highly esteemed woman of the Providence section, died at her home September 3, following a year's illness.

She was born May 6, 1866, in Germany and came to America when quite young. She was united in marriage with John Middlestead in Nebraska in 1887 and in 1888 they moved to Oregon and located on a farm in Linn county where they have since lived.

She is survived by her widower, John Middlestead, two sons, Herman and Fred Middlestead of Lebanon; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Pepperling of Salem and Mrs. Rose Brandel of Portland; twelve grandchildren.

Amity Methodists Hear Plans For Rally Week; Osborne Dryer Starts

AMITY, Sept. 5.—The members of the official board of the Methodist church and others interested met Thursday night in the church parlors for a 7 o'clock covered dish dinner. Dr. Louis Magin, district superintendent, was present, and presided over the first quarterly conference which was held immediately following the dinner. Reports from the various departments were heard. Dr. Magin gave an interesting address and Rev. C. G. Morris, the local pastor, outlined plans for rally week which will be from September 20-27.

House Nearly Done

KINGWOOD, Sept. 5.—The handsome dwelling being erected by Miss Emma Godfrey of Salem on Kingwood drive just north of the Arthur Wilson home, is nearing completion.

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Superintendent to Begin Eighth Year

L. A. Wilcox Heads Lebanon Schools Again; Buyer Visits

LEBANON, Sept. 5.—The Lebanon schools will open September 14 with Lester A. Wilcox beginning his eighth year as superintendent. There are 13 teachers in the high school faculty and 12 in the grades. The schools the past two years have enrolled approximately 700 pupils and present indications are that fully that number will be enrolled this year. Three school buses will operate out of Lebanon to bring in high school pupils from rural localities.

A. O. Thompson, prominent lumber dealer of Kansas City, Mo., has spent the past few weeks in Oregon buying lumber material for a railroad in Tennessee. Two Lebanon mills through their broker have contributed a large share of material to the project. Mr. Thompson, whose present headquarters are in Portland, controls nine lumber plants in Kansas City. While in Lebanon he visited his cousins, Roy and Miss Myrtle Connitt.

Election of Officers and Opening of Mite Boxes

W.F.M.S. of the Methodist church at the home of Mrs. G. L. Alexander Wednesday; newly elected officers are president, Mrs. F. M. Emmett; vice president, Mrs. W. F. Furth; recording secretary, Mrs. W. C. Skelton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. E. Blackburn; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Booth. The mite box fund was more than \$20. Mrs. Olive Gilson was devotional leader and Mrs. H. E. Blackburn, program leader. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Furth and Mrs. Booth.

Return from Camp

Misses Betty Howe and Doris Kirk returned Thursday from a four weeks encampment at the national girl scout camp at Chaparral, Big Basin, Calif. The camp enrolled 250 members all taking advanced scout work. The local girls received instruction in handcraft, pottery and nature study which they will pass on to Lebanon girl scouts.

Lebanon Cannery Owned and Operated by C. D. Spencer

is the height of a busy season with tomatoes, pears and prunes being packed in large quantities. The cannery which, during the season has employed about 150 people, opened in June, barrelling Marshall strawberries and packing Etterburgs, Beans, cherries, red raspberries, black caps, tomatoes, prunes and pears followed. The cannery expects to run until December 1st with carrots and squashes closing the season.

Reynolds Prune Drier Started on Thursday

HAYESVILLE, Sept. 5.—Prune picking has started in this community. The Reynolds prune drier started operating Thursday.

Mrs. Viva Hogue is expecting a home on the property south of Mrs. J. L. Morrison on the highway.

Elizabeth Anders has returned to her home in Mill City to resume her school duties, after spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Denny.

C. Miller and family formerly living on the Andress place have moved to Salem.

Peter Brachmann Rites Set Monday

WOODBURN, Sept. 5.—Peter Brachmann, 65, 682 South Settlemyer avenue, passed away at the Salem General hospital Friday and had lived in Woodburn the past 23 years, coming here from Minnesota.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Julia Brachmann; two sons, Arthur of New York and Peter, Jr., at home; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Rouse of Los Angeles, Mrs. Agnes Jones of Woodburn and Bett at home; two grandchildren; one brother and three sisters in Wisconsin.

Salem Company Is Planning Cottage

SCIO, Sept. 5.—A Salem investment company is constructing a three-room modern cottage on property recently purchased on north Main street in Scio. Other cottages will be added in the near future, according to Roy Shelton, Scio agent for the owners.

Boys Fractured Leg

Clifford, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kampster, was taken to the Albany hospital Tuesday afternoon for treatment for a fracture of the right leg near the ankle. The accident occurred when the little boy and an older brother were playing on an old shed, which collapsed with them. The Kampsters reside near the W. J. Beran place on Rodgers mountain.

Alvy Fleming, 4 Year Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fleming, Cut Her Left Forefinger Monday with an axe so severely that amputation was necessary.

Mrs. G. L. Flanagan, Jr., severely burned her left hand Tuesday while pouring grease.

Ahrens Bros. Begin Picking of Prunes; Travelers Are Home

TURNER, Sept. 5.—Ahrens Bros. began prune picking the middle of the week.

Roy Ahrens has returned from a several weeks stay at The Dalles.

Turner ladies attending the grange work club at the home of Mrs. W. F. Gulvin were Mrs. George Peebles, Mrs. George Crume and Mrs. Fred Mitchell.

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