

Independence Records Accomplishments of the Year Just Past

1940 Activity Held Standout

Hop City Reports Progress for Old Year; Harvest Considered Success

INDEPENDENCE — Several happenings stand out in review of Independence during 1940. Outstanding to the city as a whole was the successful hop harvest. Picking started in August at \$1.25 a hundred being paid workers. Before the season was over \$1.75 was paid with growers and pickers happy with the success of the season.

The seventh annual Hop Fiesta was a gala occasion. Over 15,000 people witnessed the celebration which included the coronation of Queen Dorothy Smalley of Salem. Intense interest was shown in the four days' program including parades, carnival, stunts, pageantry and the "Over the Rainbow Coronation Theme."

In January the Cooper sawmill resumed operation after a layoff due to shortage of logs; R. R. DeArmond purchased one-half interest in the Duganne hatchery; the Mitoma hop yard was purchased by John L. Hass of New York; the city treasurer's report showed the city to be in sound financial condition.

A. W. Foster was appointed mayor of the city in February to fill the unexpired term of Kenneth L. Williams, who moved out of the city limits.

The First National bank celebrated its 51st anniversary in March; the Salem-Independence-Kings Valley highway association was formed; Dr. George D. Herley was elected president of the Independence chamber of commerce.

In April members of the city council instructed city attorney B. F. Swope and members of the ordinance committee to draw up a new charter.

The Independence Bakery celebrated its second anniversary with an open house; C. S. Wettermann took over the Shell Oil company to replace E. R. Hasted; the Independence Garden club made miniature hop baskets as favors for the regional meeting of the Federation of Garden Clubs held in Portland; E. D. Algers purchased the Independence lumber yard from D. L. Schlag.

Governor Charles A. Sprague was guest speaker at the annual farmers' dinner of the chamber of commerce in May; the Gilmore Oil company purchased the Jewell property on Main and B streets to erect a super service station.

A Boy Scout Camporee was held in the Hop Bowl with 250 boys present; L. V. Seeley won the republican nomination for assessor in the primary election.

June found Paul Sterling elected president of the Lions club; the 1940 census showed an increase of 114, giving the city a population of 1362. Dr. C. A. Frazke was elected school director and C. G. Irvine, school clerk.

Work started on the new Gilmore Oil service station in July; C. D. Smiley received the contract to add a new addition to the Woman's clubhouse; a new hosiery store was built by Dean Walker and A. J. Haener and son; fire destroyed the large barn on the K. L. Williams farm; and fire destroyed 30 acres of vetch on the Reynolds ranch south of town.

In August the Independence chamber of commerce entered two floats in the Salem Centennial parade; Sloper Brothers installed an irrigation system for 160 acres; hop picking started about August 17; Dorothy Smalley was

chosen queen of the seventh Hop Fiesta; Victor N. Phelps was elected principal of the Independence training school and the Hop Fiesta proved to be a marked success.

In September school bells brought students back to classes; Miss Elizabeth Rader was elected first grade critic; Ray Scott was elected coach of the high school, replacing Loren Mort; the Garden club sponsored a fall flower show.

The Independence Lion's club celebrated its charter anniversary in October.

Dr. Maurice J. Butler was elected mayor of the city in November; H. M. Amaberry, Dr. George D. Herley and Milford M. Nelson were elected council members; the Polk county option was defeated by a vote of nearly two to one.

The Independence Enterprise observed its sixtieth mile post as a weekly newspaper; Lyon lodge No. 29 AF & AM observed its 80th anniversary.

In December the chamber of commerce entertained the high school football squad with a banquet; remodeling done almost every house in town is occupied. Schools and churches have made much progress.

January Meeting Slated at Dallas

DALLAS — The January meeting of the Dallas Woman's club will be held January 7, starting at 2 p.m. with the president, Mrs. Elmer Schulson, presiding at the business meeting.

The program committee has secured Dr. Ellsworth Gardner, Lane county health officer, as the speaker for the afternoon. He will talk on "Problems of Public Health." Musical numbers will include selections by the Dallas high school girls' trio and a solo by Myrtle Meiers of Salem.

Hostesses for the tea hour following will include Mrs. E. C. McCallion, Mrs. Elmer Schulson, Mrs. R. R. Turner, Mrs. Harvey Carpenter, Mrs. W. C. Leth, Mrs. J. F. Spooner and Mrs. Eugene Hayter.

On Wednesday night, January 8, the Dallas Woman's club is sponsoring a dinner meeting to be held at the chamber of commerce rooms in the new city hall in cooperation with other civic organizations of Dallas. These groups will include the chamber of commerce, Lions club, Junior Woman's club and the Senior Woman's club. The speaker for the dinner meeting will be Department Commander of the American Legion, Alfred P. Kelley.

Musical numbers will be given by a male quartette composed of Fred Broer, leader, Homer Moradyke, David L. Ringland and Peter Foelkl, all of Salem and violin numbers by Katherine Broer of Salem. Mrs. Fred E. Broer of Salem will act as accompanist.

The committee in charge will include Mrs. Cecil Dunn, Mrs. Harry Pinkerton, Mrs. Hubert Dunn and Mrs. Delwin Reinemer.

Brush Creek Reports Little Illness

BRUSH CREEK — Because of the amount of illness in the Brush Creek community, most of the homes observed New Year's eve quietly. There have been no critical cases of influenza in Brush Creek but almost every home has had one or two victims.

Silverton Homes Are Party Hosts

Former Teachers Meet for Reunion; Holiday Dinner Places Are Laid

SILVERTON — Margaret Humburg of Portland, former Silverton teacher, was hostess to a few teachers who were with her when she taught in the Silverton schools. She was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Viola Hook.

Places were laid for B. T. Youel, who was superintendent of schools at Silverton at one time, and Mrs. Youel now of Molalla; Mrs. Veda Bennett, now of Portland; Lulu Dale-Robbins of Vancouver; Ann Engle Gulbrandson of Portland and Hannah Olson and Olga Johnson of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf O. Nelson were hosts at their North Second street home at a holiday dinner where places were laid for Emily Harl, Bob Nelson of Camp Clatsop, Ruth Nelson from Oregon State college, Guy Tucker, Harold and Merlin Nelson of Salem, Don Birch, Frances Nelson and Jim, besides the host and hostess.

Hannah Olson was hostess to the members of her junior high school boys at a party Sunday night. Invited were Alf Hanson, Erwin Overlund, Vincent Jorgenson, Arleigh Berget, Daryl Johnson, Ardell Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Harold Johnson, Edward Hanson, Orville Rodenberg, Jim Baker, Marshall Sater and Roger Lee.

Churches Slate Annual Meetings

SILVERTON — Annual meetings of both Emmanuel and Trinity churches have been set for January 8. In each case, financial reports will be made and election of officers for the coming year be held.

At Trinity church it is also expected that the discussion of building a new parsonage will be opened. It is understood that the church board has been mulling over the project during the past month and that it will come before the congregation for final decision at this meeting.

Buena Vista News

BUENA VISTA — At a special school board election December 26 Wilbur Grey was elected to serve the unexpired term of Ralph Lucas.

Clyde Carpenter, who has suffered a relapse from the flu, was taken to the hospital Friday morning. He is much improved now.

Barbara Wells spent several days with her aunt, Etta Wells, at Hillsboro. She returned home with her parents, who visited there Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Belangy of Longview were weekend guests at his sister's, Mrs. Mark Gillam. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Prather and family spent Sunday in Portland with Mrs. Prather's sister, Mrs. J. E. Weaver.

Carmelita Gillam had to have special treatment for her neck glands caused by the flu.

Adrian Camp was a Friday night dinner guest at the Leland Prather home.

Farmers union meets Friday night. Refreshments will be served and the Woman's club will meet January 8.

West Salem Pastor Honored by Church Members at New Year's No-Host Supper

WEST SALEM — Members and friends of the Methodist church gathered in the church basement New Year's eve to honor the pastor and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Huckabee.

A no-host supper was served and decorations carried out the New Year motif.

Following supper the Huckabee family was presented with gifts and a grocery shower.

Later the people went to the church auditorium where Rev. Huckabee gave a short concert of request numbers on the Hammond electric organ.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas, Mary Jane and David; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Estey, Betty and Valeta; Mr. and Mrs. George LaThrop, Kenneth, Wayne, Ronald and Harold; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Mrs. Preston Faught, Bobby, Howard, Kenneth and Ray; Mrs. Ed Brock, Mrs. Oliver Collard, Billy and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lisle, Mr. and Mrs. Don Huckabee, Niles, Jerry, Donna and Harlow, Vera, Ralph, Mrs. Martha Rierson and Etta Rierson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martloff and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dashiell and Laurie, Mrs. Lillian Williams, Mrs. Addie Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hansen and Dennis, of Four Corners, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. G. E. Vosburgh, Mrs. Oliver Sargent and Marilyn.

Members of the Intermediate league had a watch party in the church basement following the organ concert. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lisle were in charge with Betty Estey assisting.

Family Dinner Held
WEST SALEM — Mr. and Mrs. Lester DeLapp, 1873 Front street, Salem, entertained with a New Year's dinner for their relatives. There were 23 present.

Bidden were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lathrop and family of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd DeLapp and family, and Mr. and Mrs. George Lathrop and family.

WEST SALEM — Mr. and Mrs. H. C. White of Edgewater street gave a dinner on New Year's day for Mrs. White's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burns and Mrs. Pearl Hughes all of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bradford and children, Wayne and Dorothy, went to Astoria Thursday where Bradford is employed. The children visited at the home of their uncle, J. R. Miller. Mrs. Bradford and children returned Monday.

Dick I. Henderson of Sixth street, had a radium treatment for a small cancer on his ear Tuesday afternoon in Salem.

Mrs. Eva Woods of McNary avenue is convalescing at her home following a ten-day siege of influenza.

Nancy R. Watkins Buried at Lebanon

LEBANON — Nancy Rebecca Watkins, born in Oregon 72 years ago, died December 27 and was buried December 30. Rev. Samuel Kimball officiated, with interment in the Gilliland cemetery.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Sarah Watkins, now 90 years old; a daughter, Mrs. Leona Burgett, two brothers, Frank and Farmer Malone of the Sweet Home neighborhood.

Deputy Grand Is Guest

SILVERTON — Alfred Pine, deputy grand master of the IOOF was a guest at the local lodge Saturday night. Tuesday night Ridgely encampment enjoyed a watch party with the Odd Fellows and Rebekah orders.

Woodburn Board Mulls Class Plan

Defense Training Program Sessions Possibility for Local Youth

WOODBURN — The Woodburn high school board is considering the possibility of establishing mechanical classes for the out-of-school group of young men of Woodburn between the ages of 17 and 24. The purpose of such

instructions is for emergency defense training and to give occupational experience to young men who live in communities with a population of less than 2500. The instructors will be selected from the ranks of experienced mechanics, carpenters and electricians and the total cost of instruction will be met from national defense funds appropriated for this purpose. Such a program will be under the supervision of the local high school board and the state board for vocational education. The class will be conducted for 15 hours a week for at least eight weeks.

Courses offered will include operation, care and repair of tractors, trucks and automobiles, metal work, woodworking and elementary electricity. Classes will be held each week night except Saturday from 1 until 10 o'clock. Tentative plans have been made and it is hoped this national defense program can be in operation by January 15.

Visit at Eldridge

ELDRIDGE — Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nusom and Sherry Jean Nusom of Clatskanie were overnight guests this weekend at the A. W. Nusom home. They spent Sunday in Salem at the gun club where trap shooting was enjoyed.



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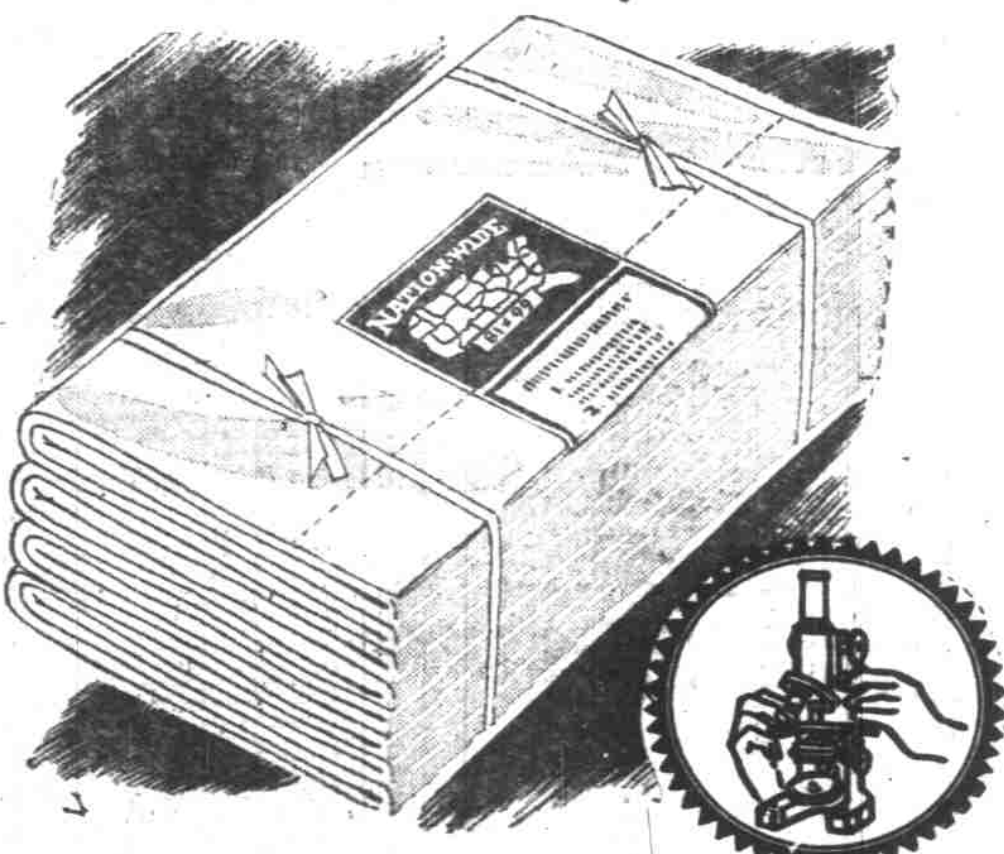
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