

# Cartoonist Swamped by Letters Naming the Bumsteads' Baby

### More Than 350,000 Suggestions Reach Syndicate Office With More Coming; Winning Entry Gets \$100 Prize

NEW YORK, May 12.—Murat "Chic" Young had no trouble at all finding names for his own children. He and Athel, his wife, named the boy Dean and the girl Jeanne. But he has the "Grand Coulees" of headaches now over the naming of the Bumsteads' new baby.

The Bumsteads are, of course, the Mr. and Mrs. in Young's famous newspaper comic, "Blondie," who are as real to millions of persons as their own relatives and better known by most of them than their next door neighbors.

In April Chic, as the stork, brought a new girl baby to the Bumstead home, and decided to let readers help him choose a name for it. King Features Syndicate, which distributes the strip, offered a small prize for the best suggestion. Young expected a few thousand to come in.

But he underestimated the interest of Mr. and Mrs. America. He quickly discovered that if you want to get their minds off the war, just give them a baby to name. By the hundreds of thousands, they turned deaf ears to Europe to help give Blondie's baby a name. Today more than 350,000 suggestions had been made and there was more mail to be opened. The snowstorm of letters that poured in from every state in the union and from Canada showed that men were no less interested in baby-naming than women. A number of names come from army camps. The top sergeant of a regular army unit in Texas proposed "Clara Lou," declaring the name was irresistible. Will Ann Sheridan, the oomph girl, please take note? She changed her name from Clara Lou.

When there's a baby to be named, private troubles are forgotten, too. A letter came from a woman in a hospital in Meridian, Miss., the victim of a time bomb placed in a motion picture theatre. As she wrote, another month's stay in her bed of pain was before her, but she was concerned about the best name for the Bumstead daughter. Her suggestion, by the way, was Glorious Bumstead.

Another woman asked that Blondie's child be given the name of her own baby, who died in infancy.

Young, who is being assisted in the judging by Beatrice Fairfax, Inez Robb and Dr. Allan Roy Dae, expects to announce the winning name in about two weeks. Meanwhile, take a tip from him: Don't ask for help in naming a baby.

## Keizer News

KEIZER—Miss Eileen Holden arrived from Oregon State college to spend Mother's day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holden.

Miss Sylvia Claggert, who will graduate from the Oregon College of Education in June, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Claggert on Mother's day.

Mrs. William Blake motored to Corvallis Saturday, where she attended the Mother's day tea at the Sigma Nu house on the Oregon State campus. She was the guest of her son, Phillip.

Mrs. Albert Minturn spent the Mother's day weekend as the guest of her daughter, Harriet, at the Alpha Gamma Delta house on the University of Oregon campus.

Mrs. M. S. Bunnell entertained with a family dinner at her home Saturday in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Putnam.

Covers were placed for the honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Putnam, and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Putnam, Albany, Miss Helen Putnam, Miss Barbara Putnam, Bill Putnam, James Putnam, Mrs. Helen Emmert, Orlo Emmert, Chester Emmert, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parker and the hostess, Mrs. M. S. Bunnell.

A party was held at the Chema-wa grange hall Saturday. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deidrich and Mr. and Mrs. Elva Abrams. The evening was spent playing cards and Chinese checkers.

A dessert bridge luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Putnam Saturday. Three tables of contract bridge were in play. Decorations were spring flowers.

Honors went to Mrs. Harry Irvine and Miss Ogwen Jones. The cut went to Mrs. Jane Tilghman. Guests present were Mrs. Tilghman, Mrs. Ina Boyer, Mrs. W. T. Parker and Miss Jones. Members playing were Mrs. Seymour Jones, Mrs. Irvine, Mrs. H. W. Bowden, Mrs. Sam F. Richards, Mrs. W. G. Earle, Mrs. M. S. Bunnell, Mrs. Roy S. Nelson and the hostess, Mrs. J. E. Putnam. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Minturn.

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## Suggestions by the Thousands



Part of the staff that is helping Chic Young find the name for Blondie's new baby is shown at top at work in New York, sorting the hundreds of thousands of letters. Below: More of them opening letters and listing the names for the judges. As you can see, Mr. and Mrs. America's assistance in the baby naming has been a boon to the post-office.

## Horse Killed In Car Leap

PORTLAND, May 12.—(P)—A frightened saddle horse was killed in an attempt to leap over the hood of a car, and two boats collided in accidents here Sunday.

The horse was ridden by a boy whose name was not learned. Its crash with the car injured the hand of the driver, H. D. Kerr, 37, Portland.

A speed boater, Kai E. Theilade, 29, suffered a fractured left arm in a collision with one of several small sail boats on the Columbia river. He attempted to aid boats caught in a sudden squall.

## Women's Dean Is Appointed

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—(P)—Appointment of Mrs. Buena Maris as dean of women at Oregon State college was approved Monday by the finance committee of the board of higher education.

Ratification by the board is expected Tuesday. She has been extension specialist in family relations at OSC for the past two years and will succeed Dr. Kate W. Jameson who is to retire July 1.

Mrs. Maris taught for a year in Tacoma after graduation from the College of Puget Sound.

## Student Wins Gold Medal

MT. ANGEL—James Duyn of Oregon City was chosen winner in the oratory contest held at Mt. Angel auditorium. Mr. Duyn will be presented a gold medal on commencement day, June 1.

The subject of his oration was "America Should Become Culture Conscious." Judges were Rev. Alexander Williams and Fred Kohruss, both of Portland, and John T. Bauman, Mt. Angel.

MT. ANGEL—Commencement exercises for Mt. Angel prep school will be held on Friday, May 30, at 8 p. m. with 33 graduates.

Virgil Reasoner will be awarded the gold elocution medal and the medal for general excellence will go to the senior with the highest scholastic standing for the last three years. Abbot Thomas Meier, OSB, will present the awards.

Officers and speakers of the graduating class are Raymond Manning, Portland, president; Armand Maffia, Portland, valedictorian; Robert Diehl, Mt. Angel, vice-president and salutatorian; Raymond Kiecker, Salem, secretary, and Leo Traeger, Mt. Angel, sergeant-at-arms.

## Scio Resident Taken by Death

John Shanks of Scio died at a Salem hospital early Monday morning. He is survived by a son, Lloyd of Lacombe and a brother, Fernando of Salem. Funeral services will be from the Baptist church at Lacombe on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

John Shanks, age 65, was born in Marion county where he has always lived. He has been a farmer for many years, and although ailing for some time, has been seriously ill only for the past three weeks.

## Columbia Preps Best Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL—Although out-hitting their rivals, the Mt. Angel Preps by a series of bad breaks found themselves trailing the Columbia Preps of Portland 4-0 at the end of the sixth inning in a game stopped by rain here at the Ebner ball park Sunday afternoon. Columbia ..... 4 3 4 Mt. Angel ..... 0 4 5 O'Toole and O'Brien; Kehoe and Walker.

## Jim Wyatt Coming

Jim Wyatt, Portland radio news commentator, will be the speaker at the Salem Rotary club luncheon at the Marion hotel Wednesday noon.

## MILK MIXTURE FOR STOMACH ULCERS

A recent medical discovery now being used by doctors and hospitals everywhere has proven unusually successful in the treatment of stomach ulcers caused from excess acid. It is a harmless preparation yet so effective that in many cases the pains of stomach ulcers disappear almost immediately after it is used. Also recommended for gas pains, indigestion and heartburn due to hyperacidity. Sufferers may now try this at home by obtaining a bottle of Lurin from their druggist. Lurin contains this new discovery in its purest form. Easy to take. Just mix two teaspoons in a half glass of milk. Costs but little and sold under an absolute guarantee that it must satisfy or money refunded. Lurin for sale by Fred Meyer and drug stores everywhere.

## ODDITIES

PORTLAND—(P)—A thief with plenty of time pumped 125 gallons of gasoline from an east side service station tank here and hauled it away, the operator has complained to police.

TILLAMOOK—(P)—One of the mink on a farm employing Caretaker Robert Williams must be part guinea pig, Williams believes. She littered 12 healthy kittens. An average mink family is six or less.

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark.—(P)—When only a few girls showed up at a 134th infantry dance hand-some Private Robert Skinner of Lincoln, Neb., drove a company truck to another section of Camp Robinson where a well-attended 110th medical regiment hop was in full swing. Easing inside the hall, Skinner tagged a blonde, snapped off a few tricky steps and then suggested they step outside. There he deposited her in the truck and returned to the hall.

Within less time than it takes to tell, Private Skinner was back at the 134th with 12—count 'em—females.

The 110th, to a man, is looking for Private Skinner.

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—(P)—Lieut. Thomas Lyden, division surgeon's office executive, sat calmly in his tent, smoking his pipe and studying the umpire's manual.

Capt. Robert Eddy dropped in, looked about and wiped his face. "It is hot, isn't it?" Lyden remarked.

"Well, now that you mention it," said the captain. "Lyden got up, looked at his thermometer. 'Till say it is. Look! It's 102.'"

The captain whistled, "I didn't know it was that hot."

Both men scurried out, gave orders to their men to knock off for the afternoon because of the heat.

The next time they do that, it's a safe bet they'll check the

Lieutenant's stove. His matches had set fire to the nicest bed of pine cones you ever saw.

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—Crippled by a hit-run driver last August, John D. Garfalos, 68, appeared in court on crutches the other day and was convicted of the same charge in another accident. Sentence was deferred.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—(P)—A carrier pigeon landed on the desk of the Charlotte Travelers' Aid society. It got aid in the way of food and water and took off, heading due north.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—(P)—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Helmholdt won a race with the stork but it was close.

A 6 pound, 10-ounce boy was born to Mrs. Helmholdt in a hospital elevator.

## Alaska Rail Bids Refused

SEATTLE, May 12.—(P)—The United States district engineer's office withheld a contract for the construction of an extension to the Alaska railroad Monday because the two bids submitted exceeded the government's estimate by more than \$1,000,000.

The government's estimate was \$2,961,778 and the lowest bid, that of the Seaboard Construction company of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., was \$4,074,616.

The second bid was a joint tender by Morrison, Knudsen, Boise, Idaho, General Construction company, Seattle, and J. F. Shea, Portland. It amounted to \$4,067,435.

The bids will be reported to the chief of the engineers corps of the war department for final action.

## Students From Four Schools Are Graduated

LYONS—Eighth grade graduation exercises were held at the Rebekah hall Thursday evening for Lyons, Fox Valley, Weasel Flat and McCully Mountain schools. Dr. Willis B. Merriam, Oregon College of Education, was the speaker.

The following program was presented: Commencement song, Lyons elementary chorus; violin, Evelyn Clippell; piano, Miss Wright; talk, Betty Bassett, Fox Valley; song, Fox Valley chorus; talk, Louise Kuiken; song, Lyons elementary chorus; talk, Ronald Helm and Jack Yocum; duet, Ronald Helm and Jack Yocum; talk, Laurena Martin; guitar solo, Charles Prichard; professional march, Elaine Clippell; song, graduates; presentation of diplomas by chairmen of the boards, Bert Lyons, Lyons; Guy Prichard, Weasel Flat, and Ray Nye, Fox Valley.

Graduates were Charlotte Burke, Betty Kinzer, Louise Kuiken, Teresa Pietrok, Robert Briles, Robert Cornforth and Leonard Surrery, Lyons; Juanita Downing, William Bryant and Ross Kellogg, Fox Valley; Betty Jean Fyock, Laurena Martin, Charles Prichard and Larry Lee Prichard, Weasel Flat, and Ronald Helm and Jack Yocum, McCully Mountain.

JEFFERSON CLINGS TO SECOND PLACE

MARION B LEAGUE STANDINGS (Southern Section)

W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
Aumavill	7	0	1.000	Mill City	1	6	.143
Jefferson	2	7	.286	Turner	1	6	.143
Stayton	4	3	.571				

JEFFERSON—Pat Beal's Jeff high line clung to second place in the South Marion County B league standings by whipping Mill City 9 to 3 Friday. Weir struck out 12.

Final league game for Jeff is set Tuesday at Stayton. Mill City ..... 3 6 4 Jefferson ..... 9 4 3 Moravec and Schroeder; Weir and Colv.

Valley Events

- May 15—Nut Growers' meet, Lebanon
- May 21—Jersey Cattle club show, fairgrounds
- May 24—Organization meeting of Oregon Seed League, Corvallis, 10 a.m.
- May 26—Scio fat lamb show
- May 27—Egg grading school, Cherry City, Ball company rooms, Salem, starting at 1:30 p.m., afternoon and evening sessions
- May 28—Marion county experiment station tour of forage crops, Corvallis
- June 1—Marion county fat lamb show, Turner

KEIZER NEWS

## Revised Bible Is now Ready



The Rev. Harry C. Graham and the Rev. Alexander Wyse

Revised edition of the books of the New Testament of the Bible, prepared for Roman Catholics of the United States and other English-speaking countries, is off the presses at Paterson, N. J., and is shown being examined by the Rev. Harry C. Graham, left, national director of the Holy Name society, and the Rev. Alexander Wyse. The edition gives a new translation with better English wordage and eliminates obscure passages and archaic phraseology.

## Zena Pupils Entertained

ZENA—Miss Koneta Nowowojewski, instructor at the Zena school and her eighth grade pupils, Sam Barker, June Swinford, Shirley Newton and Arden Shepard are being entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Barker gave a luncheon in their honor, with Evelyn Eitel of Oak Grove, who was a member of the class last year, as a special guest. Mrs. Ralph Shepard was hostess for a picnic supper and Mrs. Ben L. Swinford and Mrs. Grace Hiatt took them to Eugene by train, where they enjoyed a visit to the university campus and open house at the library. Harold Swinford was a special guest.

## Drivers' Raise Okehed

PORTLAND, May 12.—(P)—Wage increases for 1000 AFL drivers covered by a master agreement with 40 trucking firms, were ratified here Sunday by the 13th and final local of the teamsters' union to vote. The wages paid and amount of the increase were not divulged.

## Final Rites Are Today

MILL CITY—Edward Smith, 79, died at the home of his brother, Claud Smith, Mill City, Sunday.

He was born in New York City and came to Oregon 40 years ago to settle at Mill City, where he had lived until his death.

Funeral at 1 p. m. Tuesday, in the Christian church at Mill City. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

## Silverton Bills Weekend Clashes

SILVERTON—Coach Guy DeLay's Silverton high baseball team, who have lost but one league game this season, entertain Chemawa here Friday afternoon and get ready for a doubleheader Saturday with Hood River. Added interest in the Hood River game is had from the fact that Herman Kramer, in charge of the Hood River boys, was formerly high school superintendent here.

Silverton won over Canby Friday, 16 to 3, aided by Burr's home run.

## School Picnic Scheduled

ZENA—Miss Koneta Nowowojewski, teacher at the Zena school, has completed her fourth year here and plans to teach the seventh grade at West Salem school next term.

Friday is the last day of school at Zena and a picnic will be held at Hazel Green park. Graduation exercises will be held at the school house Wednesday night with Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, as main speaker. Superintendent of Polk county schools, Joshua Wills, will present the diplomas and Jesse Baker is to give the convocation and benediction.

ZENA—The Spring Valley Christian Endeavor society sponsored a party and handkerchief shower Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Crawford, complimenting Miss Koneta Nowowojewski. The guest list included the honor guest, Miss Lida Mae McKinney, Orveta and Violet Cooper, Verle and Pearl McKinney, Robert Newton, Ardon Shepard, Jean Oake, Naomi and Chester Merrick, Robert Yungen, Vernon Merrick, Mrs. S. D. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Crawford.

## Aid Society Meets Friday

WOODBURN—Regular meeting of the Presbyterian Aid society will be held Friday instead of the regular date because of an invitation received by the society to attend a meeting at Gervais on Thursday in observance of the 50th anniversary of the Gervais Missionary society.

Program chairman for the meeting will be Mrs. Fred Evenden. Devotions will be led by Mrs. Olive Smith. Hostesses will be Mrs. Vernon Frentz, Mrs. Lester Smith and Mrs. Harris Nelson.

Answer to roll call will be "My Favorite Magazine."

## Dairymen Win 7th Straight

Hazel Dell hung up its seventh straight Commercial league softball win Monday, defeating Golden Pheasant 4 to 1 behind the four-hit hurling of Fravel.

Kiwanis captured a 7 to 3 decision off Bob Elstrom's, while Blue Lake and Stubby Mills played to a 6-6 deadlock.

Phazel Dell ..... 4 6 1  
Hessants ..... 1 4 3  
Fravel and Hawes; Siebens and Wenger.  
Kiwanis ..... 7 9 2  
Elstroms ..... 3 4 2  
Parker and Williams; Beardsley and Rollings.  
Blue Lake ..... 6 5 4  
Stubby Mills ..... 6 5 2  
Applegate and Morley; C. Barnwell; Leiser and Dwight.

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