

Amity Folk Have Guests

Pastors Guest Speakers for Evening Services; Many Work in Portland

AMITY—Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nott were Mrs. Effie Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall, Mrs. Mildred McKenzie, Miss Mabelle Randall and Jack Ashfleter, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Randall and Mrs. Kola McClellan of Salem.

Vernon Randall, son of Mrs. Mamie Randall of Dayton, former Amity resident, has been called to the army.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Clark were their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. West of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whitney.

Rev. L. S. Shumaker of McMinnville was guest speaker at the Amity Baptist church Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. John Parrott of Roseburg will take over the church work here September 1.

Rev. William Morse, pastor of the Christian church of Amity, his son Billy, and Marvin and Donald Whitney left Sunday for Turner. The boys will attend the boys' camp this week under the auspices of the Ninety and Nine of the Christian church of the state. Rev. Morse will be one of the teachers.

Adrian Fraley of Eugene was the guest speaker at the Christian church of Amity Sunday.

Among those from Amity who have gone to Portland and Vancouver to work are John Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Massey and family, Marvin Gerrard and G. E. Vannice.

Miss Doris Konzelman is employed in defense work in Albany and Earl Henderson is clerking in a store at Stayton during the bean harvest.

Dencers Move to New Home

PROSPECT—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cartwright visited Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dencer Sunday. The Dencers have moved into their new residence on Battle Creek Road, which is the old Thomas Jory homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rains visited the Art Worth family of Liberty Sunday.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Brown were Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Balknap of Talbot. The occasion was Ardis Belle Brown's fifth birthday.

Mrs. Jesse Dent, who has been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dent, spent the weekend in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bacon, and son Jerry, were Sunday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cartwright.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rains, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cartwright, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo D. Brown, attended the recent movie, "Mrs. Miniver."

Silverton Teacher Home, Vacation

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kuenzi report the birth of a daughter on August 4 and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson the birth of a son August 3, both at the Silverton hospital.

L. Momrath, past 80, was taken to the Silverton hospital Tuesday. Friends report that he is critically ill.

Mrs. Esther Nordstrom has returned from a vacation trip spent in the east and is at her home here again. Miss Nordstrom is a member of the Silverton faculty.

Grangers News

North Howell grange will meet in regular session Wednesday night, August 12. Reports from special committees will be in order.

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Water Rates Remain Same In Monmouth

Mayor Bowersox Casts Deciding Vote; Many Attend Meeting

MONMOUTH, Aug. 5—The city water charges will remain \$2, the same as they have been for the last 12 years. This was the final outcome of a much contested effort to raise the rates for apartment houses. The final vote was the second taken at city council meeting Tuesday night on the particular point involved, but on reconsideration Mayor F. R. Bowersox changed his vote.

About 60 people met with the city council Tuesday night to discuss the water ordinance which provides that a separate connection is necessary for each apartment. This ordinance has not been enforced in the past. Each householder paid the minimum charge of \$2.00 per month, and water used in apartments in his dwelling, if any, were not separately charged for by the city.

With the influx of new people here, it seemed justifiable to Mayor Bowersox and some of the council members that a separate charge of \$1.00 should be made now for each apartment or cottage, rented. Considerable dissension arose among landlords, since the water rate here is held to be high.

Mayor Bowersox briefly reviewed the city's indebtedness for its water system and intake which was \$60,000 when he took office 12 years ago. This debt had been running for several years, and he stated, the state treasurer told him either to set a minimum rate, or the state would set a rate of not less than \$3.00. The city authorities compromised by setting the minimum at \$2.00 per month which raised the rate 50 cents, and this additional revenue was placed in a separate fund to pay off bonding issues.

Within 12 years, he said, a new intake pipe had been installed over most of the pipeline, enlarged from 6 to 8 inches, and carrying twice the quantity of water. Also new springs have been taken up and five water rights acquired. The mayor said that he had consulted with the state treasurer throughout on these questions, and the debt has now been reduced to \$38,000. In the past year \$10,000 has been retired, and more will be retired the coming year.

It seemed to some of the citizens gathered at the meeting, that now the city's water debt was being reduced so consistently, some benefits should be given the water users. Discussion centered about the metering of all water used to definitely measure each family's consumption. This would mean that additional meters be installed to provide each separate apartment or cottage with a meter, if same now is on the same distributing line as the houseowner's. The consensus of opinion favored such a method of water measurement.

Dr. E. F. Barrows acted as spokesman for the citizen group, stating that students coming here to school have been favored by the water rate which made possible their use of water at no charge additional to the householder's, and it would work a hardship on students if the separate charge should be made.

Harvey Young called attention to the fact that several farmers and dairymen are using city water, with no additional minimum charge made for cow consumption. He averred that five cows would consume approximately as much water as one apartment-tenant family, and felt that if householders were subjected to this extra

Six Sons on Seven Seas



Six sons in the U. S. Navy and all commissioned officers! That's the record boasted by Lieut. Hjalmar Olsen, U. S. N., retired, and his wife, Anna, shown in their Waukegan, Ill., home.

charge, dairymen should have meters for their cows.

One councilman, George W. Cooper, said that he was not in favor of the new water charge. The mayor asked if he would state exactly why. Cooper agreed to let the mayor explain. Mayor Bowersox stated that Cooper has never paid a water charge at his hardware store, contending that his residential rate pays for enough water to cover his use of same at the store.

Harvey Young then stated that the Monmouth Brick and Tile company, a business firm, operates on one minimum residential charge. The superintendent of the company is G. S. Partridge, another council member. Partridge has paid for the water pipe that runs to the factory, and it has been considered valuable to the city to have the dead end of the line drained to avoid a stagnant condition.

After these grievances were aired, a motion was made by Cooper to rescind the proposed additional water charge. It failed to pass on first vote, because Partridge and Wilson, council members, and the mayor voted negatively. After further discussion, a second vote was taken and the mayor cast his vote with the majority, so the water charge will remain just as it has been for the last 12 years.

Other business included presentation of a request by Dr. C. A. Howard and E. A. Stebbins of OCE, for the city to grant a quitclaim title to lots 4-5-18-19 in Murphy's addition, which the college is buying up as delinquent tax land. The city has no claim to the plot of about three acres, but the state requests such a procedure. Mayor Bowersox took the matter under advisement to investigate possible street intersections which the plot might contain.

Mayor Bowersox also proposed that the city grant free light and water courtesies for the new recreation center for soldiers being established here. Unanimous agreement was given by council and citizens.

The mayor also stated that the largest electric power and light collections ever made here were made last month, and that the rates are the lowest ever.

Certificates Are Ready for Women

The following women completed their home nursing classes, taught by Mrs. Esther Wendt for Polk county Red Cross at the city hall of West Salem in April. They may have their certificates by calling for them at the home of the home nursing chairman, Mrs. A. L. Cummings, 1045 Elm street, West Salem, within the next week.

Mesdames Dale Lemon, Florence Cutsforth, Drew Michiels, Myra Swearingen, Faith Underwood, Fern Bradford, Teresa Braden, Frances Burns, Darwin Lawrence, Rosaline Loeven, Evelyn Van Dyke, G. W. Tupper, Delores Jager, Mary Kuhn, K. B. Green, Ada Jensen, Fred Gibson, A. L. Goffrier, Florence Fox, Ruth Fair, J. E. England, Mamie Dickson, Leta Comb, Sam Brown, Dola Abbott, Bessie Hazelton, John Frieson, John Fair, Iva Mabley, Fern Morgan, Josephine Pattison, Charles Ross, Lynn McCully, Katherine Miller, J. Kessel, Mamie Isaak, Ada Hathaway, Frances Estey, Rebecca West, Elmer Smith, Ellen Adams, Helens Beier, Margaret Wishart, Lillian Williams, Lew Wallace, V. E. Visburg, Russell Smith, Earl Burk, Phil Brownell, Mae Kirby, Rebecca West.

California Visitors Entertained in Swegle

SWEGLE—Visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall and the George Kutners are Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Smith of Mill City, Calif. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. They came north for the two weeks of Mr. Smith's vacation.

Idaho Woman Visiting Son

NORTH HOWELL—Mrs. Martha Vinton returned Sunday from a weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Winnie McKay at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Strachan have as their house guest for a few weeks his mother, Mrs. E. Strachan, from the university of Idaho at Moscow.

E. G. Wiesner, who has been in St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, for the last three weeks, came home Thursday. He is now recovering.

Friends and relatives attended a no-host garden picnic Sunday at the Silverton home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickman. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Strachan, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hauck, Mrs. E. Strachan, Mrs. Lucy Wray and Bruce Dickman.

West Salem First Aid Workers Asked to Meet Friday Evening

WEST SALEM—First aid workers of this district are to meet Friday night at the call of Dr. A. F. Goffrier. All first aiders are urged to attend as the meeting is considered an important one.

David Hamm is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. He has been attending Bible school in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Charles Unruh is home again after visiting for two weeks with her husband, Capt. Charles Unruh who is stationed at Ft. Stevens.

Elmer Leek was honored with a farewell surprise party Tuesday night by Bonnie Dickson and Velita Esley. Twenty guests were present. Leek will enter military service in a short time.

Norma Newgent will spend the next few days at Wacoma. She expects to return Sunday.

Woodburn Church Plans Big Picnic

WOODBURN—A Monmouth community festival and family picnic, under the sponsorship of the people of St. Luke's parish in Woodburn, will be held next Sunday, August 9, in the fir grove at the north end of the parish grounds, which is on Third ave-

Salem Heights Woman Joins Local Workers Welding Class

SALEM HEIGHTS—Mrs. Mary Akers is taking a course in welding at the Salem high school.

Mable Akers and Fred Ross were married at Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday. They will make their home in Salem Heights on Hansen avenue.

Mrs. William Gardner of the secretary-treasurer for the Salem Heights civilian defense coordination board.

Ray Ryland Crittenden, 11 year

old son of Mrs. Ray Crittenden, fell out of a cherry tree Tuesday and fractured his left wrist. The accident happened at 7:30 in the morning.

Eugene Woman Visits Pratum

PRATUM—Mrs. George Wuz spent Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Bowen, en route from her home in Eugene to visit her sister, Mrs. Helen Harding in Portland over the week-end. Mrs. Wuz, previously of Portland, since April has been living in Eugene where her husband is now employed.

Mrs. Ralph Wagner of Portland spent several days of last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Trent, and daughter, Donna Wagner who has been spending the summer vacation at the Trents.

Cloverdale Woman in Salem Hospital

CLOVERDALE—Mrs. John Chifferer is confined at the Salem General hospital where she recently underwent an operation. Her condition is good.

Mrs. Karl E. Wipper has returned from Portland where she

was receiving medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett V. Vickers celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary Sunday by entertaining at dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kauffman of Portland, Mrs. Clyde Johnson of Huntington Beach, Calif., Verna and Jack Vickers. Mrs. Johnson is a sister of Vickers. She returned to California Tuesday.

Bean Pickers Wanted

AUMSVILLE—All workers available in Aumsville are starting this week on the bean harvest. Work in most of the yards will begin in earnest within a few days, with lighter pickings this week. Camps are being made ready for the transient workers at the various yards.

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Indians from the highlands of Guatemala work on the Inter-American highway which is being built to link continental United States with the strategic Panama Canal zone. These natives are working on the road near the town of Solola. The volcano San Pedro is seen in background.