

Estimate Fire Loss \$20,000

Flax Still Smoulders Friday; City Pumper Destroyed in Blaze

SILVERTON—The 60 tons of flax was still smouldering at the Elvestrom process plant at Silver-ton Friday, following the \$20,000 fire of late Thursday night. The city estimated its replacement loss at some over \$10,000 and the loss to Victor Elvestrom, operator of the flax plant, was estimated at upwards of \$10,000.

Considerable flax had already been processed for upholstering of furniture and much was there yet to be processed. Five machines, used in the processing, were also destroyed. The replacement value on these simply cannot be figured at this time, Mr. Elvestrom stated because replacement alone would be almost impossible at this time. Most of the machinery had been built especially for this plant.

Besides the loss of the building, a pumper belonging to the city water department was also destroyed. The city was fully covered by insurance and Mr. Elvestrom was also insured.

L. H. Tucker, local fire chief, was complimentary Friday on the work of the firemen, 50 per cent of whom are new on the department with many of them experiencing this as their first fire. Tucker was especially complimentary to the cooperative spirit of Mt. Angel and Stayton departments who quickly turned out.

Because of the assistance of the departments the fire was kept from spreading to the salvage lumber which had been taken from the old Fischer Flouring mill and piled close about the building which was on fire. A number of times small fires broke out in this but were controlled almost at once. Fear was felt for a time for the flax, belonging to the Silver-ton Flax Processing company, and stored in other portions of the mill which were being wrecked.

The water department at Silver-ton was fully tested Thursday night with ten streams of water planing on the fire and on the surrounding danger spots. Pressure was pulled down, water department officials stated, very little more than frequently done in irrigating about town.

Auxiliary firemen, a part of the civilian defense setup, assisted in the fire fighting under the supervision of the regular department. The Portland General Electric company men, headed by S. P. Rose, local manager, were in attendance, warning the public about wires which might be severed by the fire and guarding danger points.

Office defense staff reported to the office at once and assisted in removing records to the city hall in case of necessity of playing the heavy hoses on the defense building which was in line to the building on fire. Walter Geren, executive secretary of the war rationing board, supervised the removal of board records and sugar certificates from the defense office.

Walls on the brick building were bulging Friday and guards were keeping the curious away to prevent accidents as walls threatened to fall.

Elza Van Reet Elected Teacher

SCIO — Miss Elza Van Reet, Oregon City, has been elected to teach in intermediate Scio grades according to Mrs. F. T. Bilyeu, district clerk. Albert Gillett, Albany, will instruct in high school mathematics. Two vacancies in the high school and one in the grades, for which contracts have been offered but not yet signed, still exist. One high school and two grade teachers had previously been contracted. The local school employs four teachers in each department.

Pedee Resident Dies Suddenly

PEDEE — Homer Link died August 12 at 3 a. m. at his home. Mr. Link had been at the Pedee store the day before his death.

Brown Fractures Thumb

ELDRIDGE — Karl M. Brown, owner of the service station and garage here, broke his right thumb the first of the week.

Goodbye to 'Threshing Time'

Combine Replacing Old Form Harvester Because of Labor

ZENA—The combine for threshing grain has come into its own in this section of Polk county this summer, primarily because of labor conditions in the farm areas. In former years big threshing machines were used, some few owned by groups of farmers or perhaps individuals who made the rounds from one locality to another, threshing everything from grain to clover, the latter requiring a change in parts in order to get the fine seed.

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County Road To Be Changed

Linn Will Transfer To State Control; Meters Installed

SCIO — Linn county road from Richardson Gap school west to the John Griffin home, about two miles, may be transferred from county to state control, according to members of the Linn county court who inspected it this week. It is a graveled roadway joining the county oiled highway through Richardson Gap to the state secondary road between Scio and Crabtree, most of which is oiled south of the junction.

Entering the US navy as a yeoman in the paymaster's office, Robert F. "Joe" Miller will be stationed for the present at San Francisco. In civil life Miller was a federal court reporter in the bay city, as is his wife, the former Frances Wesley, elder daughter of the J. F. Wesleys of Scio. The Millers visited here on Christmas, 1941.

Rodgers Clan Has Reunion

SCIO — More than 60 members attended the annual reunion of descendants of Eli and Hannah Rodgers on their original donation land claim on Rodgers mountain near Scio.

Fred Harrison of Brownsville was elected president for next year; Gladys Westenhause, vice president; Mrs. David Bosh art, secretary-treasurer. Albany is to be the next meeting place.

Following a basket dinner, Lofie Arnold of Lebanon presided during the program, which opened with statement by each person present of his name, age, parents' names, and where each resided. Readings were presented by Gordan Ambrosek and Mrs. George Rodgers.

The secretary read letters from Erwin Rodgers and Allen Harrison, both of California, who were unable to attend this year's reunion.

Program committee for next meeting consists of Mrs. Joe Ambrosek and Mrs. Cecil Harrison.

Turner WCTU Has Meeting

TURNER — The August WCTU meeting was held Wednesday with Mrs. Molly Spiers, Mrs. M. B. Madden, director of mission temperance, conducted the program on that department work. Eunice Bear and Carol Standley favored with an instrumental and vocal duet. Mrs. Gene Robinson was honored with a gift shower at the social hour.

Mrs. C. A. Bear, director of the child welfare department, will present a program on that topic at the September meeting. A definite meeting place will be announced later.

Grangers News

TURNER—Turner Surprise grange met Saturday evening in the Oddfellows hall for its last night session of the summer harvest season, with a "melon feed" featured.

On the program was a vocal trio, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," by William Spiers, Arthur Edwards and W. F. Gulvin. The charter was draped in loving memory of Mrs. Bernice Roberts. A report was made of many members attending the annual grange picnic at the W. F. Gulvin country home near Jefferson. The Home Economics club will meet this month with Mrs. Fred Denhem near West Stayton.

In September the first all day meeting will be held, following three months of evening sessions during harvest season.

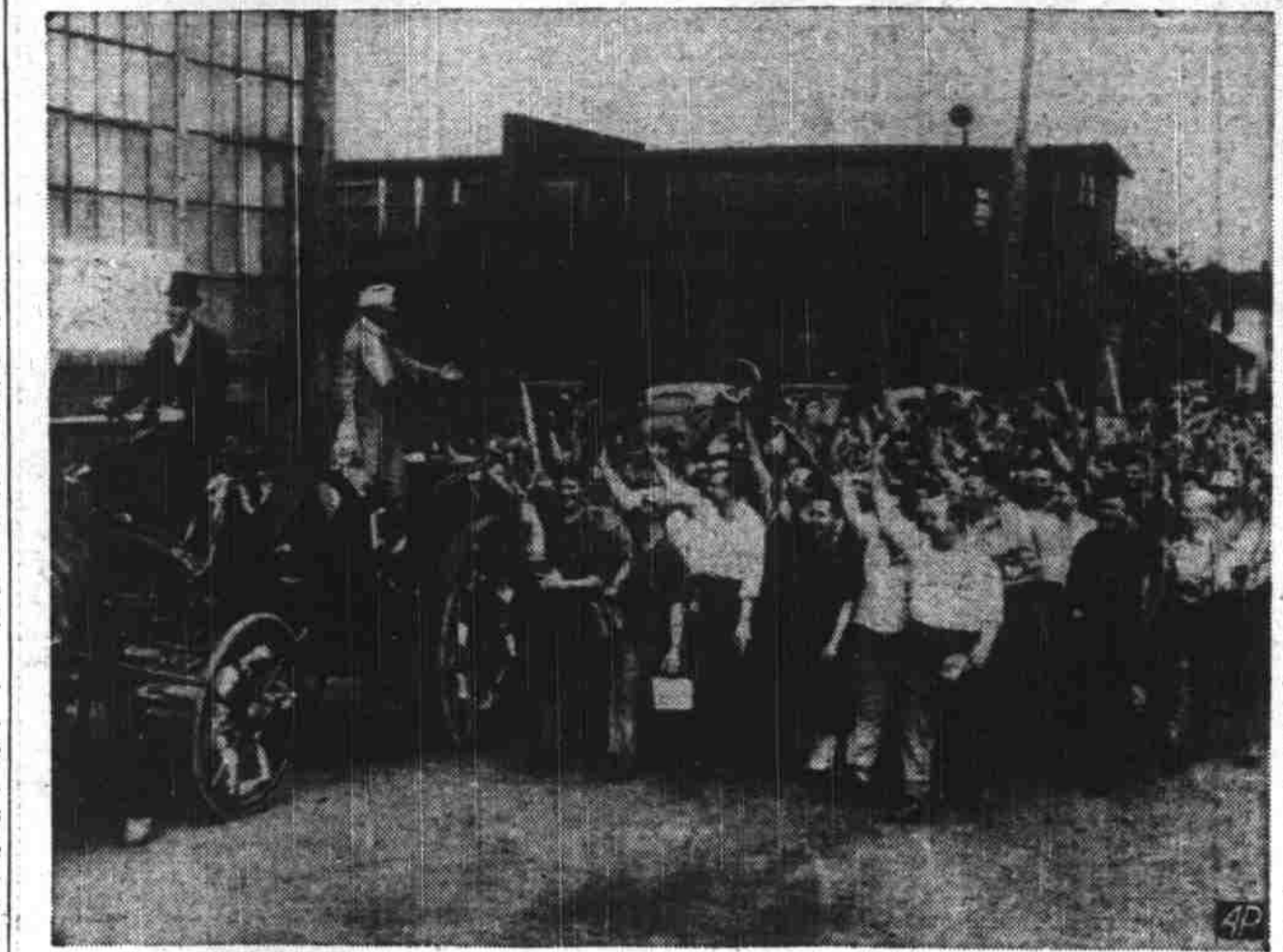
Pick Early Hops In Mission Bottom

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DANCE Keizer

EVERY SATURDAY Rowland's Band 2 Miles North on Rives Road

Coxey Leads Another "Army"



Standing in the same buggy in which he led an "army" of unemployed from Massillon, O., to Washington in 1894, "General" Jacob S. Coxey led another "army" to Massillon war plants as the city was honored for its efforts in helping to win the war. (Associated Press Telemat).

Salem Heights Boy Is Hurt In Loft Fall While at Play

SALEM HEIGHTS — While Jerry Cleveland, Clarence Jager and John Hinkle were playing in the Jager barn Monday, Jerry fell through a hole in the loft and broke his left arm at the wrist. Jerry is the 10-year-old son of Ray Cleveland, 345 Madrona avenue.

Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock Donald Burger was driving home in his dad's car with a trailer on behind. He was driving rather slow behind a funeral procession when Carl Beatty of Roberts came up from behind and sideswiped the Burger car and trailer, damaging the rear fender of the Burger car and the trailer.

The Beatty car had a badly damaged tire. No one was injured. Mrs. Louis Anderson and children, Roy and Barbara, have gone to Sutton, ND, to spend a month visiting Mrs. Anderson's mother, and other relatives and friends. They will be back around the first of the month.

Loading Dock Constructed

PEDEE — Mr. Evert King is building a loading dock for piling at Pedee station. Lorence Leverman who has been working in the shipyards at Portland underwent a major operation last week.

Mrs. Ella Sheythe, who is at the Deaconess hospital, is reported better.

Flax Harvest Is Underway

TALBOT—Flax harvest is at its peak in this vicinity now. The pullers are working day and night trying to take care of the crops. Some of the first pulled has been hauled. The shortage of help is becoming so critical, women are driving tractors in some of the grain and flax fields. The flax crop is extra good this year, having so much rain in the early spring has made a fine grade of fiber, and a heavy yield.

Seaside Family Visits Relatives

UNION HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Darrs and small son of Seaside are visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Hafner. Mrs. Larrs was Walnetta Hafner before her marriage.

Verny Scott bought a combine near Independence and moved it home on Wednesday. Jack Casteel of Eugene is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Casteel, for awhile, to assist in the farm work during the busy harvest season.

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Takes Plane For Vacation

Shirley Horner, Mill City, Goes East on Extended Trip

MILL CITY—Miss Shirley Horner, owner of a local beauty shop, has gone to Washington, DC, by plane, and will tour North Carolina and various other states while away. She plans to see Ralph Allen and Estel "Brick" Swain, local boys who are in army camps in the east. Mrs. Max Kelly is taking care of her shop during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Allen have gone east to visit their son, Ralph, who has been in training at Aberdeen, Maryland, for the past several months.

Miss Sigrun Grimstead, Seattle, has been employed to teach the third grade in the Mill City grade school this year.

Mrs. Patsy MacMasters, Los Angeles, who has been spending some time as the house guest of her niece, Mrs. Charles Kelly, left Sunday for Eugene, where she will visit friends for a few weeks. She plans to return to Mill City for a short time before her return to Los Angeles.

Mrs. A. A. Holthouse, who has been spending the past several months in Los Angeles with relatives, has returned to her home in Mill City.

Elsa Allen, who is a secretary at the Personal Finance Co., Salem, spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Flambeck in Mill City, recently.

Mrs. Mabel Needham, primary teacher in the Mill City grade school, has accepted the position of principal in the local school for the coming year. Mrs. Needham, who is working at Gearhart during the summer months, was in Mill City this week.

RATIONING REPORTER

WOODBURN — The following allotments have been made by the local rationing board: Truck tires and/or tubes—A. L. Raymond, farmer, St. Paul; Aurora Defense club, shipyard workers, Hubbard; Paul Simon, P. W. Mayes, J. A. McCormick, Phillip Gooding, Frank Vachter, all Woodburn farmers, and Steven Bauman, Woodburn shipyard worker.

Passenger tires and/or tubes—Dr. Thos. Sims, Woodburn veterinarian; H. McKee, Newberg farmer; Thomas E. Hunking, Hubbard shipyard worker, and Ralph K. Seely, Woodburn farmer. Obsolete tires—H. McKee of Newberg, Charles Lekey and Jack Nagel of Gervais and Dennis Norton of Woodburn, all farmers.

Recaps—John L. Gates, Woodburn carpenter, Ed Wanner, Paul Simon, Joe Buhr, Albert E. Morris and V. D. Moore, all Woodburn farmers; Merle Harwood, Woodburn refrigeration engineer; J. L. Leshar, Woodburn laborer; Jake R. Sonnen, Hubbard farmer, and George C. Fair, Aurora merchant.

Returns to California SCIO—Having visited Scio and Albany relatives for several weeks, Mrs. Harry Hofmann plans to return this week to her home at Leavenworth, Kan. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Archer.

GRAND CONTINUOUS SHOW DAILY TOMORROW!

SOUGHT

It wasn't her millions! It was her millions of dollars worth of looks in those exciting gowns that got the boys so bothered. (Norma's an eye-fel in this one)

BOUGHT

He lost a gambling debt to Naughty Norma so she hired him as "Her Cardboard Lover" to work it off. Nice work if you can get it. (A riotous role for Bob)

Shearer Taylor

NORMA PATTERSON ROBERT PATTERSON

PLAYING WITH LOVE IS RISKY—BUT SUCH FUN IN

HER CARDBOARD LOVER

GEORGE SANDERS

with Frank McHUGH and Elizabeth PATTERSON

Screen Play by Jacques Deval & John Collier, Anthony Veiller & William H. Wright - Directed by GEORGE CUKOR Produced by J. WALTER RUBEN - An M-G-M Picture

BROOKLYN.... IT'S SHANGRI-LA

with a "GREENPERNT" accent!

And you'll scream at this laughable, affable isle just a pop-bottle's throw from Ebbets' Field... where Cupid's cavorting with hair on his chest and with a sling-shot. It's wild, wacky and wonderful!

Gene Autry "CALL OF THE CANYON" Time: 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:35

"Syncopation" WITH ALL-AMERICAN JAM SESSION Time: 2:05, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45

LAST DAY

IT HAPPENED IN FLATBUSH

LLOYD NOLAN CAROLE LANDIS

SARA ALGOOD WILLIAM FRAWLEY ROBERT ARMSTRONG JANE DARWELL GEORGE HOLMES SCOTTY BECKETT

LAST TIMES TODAY

Errol Flynn in "SANTA FE TRAIL" James Stewart "NO TIME FOR COMEDY" Rosalind Russell

Starts TOMORROW— A Wild Sort of Devil, But Dead on the Level... is

Rita Hayworth

Star of "MY GAL SAL"

JAMES CAGNEY RITA HAYWORTH "Strawberry Blonde"

OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND

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