

# Vacation Bible School Closes

Most Successful, Is Verdict; Attendance Average Is 276

DALLAS—The daily vacation Bible school closed Friday with a program in the high school auditorium. This was considered the most successful school of its kind ever held in Dallas. The largest daily attendance was 310 and the average attendance 276. Rev. Charles Dale was the advisor and Waldo Wall the principal.

Enrollment of the beginner's department was 68. Mrs. Ben Fast, superintendent was assisted in Group I by Mrs. Oswald Johnson and Mrs. John Edgar; Group II by Mrs. Sal Warkentine and Mrs. H. D. Wiebe and Group III by Mrs. John Friesen and Mrs. Adolph Hildebrand. The course of study covered memory work, bible stories and handiwork. Each child was presented a gift at the program.

Enrollment of the primary department was 105. Mrs. August Edgar, superintendent, was assisted by Miss Sarah Dick and Miss Irene Classen in room I; Helen Kliever and Augusta Fast in room II; Mrs. Ben Bese and Mrs. Connie room III and Mrs. Balzet and Miss Leona Peters, room IV. The memory work, handiwork and bible stories were graded by the point system. Prizes were awarded for outstanding work.

Enrollment of the junior department was 75. Mrs. Sol Edgar, superintendent had as helpers Pauline Friesen and Elizabeth Friesen in room I; Miss Evelyn Linscheid and Miss Ruth Rickard, room II; Mrs. Pete Edgar, Miss Anna Fast and Miss Linda Edgar room III. Bible stories from the Old Testament; handiwork from the New Testament; and memory verses were the course of study. One of the interesting things in handiwork was the making of a miniature bookcase containing the books of the bible. Prizes for outstanding work were awarded. The intermediate and senior departments with a membership of 30 were in charge of Mrs. John Hiebert, Rev. and Mrs. Hiebert are returned missionaries from Africa. Rev. Hiebert gave missionary talks and showed curios from his field. Prizes for outstanding work were awarded. The adult class taught by Rev. W. A. Backer was well attended. The ministerial association who sponsored the school hope to be able to enlarge upon it the next year by having classes for the high school students.

# Waldo Hills Folk Return to Homes After Visits

WALDO HILLS—Mrs. R. H. By, Mrs. Hattie Stay and Miss Olive Ottaway arrived home this week after visiting for a few days with Miss Ottaway's sister, Mrs. Bliss Jones, at Aberdeen, Wash. The final meeting of this spring for the Willard Woman's club will be held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Theodore Riches. Mrs. Miles Ottaway will be the assisting hostess. A no-host luncheon will be served at noon. Mrs. Dan Hillman is the president.

Mrs. E. A. Finlay and son, Clair and David, and Mrs. Frank A. Moore, have returned from a visit at Condon, in eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Frank Wray of Portland is a house guest this week of Miss Minnie Mascher.

# Amity Property Sold to Man From Washington

AMITY—W. J. Udell, who bought the residence on Getchell street owned by the late J. Ruble, moved to his new home and last week sold his former home on North Trade street to Glenwood O. Moore of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kiris and daughter, Miss Lois, have moved to Amity and are settled now in the house on Church street known as the Homer Morgan property. Kiris sold his farm at Bellevue to John Duerst of that community.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Colgan of Independence have rented the place on Jellison street owned by May Dickey-Keller. They moved to Amity last week.

# Jiggs Burnett To Coach At Woodburn

SILVERTON—Gerald "Jiggs" Burnett, who has been coach at the Silverton high school for the past two years, has resigned to accept a similar position in the Woodburn high school. He goes to Woodburn at a \$500 increase in his yearly salary.

Mr. Burnett plans to spend the summer at Silverton and will report at Woodburn on September 1.

# Valley Births

LABISH CENTER—Mr. and Mrs. Ora Lowery have announced the recent birth of a daughter. They have three sons besides the daughter. The Lowerys lived in this community for some time until they moved to California about a year ago.

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## Presenting Personalities . . . Octogenarian Miss Cora Smith

By MRS. BEULAH CRAVEN  
MONMOUTH—Miss Cora Smith who observed her 80th birthday this spring, has spaded her own garden, planted it, and is now contemplating her victory harvest. Making garden is nothing new for her. She's been doing it all her life, as a fresh-air reaction to her indoor job of dressmaking which she followed for nearly 40 years in Missouri.

Chores Idella Smith was born April 21, 1863, at Breckenridge, Mo. Her father was a rebel sympathizer, who helped many refugees to escape, and for which his life was constantly in danger from Union firing squads. Born during the Civil war, Miss Smith was brought up with many of the "Old South" conventional traditions as her birthright.

Her people came to Oregon in 1889, buying a farm near Rickreall. Her sister, Loretta, had come to Oregon a year earlier and taught school at Woodburn. The next year she came to Monmouth to teach, and was joined by her sister, Cora, and a third sister, Ova, opened a dressmaking shop on South Monmouth avenue. There were two other sisters, and all eventually made their home in the big house where Miss Cora still resides.

Huge fir and cedar trees, with walnut and maple and holly, surround the home, and each of them was hand-planted by family members. In 1941 she harvested the first crop of hickory nuts from a tree planted 40 years earlier. They had brought the nuts from her grandmother's home in Missouri in 1901, while on a visit there.

A thick holly hedge, 20 or more feet high, has grown from a holly bouquet which her sister Loretta brought home on Christmas from Newport. Cora planted the berries and got a crop of 60 tiny trees. She has a knack of making things grow, and flowers bloom profusely in her large yard. They are not, however, in riotous profusion. She keeps the shrubs and bushes well pruned and trimmed, so that every growing thing presents an orderly, neat appearance. Along the north wall grows a group of small persimmon trees, trained into espalier style. The persimmons are seedlings from tall, older trees, the seeds of which came from the old Missouri homestead. Her patch of shamrock was started from one that came direct from Ireland.

In one season, she and her sister, Ova, made 20 graduation dresses. She has a quilt made of wool blocks, each representing a dress made in her sewing days—and some of the material was so popular that several women ordered dresses from the same piece. Names of the dress owners are embroidered on the material.

She made a great many wedding dresses in her day, many of them with elaborate lace trim, a few with trains, and often she made the long starched petticoats which were so necessary to the good appearance of the dresses of that time. She recalls one amusing story of a certain dress made for a young woman's wedding. The fiancée came after the dress and paid Miss Smith for her work, stating that he was the girl's brother.

Years later she met the couple, and learned that the "brother"

## WCSA Meets; Men Repair Church

AMITY—The Women's Society of Christian Service met Wednesday in the parlors of the Methodist church with Mrs. J. L. McEnaney in charge of the opening devotions. After a short prayer service, the regular business meeting was held followed by a social hour.

Hostesses, Mrs. A. R. Glandon, Mrs. J. D. Woodman and Mrs. David Smith, served refreshments to 15 members and guests.

Monday night men of the church gathered to prune shrubbery and do repair work on the church building. Refreshments were served at the close.

## Schmiedecke Returns To Bethany Farm After Accident

BETHANY—Charles Schmiedecke and wife and daughter have returned to their home here from Los Angeles where they have lived for some time. Mr. Schmiedecke was hydraulic inspector for Bendic corporation in Los Angeles but was injured when a car fell on him. They are living now on their old farm here which the C. Knies family has been occupying. Mr. Knies recently purchased the Amos Corhouse home and is living there.

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land; an Indian peace pipe; and her father's old meerschaum. Some ancient brass fingerbells came from England. There is an old pair of hand-made scissors, which have sheared sheep as well as serving for household uses. She has the old rectangular razor hone her father used, together with his razor ornamented with a ship picture, and her grandfather's shaving mirror, all of which were in use before the Civil war.

She still has the first spade the family bought on coming to Oregon, and used it until a few years ago. The needle her mother last sewed with rests in a spool of white cotton thread wound on a black spool. It is a needle with a "split" eye, which means that the thread was inserted through a split at the eye's end.

Another curio is a picture "throw" made from flax. The flax was grown, retted and spun into thread by her mother's family, the Batemans of Pennsylvania. The thread was given to her sister, Loretta, who crocheted it into a delicate, intricate pattern of lace. She has the slate she used at school in Missouri, and had only a pencil stub until recently a drug-gist gave her two slate pencils such as were in use 40 to 50 years ago.

In her collection are nine lamps and three coffee mills—one is the old style sort it is fastened to the wall—old wooden smoothing planes and jack planes; a cherry wood dresser with hand carved "pulls", in perfect condition which was brought across the plains; old buggy whips; an old pewter cream and sugar set; a candle mold; and a bullet mold.

She has a trunkful of homemade quilts, and two handmade bedspreads which she values highly. Among old books are her father's copy of Baxter's "Saint's Rest" and "Persuasive to Early Piety."

She is related by marriage to the family of George Washington. Her aunt married Jesse Washington, whose great-grandfather was the older brother of Gen. Washington. From this union are many relatives of hers, all bearing the name of Washington, and whose names are registered at Washington, DC, as belonging to the famous family. A cousin, Cora Washington, now living in Arizona, was named for Miss Smith.

Miss Smith does all of her own work, goes to church and helps quilt at the Ladies Aid, can walk a mile with ease, still makes her own clothes and gathers her walnut crop in fall.



Do You Want to Please a Regular Fellow? On Fathers Day



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## Service Men's Center, Plan

DALLAS—The Gail hotel annex is being prepared to house the Christian Service Men's center, a new venture that is being sponsored by the local churches. Fred Marshall, a Portland business man, was in Dallas to assist in getting the project started.

The purpose of the center will be to provide refreshments, wholesome recreation, a reading room and a wash room for the many soldiers who come to Dallas over the weekends. The project will be financed by the churches with such aid as interested persons wish to give. Committees have been selected to formulate a program.

## Mill Accident Proves Fatal

LEBANON—Hilton Basil Lloyd, 42, died at the Lebanon hospital Saturday afternoon a few hours after having been struck by a timber which was being sawed into boards in the Santiam Lumber company mill in Sweet Home.

Lloyd had but recently been discharged from the army because of being over age. He was born in Marysville, Washington, November 22, 1903, but had lived in Oregon since age four, most of the time in the Holley neighborhood. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edith Philpot and by one brother, Thomas, in Holley, and by two sisters, Mrs. Wilma Crockett in Sweet Home and Mrs. George Heeter in Holley.

Final rites were read at the Howe Funeral Home chapel in Sweet Home, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Union cemetery.

## Church Lists Guest Speakers

AMITY—Dr. Hall and daughter of McMinnville were guest speakers at the Amity Methodist church Sunday morning. Dr. Hall is noted not only for his speaking, but for his recitations of James Whitcomb Riley poems while Miss Hall is a singer.

Rev. Gerald E. Gillaspie of Helix was the guest speaker at the Amity Baptist church Sunday. The Sunday night union service was held there also.

## TRAVEL TALK



MR. WHAT: DID YOU DUB THAT DRIVE! FORGET YOUR FOLLOW THROUGH?  
MR. WHY: COULD BE...BUT, I'M NOT DUBBING MY WAR EFFORTS, BROTHER!  
MR. WHAT: NOR ME, WHY. I GAVE THE RED CROSS A PINT OF BLOOD... BOUGHT A WAR BOND... AND GAVE THE BOY'S JALOPY TO THE SCRAP DRIVE...  
MR. WHY: SURE... AND ALL AT ONCE. THE POINT IS, ONCE ISN'T ENOUGH!



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## Laywomen's Retreat Ends

More Than 80 Attend, Some From Distant Northwest Points

MT. ANGEL—The annual laywomen's retreat at Mt. Angel normal and academy closed Sunday noon with solemn benediction followed by dinner in the school refectory for the more than 80 women who attended.

No conference was held Sunday morning as the retreat master, Rev. Damian Jentges, was called away Saturday night by the sudden death of his mother in Idaho. The retreat began Thursday night and continued through Friday, Saturday and ended with general communion, high mass and benediction Sunday morning.

Most of the women registered were from points in Washington and Oregon though a few other states were represented.

Father Damian who is rector of the Benedictine seminary at Mt. Angel, is well known throughout the northwest for his retreats and missions.

## Grandson Visits At Klampe Home

LABISH CENTER—Lee DeVries, son of the Rudy DeVries of Pratum, spent several days last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Klampe.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Aker and Jim Leedy attended the wedding rehearsal of Miss Natalie Neer and Kenneth Smith at the Congregational church in Salem. The rehearsal was followed by a dinner party.

Visiting at the Nathan Kurth home for several days last week was Mrs. Kurth's sister, Mrs. Ernest Nichols, Mary Ann and Dick of Portland.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles 45 Tontz were the Clyde Boehm's and Carol of Salem.

## Leaves Hospital

LEBANON—Mrs. Samuel Keebler of Salem, route 3, who has been in the Lebanon hospital for surgical care was able Saturday to go to the home of her sister, Mrs. R. C. Burkhardt where she will stay while convalescing.

## Hearing Tests Administered, Polk Schools

LINCOLN—A total of 2313 pupils in 34 Polk county schools were given hearing tests in April, according to Miss Gertrude Lee, supervising nurse of Polk county health department. A total of 527 were retested on the phonograph audiometer and 186 on the pure tone audiometer, making a total of 2028 tests administered by Miss Rebecca Overstreet, audiometrist, and Dr. Warren H. Gardner, consultant in hearing and vision, both from the staff of the state board of health. The percentage of deficiency was 4.3 per cent making 99 pupils deficient in hearing. This compares favorably with the state average of 4.5 per cent found in other counties and 4.4 per cent recently discovered in the Benton county schools.

An interesting result of the survey was a retest of the Dallas school children who were deficient in last year's test. Eighty per cent of the children went to physicians and two-thirds of them recovered normal hearing as a result of the treatment.

Parents of deficient children were invited to the school buildings, where they received information concerning the details of the hearing losses of their children. After conferences with Dr. Gardner the parents were interviewed by Miss Barbara Dyke and Miss Margaret Gillis, public health nurses of the Polk county department of health. It was explained to the parents that the chances are good for the children to recover normal hearing provided they receive medical attention at once. Experiences of such success at Dallas were given to the parents as proof of this claim. However, parents were cautioned that some of the children who had had ear troubles since the first years of their lives had less chance of obtaining normal hearing, even with medical treatment. Only 45 of the 82 parents who were invited came to the school house. This number was small because of the present lack of transportation, as ordinarily about 80 per cent of the parents come. The parents who did not come to the school house will be visited in the next few weeks by the public health nurses.

Principals of the different schools will receive instructions from the health department regarding the hearing problems of their respective children. Recommendations will be offered concerning special seating, coaching in weak subjects, speech correction, lip reading, etc. Hearing tests will be given next year to the children who were found deficient in the recent survey.

## West Salem Blooms Shown

Roses Predominate in Display but Other Flowers Blend in

WEST SALEM—The Kingwood Garden club exhibited a beautiful collection of West Salem's most choice flowers at the flower show in Salem Saturday and Sunday. Roses, which are just in their prime, were most conspicuous in the arrangement; lupine, columbine and late iris added their brilliant color blended in with many other floral products of the West Salem gardens.

Donald Kuhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kuhn of Plaza street, is visiting during his school vacation with his grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Deyou of Dayton.

Joy Randall of 1590 North Capitol street and Andrew L. Damond of 1696 Waller street, Salem, each posted \$5 bail for violating the basic rule, and Herman Burke of Amity posted \$1 bail for improper parking, in West Salem municipal court.

## Farmers Union News

LIBERTY—The Liberty Farmers Union will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the hall. The committee which has been investigating possibilities of cooperative butchering will report. Crop reports and information about the national organization will be given also. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

## Washington Residents Guests at Hendersons

AMITY—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Henderson and young grandson, Davie Falls, of Seattle, Wash. were weekend guests at the home of Orville Henderson's father, M. T. Henderson, on Trade street. Young Henderson is a former Amity resident.

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