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California Visitor Home

Mill City Woman Spends Time With Mother in South

MILL CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller entertained as their house guests recently Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Houghty of Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ledwick and daughter Sharon and Mrs. John Slack of Portland.

Mrs. Robert Schroeder returned home Friday from California where she was called to be with her mother who is seriously ill. She was gone five weeks and reports her mother's condition unchanged.

Mrs. Bill Mills underwent a major operation at the Deaconess hospital Thursday.

Betty Lou Cree, 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Cree underwent a minor operation Thursday at the Deaconess hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Affleck and daughter Patricia of Portland spent the weekend at the Paul Horner home.

Freida McDonald of Longview, Wash., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jim Swan.

Raymond Horner has returned home from the Veterans' hospital in Portland where he recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Newman have sold their Mill City property and purchased a home to be near their son, Vanis Newman.

Mrs. Don Shoythe has as her house guest her sister, Lucille Corbin.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bass of Philomath have rented the house Mrs. Harry Mason recently purchased. Mr. Bass drives a gravel truck for the Mill City Manufacturing company.

Mr. A. Catherwood has been sick and off work since Friday.

Mrs. Frank Potter attended a bridge party at the home of Mrs. Gabe De Jardin in Stayton Wednesday afternoon.

Amity Places Change Hands

AMITY — Mr. and Mrs. R. Bickford have sold their place in the southeast part of town to Otto Ehlers of Amity and have moved to Portland, where he is employed.

W. J. Udell who recently sold his place on Getchell street to Roy Casteel of McMinnville, purchased the former Hazel Hight property in the west part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wedekind who sold their place on Nursery street last month have rented the former Nellie Rogers place on Johnson street, now owned by T. C. Richter. They will move there this month. Mrs. Rogers plans to leave for California soon to make her home near her daughter, Mrs. Esther Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Newman, who recently sold their home at Mill City have bought the Caldwell place on North Trade street and moved here last week. T. V. Newman of Amity is their son.

Methodist Choir Is Reorganized

AMITY — The choir of the Amity Methodist church was reorganized recently with Mrs. C. S. Holloway as leader. Fifteen members had a picnic supper Thursday in the patio at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Torbet.

The church roof is being reshingled and the furnace repaired. Rev. Charles Funk recently from near Oakland, Calif., is the pastor.

C. A. Bears Return From Coast Trip

TURNER, Route 1 — Mrs. D. R. Standley has returned from a visit with friends in Seattle.

C. E. Collier, shipyard worker, is at home for a time occupied with his own work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bear have returned from a short vacation down the coast from Newport to Reedsport and across to Drain, and home by the valley highway. Short visits were made with a number of friends and relatives.

Lawn Party Given For Mrs. Elmer Shaw

MILL CITY — Mrs. Alonzo Daly entertained Thursday at a lawn party in honor of Mrs. Elmer Shaw, who was celebrating her birthday anniversary. The afternoon was spent informally and refreshments were served by the hostess.

Present to honor Mrs. Shaw were Mrs. Russell King, Mrs. Charles Mason, Mrs. Charlie Powellson, Mrs. Walter Kay, Mrs. Clyde Golden, Mrs. Wilbur Meinert and Mrs. Alonzo Daly.

Pillbox Exterminators



US marine forces on Guam island are shown blasting out a Jap pillbox on Oroquieta peninsula. A marine at the extreme left uses a flame thrower to burn enemy troops out of their hiding place after they refused to surrender. (International Soundphoto)

deVries Family Holds Reunion

PRATUM — For a few short hours Tuesday all of the William deVries family was at home when Irene deVries and Helen Christiansen, Salem teachers, came home from Monmouth, where they have been attending summer school since they came back from their trip to Boston and New York.

On Monday Rev. and Mrs. Roland deVries arrived from White Fish Mont., where Roland was pastor of the Presbyterian church. They will stay here for about 10 days then will leave for Chicago, where Roland will attend school.

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice deVries left Wednesday morning after being home for about three weeks for Oroquieta, Calif., where they took over the pastorate of the Congregational church.

Claud Rogers, who is cook with the navy stationed somewhere in the Pacific, came home Wednesday on leave. Roland deVries, who has been home on furlough, left today for Robins field, Ga., where he is a mechanic.

Looney Butte Family To Move to New Home

LOONEY BUTTE — The Keener family, who came here recently from Bakersfield, Calif., is living on the old White place. They expect to move soon to their farm located two miles south of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grim have dug a well on their place, installed a gasoline engine and expect to pump water to a reservoir for household use and irrigation of their berry fields.

Valley Births

TURNER — Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gordon of Richmond, Va., are announcing the birth of a seven pound son July 21. Mrs. Gordon will be remembered by her friends as Rachel Riches.

New Faculty Men Arrive At Amity

AMITY — Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bannister have rented the Mulligan place east of town. He is the new Smith-Hughes instructor at the Amity high school.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Menegat of Vancouver, Wash., were in Amity this week. He is the new principal of the Amity high school, and they will move here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Friday and family of Portland have moved to Amity and are living in the Henderson apartments. He is truck driver for the Arden milk company.

Mrs. A. A. Nauman of McCoy has moved to Amity and is living in the Henderson apartments on Trade street. She is employed at the bus depot.

Mrs. Clara Reetz has sold her three acres near the northeast part of Amity to Mrs. Cordia Byerly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Colgan spent several days last week at their farm near Sheridan.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Funk and family were in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. E. O. Morse of Amity and sister, Mrs. Grace Burkhardt of Miami, Florida, who is spending the summer at the Morse home, were in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Darling of Portland have moved to Amity and are living in one of the R. R. Massey cottages on Nursery street. Mr. Darling is now associated with Frank Silhavy in the Amity Lumber yard.

Miss Ella S. Thomas, teacher of the primary department of the Amity grade school is visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Oregon Couple Married At Florida Army Post

SILVERTON — Miss Verla Aycock, Portland, and Melvin E. Dullum, son of the E. Ray Dullums of Silverton, were married at Plymouth Congregational church in Coconut Grove, Miami, Fla., March 7. Announcement of the wedding has just been made. Both young people are graduates of the Silverton high school.

Mr. Dullum has been employed by the Pan-American World Airways since 1941. Early in 1942 he was sent to Africa and in 1943 transferred to South America.

Mrs. Dullum has been employed in Portland since leaving Silverton and her parents now live in Prineville.

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Young Montana Rancher Buys Ghost Towns And Reassembles Them for Free Display

By DICK O'MALLEY

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 5 (AP)—Hobbyists who gather up postage stamps and the like are far out of the running with Charles A. Bovey, young Montana rancher and stockman.

He has his own ghost town. Besides finding time to operate three ranches—wheat, blooded Hereford cattle and sheep—Bovey buys Montana ghost towns and brings them here to reassemble for free display.

It's an odd hobby, but the 37-year-old, Minneapolis-born man says it is not only fun, "it preserves for Montanans something of their grand past."

In a huge building provided by the north Montana fair board, Bovey has set up a complete western village which he has named "Old Town." It's "Front street" is complete with board walk and ancient street lamps. There's "Sullivan's saloon," built in 1884, "Jerry's saloon," "Charlie's" barber shop, and the general store and postoffice which once served booted miners in an early-day mining camp.

Bovey Pays Expenses The exhibit, which also includes a vast array of vintage automobiles, stage coaches and horse conveyances, was assembled at Bovey's own cost and effort.

"I collect them the way it's the most fun," he says. "I don't just hire somebody to do it, I go out and use a hammer too."

Bovey started his project after a visit to Henry Ford's "Greenfield village" at Dearborn, Mich., in 1927. When he got home he bought two automobiles, a 1907 model Emerson motor buggy and a 1909 Cameron. (He later sold the Cameron for \$5, regretted it, and rebought it for 10 times the selling price.)

Cars Start It Those two cars were the starting point for a quest which has continued ever since.

One day he drove into the once-lustful town of Elkhorn, former home of brawling miners. A store front lay in the street. Bovey decided then and there Montana's historic buildings should be preserved. He bought the Elkhorn general store and barber shop, tore them down and trundled them back to Great Falls by truck. The job of reassembling often is difficult; each board is numbered as it is taken from a building.

Later Bovey noised around Belt, a fast-shooting camp of the old days — and among other things picked up a poker table over which several unwary gentlemen died with bullet holes in their persons and cards in their sleeves.

Interest Grows As his collection grew, others became interested. The Sullivan saloon of Deer Lodge and Fort Benton — it was taken by ox-team from Deer Lodge to "the fort" in the early eighties — was donated by Sullivan heirs. Over the hearth are scratched the numerals "6/66," commemorating a Blackfoot Indian hunting treaty, once signed in the building.

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to get it rolling. The chief's car is in the super class, a model N Ford, the grandpa of the Model T. Bovey's collection is almost limitless. Every item in "Old Town" buildings has a history, and saw service in the day when Montana was a raw, hell-for-breakfast western territory.

His latest collection is "an old Washington hand press, built in, or before, 1856. He's planning now to set up an "Old Town" newspaper and is scouting for a pioneer newspaper building.

The war has curtailed his collection because of gasoline rationing and the need for him to push production on his ranches, but his interest is as sharp as ever. One of his current plans is to organize the historical landmark society of Montana to, as he puts it, "encourage public participation in Montana historical study."

Standing in front of "Jerry's saloon," Bovey shook his head. "I hope my ranch business will take me to Marysville sometime," he mused. "There's an old store there that..."

Beau Brummel lived the last ten years of his life in Caen, and died there in an insane asylum.

Musical Call Is Sounded

Silverton Supervisor Asks Pupils to Express Interest

SILVERTON — All pupils from sixth to 12th grades inclusive, who are interested in any phase of music, are asked to see Frank Wenzel, supervisor of music for the Silverton schools. This should be done, if possible, this coming week with clinic conferences scheduled at the senior high school.

These will open Tuesday and continue through Friday with the hours set from 9:30 to 2:30 each day in the music room. For those unable to attend during the day, Friday night from 7 to 9 has been scheduled.

The schedule suggested to save crowded conditions on any one day are, Tuesday, grades 6, 7 and 8; Wednesday, grades 9 and 10; Thursday, grades 11 and 12; Friday, general for those who could not attend earlier, with Friday night to serve for any overflow.

Only legitimate instruments will be considered and it has been suggested by the school authorities that instrumentalists, both string and brass, bring their instruments with them. Beginners are also invited to attend.

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