

### Linn Schools Plan Opening For September

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ALBANY, Aug. 26.—Rural and city district schools of Linn county are pretty well lined up for the opening of the school year, J. M. Bennett, county school superintendent, has announced. The teaching staffs, for the most part, are filled although there still remains approximately 12 vacancies. It is believed however that these will be filled well in advance of the opening dates.

An estimate of the number of pupils in the grade schools of the county this year is around 5800, while in the high schools the registration is expected to be around 1900. Salaries in the rural schools average \$140 per month, while those of the high schools are on an average of \$175.

Several schools are opening on September 11, including Holley, Lyons, Union Point, East Knox Butte, Riverview and Greenville. The Detroit district is scheduled to open September 5, while the Lourdes school at Jordan will open on September 7. The Mill City grade and high schools, Lake View and Orleans schools have set the opening date for September 25. Other schools, including those of Albany have tentatively announced the opening date for September 18. Several in this class may be postponed though due to pupils being employed in the hop yards and fruit orchards.

#### Bilyeu Den Reopens

Bilyeu Den school in district No. 22 which suspended teaching operations two years ago, will operate this year. Munkers in district No. 69, usually the first school to open the school year, will not start this year until September 18.

Pupils in the Crawfordville district will not be able to start the year in their new building, which as yet, is not completed. The old school house was destroyed by fire some two or three years ago. The new building, now under construction, on a basis of \$30,000 district money, and \$15,000 federal money, will be a three-room building at least, although it is possible a fourth room may be added.

#### Crowfoot Has New Building

District No. 89, Crowfoot, will have a new four-room building, erected at a cost of \$45,000, and the Knox Butte school has been improved by the addition of another room, for which the district voted a tax of \$4,000 to cover the cost. Another district to make improvements in its school buildings, is that of No. 55, which includes the Sweet Home school. The grade school has had three or four rooms added, funds for which were raised by a federal appropriation of \$16,500, and a district tax of \$15,000. Many other schools have been improved with paint, and needed repairs.

### Salem Grange Holds Session

EAST ENGLEWOOD — The third and last of the out of door meetings of Salem grange was held Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Larking on Garden road. A picnic supper was served on the patio before the fireplace. No business meeting was held but the grange master, Theo. Nelson, read an invitation from the Salem Lion clubs to be present at the 4H fall show at the fairgrounds September 8 and for the special broadcast.

The program for the evening was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. M. Pierce who presented Mrs. Addie Curtis as guest reader. After reading several selections Mrs. Curtis helped to model ladies' hats on all the men present and a show of the models followed. The program included a short contest, readings by both Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, fortunes and group singing.

Members and guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Theo. G. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wicklander, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Stegner, Mr. William Dolf, Mrs. Jessie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Smithson, Dr. S. B. Laughlin, Mrs. Roy Hewitt, Miss Freda Hultgren, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mallery, Mrs. Dora Mallery, Mrs. Lillian Se Rine, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Grier, Mrs. George Gillis, Mrs. Addie Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. William Hartley, Miss Alice Mathey, Dusty Rhoades, Dorothy Swensen, Arloe Se Rine, Fay Larkins, Ensign Glen Larkins, and Camp Fire Girls Marilyn Power, Nancy Miller and Adeline Smithson.

The September meeting of the grange will be held in the Woman's club house in Salem.

# Mid-Willamette Valley News

From The Statesman's Community Correspondents

### Stage Depot Located Where Salem Armory Stands

## Pratum Man Recalls Driving Four Horse Stage On Night Run to Roseburg From Salem in 1870

By Florence Lynds

The thrill of actually driving a stage coach in the early days is an experience the boy of today only can imagine, and few boys of yesterday there are now who can recall having had such an experience. George W. Clymer, south of Pratum for around a third of a century, in observing his 90th birthday this month, can recall the time when as a boy of 16 or 17 he was permitted to take the reins of a four-horse team and drive the stage coach through from Salem to Roseburg, and return.

"It all came about rather surprisingly," relates Mr. Clymer. He with his sister and widowed mother had been hauling wheat into town in the fall of the year. On the last trip as they were watering their horses at the stage coach station which stood, by the way, where the Salem armory is now located, a driver for the stage due to leave Salem for the south was sought. Young George, eager for excitement and a good driver of horses, persuaded his mother to allow him to go.

The dirt roads, following very much the same route as the highway goes today, were good after a light rain, making it possible to travel a rate of eight to ten miles an hour when no stops were made. Horses were changed about every eight miles or so. Sometimes there were a good many passengers and other times not so many.

#### Was All Night Trip

After driving all day and all night, the stage arrived in Roseburg. With a 12-hour layover, young George was ready to return with the coach, that was of the same type as now on display in the museum at the Oregon State college in Corvallis.

Mr. Clymer, the third of eight children, was born August 28, 1854, on his father's donation land claim of 640 acres four miles north of Lebanon, where his father had the first potter's shop in Oregon. Mr. Clymer has a stand that was bought in Linn county in 1851.

At the age of eight, during the Civil war, his father was washed overboard and drowned while crossing the bay near Seattle where he had gone to see his brother.

His mother reared her family alone, serving as postmistress for 20 years at McAlpin in the Waldow Hills where the family had moved but a short time prior to the father's death. Mr. Clymer tells how the four neighborhood families, taking turns, would go to Salem for the mail once a week. The post office closed with the coming of rural free delivery.

#### Recalls Lincoln's Death

The mail most unforgettable as Mr. Clymer recalls was The Statesman which appeared with a large border of black and bearing the tragic news of President Lincoln's assassination.

In 1886 he was married to Martha Given who had come to Oregon from Ontario, Canada, in 1871. They had five children. Mrs. Clymer died in 1933.

Mr. Clymer served as guard at the state penitentiary under Governor Penneyer's administration from 1887 to 1895. He served as superintendent at the poor farm for six years, 1904 to 1910. At one time he worked as janitor in the court house earning \$40 a month. The judge refused to raise his salary, and it was about this time that the family went by train to Alberta, Canada.

#### Saw Buffalo Bill

They returned by wagon, a distance of 2500 miles, and the hardships encountered were many, including a layover of six weeks at

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GEORGE W. CLYMER

### 25th Conference Held in Turner

TURNER — The 25th Christian Endeavor summer conference at the Turner tabernacle has an enrollment of 73.

The faculty includes Rev. Hugh Bronson, Tule Lake, Calif., dean; Miss Eley Walker, Portland, business manager; Dorothy Howes, Forest Grove, registrar; Rev. Holy Jarvis, Lebanon, dean of men; John Art Stanley, LaGrande, dean of girls; Rev. Willard Becker, Dallas, Bible instructor; Bessie Lakey, Drain, song leader; Vernon L. Fishback, executive secretary; Mrs. Hugh Bronson, instructor; Mrs. Hattie Menzies, Kelo, missionary; Mrs. Alfred May, Rainier, instructor; Lucy Bish, Portland, kitchen.

#### Mother Was Teacher

In the next year she became the first protestant school teacher in Oregon City, teaching in a log house that had been given by Dr. John McLoughlin to the Baptist church where the school was held. She was one of the first teachers in Brownsville at the time of her marriage in 1851.

The hardships of early travel, Mr. Clymer recalls in a story from his father, who with a man by the name of Burkhardt rode horseback to Sacramento for a rescue party for a California-bound wagon train from the east stranded in the snows in the mountains. But all had perished before the rescue party arrived.

#### Grass Skirt Sent To Wanda Geiger

UNIONVALE — A grass skirt was received Wednesday by Wanda Geiger from her uncle, Keith Billings, in searchlight battalion serving in South Pacific war zone. His wife is a sister of Mrs. Victor Geiger and her home for the duration is in Portland.

Billings has written his small niece that these grass skirts are in reality made from some part of the bark of trees.

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### Turner Man Guest Speaker

TURNER—Rev. C. F. Trimble will supply the pulpit at the Mill City Church of Christ Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Farris and Nadine Ellis were dinner guests of Mrs. Nellie Gunning's Tuesday.

Walter Myers, Beaverton, will be guest speaker at the Christian church Sunday night.

Forrest Houchie is back at his service station and agrage.

Mrs. Sally Esson returned Sunday from Harrisburg where she visited friends.

### Rebekah President Due in Jefferson Soon

JEFFERSON—Mrs. Ethel Bailey of Roseburg, president of the Rebekah Assembly will pay her official visit to Mt. Jefferson Rebekah lodge August 30. Mr. Bailey will accompany her.

The degree staff will meet at the hall at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon for practice.

### Silverton Woman Hears Of Brother's Death

SILVERTON, Aug. 26 — Mrs. William Robbins learned of the death of her brother, Sgt. Thomas D. Brown, on August 19 in an air-

### Valley Obituaries

ST. LOUIS—Funeral services were held at St. Joseph Catholic church in Portland for Joseph Schomus, 73, of St. Louis, who died in Portland.

His nephew Rev. Stephen Hoffmann, OSB was the celebrant of the solemn high Mass. Rev. John Cummins, OSB, deacon, gave the funeral sermon, and Rev. Matthew Butch, OSB, acted as sub-deacon.

Many from the St. Louis parish were present.

The pallbearers were: Alex Manning, David DuBois, John Stulte, Patrick Manning, Mike Mahoney, all of St. Louis, and Ed Blanchet of Portland.

Survivors are the widow, Mary Schomus, and four children; a daughter, Heneretta Schomus of Portland; three sons, Cyril Schomus, Ronald Schomus, both of St. Louis, and Sgt. Francis Schomus, US army air corps; two sisters, Mrs. Tillie Hoffmann and Mrs. Jennie Dergas; two brothers, Blom Schomus and Jule Schomus, all of Portland; also five grandchildren. Burial was made in Mt. Calvary cemetery in Portland.

### Power Checked At Unionvale

UNIONVALE—A test of electricity flowing to Unionvale and Grand Island farms since installation of the large transformer near the Grand Island Junction store has been made by William Arthur, of the PGE.

This locality previously had been served through the Dayton substation.

The increasing use of farm electricity has required much improvement and additional main line wiring has been done here the last few months, by the PGE company.

### Short Circuit Cause Of Lebanon Blaze

LEBANON—A short circuit was blamed for the fire which practically destroyed the oil truck parked at the General Petroleum station early Wednesday morning. Harry Armstrong, driver of the truck said he had had some trouble with the ignition system a short time ago.

The city fire department answered the call sent in by neighbors who saw the blaze. How much of the truck can be salvaged has not yet been determined but it is not thought there will be much.

### McKees Visit In Mid State

#### Jefferson Residents Spend Vacation In Bend Country

JEFFERSON — Harry McKee has resigned his position at Densmore Chevrolet company in Albany where he has been employed for the past two years. Mrs. McKee is on a week's vacation from work in the office of the Ralston Motor company, Albany.

They are in Bend for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rich, former Jefferson residents.

Mrs. Arthur Rhodes received word from Salem that her father, Charles Hague, is in the Salem General hospital, where he underwent a second operation for recurrence of former trouble. The Hague family formerly lived here, and moved to Salem last fall.

Rev. F. Claude Stephens was guest speaker at the Mill City Church of Christ Sunday, preaching for both services. Mrs. Stephens accompanied him and they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shepherd.

### Stayton Board Sends Quota

STAYTON — Included among the inductees who left Stayton last week were:

Stayton—Paul A. Dombrowsky, Roy E. Calavan, jr., Robert A. Lucas (leader), Eldon F. Tietze (assistant leader), Montie J. C. Morris.

Mill City — Raymond M. Lavine, George W. Dickie.

Turner—Milford R. Archibald Jr., Norman F. Whitehead.

Aumsville—Marvin M. Snyder.

Marion — Oliver C. Bursell, Kenneth V. Christensen, Viril M. Coulson.

Jefferson—James R. Jorgensen.

Salem—David F. Bates, Bland F. Simmos, Leonard H. Marcum, Rudolph H. Dolinsky, Paul G. Bahnsen.

Portland—Kenneth G. Coons.

Transferred to Tillamook for induction, Robert R. McCallister of Garibaldi; to Salem, Edwin E. Raaf of Salem.

Transferred from Bethlehem, Pa., for induction, George E. Towle of Aumsville; from Bremerton, Wn., Irving F. Kurz of Salem; from Dallas, Orville J. Poole of Stayton; from Shell Lake, Wis., Charles A. Jacobs, jr., of Idanha.

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