

### Joseph Bernt Co-op Leader Dies Sunday

MT. ANGEL, March 12—Funeral services for Joseph Bernt, 76, who died Sunday, will be held following 8:15 requiem mass at St. Mary's church Wednesday morning. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday night at Unger funeral home.

Mr. Bernt was one of Mt. Angel's most active workers in co-operatives, was an organizer and first president of the Mt. Angel flax plant and served as president for six years, was on the board of directors of the Mt. Angel creamery from February 8, 1926, until his resignation July, 1944; was an organizer and served for a long time on the board of directors of the Farmers Union Oil company, and helped organize the local Farmers Union. He was for 12 years a member of the school board of St. Mary school.

Mr. Bernt was born December 26, 1869 and came to the United States at the age of 9 years with his parents and lived in Nebraska until he came to Mt. Angel in 1920.

He was married to Anna Rohr in 1891 and they had seven children. She died in 1911 and he was married November 1919 to Mrs. Anna Lorenz and they came the following year to Mt. Angel.

Survivors are the widow, Anna Bernt, and the following children, Mrs. Charles Diessner, Mrs. Frank Dieter, Mrs. Arthur McLain, Nebraska; Mrs. Edwin Schaeffer, Woodburn; and a step-daughter, Mrs. Lyman Eder of Gervais; three sons, Sgt. Edward Bernt now at Santa Barbara; Alfred and Joseph Bernt, at home. Two daughters, Elsie and Cecelia, are deceased. There are also 27 grandchildren.

### Vernonia Folk Visit in Amity Former Home

AMITY—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Robbins and family of Vernonia were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robbins west of town. Robbins is athletic coach in the Vernonia high school and Mrs. Robbins is teaching there this year. They are former Amity residents.

Mrs. E. O. Morse spent two days in Portland with relatives and friends last week.

Mrs. Mary Sproal has accepted a position in the post office to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Evelyn Thorpe.

Faith Emerson of Portland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Emerson.

Mrs. Martha E. Brown is in Salem to visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ivan Brown. She has been confined to her home with rheumatism all winter.

Mrs. A. R. Glandon has returned from a week's visit in Portland with her sister, Mrs. Ivy White. Mr. Glandon was an overnight guest at the White home Saturday, Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Glandon were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie York in Salem.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Polhemus of Garibaldi were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and saw many friends here. Rev. Polhemus was pastor of the Amity Methodist church before moving to Garibaldi last year.

### Falls City Visitors For Week Entertained

FALLS CITY—Mrs. Katie Watkins has been a guest the past week at the Pete Westbrook home. She lived here many years ago but is at Oakridge now.

Fred Dornhecker, Jean Williams, Don Diehm, Elmer Gish, Vern Schlimmer and Kenneth Wilkenson of the navy; and Art Mack of the merchant marine visited rela-

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### Family Party Held by Amity Club Members

MIDDLE GROVE—The annual "family" dinner of the Amity club members and their families was held Friday night with Dr. and Mrs. Roy Scofield.

The no-host dinner at 7:30 was served at small tables decorated in keeping with St. Patrick's day. A short business meeting followed at which hostesses for the year were chosen. April's hostesses will be Mrs. Jack Koch and Mrs. Vernon Van Cleave; Mrs. Lee Dow and Mrs. Emory Goode will direct entertainment.

Present at the Scofield home were Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Smith, Mrs. Harris Ault, Mr. and Mrs. William McAninch, Mrs. Jack Hyett, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed and Jimmy, Robert Bartruff, Dale VanLaanen, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kuenzi, Joyce and James, Mrs. Florence Wright, Mr. and Mrs. John Case and Marvin, Donald and Barbara Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Goode, Yvonne, Elvin and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. John VanLaanen, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dow, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Scharf, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. August Wirsching, Mrs. Paul Bassett and Donald and hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Scofield and Gene.

### Women's Circle Meets At Fruitland Church

FRUITLAND—The Women's Circle met at the church annex. The hostesses Mrs. Olga Gerig, Mrs. Emma Gydesen, and Mrs. Ellen Gerig had competitive games with prizes. Later luncheon for the group was served.

Joe Crabane of Oakland, Calif., has been visiting with his sister, Mrs. Norah Kufner and other relatives and friends of this community. He used to live in this district 30 years ago.

Chas. Yergen and Herber Minier were recently in the Coos Bay area where they invested in some property.

### Valley Obituaries

MONITOR—The body of Mrs. Ada Baumgartner drowned at the coast February 22 while vacationing with relatives from Monitor was found Thursday south of Taft by fishermen.

Edward Battleson of Scobie, Mont., was drowned at the same time when a large wave swept the two into the ocean. His body was recovered a short time after the accident. Mrs. Baumgartner's funeral was held Saturday at Canby. She was a sister of Ingal Edland of this place.

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### Keizer Grange Has Meeting

**Agricultural Reports Presented Members; Members Accepted**

KEIZER—The local grange met at the hall Wednesday when eight new members were given the obligation by the master, H. S. Keef-er. They were Mr. and Mrs. Steven Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purdum, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mason, B. A. Murphy, Eleanor Francisco.

Stars were placed on the service flag by Mr. and Mrs. Olof Harold, honoring their sons Herbert who is now in the infantry in Germany, and Julian in training at Farragut. A star was placed for Luellen Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Brown.

The agriculture committee gave quite a complete report on all phases of agriculture. Fred Wolf reported on labor and spraying. Mrs. Durham told of new trends in freezing fruits and vegetables. An interesting report on bees and their value to fruit raising was given by A. E. Black. Fred McCall told of a new wax spray, still in the experimental stage. It has been tried on some cherry trees and increased the size 30 per cent. It is used to prevent moisture evaporation from the tree.

Mrs. Fred Wolf displayed a primrose plant in full bloom, grown in her small greenhouse, also some anemones grown from seed last year, which were of good color and size. Mrs. Wolf also gave ideas for the vegetable garden.

W. E. Savage and E. A. Kurtz told briefly of the happenings in the legislature.

The grange gave \$15 for the Red Cross war fund.

Wilbert Bowden gave a complete report on the recent nut growers meeting held at hall here.

Mrs. Lena Eitner and Mrs. Ada Bowden served refreshments.

### Brooks Sewing Club Guests of Mrs. Bosch

BROOKS—The Sewing club met with Mrs. H. H. Bosch. The afternoon was spent sewing by Mrs. Harry Singletery, Mrs. Willard Ramp, Mrs. Elmer Corn, Mrs. R. L. Davis, Mrs. William Cottew, Mrs. N. P. Vinyard, Mrs. Jay Bartholomew, Mrs. A. M. Dunlavy, Mrs. Howard Johnson and daughter Wanda Fae, Mrs. A. P. Siedbottom and Jimmy Hodgkinson.

Mrs. Lena Eitner and Mrs. Ada Bowden served refreshments.

### Valley Calendar

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13**  
Sidney-Yalbot Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. A. R. Blinston, 2 p.m.  
West Woodburn Home Arts club, 2 p.m.  
Project leaders.  
Laurel Social Hour club, 1:30 p.m.  
Mrs. F. X. Hoereth.  
Men's night, Red Hills grange, dinner 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**  
Silverton Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. George J. Leschke, 1:45.  
Salem grange, game party, Mrs. H. D. Smithson, 555 North 15th.  
Hazel Green Sunshine club, Mrs. Ralph Gilbert.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 16**  
Roberts Home Extension unit, home of Mrs. R. D. Davenport, 1:30. Project leaders.

### Californians Visit Monitor

MONITOR—Mrs. George Sicaud went to the Silverton hospital Thursday afternoon for a major operation.

Maj. and Mrs. Bruce Gillanders and children from Victorville, Cal., visited friends in Monitor Wednesday.

Mrs. R. L. Welsh of Portland spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Conyne.

Mrs. Jessie Nelson and Nancy of Laurelwood spent Thursday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Rushold.

### 81st Birthday Is Marked by Party

FALLS CITY—Warren Frink was given a birthday dinner at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frink of McMinnville, for his 81st birthday.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Frink, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Westbrook and Iris, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Frink, Mrs. M. L. Thompson and son Hal; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Plankinton of Waldport, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frink and Virginia and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Adams of McMinnville, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Ennie Frink, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Leavitt of Newberg, Mrs. Allie Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Shinn of Salem.

### Accident Results in Injury of Pupil's Toe

NORTH HOWELL—Don Long, a sixth grade pupil, had the misfortune to cut his foot severely with an axe early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wallman drove to Portland last week to visit Mrs. Harley Oddie and baby daughter.

Others present were Mrs. A. Freer, Mrs. I. Bartel, Mrs. C. Benefiel, Mrs. J. Letterman, Mrs. E.

### Used Clothes Sent Overseas

MONITOR—The Dorcas Society met with Mrs. Harry Rushold Wednesday for an all day meeting. A comforter was tied and clothes packed for foreign relief.

The Elliot Prairie Aid Society met with Mrs. Hazel Tyler in Woodburn Thursday. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Two baby quilts were quilted for the hostess. Visitors were Alma Timm, Anna Lenners and Jimmie of Woodburn.

Members present were Kate Payzant, Valda Burkert, Leona Hughes, Magna Hanson, Irene Harrison and Myrtle, Lucille Crandall, Mrs. Kappler, Mary Thyker, Mary McKee, May Harrison, Carrie E. Tyler, Juanita Baker and Barry.

Blanche Norton, Helen Hanson, Josephine Ballweber and Carol Caseyne attended the Rebecca lodge meeting at Hubbard Friday night. The district president made the annual visit to the chapter.

### Retail Food Costs Up 44.5% in Portland

PORTLAND, March 12—(AP)—Retail food costs in Portland in mid-January were 44.5 per cent more than during the same period of 1941, the bureau of labor statistics reported today.

As 12.6 per cent decline in egg prices between mid-December and mid-January was reflected in a slight drop in the current price index, the bureau said.

### Jack Hyetts Sell Farm To Colorado Family

MIDDLE GROVE—The newest property turnover in this community is the 18 acre farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hyett, sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Andrews and family, recently of Colorado.

The Andrews have three children, two daughters, 9 and 11 years, who will be in grade school and a son 14, who will be in junior high school.

### Loyal Woman's Class Entertained Thursday

FALLS CITY—Mrs. Ethel Guthridge entertained the Loyal Women's Bible class Thursday. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. F. Wiens and Mrs. Clarence Herwick. Devotionals were led by Mrs. L. Goode.

Others present were Mrs. A. Freer, Mrs. I. Bartel, Mrs. C. Benefiel, Mrs. J. Letterman, Mrs. E.

### Lebanon Scouts Have Birthday Observance

LEBANON—Observance of Girl Scout week, March 11 to 17 started with attendance at the morning service at the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. Harvey Schmidt spoke on "Taking the Same View," his message was a personal one rather than a part of the scout theme of the week that scouting builds world friendship. Leaders and members of the council as well as members of the troop attended.

Tuesday night each troop will have a table which they will decorate themselves for the father-daughter banquet in the social rooms of the Presbyterian church. A covered dish dinner will be served and a scout birthday cake will be the gift of the council.

Saturday, March 17 will be Girl Scout tag day when an effort will be made to get public support for the many additional scouting activities made necessary by the increased membership. All money raised by this sale of tags will be used in the local program.

Members of the local troops will wear their scout uniforms to school as well as while participating in the various programs planned in observance of the birthday of girl scouting during the week.

The Lebanon scout program began in 1924 with two patrols of eight members each. Now there are 164 girls in the work. This was the first troop organized in the valley outside of Portland. Mrs. John Gill began the work here. Mrs. Ralph Reeves is the present girl scout commissioner.

LaDuke, Mrs. J. Ward, Mrs. Cora McCoy, Mrs. F. E. Driggs, Mrs. Laura Horn, Mrs. Eva Teal, and Mrs. Joy Calavan. The April meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Horn.

### Lebanon Woman In Nurses Corps

LEBANON—Ila Bahrke has reported for duty at Palm Springs, Calif., after army training at Madigan General hospital, Ft. Lewis. The course at Palm Springs is training for overseas work.

Miss Bahrke is the daughter of Mrs. Harold Rodenberger and after graduation from the Lebanon high school she studied at Walla Walla college and later the nurses training school of Emanuel hospital in Portland. She was graduated in 1944 and worked for a short time in Astoria and later at Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle.

Her older brother, M/Sgt. Vernon Bahrke, is with the third army in Germany.

### Fruitland Community Program Is Presented

FRUITLAND—The Community club presented a program by the men which included musical numbers by Otis Shepherd, Tilman Foust, Herman Amort, Lois Shepherd, Evelyn Peterson, Don and Eleanor Bisbee, Leonard Mosser and E. L. Scott.

Mrs. Peter Erickson gave a reading "The Old Norwegian Woman," and Osborn Slocum gave an impersonation. Mrs. Frank Lappan, new teacher at Fruitland, was introduced to the community by Don Bisbee.

A pie social was held after the meeting with the men serving. A large group attended the meeting. Mrs. Lloyd Girod and sons, Allen and Jimmy and Mrs. Anna Girod left last week for California to join Lt. Lloyd Girod, U. S. navy, stationed there.

Men Give Program—Red Hills grange will have an open meeting for the men's night program and supper Tuesday night at Liberty. Two educational films will be shown and other numbers will be provided by the men.

### Earl Reeds Observe Two Anniversaries

MIDDLE GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reed of Silverton, held an anniversary dinner on their 37th wedding anniversary and the first birthday of their grandson, Victor Earl Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed of this community.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed, Victor and Jimmy, Mrs. Mary Swingle (maternal grandmother), Gay and Claire Swingle and Noel Swingle of Swegle; Mrs. Martha Fletcher, Roy Reed and son, Kenneth of Salem and Miss Emma Reed, Portland.

### Brooks Woman Completes Visit

BROOKS—Mrs. Willard Ramp has returned from Klamath Falls where she spent a week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ramp. He is in the navy.

The program presented by the Brooks Farmers Union at the Brooks schoolhouse included reading, Gus Harris; recitation, Sonny Phillips; harp solo, J. Sheets; violin solo, Muriel Fitts; song, primary pupils; song, Larry Powell; talk, Mrs. Orr, and group singing. Sheets was the auctioneer for the baskets. One basket brought \$7 and proceeds were \$70.50, which will go to the fund for educational purposes.

Cecil Wright, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Loman Wright, underwent a major operation last week.

### Big Penicillin Shipment Going to Pacific Troops

WILMINGTON, Calif., March 12—(AP)—More than \$1,000,000 worth of penicillin, one of the largest shipments of the drug to leave the United States, recently was placed aboard a refrigerated ship at the Los Angeles port of embarkation bound for an overseas base to treat American soldiers wounded in Pacific action.

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