

# Mid-Willamette Valley News

From The Statesman's Community Correspondents

## Aumsville Men Meet in Paris

### Wounded Soldier Finds Friend in Medical Corps at Hospital

AUMSVILLE—Lyle Wells who has been at San Diego visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wells recently. He returned March 16.

PFC George Gjesdal was wounded and sent to a hospital in Paris, France, where to his surprise he met Cpl. Dudley Wells, in the medical corps in the same hospital. It is reported that George Gjesdal is able to walk around on crutches. George and Dudley were in school together in Aumsville.

Mrs. Hazel Smelser has returned from visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phelan at Monterey, Calif. She also visited in San Diego and San Francisco and was away five weeks. Mrs. Smelser reports the arrival of a granddaughter, Susan Peggy, born March 3 to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phelan at Del Monte, Calif. Phelan is radio technician 1/c and is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Dykstra of Springfield, SD, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Ed Collins and family. Mrs. Collins is the telephone operator in Aumsville.

Gaius Fuson moved Mrs. Paul Simms from the farm on route one to West Stayton, where she has put her goods in storage and has gone to Roseburg to be near her husband in the veterans hospital.

Mrs. Emma Brown is having her house shingled, and a well is being dug. Mrs. Brown is expected home from her visit in Arkansas soon.

## New Pupils Are Enrolled

JEFFERSON—Several new pupils have enrolled in the grade school. Maureen McCrary from Rockaway in the fifth grade; Mary Dugger, Enterprise and Charles Burgess from Oklahoma, in fourth grade; Robert McCrary, Rockaway third grade; Ollie Mae Ross has been transferred to Scio; and Kenneth France to Talbot school.

Honor roll students in the seventh and eighth grades for the past six weeks include Leona Faxon, Betty Lindgren, Teddy McKee, Katherine Specht, Janie Hutchins, Ellis Hamby and Shirley Bentley in the eighth grade; Verna Lindgren, Lucille Bentley, Arlene Cole, Wanda Workman, Mary Bell Ricks, and Virgean Allman in the seventh grade.

Fourth grade pupils with perfect spelling grades during the past week included Frances Tierce, Kenneth Gorman, Meryle Sheffield, Delores Meyers, Delores Stephenson, and Nina Specht. In the third grade were Vivian Allman, Ronnie Fruisett, Larry Wells, Ruth Ottaway, Arlona Weavill, John Wright, Bettie Morris and Joyce Brown.

## Mrs. Burns Is Injured When Automobile Skids

SILVERTON—Mrs. Francis Burns sustained severe bruises Sunday night when the car driven by her husband and in which she was riding, skidded and turned over. Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wattler, also in the car, were all somewhat bruised.

## Valley Obituaries

**MRS. VERA THOMAS**  
SILVERTON—Mrs. Vera Thomas, 39, died Sunday night at the Silvertown hospital. She was born in Minnesota, November 7, 1905, and had lived for several years near Canby, route 2. Funeral arrangements will be announced from the Ekman Funeral home.

Survivors are the widow, Roy Thomas and two children, Leon and Stewart of Canby; three brothers, Kermit and Fay Dicker of Lambert, Minn., and Harold of Chicago.

## Silvertown Postwar Plans Discussed by Commission

SILVERTON—Silvertown's community cannery, the local water system, and traffic by the schools were major problems discussed and acted upon Monday night by the Silvertown Planning commission. Rholin Cooley, elected at the February meeting, served for the first time as president. In the absence of a city manager, Mayor George Christenson served as secretary.

Mayor Christenson brought to the attention of the commission, the proposed new community cannery. He reported that a committee headed by Leonard Hudson Smith-Hughes instructor, had approached him for permission to build a community cannery on city property at Brown and Schlador street. Money for the building, Hudson had said, would be raised by popular subscription. The building would cost about \$3000 and would be of hollowtile structure in harmony with the high school. As the supervision of the community cannery comes under school jurisdiction, Hudson suggested that it be adjacent to the school grounds so that he could quickly go from class to the building. Hudson has been supervisor of the cannery for two years.

On motion of C. B. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. R. A. McClanathan, the commission voted to recommend to the city council that the city permit the building of the community cannery on the city property at that location and that the city council request the building be attractive and in keeping with the school setting.

The creation of a sinking fund for improvement was discussed. It was pointed out that considerable work will be necessary on the water mains, and that the present upkeep of the system is much higher now as labor and materials are more costly than some years ago. The same water rates are still charged, Mayor Christenson explained, giving the city no extra revenue for the additional expenses. Whether this additional money should be raised by a bond issue or by a water rate increase will be discussed at a public meeting sometime in April. W. M. "Jack" Bartlett from the governor's Postwar planning committee will be invited to lead the discussion. Local city officials will be present to answer questions on local problems. Mayor Christenson will arrange for the exact date of the meeting and notice will be sent out to water users.

The commission also voted to recommend to the city council that portable stop signs be placed on Water street at A and at Park during school hours.

Present at the meeting Monday night were Rholin Cooley, Lloyd Larsen, Mrs. Harold Larsen, C. B. Anderson, Dr. P. A. Loar, Mrs. R. A. McClanathan, Mayor Christenson and Councilman Reber Allen.

## Ackermans Salem Guests

JEFFERSON—Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ackerman were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ackerman, and Mrs. Addie Ackerman of Salem.

Mrs. Lela Coover left for Portland Friday where she will remain with her aunt, Mrs. Perry Hawk, while her uncle is ill in a Portland hospital.

Bob Jamison of Salem left for Ft. Lewis Friday to be inducted in the army. Mrs. Jamison, the former Virginia Bruce, returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bruce, in Jefferson, where she will remain for the duration.

## Valley Births

MILL CITY—Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth LeRoy Johnson of Seaside are announcing the birth of a daughter last week at the Mill City hospital. Mrs. Johnson is the former Abeline Frances Thomas of Scio and is 15 years of age. She has another child a year old.

## Valley Calendar

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**  
Stayton Women's club, club house, 2 p.m.  
Salem grange, Woman's club building, 8 p.m.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**  
Union Hill Woman's club at Mrs. Maurice Heaters.

## Scio School Carnival Set For April 13

SCIO—The school carnival is to be presented at the gymnasium Friday night, April 13. Proceeds will be for the student body. Mary Egr was recently elected carnival queen, and the princesses are Patricia Denmore and Doris Matson.

Easter vacation at Scio school this year will be limited to one day, Friday, March 30.

Lila Lee Thayer, employed at Portland, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thayer.

P. J. Shannon of Scio is home from a visit with a brother at Bremerton, Wash. He also visited at Everson, within a few miles of the Canadian border.

J. F. Wesely has returned from a business trip to Portland where his sisters Agnes Wesely and Mrs. Lucy Pletka are employed.

Mrs. C. C. Burmester is making slow recovery from a recent illness. The Burmesters have two sons in armed service, one was recently returned to overseas command duty. The family lives in Bilyea Den community.

C. P. Switag, now in his 90th year, has been ill a few weeks at his farm a short distance southwest of Scio. His son Elmer is with him.

Scott Frost, brother of Mrs. Clara Smith and of the late John Frost, visited relatives at near Jordan recently. Condition of Mrs. Smith, who has been ill at the farm several years, is unchanged.

A group of Gideons workers plan to be at the Scio Baptist church April 22 to take part in a program. On Easter Sunday an appropriate program will be presented at the Sunday school hour, followed by Scriptural message by the pastor, V. L. Loucks.

A cantata will take the place of the usual sermon at 8 p.m. to which the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller, pioneer farmers and sheepmen of Scio community, are moving this week to the former George Morrow acreage in southwest Scio. It was recently vacated by the George Foster family. The Fosters purchased the Henry Miller estate residence on South Main.

Mrs. Roy Mundt was honored on her birthday Saturday when Mrs. W. W. Mason entertained at the home of Mrs. Mundt's daughter, Mrs. Buddy Thomas.

The affair was a surprise and the time was spent playing 500. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mundt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Willis LaVine, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cline, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mason.

## Valley Briefs

**Clinic Planned Today**—A clinic will be held at Swegle school Wednesday, March 28 when tuberculin tests will be given to first grade pupils and other immunizations where desired. The Marion County Health department will show a film at this time at the school.

**Falls From Hay**—Rae Gene Wied fell Thursday from a pile of baled hay in his father's barn at Looney Butte and suffered a fracture of his right arm.

**Will Report**—Wendell Barnett, legislative committeeman of the Oregon State Farmers Union, will speak on the recent session of the legislature on the regular Farmers Union program over KOAC Wednesday night. The program will start at 6:30 p.m.

**Now Seven Grades**—Looney Butte school now has pupils in seven grades following enrollment of David Looney, grandson of Mrs. D. H. Looney, who transferred here and is in the seventh grade.

## Surprise Parties Given for Women On Birthdays

MILL CITY—Ed Haynes was surprised on his birthday when friends arrived to help him celebrate. The group included Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Haynes of McMinnville, Mrs. and Mrs. Delmer Groshon, Ronnie and Norma of Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berry and Donald of Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Morrow, James Grice and Mrs. Ed Haynes.

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## Women Make Memory Quilt For McKinney

SPRING VALLEY—The Sunshine club made a memory quilt, with each member's name on a block and sent it to Sgt. Perl McKinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinney, who is home from Wales and a patient at Baxter hospital, Spokane.

The quilt was sent first to Claude Walling and as he is now well he brought it back.

Members are now making articles of flour sacks for the flour sack bazaar, to be held the last day of school. Mrs. Walter Evans, president, appointed as service flag committee, Mrs. S. B. Dodge and Mrs. Ben McKinney.

They will report at the April meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Eugene Wilson.

Five dollars was voted to be given the Red Cross war fund. Mrs. A. D. Clark read a letter from her letter pal who resides in England. Mrs. Glenn Bidgood invited the group to her home in May.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Carl Alderman when refreshments were served to guests and members including Mrs. George Marr and Mrs. Freeman Marr, Mrs. Will Hall, Mrs. Frank Foster, Mrs. Walter Evans, Mrs. R. J. Chance, Mrs. May Versteeg, Mrs. Belle Simkins, Mrs. Tom Matthews, Mrs. Chris Yung, Mrs. S. B. Dodge, Mrs. Ben McKinney, Lois Chance, Mrs. John Childers, Mrs. Howard Goodfellow, Mrs. Glenn Bidgood, Mrs. Carl Alderman and Carol and Mrs. George Hammond.

## Mrs. Wishow Returns Home From Creswell

MILL CITY—Guests of Mrs. Una White last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seamster and daughter, Sally and Mrs. White's daughter, Mrs. Zeta Helver and son Michael. Another daughter, Mrs. Melvin LaVine, is convalescing at her mother's home after a recent major operation at a Salem hospital.

Mrs. Lulu Wishow has returned home after several weeks spent in Creswell with her two daughters, Mrs. Elva Smith and Mrs. Ursula Israel.

Mrs. Henry Stice, a former resident of Mill City, who now makes her home in Salem, is con-

finned to a hospital in Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Veness and daughter, Carol, were in Portland last week on a business trip.

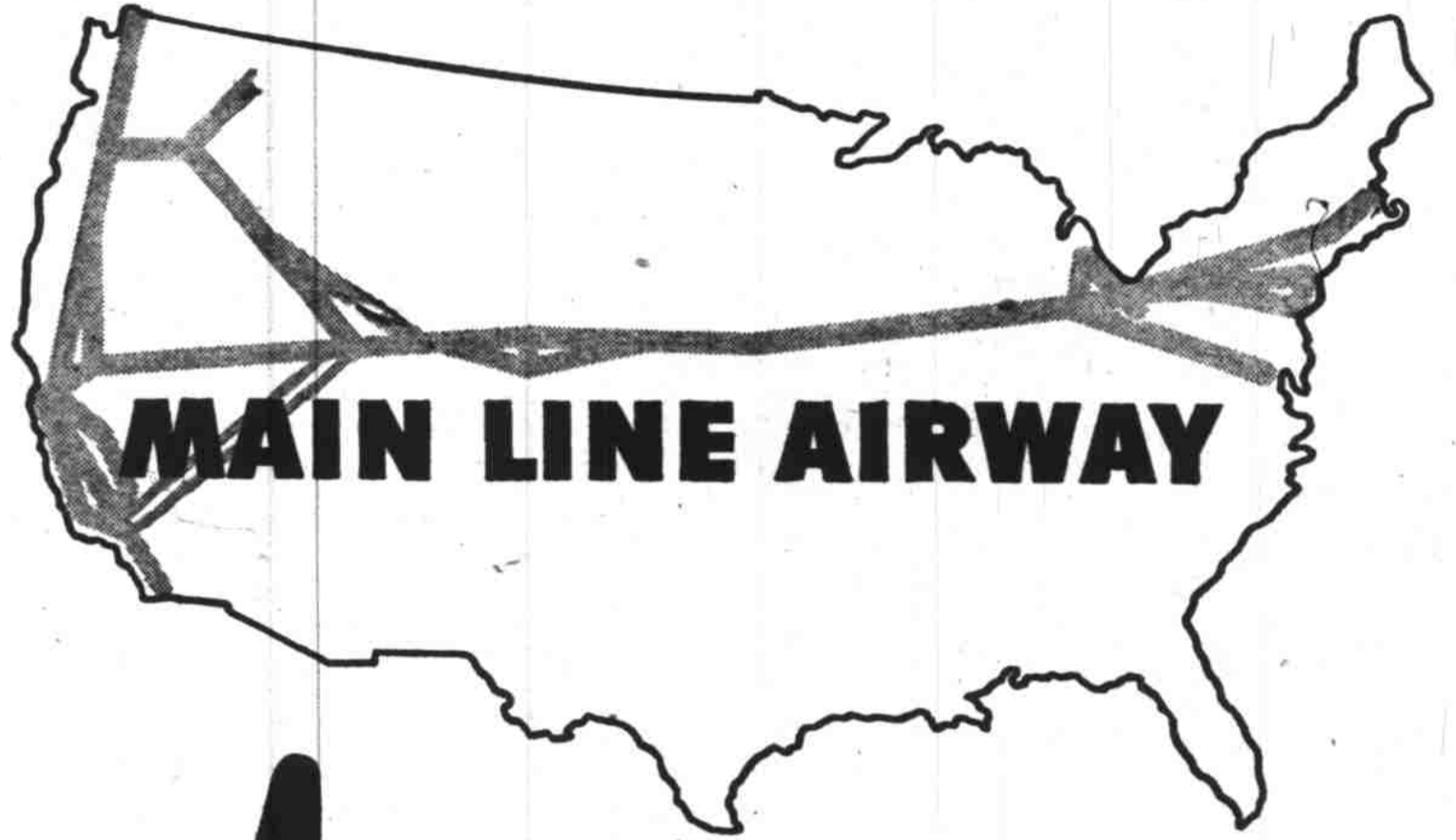
Mrs. Wilma Anderson and Shirley Jo of Sweet Home are guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mickenham.

John Plambeck has been confined to his home with bronchitis. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wirfs of McMinnville were weekend guests at the Bill Witt home.

## Middle Grove Group Attends Convention

MIDDLE GROVE—Attending the Hayesville District Sunday school convention at Fruitland Sunday were Mrs. August Otgen, Mrs. John Van Laanen and Mrs. Paul Bassett from this district.

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