

Mid-Willamette Valley News

From The Statesman's Community Correspondents

WFA Insurance Is Explained

Bethel FU Local Hears Report On Food Plans

BETHEL—The federal wheat insurance program which was set up by the war food administration was discussed and explained by John Lauderback of Central Howell at the postponed meeting of Bethel local Wednesday night. Regulations and the advantages of the plan were discussed.

W. R. Baker, Mrs. C. A. Yergen and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers reported on the Salem meeting Monday when Dr. Michael A. Shadid told of the Elk City cooperative hospital and cooperative medical care.

Mrs. Ralph A. Wilson, journal leader, and Mrs. Carruthers told of the seven-day Farmers Union junior summer camp at Camp Adams beyond Malalla.

Mrs. George Bahnsen and her daughter, Mrs. G. B. Chapman, served. Mrs. E. E. Matten was welcomed at the meeting as this was her first trip away from home since confined to the hospital and her home with a broken hip for many months. Her grandson, Sgt. Dean Lauderback, was present after being in service in England, France and Germany.

Beans Canned — One hundred and fifty-three quarts of green beans were canned at the Salem community cannery last week by Pringle school patrons for the hot luncheon store rooms. The beans were donated by Blue Lake cannery and workers contributing their services included Mrs. L. B. Frissen, Mrs. Ed Kottek, Barbara Callaway, Laska and Ila Bennett and Mrs. James Adams.

Valley Obituaries

Chris R. Widmer

ALBANY — Chris R. Widmer, 81, died in the Albany General hospital August 6. Funeral services were held from the Grace Mennonite church Friday. Rev. P. A. Kilewer was in charge. Burial was in Riverside.

Born in Tournour, France on April 28, 1864, Chris Widmer came to the United States when he was 20 years of age. His first home was in Iowa until 1896, when he came to Oregon. He lived on a farm six miles east of Albany and then moved to North Benton county north of Albany, where he lived for the past 46 years. He farmed and operated a large prune orchard. Widmer was a charter member of the Grace Mennonite church and was active in all church work.

Twice married, his first wife was Barbara Roth, whom he married in Basel, Switzerland in 1883. She died in 1937, and in 1939 Widmer married Martha Wilson, who survives. Also surviving are eight children, Daniel J. of Woodburn, Dr. J. N. of Corvallis, Mrs. George Kenagy of Glendale, Calif.; Rev. H. W. Widmer of Garfield, Wash., and Mrs. H. L. Burk, Mrs. Floyd Whitaker, Elmer D. and E. H. Widmer, all of Albany; 45 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Harry LeRoy Cheesman

ALBANY — Harry LeRoy Cheesman, 53, died at the family home Tuesday, August 7, after several months illness. Funeral services were held Friday. Rev. Roy D. Strong officiated. Harry Cheesman was born on May 30, 1892, in Minonk, Ill., and when a young man came to Bell-fountain, Benton county, in 1911. He was employed by the Standard Oil company in eastern Oregon and Washington and in 1929 he came to Albany from Pendleton and had been associated with the Truax Oil company until forced to quit work by failing health.

On Oct. 26, 1912, Cheesman married Lela Buckingham who survives and two sons, PFC Chester Cheesman of the U.S. army, home on a furlough at present, and PFC Jack Cheesman of the U.S. army in the Philippines; also his mother, Mrs. Cora Cheesman of Albany, and two brothers, Lester Cheesman of Monroe, and George Cheesman of Illinois.

Walter Brunnmeyer

MARION FORKS — Walter Brunnmeyer, former station agent at Detroit, died at his home in Carlton recently of a heart attack. This is the information received here by the Scott Youngs.

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Shipman Clan Reunion Held In Dayton Park

The Shipman clan held its yearly celebration at Dayton park July 29. Only three of the original family are left, Charles H. of Salem, and twin brother, Wallace C., of Portland, a younger brother, Thomas, of Coquille, who was present.

This was the 11th year at Dayton park, where the family lived since the twins were 3 years old, or 60 years.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipman, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Shipman, Portland; Mrs. R. K. Keefer, Salem; Robert Sell, Coquille.

From Salem, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Steward and son, Vernon Reid, Russell Shipman and son Herbie, Jess Lattorell and son Ray and daughter, Alice, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shipman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shipman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hess and Jean Hoyt, Hillsboro; Mrs. Bertha Chamberlin, Paul and Connie, Glen Cullen; Mrs. Argil Shipman, Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Chamberlin, Howard Donald and Nancy, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shipman and family, Glen Cullen; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moore and daughter Thelma, Mrs. Leah Shipman, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Merritt and sons, Portland.

Visitors included Tom Meeks, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Donaldson, Salem; C. C. Comstock, Independence; Mrs. Jerry Jibbits and Mr. and Mrs. William Zwiger, all of Portland.

Those in the armed forces, Delbert C. Shipman, Virgil J., sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipman, West Salem; Richard Sohn, U. S. navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sohn, Salem; Willis Shipman, son of the late W. M. Shipman; Edward Chamberlin, navy; Glen Cullen; husband of Bertha Chamberlin; Robert K. Keefer, husband of Mrs. Donna Keefer, navy; James Omara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Liola Omara, and Richard Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brown, both of Tigard.

Dallas Board Sets Opening Of School Date

DALLAS—September 24 is the date set by the board of directors for the opening of the fall term of school in Dallas.

Chester Tunnell, high school principal, will arrive in Dallas with his family late this month. Mrs. S. E. Whitworth has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Kee Buchanan, who has retired from the teaching profession. Mrs. Whitworth will have classes in English and speech. Mrs. C. Adrian Sias has been elected to teach the fifth grade. Because of ill health she resigned last year. Two first grade positions in the elementary school are still unfilled.

Sunnyside Couple Fish on Santiam

Sunnyside—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sumnerwell of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zinn of Sunnyside have returned from a week's vacation spent fishing on the north fork of the Santiam river. Mrs. Sumnerwell is a sister of Frank Zinn.

Frances Barry has returned from a two weeks vacation in British Columbia, spent visiting relatives.

Annual Picnic Held Sunday

Spring Valley Women Hostesses for Mission Group

ZENA — The Spring Valley Home Missionary society sponsored the annual picnic for the families of members August 5 at the Ralph C. Shepard home. The no-host dinner was served out of doors on the lawn surrounding the farm home.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. French, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. John Childers, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Carlson and Ruth, Danny and David, S. H. Barker, Bob Yungen, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schindler, Mary R. McElroy, Mrs. J. D. Walling, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sollers and Yvonne, Sammy and Cecil, Mrs. Jesse Walling, Mrs. Louise Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Crawford, Mrs. Florence Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Shepard and Ardson, Mrs. Emma McCarter, Edna Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burns, Elizabeth Atkinson, Mrs. Greta Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Uterback and Raymond, Esther and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kime and Norma, David and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Muller, Glen Potter.

Bremerton Family Returns Following Vacation in Valley

ORCHARD HEIGHTS—Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wilson and children, Clemens and Kathleen, of Bremerton, returned home Monday after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson.

A family reunion was held August 5, in their honor at the G. E. Smith home in Salem.

Others present were Mrs. Walter Irving of Cathlamet; Mrs. Victor Snyder and daughters, Betty Marie and Ada Mae, of Longview; Mrs. Blanche Yates, John Cavitt, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harlow, Mrs. Robert Hartman and sons, Ragnor and Gary of Woodburn; Mamie Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Eby, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson and sons, Ralph, Jr., Howard and Walter, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith and children, Frank, Marynette and Sarah Jane, all of Salem.

Middle Grove Club Members On Farm Tour

MIDDLE GROVE — Nineteen boys of the Marion county 4-H clubs went with James Bishop, county club leader, to Corvallis Monday and Tuesday, on a farm tour, when they visited several farms and the State college barns. Monday night was spent "sleeping out" in Avery park, when they experienced an electrical storm, without the rain. Boys from here were Elvin and Wayne Goode and Marvin Cage.

Pringle Couple Are Guests at Open House

PRINGLE—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Friesen and Karen went to Dallas Wednesday to attend open house at the home of Mrs. Friesen's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Derksen on their 25th wedding anniversary. Fifty guests were present during the evening hours.

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Middle Grove Couple Hosts At Dinner Party

MIDDLE GROVE — Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Clodfelter, Nola Marie, Evelyn and Lloyd, of Portland, were dinner guests last Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Scofield.

Pvt. Dorothy Stevens, niece of the Scofields who has been stationed for several months at Atterbury, Ind., is being transferred to the west coast.

Sadie Roth was a dinner guest at the Emory Goode home Sunday.

Mrs. John Van Laanen and Mrs. Paul Bassett spent two days at the annual convention of the Evangelical Missionary society, Jennings Lodge.

Vacations at Coast Taken By Swegle Folk

SWEGLE—A few families have been enjoying vacation days at the coast and on short trips.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Salter and T/Sgt. Albert Patz spent last week in Bremerton and Tacoma, Wash. and made the trip home along the coast through Longview.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Salter and Sgt. and Mrs. Patz were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Karel Mansveldt at Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brandt, Donna Mae and Larry, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Silverton were at Newport beach from Wednesday until Saturday this past week.

Linn County 4H Clubs Picnic at Lebanon Park

ALBANY — Attendance at the annual picnic of 4-H clubbers of Linn county, Sunday, was approximately 180. This number included parents and friends of the club members. The picnic was held in the Lebanon city park this year.

Program for the day included the basket dinner, races and a soft-ball tournament. Crowfoot 4-H club members were winners in the tournament with a win of 5 to 4 over the Model club. Louis High was leader for the Crow-footers and Homer Shelby for the Models. In the first games Crow-foot won from Crabtree and the Model club from the Riverside club.

Junior Farmers Union Camp Ends

LINCOLN—Mrs. L. I. Mickey, assistant at the Junior Farmer's Union camp on the Molalla river, returned August 5. Mrs. Mickey was enthusiastic over the trip, reporting the camp well equipped and attendance good.

The program at camp included classes in co-operative principles, handicraft, and recreation including games and swimming.

Attending from here were David Kime, Patty Bastings, John and Casey Rodriguez.

Russel Hicks, president of the Junior Farmer's Union, attended for one day. A state council meeting of interest was held at Camp Adams and the majority of state officers attended.

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Brothers Meet On Luzon First Time in 3 Years

QUINABY — Frank W. Diem, boatswain's mate 2/2, USN, recently met his brother Alvin on Luzon. It was the first time they had seen each other in three years.

Frank, a naval veteran of over four years of sea duty, has participated in every main operation in the Pacific. He served on the cruisers USS Astoria and USS Santa Fe, and at the present time is serving on an amphibious personnel attack ship.

Alvin is serving with the battle-wise 11th airborne troops. He participated in the battles for Leyte, Manila and Cavite. The young "glider trooper," after seeing much action with an artillery battalion, is now in a rest camp.



Lois Andrews, radioman third class, SPAR, daughter of Mrs. Nettie Andrews, 1310 N. Winter st., who arrived home Wednesday on a seven-day leave from Atlantic City, N.J., where she completed five months of radio school. She is en route to her station at San Francisco. Miss Andrews has three brothers in the service, T/3 Forest M. Andrews with the 41st division in the Philippines, who is expected home soon; Thomas Andrews, gunner's mate 2/c, at sea, and 1st Lt. Charles Andrews, in the army air forces at Greensboro, N.C.

Robert Gentzkow Pilots Transport On Early Flight

5TH AIR FORCE TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, Philippines — 1st Lt. Robert S. Gentzkow, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gentzkow of 1888 South 13th st., was the pilot of a 483rd troop carrier group, the "Frontline Airline," transport plane which recently flew from an advanced base in the Philippines to Okinawa. It was one of the first transport planes to make this flight.

The huge C-46 "Commando," in its long over-water journey, skirted enemy air bases which had been only partially neutralized. It carried the organizational and engineering equipment of a fighter squadron, which furnished vitally needed protection to the harassed island.

The night after the landing Jap planes whined down from the dark sky to bomb the area. Neither the transport nor its crew was injured in the attack.

The following morning after a breakfast of rubbery flapjacks and K rations, they returned to their base.

Lt. Gentzkow's wife, Mrs. Jean M. Gentzkow, and sons Robert and Douglas reside at 645 North Cottage st. Before enlisting as an aviation cadet Feb. 23, 1942, Lt. Gentzkow had graduated from the Sacred Heart academy and was employed by the United States postal service in Salem.

Attend Beach Party

PRINGLE—Duane and Jimmy Kottek, Robert Fabry and Al Pence are guests at the beach cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nelson.

IN THE... Nation's Service

Pvt. Rex A. Tansey Returns to Ft. Lewis; Brother in Islands



Pvt. Rex A. Tansey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tansey of route 6, Salem, has returned to Ft. Lewis after spending a 17-day furlough at home. He was recently discharged from the Madigan General hospital at Ft. Lewis, where he had been in the service since November, 1944.

Cpl. Roy D. Tansey, an aviation engineer, also a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tansey, is in the Philippines near Manila. He has been in the service three years, 15 months in the Pacific.

Roth Commended By General

20TH AIR FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam—For the part they played in the historic series of five low level incendiary attacks on Japan during an all-out offensive, Pvt. Kermit E. Roth of Aurora, Ore., and other enlisted men at B-29 bases in the Marianas have been commended by the commanding general of the 20th air force.

Pvt. Roth is an aircraft sheet metal worker with the ground echelons supporting the most daily Superfort assaults against the Japanese mainland. "Your determination, skill and courage have delivered a stunning blow to the empire of the Rising Sun," the general said. "Combat crews and the hard-working maintenance and staff people are to be heartily commended for their accomplishments in these historic operations."

Throughout the period of sustained bombing attacks, Pvt. Roth and the ground staff worked night and day, virtually without rest, to keep the army bombers in the air and striking at the enemy.

His mother, Mrs. Florence Roth, lives on route 2, Aurora.

John Baumgardner In Central Pacific

Pvt. John W. Baumgardner, 20, a graduate of Salem high school, whose mother, Mrs. C. E. Baumgardner, resides at 2053 North Front street, Salem, is now stationed at a base in the central Pacific.

Bronze Star to Robert Brownell

WITH THE 11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION ON LUZON, July 27—(Delayed)—Captain Robert M. Brownell of Salem, Ore., has been decorated with the Bronze Star medal. He received the award for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine islands, from Dec. 5 to Dec. 20, 1944.

He is the husband of Mrs. Jeri M. Brownell of 672 Cascade drive, Salem, Ore.

Pomona Grange Picnic — The Pomona Grange picnic will be held Sunday (August 12) at the Stayton city park. The Stayton grange will be host and made final plans at a meeting last week. Its next meeting will be September 1.

Keizer Church — Plans for a community church in Keizer community will be considered at a meeting tonight (August 11) in the grange hall at 8 p.m.

Sergeant Barry Home on Furlough With His Parents

SUNNYSIDE—S/Sgt. Robert T. Barry of the 6th air force, formerly stationed in England, is home on a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barry, here. He entered the service Oct. 5, 1942, went overseas December, 1943. In the past 18 months he has seen much of England, Scotland and also flew over Germany. He will report back to Ft. Lewis.

Sgt. Barry is the brother of Mrs. Johnnie Neuenschwander of Sunnyside, Frances Barry of Salem, Alice and Ruth Barry of Seattle.



Sgt. Norman Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Thomson of 1385 N. 4th st., Salem, who died of malaria while a prisoner of the Japanese on July 15, 1942. Until the formal announcement of his death a few days ago, the sergeant was listed officially as missing. He was in the air corps in the Philippines before the war, and presumably was captured on Bataan.

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Begins Training

ORCHARD HEIGHTS — Neil Boehmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Boehmer, left Wednesday for San Diego to begin navy boot training.

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