

WCTU Children's Farm Home Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Don Dill

Today marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Christian Temperance Union's children's farm home three miles north of Corvallis on the Corvallis-Albany highway. An official program marking the event will begin at 2:30 this afternoon when visitors from all dignitaries as Marshall Dana, editor page, and C. L. Starr, Portland, president of the Oregon WCTU, picnic lunches and a holiday spirit will prevail as the visitors inspect the 28½ acres of rolling farm lands stretching from the highway to the Willamette river. Two lakes and a creek, a swimming pool and ball grounds will provide recreation for the visitors as it does for the 160 children now at the institution.

Cottage 25 Years Old
The first of eight cottages now at the farm home was dedicated just 25 years ago to the memory of Frances E. Willard, leader of the temperance forces in America during the 19th century. The first cottage was named "The Willard" in her honor, and in 1939 the eighth cottage built became "The Frances Elizabeth." Founder of the Oregon movement to create a home for children from broken families was Mrs. Mary Powers of Sheff, Ore. Mrs. Powers made her first appeal for such a home at the 1919 Linn county WCTU convention. The idea was taken up by other leaders of the Oregon organization and in 1923 the first cottage was opened to provide shelter for the homeless and unwanted children.

Not Orphanage
The children's farm home is not an orphanage, for each of its inhabitants has a relative somewhere who helps provide for the child, if possible, but can not care fully for him, according to Superintendent W. B. Schnebly. The 160 children, ranging in age from 5 to 17 years, lead a communal home life. Each cottage has a housemother who advises, leads and mothers the children. The cottages have spacious, home-like living rooms and

reading rooms with fireplaces and radios. Each has its own kitchen and dining room to further the feeling of freedom and independence of the children. No visiting hours are observed. The visitor is welcome at any time, and the children are allowed to have personal pets.

School on Grounds
A regular school with accredited teachers cares for the first eight grades, while older children are sent to Corvallis high school. Farming activities, boy and girl scout troops, chores and assignments to the different farm jobs keep the children occupied and active.

The school and farm are financed by the members of the Oregon WCTU, each member being responsible for raising five dollars a year for the farm home. Some state and county welfare funds are also provided. At present there are over 20 buildings, including cottages, the school, barns and shops, on the grounds, and valuation is placed at \$520,000.

Food Raised at Farm
Thirty persons are employed. Much of the food is raised and processed at the farm, and a large laundry manned by the children cares for their cleaning needs. The Holstein herd produces 65 gallons of milk per day, being in turn processed into butter and ice cream as well as furnishing more than a quart of milk per day for each child.

During the summer the children work on the farm and take turns of going in groups to the school cottage at Newport for four days at the beach. The beach trip includes excursions up and

Kansas Folk Visit Pringle

PRINGLE — Mr. and Mrs. George Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Rice and Anna Heinley of Topeka, Kan., have been visiting Mrs. William Schendel and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Schendel, Mrs. William Schendel accompanied them to Crater lake and by way of the Redwood highway to Eureka, Calif.

Mrs. F. L. Van Gilder of Kent, Wash., formerly of Iowa, visited last week at the Joel Olson home on Baxter road.

Kansas Residents Are L. I. Mickey Visitors

LINCOLN — Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Mickey have as guests her sisters, Mrs. Fannie Emel, just returned from a Kansas City visit, and Mrs. Cellie Emel of Winona, Kan. Mrs. Emel will go later to Redding, Calif., to visit a son and a brother.

Jefferson — Gerald Stowe will leave September 1 for Blue Rapids, Kan., where he and his fam-

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Bump Golden Wedding Celebrated at Pedee

PEDEE — Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bump observed their 50th anniversary August 18. Seven of the 25 who attended their wedding were present at the anniversary celebration.

Both are graduates of Oregon State college, Mrs. Bump taking her degree in home economics in 1924 in the same class as her son, Chester, now a Newberg physician. Their son Victor lives in Newport and the youngest, Wilson, is associated with his father.

Gates Birthday Club Entertains Members

GATES — Mrs. C. D. Johnson entertained Thursday for members of the Birthday club. A 1 o'clock luncheon was served and seven tables of euchre were played. Present were Mesdames Blanche Dean, Martha Bowes, Walter Brisbin, Ruby Horner, Gerald Heath, Edmund Davis, Walter Bevier, Gwen Schaar, Riley Champ, Floyd Bassett and Cecil Bassett.

Jefferson — Henry (Hank) Zemlicka, Jr. is working on his uncle's 1200-acre cattle ranch at Holabird, S. D. this summer.



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Twenty-fifth anniversary visitors at the Oregon WCTU Children's Farm home near Corvallis will see some of the scenes pictured above. Upper left, in the farm laundry are, left to right, Joan Miller, Mrs. Gertrude Brunson and Jeanie Loghry. Upper right working in one of the cottage kitchens, are, left to right, Florence Wooley, Avis Hoxworth and Anne Grimm. Two of the 29 buildings at the farm are the grade school, left, and one of the eight cottages, right, shown in the middle strip. Lower left are Albert Lusk, left, and David Roscoe, right, with a pair of little porkers. At lower right Billy Hays good-naturedly sits through a physical examination by Dr. H. Garnjobst, Corvallis, assisted by Mrs. C. Holderman, farm home nurse, at right. Inset is W. B. Schnebly, farm home superintendent for the past seven years. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Valley Obituaries

Charles Ferguson
WOODBURN — Sgt. Charles Ferguson, 29, of Tacoma, died August 17. Funeral services were held at Tacoma and the final rites will be a military graveside service by the American Legion at the Hubbard cemetery. The casket will leave the Ringo chapel at Woodburn Tuesday, August 24 at 10 o'clock for the service at Hubbard cemetery.

Sergeant Ferguson was born in Fort Morgan, Colo., October 5, 1918. He was a veteran of World War II and was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed by the Japs. He was a member of the Tacoma American Legion.

post. Surviving are his widow, Genevieve Ferguson of Tacoma; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ferguson who reside near Broad-acre; a brother, Clifford Ferguson in California and two sisters, Mrs. Opal Corder of Hubbard and Mrs. Elizabeth Wyrick in Missouri.

Silverton Residents Reported Convalescing
SILVERTON—Bernard E. Gaffey is improving at the Silverton hospital following an emergency appendectomy after a few hours of illness last Sunday.

Roscoe Langley, long-time resident of Silverton, is under treatment at the Silverton hospital. He recently returned from major surgery at a Portland hospital, and is reported as getting along very well.

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