THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

Dallas High To Graduate 85 Students

DALLAS — Eighty-five seniors will be graduated from Dallas high school in commencement exercises Thursday, June 2.

Dr. James Miller, director of the Good Citizenship foundation at Portland, will be the principal speaker. Baccalaureate services were held at the high school Sunday with the Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor of the Christian church, delivering the sermon.

Graduating are

Donna and Carol Ashby, Jean Babcock, Kathleen Bell, Leland Bird, Donald Blanchard, Curtis Brande, Leonard Brown, Clarence Buhler, Herbert Burns, Robert Carson, Wanda Chapman, Jack Cork, Ruby Cooper, Burton Curtis, Leslie Day, Eugene DeShon, Marie Dick.

Ann Dotz, Joseph Doyle, Donna Durfee, Melvin Ericson, Jeanne Effenberger, Kenneth Ekrett, Bertha East, William Fisher, Margaret Fleckenstein, Arthur Fuesen, Glenna Gage, Kenneth Gardner, Ruth Garrett, Dolores Gomez, Joan Gotlieb, Anna Belle Goudrich.

Betty Gossen, Betty Harland, Vivian Hickathorn, Edward Hughes, Brand, Byron Hodges, Gladys and Verna Holstine, Keith Holcomb, Margie Holder, Betty Hoult, Shirley Kathes, Lellon Kleven, William Lamb, Loren Lang, Billy Lofton, Edward Luther, Dwaine McCollum, Clergy McWhirter, Lorene Miller, Katherine Melcher.

Louise Million, Dorothy Neufeld, Verna Neufeld, Sam Olson, Patricia Packe, Donna Pettitt, Constance Power, Wanda Quinlan, Earl Reed, James Regehr, Phyllis Reynolds, Jack Regan, Margaret Sanders, Lewis Simon, George Slawson, Robert Smith, Patricia Smith.

Dorothy Snyder, Gale Stephens, James Stewart, Evelyn Theus, Myrl Thomas, Dolores Thiessen, Delmont Tilgner, James Thompson, Rodney Toews, Richard Trett, Donna Triplett, Benedetta Warkentharth, Eugene West and Robert Woodhull.

Silverton Cubs Receive Awards

SILVERTON — Gardening was the theme of the Girl Scouts and parents of Pack 58 when met Friday at the home of Commissioner and Mrs. Craig Clark. Den 1 sang a garden song, illustrated to the use of garden tools as a feature with Den 2 giving a skit on cuts.

Advancement awards went to Dale Meek, bobcat; Craig Clark, Robert VanCleave, Leroy Kaltenbach, Delbert Weeks, Ben Bonesio, Peter Gasser and Jack Weeks, Russell Blake, Dick Coomler, Wade Benson, Dean Delbert Weeks, Philip Stevens, Fred Grant and Monty Reding, silver arrow; Dick Coomler, Delbert Weeks, Monty Reding, gold arrows; Bruce Weaver, Herbert Stakey, Den 1, the service stars. Russell Blake, attendance star.

Crews Patch Stayton Streets

STAYTON — Annual patching and repair work is being given the streets of Stayton this week by the Portland Contracting company of Portland, of which J. Ellis Jeffrey is manager. The work was made more extensive this year because of damage caused by severe freezing conditions last winter.

Patching of asphaltic paving is being used and some streets are requiring more than one application. Although the crews and equipment arrived in Stayton last week, they had to wait for the arrival of material before they could begin the work here.

Community Band Planned at Stayton: Practice on June 10

STAYTON—A community band for Stayton is being considered this season, Dwane Burgess, who will be music instructor for Stayton public schools next year, has been engaged to conduct the band.

The committee from the Chamber of Commerce is inviting all who are interested in playing in the band to meet with Mr. Burgess, Friday, June 10, at the high school at 7:30 p.m. bringing their instruments if they have them.

The band will be organized and rehearsals will begin. Participation is not limited to sex or any age group and anyone interested who lives within a distance which would enable him to enter into the band's activities, is urged to join.

St. Paul Mothers Elect Mrs. Boehmer

SILVERTON—Mrs. Hugo Boehmer was named president of St. Paul's Parochial Mothers' club at its final meeting of the year. Other officers chosen are Mrs. Maurice Schnorenberg, vice president; Mrs. Alfred Schielder, secretary, and Mrs. Gaylord English, treasurer.

The annual school picnic will be held in conjunction with the parish picnic on June 26.

Mt. Angel Boy Honored At Birthday Party

MT. ANGEL—Mrs. Al Saalfeld entertained at her home Friday in honor of her son's first birthday. Multi-colored balloons were provided for the entertainment of the little folk who attended with their mothers.

Guests included the two grandmothers of the honor guest, Mrs. Elizabeth Saalfeld and Mrs. Lena Bigler, Mrs. Harold Brenden, Janet, Margy and Mickey, Mrs. Joseph Berchtold, Jimmie and Donnie; Mrs. Emil Wolf and Freddy, Mrs. Louis Schwab and Susan, Mrs. Melchior Uselman, Janix and Terry James, and Patsy Annen.

Grade School Graduates 29 At Jefferson

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson eighth grade commencement program symbolized the activities during the school year.

Numbers were assembly hour, grade school band, special numbers Teddy Schultz and grandmother, Mrs. Frank Schultz, playing "Beautiful Dreamer" and Raymond Terhune, accordian number, recess numbers by band, football squad, a march, baseball nine march, gymnasium waltz, after rainy days, presentation of diplomas by Ed Ricks, chairman of school board, assisted by the seventh grade girls. Valedictorian honors, promotion, march by band.

Graduating were Janet Adair, Dona Argo, Jimmy Blackwell, Charles Blaylock, Sharlene Boise, Erma Campbell, Greta Cameron, Leroy Cameron, Russell Desmond, Kenneth Gorman, Donald Hahn, Robert Harris, Dollie Koker, Howard McGill, Delores Meyers, Glen Hart, Teddy Schultz, Nina Specht, Dolores Stephenson, Murray Stauble, Barbara Shaffer, Myrle Sheffield, Frances Tierre, Dale Waltenburger, Peggy Laurie, Jimmy Adams, Raymond Terhune, Martha Wood and Verlon Carter.

Valley Briefs

Silverton—The 10th annual reunion of Willard school and community will be held June 5 at Willard school. A basket lunch will be served at noon followed by a program. Charles Meyers is chairman of arrangements and Alma Weniger is program chairman.

Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. C. Herman Birch of 372 N. Water st. will leave June 1 for the Dakotas for a [illegible] visit. [illegible] home. The Birchs came west five years ago.

Turner—Tom Rex, Gene Robinson, formerly of Turner, have been named Eagle Citizens of LaGrande, it was learned here this week.

North Howell—Mrs. Scott Clevenger, Lakeview, was a guest recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berg. The Clevengers had been at Oregon State college at Corvallis attending school.

Stayton—The Stayton Choral club has decided not to disband for summer but will meet at the home of Mrs. Ed Kleeker, Thursday, June 2. A potluck lunch will be held after rehearsal last Thursday night. Felix French is director of the group.

Dallas School District To Vote on Budget

DALLAS—Voters of the Dallas school district will go to the polls Monday, June 20, to decide on a proposed 1949-50 budget $98,000 outside the 6 per cent limit.

School district Clerk Mrs. Gayle Kreason announced that six candidates have filed for two school board positions to be decided in the same election.

Norman Baker and Abia Haas will run against the incumbent Paul Bollman for a five-year term. Filing for the two-year unexpired term of Matt Gilles are Frank Guy, appointed when Gilles resigned, Fred B. Hamilton and Leo T. Johnson.

Bethel School Commencement Held Friday

BETHEL — The closing of the school year on Friday was marked by a picnic dinner at noon in the dining room, followed at two o'clock by 8th grade graduation exercises for Gloria Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Kibbey.

The program: Welcome, Roy Faria; songs by lower grades; and song by George Allenby, with Dianna Watson accompanying; piano solos, Estella Reese; song by school; song, Gloria Sanders, accompanied by Patricia Neufeldt; piano solo, Dianna Watson; song, 4-H sewing club, with Mrs. R. F. Watson at the piano; reading, Helen Allenby.

Mrs. Marguerite R. Burton, Marion county school supervisor, made a short address and presented the gifts. The stage was decorated with streamers and garden flowers in lavender and white, the class color.

There were displays of "My Progress" and "My Flowers" book made by the pupils, handwork and health posters. 4-H sewing club exhibit of needlework, Mrs. R. F. Watson is the leader, and members are Gloria Sanders, Myra Wilson, Patsy Neufeldt, Helen Allenby, Janice Hagerman, Dianna Watson. Mrs. May A. Brown of Salem has been Bethel teacher for the past three years.

Auburn Cubs Meet Friday

AUBURN—The May meeting of the Auburn club pack was held Friday in the school house ward with a large crowd of parents, cub mothers and all the cubs present. A ball game, with the dads and cubs playing, started the evenings activities. A weiner roast followed and a short business meeting was held. Joe Wright, a new cub, received his Bear Cub pin.

Mrs. Barney Kenny was hostess for the Mentor ave. sewing club Wednesday afternoon. Present were Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. Walter Lewis, Mrs. C. A. Barney, Mrs. Glenn Mosely, Mrs. Ray Alexander, Mrs. Arthur Stevens, Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. Stuart Johns, Mrs. Wood Wilber and the hostess.

Two mothers of the community have new baby boys to view, baby Mrs. Frances Rothweiler is the [illegible] who has been named [illegible]. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rothweiler of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. Bob [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Freeman of Morgan are the parents of a new son. He has some brothers and sisters.

Graduation Held At North Howell

NORTH HOWELL, Eighth grade graduation exercises were held Friday evening at the North Howell school in Grange hall.

Graduating were Velma Perkins, Arnold Sorenson, Erna Stangers, Stanley Hoxie, Arden Moser and Arnold Sorenson. Mrs. Agnes Boehl, Marion county school superintendent, was principal speaker.

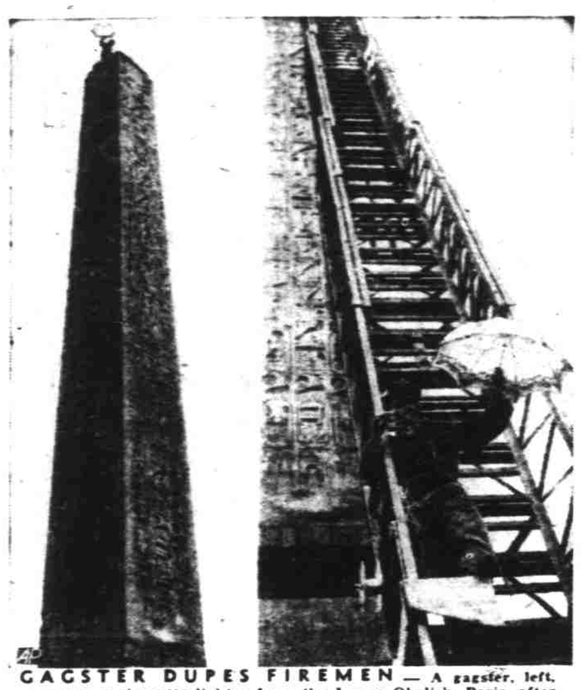
North Howell Grange Slates Rose Show

NORTH HOWELL—A rose show will be held at the North Howell Grange hall Monday, June 6, at 8 p.m., and all Grange members have been invited to participate.

Roses must be at the hall by 8 p.m. and arranged in groups of one, three, five or in bouquets. A rose expert from Salem and Assistant County Agent Don Rasmussen will judge the exhibits and identify varieties of roses, weed and insect control.

In charge of the program are Mrs. A. T. Cline, Mrs. Percy Dixon and Mrs. John Thomas. A regular business session will follow the show.

British coal production in 1948 totaled 208 million tons—11 million tons more than 1947 production, but still below the prewar level.



GAGSTER DUPES FIREMEN — A gagster, left, promotes a cigarette lighter from the Luxor Obelisk, Paris, after asking to see an inscription. Right, he descends by fire ladder.

Memorial Day Anniversary of Flood-Borne Vanport Tragedy

By Gordon G. MacNab

PORTLAND, May 29—(AP)—The Columbia river destroyed nearby Vanport a year ago Monday in the most dramatic flood of recent times.

In less than a half hour it smashed the community of 18,500. It crushed some two-story apartment buildings to bits, flooded others like toy boats in a mill-race.

It trapped scores of automobiles. Hundreds running for safety, were overtaken. Everywhere people splashed, waded, swam. Miraculously, only 14 were drowned.

The Columbia, North America's second largest river, again is on its spring rampage. This time, though, only lowlands are flooded. The river is only six feet above flood stage of 15 feet—an almost normal height for the annual freshet.

Last year it surged 15 feet higher than the streets of Vanport with only a dike between the mile-wide river and the community built in war-time to house Kaiser shipyard workers.

Without Warning

The dike gave way without warning on that warm, sunny Memorial day afternoon. Most people were out-of-doors. That was why only 14 were drowned. Seven others still are carried on the sheriff's office missing list, but it is assumed they left without bothering to tell anyone. Neither the sheriff's office nor the Red Cross knows why names be in the official list. One was found as late as last November, but that was before the morgue had been cleared away.

Only Debris Left

Now only a few piles of lumber, half a dozen rusted automobiles and a few chimneys stand where 18,500 lived a year ago. It took the flood waters two months to retreat again. Then the smashed buildings were salvaged. An auction sale a month ago completed the clearing. The Portland housing authority, Vanport housed 5330 families, which operated Vanport, reports that 3000 of them now live in housing projects in Portland. A Red Cross check of postoffice address changes show 800 families left the area.

Where are the other 1500 Vanport families? Harold Freeman, housing authority director, says many of them bought or rented houses and the rest, presumably, are still living with relatives or friends.

A trailer town set up immediately after the flood was closed only last week as the last group of flood evacuees found better quarters.

Bitterness over the sudden destruction of the city has not ended. Some 450 suits asking nearly $1,000,000 have been filed in federal court against the housing authority. The authority's attorney says the total may go to $5,500,000.

Large Death Claims

The 14 deaths brought $140,000 death claims. Three suits are for personal injuries and the rest for loss of property.

They allege that the people were lulled into a feeling of security by such things as a notice distributed to each apartment the morning of May 30 saying the dikes were holding and there would be ample warning if the levees started to yield.

There was no warning. The western dike—really a railroad fill—let go and flood waters crashed through in late afternoon.

The Columbia had been in flood for a long time then. The river gauge at Vancouver, Wash., just across the river, started on May 19 to show levels above the flood stage of 15 feet. On May 26 the weather bureau began forecasting a major flood. Two days later the river climbed to 25.4—a level that means serious trouble. It was at 28.4 feet the morning of Memorial day and was still climbing in late afternoon when the dike crumbled. It kept going up until on June 1 it crested at 30.2 feet. It moved back up to that crest again on June 13-14.

Dikes Breached

Everywhere the dikes, hammered by the river's terrific force, were breached in early June. Hundreds of families on both sides of the river were flooded out. Portland's airport was deep under water. The lush Portland Meadows race track was flooded. The Union station was sandbagged and water was on many Portland streets. Hundreds of acres of rich farm land top soil was lost. The huge Reynolds Metals Co. aluminum plant was saved only by 24-hour work by army engineers, troops from Fort Lewis and volunteers.

Damage estimates soared to $100,000,000, then to $150,000,000. President Truman visited Vanport and ordered all government agencies to aid the homeless and continue the fight against the rising river.

The river, forced up by melting snow and heavy rains, was a threat to remaining dikes for weeks. It stayed above the critical 25-foot mark until June 24. Not until the morning of July 9, nearly two months after it started to climb, did it drop below flood stage.

There is nothing unusual about the Columbia surging up in the spring. But only once before—in 1894—did it reach the disastrous crest of 1948. And then there was no Vanport to be destroyed in a few hours on a sunny day.

Turner High Commencement Slated June 1

TURNER—Commencement exercises at Turner high school will be held in the auditorium Wednesday, June 1.

R. E. Lieuallan, Oregon College of Education professor, will be the principal speaker and Dr. Robert Gatke of Salem will give the invocation. Baccalaureate services were held in the Turner Assembly of God church Sunday.

Graduating are Londell Benner, Ernest Collier, Dixie Davenport, Carl Graves, Clifford Gunderman, Floyd Hedges, Bernard Karlin, Beatrice McTigert, Francis Meshelle, Edward Norton, Margaret Prather, Howard Schelske, Ivan Sparks, Patricia Tomlinson, Donald Marion Towery, Benny Vaughn, Ronald Watson and Barbara Webb.

Victor Point Club Elects 1950 Officers

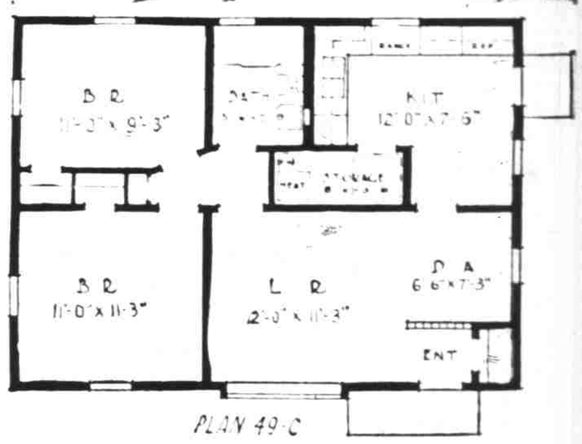
VICTOR POINT—Mrs. Maurice Heater was elected president, Mrs. Ole Meland, vice president, Mrs. Arley Martin, secretary and Mrs. Verny Scott, treasurer in the annual election of the School-Community club Friday at the Union Hill hall.

Over $100 was added to the school hot lunch fund raised by the club in recent cooked food sales in Silverton and Stayton. A committee appointed by the new president to plan ways to increase this fund during the summer and early fall months is Mrs. Verny Scott, Mrs. Russell Burr, Mrs. J. O. Dairy, Mrs. Marion Fischer and Mrs. J. C. Krenz.

Graduation exercises will be held at 8 p.m. June 3, at Union Hill grange hall for the eighth grade class of Victor Point school. Nova Ross, Eldon Jaquet and Richard Hacek are the graduates.

The last day of school picnic will be at the old Victor Point school grounds, June 7.

HOMES FOR AMERICANS



An economy house in the modern New England manner, this plan 49-C was designed by A. Raymond Ellis, architect, 967 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Conn., specialist in small house design and former member of the FHA architectural staff. Covering approximately 750 square feet, this dwelling was planned to meet FHA standards.

Sidney-Ankeny Schools Hold Commencement

PEDEE — Mrs. Sidney Howard, Mrs. Margaret Hilburn and Jeneen Hilburn attended eighth grade graduation exercises at the Sidney-Ankeny school Tuesday. Graduating were Florence Marlatt, Karen Hampton, Gloria Grenz, Ruth Holt, Roberta Sears, Rex Gerig, Earl Aeni, Jerold Walters and Freddy Steppet.

Ivan Blankenship is recovering from severe hand burns suffered when he poured gasoline on a fire by mistake, causing an explosion. The explosion also burn his two-year-old grandson, Sue Hinkle, on the arm and hand. Rosemary Budlietz's hair was also singed, but she was otherwise uninjured.

MRS. SATERN IMPROVED

SILVERTON—Mrs. Ole Satern, in the Silverton hospital this week for treatment and observation, was able to leave Wednesday and is now with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Satern. Mrs. Victor Madsen and two daughters, Colleen and Loretta Bell came down from Hillsboro Saturday to see Mrs. Satern. Mrs. Madsen is the former Cora Satern.

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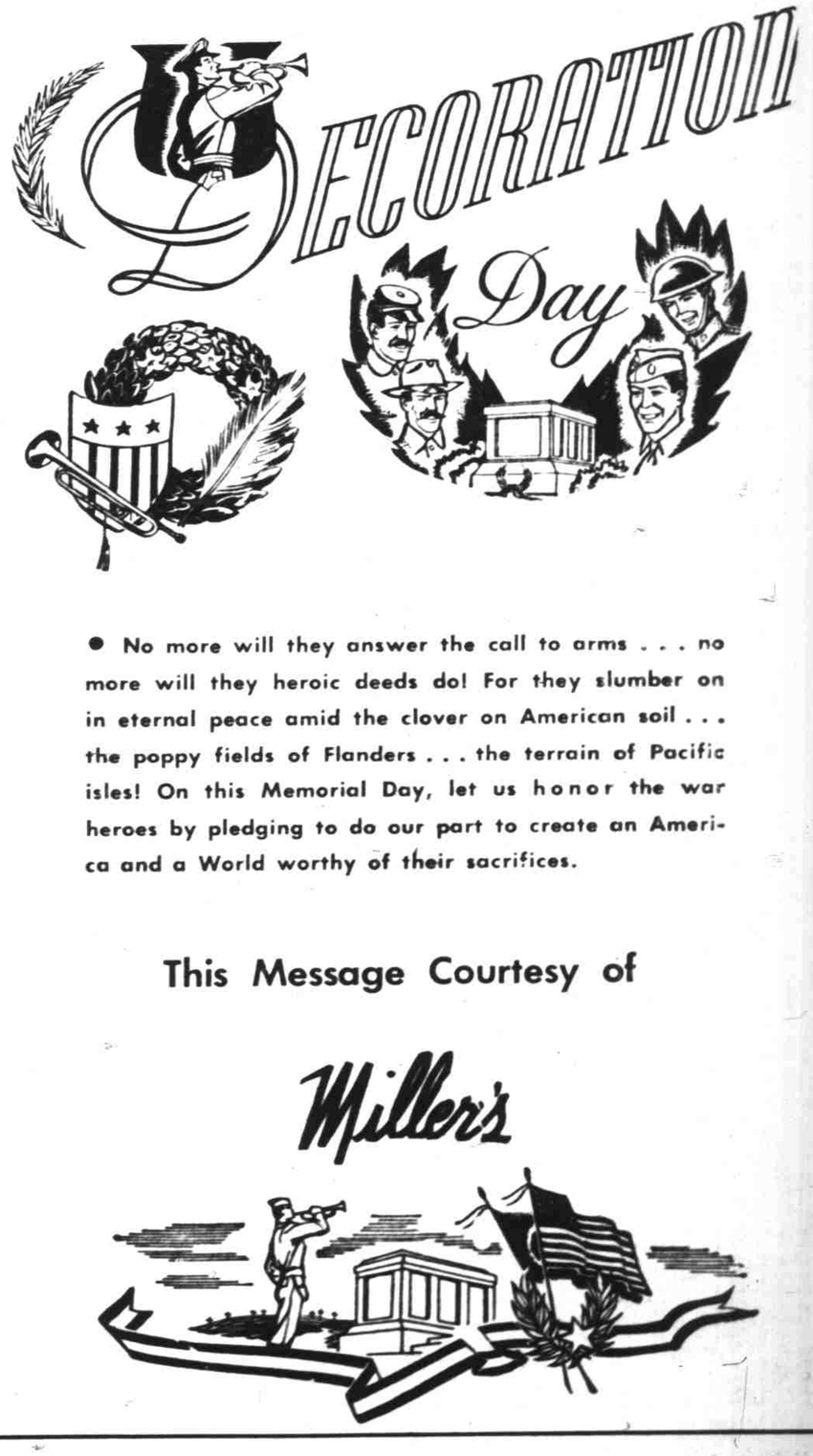
Abraham Lincoln

Brown's



● No more will they answer the call to arms . . . no more will they heroic deeds do! For they slumber on in eternal peace amid the clover on American soil . . . the poppy fields of Flanders . . . the terrain of Pacific isles! On this Memorial Day, let us honor the war heroes by pledging to do our part to create an America and a World worthy of their sacrifices.

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