THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

Halfman Clan Holds Reunion At Silverton

SUBLIMITY — Members and relatives of the John Halfman family had a family gathering Sunday, July 10, in Silverton park. The occasion was to celebrate Mr. Halfman's 80th birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John G. Halfman of Sublimity; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Scharbach and children Janice, Dianne and Linday, of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halfman, Gerald and Merril, of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doerfler, Carol Jean, Robert, Judy and Richard, of Sublimity; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Locke, Donald and Eugene, of Sublimity; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Frank, Donna and Veronica, of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Florian Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Frank, all of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Meyerhofer, Andrew, Theodore, David and Sharon, of Sublimity; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meyer of Portland and Mrs. Frances Hartman of Sublimity.

William Zimmerman and Lawrence Ripp have moved their auto repair equipment to the old Phillip Meier blacksmith shop, which has been remodeled and painted.

At the last report from Mrs. Cecelia Ditter from Cottonwoods, Idaho, is that her mother, Mrs. Henry Bruegaman is much improved and was able to return to her home from the hospital. Mrs. Ditter has been there to help take care of her mother for the past several weeks.

Skelton Family Holds Reunion at Sodaville Park

JEFFERSON—About 60 members of the Skelton clan held their annual family reunion Sunday at Sodaville. A basket dinner served at noon was followed by visiting. Attending from farthest away were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bye from Canada.

The Skelton family descends from Ned and Anna Skelton and Tom and Anna Skelton who came to Oregon from North Dakota in the 1880's. They first settled at Independence, then moved to Linn county and later to Marion county. Members of the family were present Sunday from many points in the Willamette valley.

Swegle Girl Injured In Auto Accident

SWEGLE — Rosalie West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion West of Swegle, is recovering from a severe head laceration suffered in an auto collision on Portland road Thursday.

Rosalie was a passenger in a car driven by her mother which was struck by another vehicle driven by L. E. Wilder of Lebanon. Two other children in the car with Mrs. West, Anna May and Norman West, escaped uninjured. Wilder suffered bruises

Gilsons, Bones Hold Reunion At Rose Lodge

ROSE LODGE—Members of two prominent pioneer families the Gilsons and Bones, met at the Salmon river grange hall, July 10, for their annual family reunion.

A lunch was served at noon to over 70 friends and relatives.

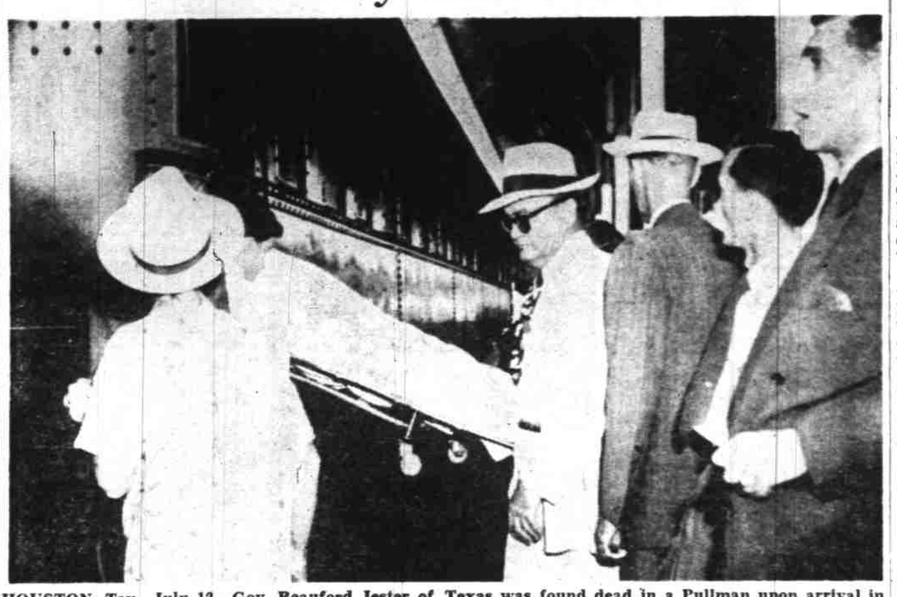
The following decendents of the Gilson family with their children and families were present:

Carey L. Gilson, Amity; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gilson and family and Larry Gilson, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gilson, McMinnville; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robertson (Mary Gilson), Sheridan; Mr. and Mrs. C. Ernest Bones, Rose Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bones and granddaughters, Judy and Jean Bones of Taft; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dennis and son, Walter Kenworthy of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. John Cameron of Delake; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cameron and family of Milwaukie; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cameron and son of Agate Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Yocum (Mary Cameron) and family of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gilson, both of Portland; Mrs. Betty (Gilson) Barrest and sons of Eugene; Mrs. Thelma (Gilson) Geuber and sons, of Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. John Bones and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bones, both Taft, were also present. Three very close old friends of both families were present, Mrs. Lillith Guy of Dallas, Lynn Cook of McMinnville and Walter McClintock of Scappoose, and Miss Irene Walker of Dallas.

POLICE FUND VOTED

SILVERTON, July 12 — The Silverton Chamber of Commerce voted today to turn $400 over to pay city police for a two-month budget shortage. The present budget is insufficient to pay the number of patrolmen the chamber wishes to have on duty.

Governor's Body Removed from Train



HOUSTON, Tex., July 12—Gov. Beauford Jester of Texas was found dead in a Pullman upon arrival in Houston Monday. The body was found by a Pullman porter who went to awaken the governor. Photo shows the body being removed from the train at the station. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page 1).

Talbot Girl Will Study In Chicago

JEFFERSON — Dona Zehner, daughter of the John W. Zehners of Talbot, will leave Portland by train Wednesday for New York City where she will study advanced accordion under Anthony Gallarini, world's foremost concert artist.

She will be registered at Hotel New Yorker for four weeks. Before returning home, Miss Zehner will spend a week in Chicago attending the railroad fair and the music festival, lasting seven days. The final concert will be held in Soldier's field, with 10,000 participating. An audience of 90,000 attended last year.

Miss Zehner is one of the Melodettes from Salem. Going with her will be Misses Lois Gillings, Luella LaFountain and Susan Howell, of Salem.

Dona, who is 19, was born at Monmouth and attended the Sidney grade school and two years at Jefferson high, graduating from Salem high schools in 1948. The past year she has taught accordion, marimba, Spanish and steel guitar in Salem and Corvallis. When in school, she was active in 4-H, winning many first prices in county, state fairs and the Pacific International. She has been studying the accordion for the past nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. Zehner will leave from Portland Wednesday night for Phillips, Wis., meeting their daughter in Chicago for the return trip home. They will go by way of southern Idaho and visit Yellowstone park.

Hubbard Youths Swim At Woodburn Pool

HUBBARD—A number of Hubbard boys and girls are taking advantage of swimming lessons being given at the Woodburn Memorial pool. They are Doris Ann and Johnnie Friend, Robin and Jackie Berkey, Bonnie Bridge, Bobby Wimar, Eddie Sherman, Wallace and Clifford Downs, John Carl and Wayne Van Lieu, Jo Kelly and Garland Courter.

Spending Saturday at Newport were the Hooleys, their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Yoder and son, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Yoder and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wolfer.

Mr. and Mrs. Knute Peterson accompanied their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Bare to Terrebonne recently visiting another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Pokorny.

Detroit Eagles Sponsor Dance

DETROIT — The Eagles dance Saturday night at the Rod and Gun club was attended by a good crowd. Another dance will be held in two weeks on the evening of July 23.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Darreel Byers of Albany. Mrs. Byers is the former Joan Tweedale. The couple has spent some time at Breitenbush Hot Springs since their marriage about five weeks ago.

Mrs. Oliver Johnson spent two days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Stayton. While there she attended a birthday party in honor of her sister, Blanche Cornu of Salem.

The B. I. Delanos left last week by auto for Missouri, where they were called by the serious illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kadin and son, Gene, of Medford, visited here Sunday with his brother Rudolph Kadin.

Roberts Unit Slates Picnic At Silver Falls

ROBERTS — The grange picnic will be held at Silver Falls state park Sunday, July 17, at 1 p.m. A no-host luncheon will be served. All friends and neighbors of the Roberts grange are invited to attend. Arrangements are in charge of the social committee of the home economics club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johns and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hoevet, and twin daughters, Suellen and Suzanne, of Tacoma, Wash. are vacationing at Nelscott.

House guests this past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fulton were Albina F. Musil, associate botanist with the U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., and Clara and Minnie Mongelsdorf, St. Louis, Mo. The women were on the west coast to attend the national seed convention held at Corvallis the past week.

Detroit Basin Condemnation Plan Revealed

DETROIT — More than 200 residents of the Detroit dam basin area flooded U. S. engineers representatives with questions regarding condemnation proceedings in a public hearing at Detroit school Thursday.

The meeting was called to explain how the government will compensate residents for land condemned within the basin area to be flooded after the dam is completed. The basin will probably be evacuated by the fall of 1951.

On hand to answer questions Thursday were O. L. Hoffman, head of the engineers' real estate division; B. L. Price, his assistant; H. H. Rockwell, real estate division attorney, and U. S. Marshal Frank Meyer. All the men represent the Portland U. S. engineer's office.

Hundreds Attend Liberty Church Opening Sunday

LIBERTY — About 300 persons attended dedication services Sunday at the Liberty Christion Church of Christ. A loud speaker broadcasted to persons in the basement and many were turned away because no seats were available. The collection amounted to $651.35.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sergeant of Santa Cruz, Calif., attended the service. Mr. Sergeant organized the Liberty church 12 years ago. Flower arrangements were sent by different organizations. Sunday school was held for the first time, with 103 in attendance. During the morning worship 32 were consecrated to membership.

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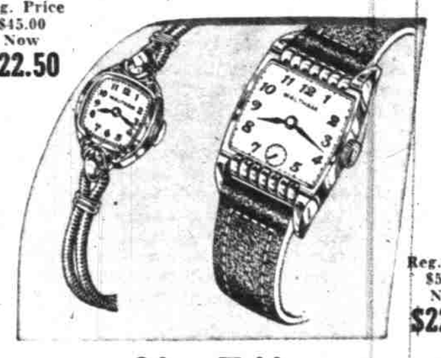

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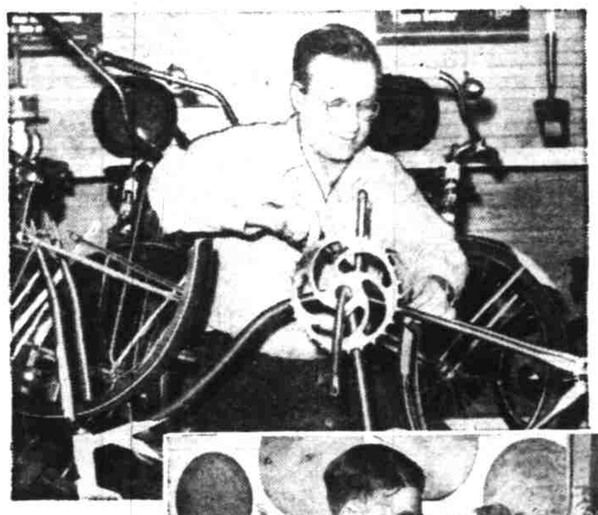

MAKES A BUSINESS OF BICYCLING

Thousands of Seaside's annual vacationists ride rented bicycles enthusiastically as a beach pastime. Energetic Gordon Shaw in 1933 foresaw this popularity; decided to serve the public's fancy. He quit law school and started his South Prom Bike Shop near the Lewis and Clark turn-around. Business grew slowly, but today Shaw must hire assistants to help meet demands for bikes, tandems, tricycles and baby strollers. Shaw, active Seaside Chamber of Commerce official, also finds time to operate his large "Prom" apartment building. He's a long-time customer of First National's Seaside affiliate, the Clatsop County Bank.

TURNING JUNIPERS INTO DOLLARS

In 1930, Vearl and Elsie Lehrman of Bend began making novelties from Central Oregon's juniper trees. With a gift lathe, powered by their washing machine motor, Lehrman turned out colorfully-grained items of his own design. Today their Western Juniper Novelty Co. is in a new building, with living quarters, modern shop and display room. They have mastered the individualistic wood, learned the public's souvenir tastes and developed far-flung sales outlets. "Ours is a product typical of Oregon which First National helped us develop," Lehrman says.

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MEET JIM THOMPSON, STAR FARMER

Jim Thompson of Salem was Star Farmer of America in 1942. In high school he ran a 120-acre ranch, starting by purchasing 50 acres. Sheep, hogs and cows brought him profits. A prized memento of his Future Farmer of Amercia title is his Oregon Bankers' Association trophy. After FFA days Jim raised beef cattle. Now he's developing an orchard and seed crop ranch in Salem's Waldo Hills district. Jim's wife is his schoolgirl sweetheart, Eunice Johnson—and there are Donna, 6, and Dickie, 3. Says this topnotch farmer: "I especially appreciate the help First National gave me as a youngster."