

Don't Look Now...

but... we've been hearing a lot about "roundup" stories for the year from radio, newspapers and individuals. We don't have any round up, but we certainly have rounded out a lot in the past 12 months.

Santa was good... wonder how he knew Queen and Mo needed a mammoth fork for their barn.

Nature's a joker... I'm sure that the lovely blackbirds gracing our lawn and trees these early mornings thought that spring was on her way. They don't seem unhappy though, and certainly we aren't—

one can't be with bluebirds about.

Long walk... Experts, who have been studying such matters, estimate that a woman making one 1 1/2 mile daily, walks four miles and spends 25 hours of her time at the task every year. Fortunately, there is a bed near on which she may throw herself, exhausted after her long, slow walk.

We note... that a beauty parlor suggests that you "ring in the old, ring out the new, with a coiffure, designed just for you." That's using the old head.

A Happy New Year!

... Maxine Buren

Tuxedo Club Sets Date

Announced for Friday, January 2, is the first formal dance of the newly organized Tuxedo Dancing Club. The affair will be held at the American Legion club with the social hour beginning at 8:30 o'clock and dinner dancing from 9 to 12 o'clock. Jimmy Whetmore's orchestra from Portland has been engaged to play for dancing.

The club roster includes a hundred young marrieds and newcomers in the capital.

Presbyterian Circles Meet

The First Presbyterian church circles will meet Wednesday at the following homes:

Circle 1, leader Mrs. C. O. Wilson, with Mrs. Clyde McClung, 1865 S. High st., 1:15 dessert.

Circle 2, leader Mrs. O. H. Kent, with Mrs. C. A. Sprague, 425 N. 14th st., 1:15 dessert.

Circle 3, leader Mrs. B. M. Bennett, with Mrs. A. E. Nelson, 1770 N. Capitol, 1:15 dessert.

Circle 4, leader Mrs. Robert Hutcheon, meet with leader, 1065 S. Liberty st., 1:15 dessert.

Circle 5, leader Mrs. J. F. Ulrich, with Mrs. E. A. Collier, 559 N. 24th st., 1:15 dessert.

Circle 6, leader Mrs. J. C. Singleton, with Mrs. Silas Gaiser, 825 N. Winter st., 1:15 dessert.

Circle 7, leader Mrs. W. L. Pugh, with Mrs. W. L. Osborne, 1695 Norway, 1:15 dessert.

Circle 8, leader Mrs. M. H. Hawke, with Mrs. J. Howard Shubert, 1925 N. 21st st., 1:15 dessert.

EAST SALEM—Mrs. Henry Sprick was hostess at her Lancaster drive home Thursday afternoon for members of the Merry Minglers. A salad luncheon was served to thirteen members and a guest, Mrs. Frank Slimak. Two new members are Mrs. Frank Slimak and Mrs. Joe Slimak.

Salem General hospital auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday morning at the YWCA at 10 a. m. with Mrs. Carl Nelson presiding. Plans will be outlined for the annual rummage sale and spring activities. All auxiliary members are invited to attend the meeting.

District 3, Oregon State Nurses association will meet Tuesday night at the Salem Woman's clubhouse at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Nova Young, president of the Oregon State Nurses association, will discuss "The Structure Study."

Miss Julia Johnson will leave Monday for Portland, where she is on the faculty of Lewis and Clark college, after spending the holidays in Salem with her mother, Mrs. Leona Johnson.

Swegle—The January meeting of Swegle Woman's club has been postponed from Tuesday, January 3, to the second Tuesday of the month.



Miss Ruth McCall, daughter of the Fred S. McCall, whose engagement to William H. Johnston was told at a holiday tea on Saturday afternoon at the home of the benedict-elect's parents, the Joseph Johnstons. (Miller's, Eugene.)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drager, Mrs. Joseph E. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Lewelling and Mrs. Custer Ross will be among those in Portland on Monday to attend the holiday at home for which Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Curry will be hosts.

Board meeting of American Legion auxiliary, 136, will be held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Abraham Friesen, route 5, at 8 o'clock.

Jason Lee Wesleyan Service Guild ham dinner and white elephant sale slated for January 2, was postponed until Monday, January 9.

AUBURN—Mrs. Glenn Moody was hostess for the afternoon meeting of the Monroe Avenue Sewing club on Wednesday. A guest was Miss June Stowell.

ERECT STATUE—BRISBANE—(INS)—A statue of the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith will be erected at Eable Farm Airfield, Brisbane, the site of his landing after the historical first aerial crossing of the Pacific in June, 1928, in a three-engined Fokker.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hosey (Jean Fidler) pictured leaving St. Paul's Episcopal church after their marriage on December 27. At the far left is Jean Claire Swift, the maid of honor. The bride is the daughter of the Mervin Fidler and the benedict is the son of the Charles Hoseys of Oak Grove. The newlyweds will live in Eugene. (McEwan photo.)

School Merger of Monmouth, Independence Named as Top News Story in Area for 1949

By Beulah Craven
Statesman News Service

MONMOUTH—One of the most important happenings in Monmouth during the year 1949 was the special school election which combined the districts of Monmouth, Independence, Valley View and Parker into a large consolidated district.

A later vote on a bonding issue for construction approved a \$400,000 issue for building a union high school midway between Monmouth and Independence. The Gentemann farm of 40 acres was purchased for \$16,000, as a school site, fronting on Monmouth-Independence highway, and work is now well underway on building construction.

Last fall the building project made headline news when the Salem Trades and Labor council, claimed jurisdiction, which resulted in hauling cement from Salem for a time at an additional cost of about \$6,000.

Name Sought

In recent months, selection of a suitable name for the union high school has met with no success. Various names have been proposed and discarded; among them being "Luckiamute," an Indian tribal name of unknown meaning, (according to Lewis A. McArthur's book on Oregon geographical names). The river of that name comes within four miles of Monmouth, and is bridged at Helmeck state park on highway 99-W.

As this stream conceivably, may be one on which the federal government will furnish money for a conservation damsite, probably within the next 5 to 10 years, the name seemed applicable, because, if it becomes a federal project, it will have a place on the map and in history. However, the name did not meet with approbation from the school board when the committee authorized to propose names submitted them December 14 last.

Students Involved

Students of the schools involved have an influential voice in the selection. It is realized, for they are the people close in juxtaposition and relations with the school itself. Their educational futures will be most closely linked with the school's earliest beginnings and initial traditions.

There are now a dozen names on the proposed list, including Midway High, Central, M. & I. High and Valley Community High. Interest has developed recently in "Butler High."

Two Butler families were instrumental in shaping Monmouth's earliest history. Ira F. M. Butler, a native Kentuckian, came here in early days from Monmouth, Illinois, and is said to have cast the deciding vote for the name "Monmouth," in a Monmouth-Dover tie vote. He was one of the founders of Monmouth university, which now is Oregon College of Education.

Butlers Famous

Joseph Bradley Varnum Butler, a native of New England, settled here in 1852. He had been first

postmaster at Portland, and held the same position in Monmouth. He had also operated a general store at Eola, was in business here and owned land interests during the remainder of his lifetime. He and his wife, Elizabeth, donated the landsite for the present Monmouth high school.

Their youngest son, J. B. V. Butler, was on the teaching staff at Oregon Normal school for 40 years, serving a long time as its vice-president and also vice-president of the local bank. A grandson of the Joseph Butler's was the late Dr. O. D. Butler of Independence, a widely known community doctor. The latter's son, Dr. Maurice J. Butler, recently deceased, carried on as a dentist, first in Monmouth, then in Independence, where he also served as mayor, and in other civic capacities.

The next meeting of the name committee with the school directors will be held January 11, 1950. George A. Corwin of Independence is superintendent of the new district. Building plans call for completion by September, 1950.

GROWING UP

LOS ANGELES—(INS)—Dr. Benjamin Spock, famous psychiatrist, advises parents to think nothing of it if their youngsters emit a cuss word now and then. "Mild profanity is a natural behavior in children over six years of age. It shows they are trying their wings in a bid for independence," he says.

Gardening Today

By Lillie L. Madsen

It's a new year. It should be a happy one for gardeners. Gardeners who like new things are going to find it a particularly happy one. Cataloguers are starting their new half-century with perhaps the best selection in the past decade.

In the all-American rose selections we have Capistrano, a big-flowered rich rose pink. We have Fashion, a coral-pink with some golden lights; a rose of the floribunda type. We have Mission Bells, a hybrid tea, with its name out of a page of California history. It is salmon-pink, and reviewers who have seen it, tell us it is "most exquisite." Sutter's Gold, the color of a gold nugget, is one I have marked for a "must" in my own garden for spring.

New Zinnias Offered

Then in zinnias there is the new Floradale Scarlet, resembling the mums worn in football season. It is fluffy and ruffled and most attractive. Cataloguers are offering seed for those who like to do their own starting early and the rest of us are hoping that greenhouse folk will be offering plants along in May.

Of late, each year there has been a new petunia, and this year will not fail. We have Fire Chief, which is reported a "real red." Indications are that it will be very popular for borders. A new marigold is, as its name implies, "Sunny." It is bright and suitable for low edgings. Another new offering is the sweet pea, Serenade. This is large flowered and salmon-pink and white in coloring.

New Lily Introduced

New lilies are not introduced each year but there is a new one for 1950, and we will long remember that it was new this year as it has been named Mid-Century. It is a tiger lily type and grows rather tall. I am told, Jean is a new daylily which is going to be most popular wherever daylilies are used.

Too, it will be an international year again. We have not had too many offerings from other countries since the war, but for 1950, Scotland sends us Celestial Blue, a columbine about twice the size of the more common blue varieties.

A flower that has seen much improvement in the past half-century, is the one which grandmother called "pin cushion flower," but we call scabiosa. Grandmother would scarcely recognize her old favorite in the new varieties of this old flower which the catalogues are picturing for the new year.

Druschki 50 Years Old

But as we turn the calendar page on this new half-century today, we sort of keep wondering if gardening were so very different

back in 1900. Well, we note that Frau Karl Druschki, the pure white rose which still seems indispensable, will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. And in spite of its 50 years, it still challenges the breeders of new roses to improve on its pure white quality.

One of its parents, Mme. Caroline Testout, will be 50 this year, and we still find it popular in Willamette valley gardens. Another seedling from Caroline is Mme. Edouard Herriot, introduced first in 1913. If it were not for Herriot's weak neck, you would have difficulty in finding a better rose in the coppery shades. And she does hold her head better now than she did in her earlier days. New discoveries in rose feeding have improved the Herriot. Too much nitrogen makes her bow her head even more.

Garden landscaping has become somewhat more simple in the average home garden during the past half-century. Fifty-year old books show us. We have gone more to sweeping lawn space with only an occasional shrub or tree spaced carefully to cut too long lines. We do not find the little round flower beds, the square, or moon or star-shaped beds so popular a half-century ago.

Arrangements Change

Flower arrangements and flower shows gave us quite a change during the past 50 years. A definite change again, and one which to me seems a very fine change, has been creeping in this past year. The trend has been toward more beauty and grace, away from the too obvious design such as has been prevailing for the past 10 or 15 years. The compositions in many of the better shows this past year have not been as stiff and conscious. There has been more freedom without reverting to the confusion of the type now termed the "old kitchen bouquet."

I for one will enjoy the new trend of arrangement. It seems easier to live with. The flowers do not look so "wild" so stiff and unbending. There is more lightness and life in the new trend, and with these much more naturalness which always tends to give comfort.

Happy New Year

But in spite of new years, half-centuries, inventions, the rush, the fuss, the stew, which like Yogi Borgen, makes one "Just Go Nuts at Christmas," the little plot outside your own door still hangs on to its certain sense of stability and proper proportion, which no bureaus, committee, legislatures, congresses, can completely change. Cherries and peaches still refuse to ripen in outside Willamette valley climate in January. We still have to reckon with sun and frost and perhaps snow, and certainly a bit of rain, and this in spite of all the Brannans and yet even the Einsteins.

So go out and work in your garden and have that balanced and happy New Year which your Statesman garden editor wishes for you all!

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Laura Wheeler

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POINTS FORE AND AFT—Schiaparelli's "House of Cards" silhouette is of red velvet embroidered in rows of colored sequins with jacket and skirt cut and wired into points.

Amity Council Will Consider Paving Plan

Statesman News Service

AMITY—The Amity city council is making plans to provide funds for paving streets adjacent to the Amity high school, which draw heavy traffic. The city will investigate the possibility of securing funds available to cities according to need and size from the emergency fund which the state has set aside for such purposes. At its January meeting, the council will consider this problem.

The Texico service station is enlarging its showroom. The showroom will be glass.

The Amity Folk dancing class

OLD AND STIFF?

BERKELEY, Calif.—(AP)—When plants get old they seem to get something like hardening of the arteries. This is reported by Dr. Flora Murray Scott, University of California botanist who says that as plant cells age their walls become coated with a varnish-like substance called suberin. Suberin slows up circulation.

WOMEN GRAPPLERS

LONDON—(INS)—Berlin crowds are reported flocking nightly to the western sector theaters to see a team of scantily-clad female wrestlers. Berlin police have visited the show and found it neither immoral nor offensive to public taste.

will meet January 7 at the Amity grade school gym, at 8 p.m. High school groups are invited to attend.

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