

THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

Silverton, Lacombe Men Commended

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SILVERTON — Harrison L. (Hal) Fisher of Silverton has been commended for his action in fighting a fire at Camp Carson, Colo., where Fisher was participating in a training program with the Salem Seabee reserve unit January 14 to 28.

Fisher, together with Lt. (jg) Russell D. Barry of Lacombe, also a member of the Salem unit, helped other Seabee reservists fight the fire which destroyed \$3,500,000 worth of camp property and equipment. Lt. Lacombe was cited also.

The commendation came from the commanding officer of the 14th infantry at the camp and by the commanding general of the fifth army. The commendation says the men "responded immediately and without regard to personal safety."

When the brush and grass fire swept the camp eight lives were lost and barracks, warehouses, mess halls and equipment were destroyed, Fisher said. Fisher operates a service station here.

Keizer Women Meet Tuesday

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KEIZER — The Women's Missionary society will meet for sewing and luncheon with Mrs. Ira Turner on Tuesday, February 7, at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker will be a missionary recently returned from Chile. She comes from the field to which the Rev. and Mrs. David Homm, formerly of Keizer, have been assigned.

The ladies are asked to bring old sheets, blankets, used greeting cards and sewing articles. Mrs. T. E. Sittler will assist Mrs. Turner with the serving.

Harris Children Greet Birthday

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LABISH CENTER — Darlene and Danny Harris, children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, celebrated their sixth birthday recently by entertaining the Big Little class and the Busy Bee class at the Labish Center community Sunday school.

Those attending included Karen Archer, Bonita, Jody and Patsy Boies, Marilyn Hall, Karen and Kris Hornschuck, Donna and Dorene Isham, Loren and Nyles Klampe, Betty Kurth, Pat McClaughry, Donna Palmer, Freddie Pugh and Sandra and Dean Westling and the Harris children.

Mrs. Harris was assisted by Mrs. Nathan Kurth and Mrs. Arlo Pugh.

Amity Scouts Slate Court of Honor Feb. 8

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AMITY — A court of honor, scheduled for February 8 at the high school gym, is planned by Boy Scout troop 291 in observance of Scout Week beginning today.

Scouts from McMinnville, Sheridan, Yamhill, Dayton, Willamina, Newberg and Amity will participate in the court.

Valley Obituaries

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Bartlett Ryan
SILVERTON — Bartlett Ryan, 94, a local resident for the past several years, died Saturday night in a Salem hospital. He had no known relatives.

Funeral services will be held here Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the memorial chapel of the Ekman funeral home with the Rev. Arthur Charles Bates officiating.



FASHIONS FOR FUTURE — Mrs. Lewis Dugger, of Atlanta, Ga., wears an "atomic bomb" hat and adjusts her daughter Sally's "TV" for party at the Brookhaven Country Club.

Valley News Briefs

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Keizer — The Home Economics club with Mrs. W. O. Pound as president will meet at the grange hall here on February 8 at 2 p.m. for quilting and sewing.

Silverton — James W. Gingrich, navy machinist's mate, third class, of Silverton route 1, recently arrived in the Mediterranean area aboard the USS E. G. Small with fleet units which relieved ships of the Sixth task fleet.

Amity — Harry Ring, former city marshal of Amity, suffered a stroke last week and is confined to his bed at home on South Trade street.

Central Howell — Perl Bye is convalescing from the mumps and Mrs. Maurice Hynes is the latest victim of the illness.

Detroit — George (Scotty) Scott, who has been ill at his home here for the past two weeks, was taken to Portland last week by Archie Matton. Scott will remain in Portland until his health improves.

Central Howell — Mrs. Clarence Herr, and infant daughter born January 29, came home from Silverton hospital last week. The Herrs have two other children.

Detroit — Ernie Smith returned home last week from a one month trip to Kansas and Iowa where he visited relatives.

Central Howell — Mrs. Clarence Simmons, jr., and daughter, Jan Marie, born January 28, have returned home. The Simmons have another daughter.

Detroit — Mrs. R. E. Byrkit left last week for Los Angeles, Calif. While there she will meet her brother and they will return home to Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Byrkit has been visiting here for the past two weeks with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ed Byrkit.

Central Howell — The Nemo club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry Rasmussen. Co-hostesses are Mrs. Loren Gower and Mrs. Pete Ditchen. A valentine exchange will be made.

Aumsville — Giving home sewing a professional look will be the theme of the Aumsville Women's Extension club meeting Wednesday, February 8, with Mrs. Joe Nicholson. Mrs. Guy Smelser will keep the children at the Marvin Bradley home.

Middle Grove — Wayne Goode, active 4-H member, recently received word that he won second place in the annual state corn show held in Ontario.

Youth Group Organized by Keizer Grange

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KEIZER — The Keizer Grange has organized a youth organization which meets at the grange hall on the second Wednesday night of each month and at a designated home on the fourth Wednesday.

The grange calendar for February contains a soil movie tonight and a three-act comedy by the civic players on February 10 at 8 p.m.

The youth group, led by Mrs. W. E. Savage and Mrs. Kenneth O'Connor, will have charge of the social meeting on February 15. Skits and a public style show will be featured.

At the grange meeting last week a discussion on the farm support program was led by Fred McCall.

Support plans were presented by Cliff Black, Burr Black and Ed Rogers. A. L. Mason gave a reading and it was announced that Mrs. A. B. Pederson, lecturer, will attend the state lecturers' school at Corvallis, February 9 and 10.

Construction Figures Double January of 1949

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cruise. He shipped out of San Diego, Calif.

The Aumsville high and grade schools were open Tuesday and part of Wednesday only of last week, because of inability to heat the buildings.

Man Carries Dead Shark 3,250 Miles - It's No Fish Story

SIDNEY, Australia — When Ellis Troughton, curator of mammals at the Australian museum, Sydney, saw a small shark dying on the beach at Canton Island, Central Pacific, he brought the shark 3,250 miles to Australia for the museum's ichthyologist to study. He was returning by air from a long vacation spent visiting natural history museums in Britain and the United States.

When he arrived in Sydney clutching the shark, roughly wrapped in newspaper and by this time "slightly on the nose," officials at the airport hastily decided to waive customs formalities provided Troughton hand the shark in to the museum for immediate pickling.

Baruch Asks Plan For A-Control Used Also on H-Bomb

SPARTANBURG, S.C., Feb. 5 — (P) — Bernard M. Baruch said today his atomic control plan should apply to the hydrogen bomb as well as the atom bomb.

Baruch made the statement in an interview during a week-end visit with former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes here.

The adviser to presidents has asserted that no form of disarmament can be realized without a system of international control and punishment.

What are the facts about telephone jobs?

With all the news stories and comment about the telephone labor situation, you may be wondering just what sort of deal telephone people really do have.

Let's take a straight look at their jobs:

Pacific Telephone wages are good...here are some examples

Average earnings of all employees in the following groups—44,000 people:

	Weekly	Annually
Switchboard Operating Employees	\$49.90	\$2,604.78
Business Office Representatives	\$50.05	\$2,612.61
Craftsmen, Installers, Cable Splicers, Linemen, etc.	\$70.66	\$3,688.45

Top rate employees earned even more. A conservative estimate of the earnings of over 12,000 fully experienced employees in these groups is:

	Weekly	Annually
Switchboard Operating Employees	\$55.	\$2,875.
Business Office Representatives	59.	3,075.
Craftsmen, Installers, Cable Splicers, Linemen, etc.	84.	4,375.

Wages for Pacific Telephone employees today are double what they would be on the 1939 rates.

Cost of living since 1940 is up 66%.

Even that doesn't tell the full story. Telephone employees receive automatic "progression" increases. Under this wage progression, about three out of four Pacific Telephone people will receive one or more raises this year. Employees who started about 1939 in many cases are getting three or four times as much as they did then. About 36% of the employees who were with us in non-management jobs in 1939, have been promoted to management positions in this up-from-the-ranks industry.

There's been a lot of discussion in recent days by Eastern union leadership about a telephone strike. But as this is written no union representing Pacific Telephone employees has called a strike against your service.

If pickets do appear in front of telephone buildings in your town, they will, most likely, be from the union representing installation employees of Western Electric Company—the company which installs most of the telephone equipment in our buildings.

You may be sure that, no matter what the situation, we'll do our level best to keep your calls going through.

What is Pacific Telephone's wage objective? We believe telephone people should be well-paid... and that our wages should compare favorably with those paid by other concerns in the community for work requiring similar skills and experience under conditions as good as ours. We believe this—and studies of 8,000 West Coast firms show they do.

One of the nation's first benefit and pension plans—Telephone people have the assurance of a complete benefit and pension plan... with all costs paid by the company. There are liberal payments for sickness, accident disability and death.

Minimum pensions are now \$100 a month at age

sixty-five, including Social Security. Many employees, of course, get more than the \$100 a month pension... depending on their pay and years of service. For example, if a man started at 22 and retires when he's 62, following ten years with an average wage of \$80 a week, he'll get a pension of \$139 a month.

Working conditions good—Steady work in an essential service... good working conditions... pleasant associations... these are some of the items a telephone man or woman can count on. There are many chances to advance—all the top men and women in the company came up from the ranks. There are vacations with pay, of course—up to three weeks—and seven or eight paid holidays each year.

Perhaps the best evidence of the quality of telephone jobs is that plenty of good people have kept coming into the telephone service... and they stay a long time. The cost of any general wage increase would have to be paid by telephone customers. The company's earnings are already too low. Wage increases over the past ten years have amounted to millions of dollars more than rate increases.

We'll do our best to keep your calls moving—If a strike comes, we pledge that we will do everything within our power to meet our public obligation in continuing the service—a service so vital to public health and welfare.

hey, pa! what's the Mobilgas Grand Canyon Economy Run?



PARISIAN CREATION — Mme. Henri Bonnet, wife of French Ambassador, wears lampshades at rehearsal for Washington amateur hour of American Heart Association Feb. 2.