

# THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

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## Bethel Farmers Union Inducts New Members

**BETHEL**—New members received into Bethel local of the Farmers union at the March meeting were Mr. and Mrs. John Feldshaw and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Watson. W. L. Creech gave the obligations to the new members and welcomed them. Also received into the membership were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Schmitz, transferred from the Salem local.

The Bethel local is celebrating the 20th anniversary this month. Five of nine were charter members present at the meeting were A. L. Schulz, Roy Marchand, J. G. Lauderback, W. L. Creech and A. C. Spranger.

Proceeds of the pie social last month were donated half to the national and state organizations. It was voted to add \$10 from the treasury for the work of the state. Mrs. Ralph A. Wilson served as chaplain and Mrs. A. L. Schulz played for group singing.

Reports of the state convention were presented by Cornelius Peterson, Roy Marchand, W. R. Baker, W. L. Creech and A. C. Spranger reported for the cooperative annual meeting. John Bollinger, new cop manager, and Mrs. Evelyn Sainsbury, state junior leader, will be at the next meeting to lead singing, speak and talk on junior work. Serving during the social hour were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perlich and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Klug.



**SKATERS HOLD MARDI GRAS**—The Masked Queen of Skateland's Krewe has skates adjusted by a courtier at roller skaters' carnival ball during New Orleans Mardi Gras.

## Amity Church Group Plans For Conference

**AMITY**—The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Amity Methodist church met Wednesday at the church with Mrs. P. E. Meeker in charge. Plans were made for the group to visit the Methodist old peoples' home in Salem.

The Salem district convention to be held at Albany March 20 was announced, and the local society will be represented. Mrs. Donald Fuller led the devotionals and gave a talk on Japan. A playlet was given by five young women in costume. Mrs. James L. Payne gave a reading and Bette Freeman entertained with musical selections.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Richard Fuller, Mrs. Russell Sheldon and Mrs. David Smith.

## Liberty Girls Hold Investiture Ceremony

**LIBERTY**—The Girl Scout troop 81 met at the home of Mrs. Alvin Pool Tuesday.

Lucy McAfee, director of the Santiam area conducted an investiture ceremony. Invested into the troop were Janice Smith, Margie Hudkins, DeLee Davidson, Jackie Welch and Jean Collins. Second Class badges were awarded to Phyllis Emery, Yvonne Pool and Jean Collins, who also received membership stars for one year service.

Jean Collins assisted Mrs. Pool with serving, and Mrs. S. B. Davidson was a guest. Mrs. Robert Morrow, Girl Scout leader, underwent emergency surgery Friday at the Salem General hospital.

**Thanks**—Winter is still present here in the hills. The third snow of the week came Thursday night giving the earth a one-inch blanket of new snow.

## Elliott Prairie Residents Visit, Hold Meetings

**ELLIOTT PRAIRIE**—Bella Pasal chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the home of Mrs. Claude Brown of Elliott Prairie. Eight members and two visitors, Mrs. Mary White and Mrs. Ann Jack were present. The April meeting will be held with Mrs. L. Barrett of Albany.

The Elliott Prairie Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Wanda Edland to elect officers. Those elected are, president, Mrs. Wanda Edland; vice president, Mrs. Mary Thyker; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Crandall. Mrs. Mary Thyker was hostess to the group Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest Schneider and Mrs. Claude Brown were hostesses for parties Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. Ray Baker was the demonstrator.

Paul Burkert, Lowery West and Ray Baker attended a meeting in Hubbard Sunday evening to help decide on a minister for the Hubbard, Smyrna and Elliott Prairie parishes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Oathout spent several days at their beach home in Nelscott. They visited the "Delake Monster" but were not convinced that it was only whale blubber.

Mrs. Edith Johnson is convalescing at her home here after undergoing a major operation in a hospital in Portland.

Mrs. Glenn Losey entertained her mother, Mrs. Mae Ransdell and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Butts, all of Canby at dinner Sunday in honor of Mrs. Ransdell's birthday.

The monthly community party at the hall has been postponed from March 18 to March 25, Saturday night. All the community is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Glenn Scherich and Glenda Clara were dinner guests at the Ray Baker home Sunday.

## Keizer Church Women Hold March Meeting

**KEIZER**—The Keizer Woman's Missionary society met with Mrs. Louise Cross Tuesday with Mrs. Hugh Adams, president, in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Paul Geil led devotions, reports were given and letters from missionaries were read. Mrs. J. E. Clark read an article, "Teaching Principles of Religious Faith in Public Schools."

A plant sale will be held at the next meeting April 4 with Mrs. Paul Geil.

## Critical School Needs Cited at Jefferson; New School Proposed

**JEFFERSON**—It was an unanimous opinion of those present this week at the school budget meeting, that the present Jefferson school is overcrowded, and something must be done about it and quick. Enrollment has been steadily growing the past few years, with a likely prospect of increasing the enrollment 100 percent in the next 10 years.

If school facilities here remain inadequate, this district may find itself voted into one of the larger districts on all sides of us, patrons declared. High school pupils would then be transported to another school, leaving only a grade school in Jefferson.

The school board has announced it is negotiating for an option on a site of 23 or 24 acres of ground adjoining Jefferson. Members feel it would take care of present and future needs of the district. It will be large enough for an athletic field, agricultural work, etc., now lacking.

**Option Sought**

If the option is secured and approved by the voters, the board plans to build a four or five-room unit on this ground for next fall, and to add another block of rooms and a gymnasium later. When this is done, it will be converted into a high school.

The board hopes to complete the option in two or three weeks at the most, so that this plan can be submitted to the district for immediate vote. If the building program is approved, haste in building will be necessary to have the unit ready for use when school opens this fall. Building estimates show it will cost approximately \$12,000 per room to build.

At the present, there are 47 tuition students attending Jefferson high school, with 79 students from our own district swelling the total to 126. The present enrollment of the four top grades in the grade school added to the high school in the next four years will make 111, plus the non-high or tuition students. The state department of education expects an 100 percent increase in ten years.

**Budget Hike Due**

Another matter coming up for general discussion was the inadequacy of the school budget, and the need for increasing teachers' pay here. The board and budget committee voted to raise the budget 10 percent above the \$81,240 originally published. This will be used to raise teachers' salaries and to provide for clerical help for the school superintendent. Teachers' salaries will be changed from the present flat rate to a salary based on educational training and number of years of service, as recommended by the county office.

Two weeks ago, the state department of education inspected the school, putting it on a conditionally-standard basis and making recommendations. The agriculture department came in for the major criticism. The class room was declared too small, too far from the school building, and not equipped with sufficient number of tools.

Other criticisms included no provision in the school for a fire-proof vault in which to keep the permanent school records; the dressing rooms and shower rooms in the gym should be enlarged to give better circulation and sanitation; the library should be increased in size, and flagpole blown down in recent storm, replaced.

If these recommendations are carried out, Jefferson will be back on a standard basis with Salem and Silverton, the only other standard schools in the county.

## Extension Unit Plans Funds At Lincoln

**LINCOLN**—Mrs. R. V. Carlson was hostess for the meal planning meeting of Lincoln Home Extension unit at her Spring Valley home, which was attended by 16 members and two guests, Miss Elsie Marco and Mrs. E. H. Kelly of Salem.

Elsie Marco, Polk county home extension agent, discussed problems in communities and ways to improve community relations.

The LHE unit was divided into three groups to discuss program planning and find out what the unit most wanted in the line of projects for another year.

Mrs. Harold D. Burns presided at the business session when the unit decided to start three traveling baskets for Lincoln, Spring Valley and Zena to raise a fund for Azalea House. Mrs. Edward Schlegel was appointed to start a basket for Lincoln and Mrs. H. V. Carlson for Spring Valley. A Zena chairman will be appointed later.

## Valley Obituaries

**Ernest K. Anderson**

**PORTLAND**—Ernest K. Anderson, 65, former Salem resident, died in Portland at his home from a heart ailment. He was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, June 24, 1884, and came to Salem in 1908. He first worked for T. M. Barr and later built and operated the Anderson Steel Furnace company, now the Rosebraugh Furnace company. Surviving are the widow, Anna Anderson; two daughters, Esther Perry, Tigard, and Marjory Curry, Portland; two sons, Carl, Portland, and Conrad Anderson, Tigard; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four brothers, Pete R. Anderson, Marshalltown, Frank E. Anderson, Portland, Harold R. Anderson, Seattle, and Ray Anderson, aboard a ship; and two sisters, Bessie Holdeman, Salem, and Christyne Aekley, Portland. Funeral services will be held from the Rose-Hollywood Funeral home at 48th and Sandy in Portland Monday at 2 p.m.

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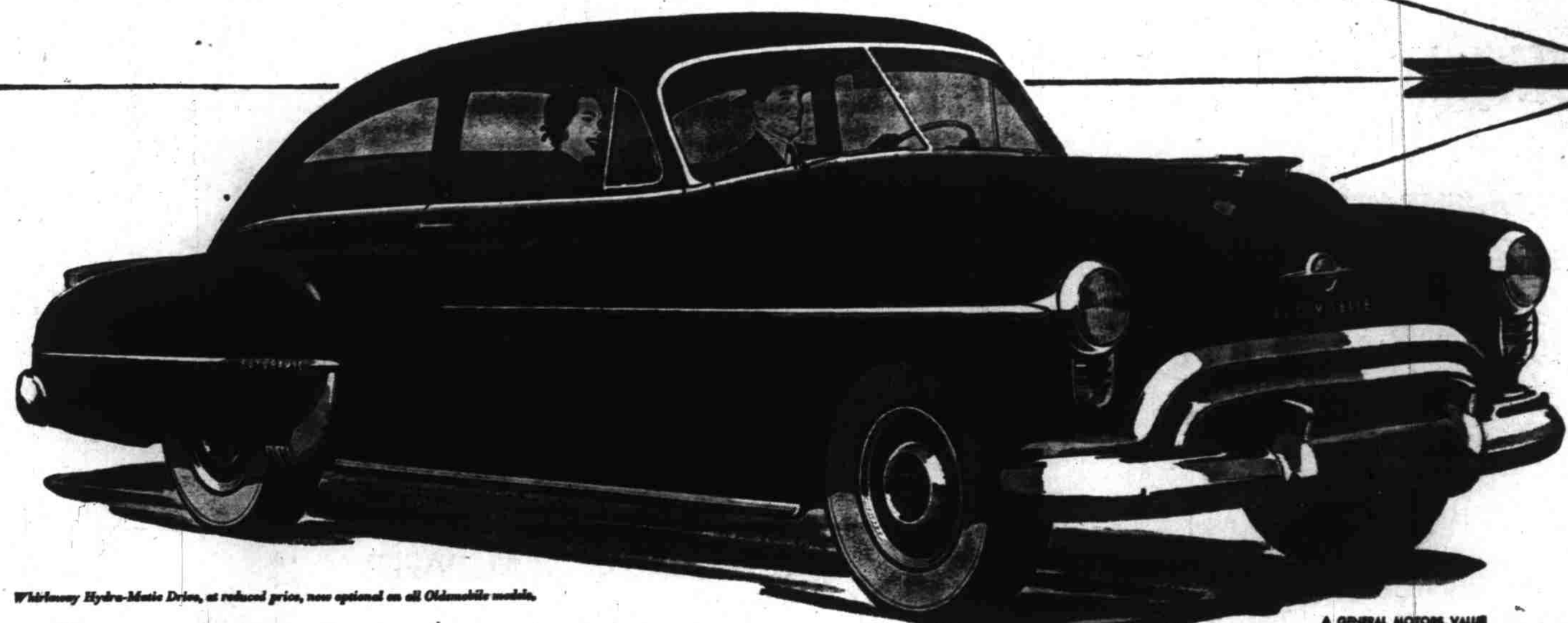
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