

# Prospectors Stake Gold Claims On Freres Hill On Little North Fork

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—The prospect of a gold strike, or the discovery of other valuable mineral deposits, in the Little North Fork area, may be scooped at by many but is today, worthy of consideration, is the claim of several persistent prospectors.

Five miners who have camped all summer six miles above Mehama have recently returned to their homes in Centralia, Wash., after staking out eight claims on Freres Hill.

Having explored odd rock formations and dug about unusual ridges for mineral outcroppings a claim was staked where a mineral ledge was fairly visible. The miners, H. C. Anderson, Roy Kelly, Del and William Bruno and Chet Robinson plan to stay in Washington over the fall and winter months and return to work on their claim near Mehama in the spring.

**Strike Possible**  
The search for easy wealth by tapping nature's natural resources is well known in this region with residents as well as outsiders interested enough in the expectation of a strike, to have samples assayed.

Years ago, mining operations were in full swing above Elkhorn at the site of Ogle Mountain mine, geographically located between Lookout Mountain and Nasty Rock. Ogle Mountain mine was reached by freight wagon from Scotts Mills, and by human freight line from the site of the present Elkhorn Guest Ranch. Nasty Rock, so named on the surveyors' maps, consists of a little rock lying on top of a big rock. Early miners had an obscene name for this formation, so when the area was mapped, Nasty Rock was included.

Ogle Mountain mine, once bustling with activity, still shows signs of a busy past. Trees on the wagon route bear the letters "THW," apparently meaning "tail holt wagon," used by early freighters to break heavy wagon loads of freight in a steep descent. Still, other trees bear the mark of heavy cables which were used to lower ponderous machinery down inclines. The route is extremely steep for horse drawn wagons which traversed it at the time the mine was in operation.

**Wagons Move Machinery**  
Most of the mining equipment was sent by rail to Mt. Angel and freighted by wagon to Scotts Mills, and on up to the Ogle Mountain mine. Much of the machinery is still there. Steam engines, stamping mills, and cyanide vats, as the mine was vacated by almost overnight. Hard round rocks of a flinty substance, foreign to this country, dot the mine site. Old timers here claim that these rocks were imported from Sweden and were used to break up ore in the stamping machine.

Keith Phillips and Harley Scott, local residents, recall the story of one particular freight wagon that

emerged from the Ogle Mountain mine. The wagon, drawn by a 12-horse team, was skited by shotgun guards, and ostentatiously laden with gold bricks.

**Gold Rush Used**  
It was rumored, at that time, that the gold bricks had been freighted in by the regular freight wagons and the shotgun guard and other showy arrangement was only a promotion scheme. Mining however, was in full swing at that time and a fairly rich vein of gold is reported to have been found.

Although Ogle Mountain mine was deserted when the gold vein seemed to diminish, it is reported that it was still a valuable mine. During the war years the vats were emptied and the cyanide sold for a good price, netting more profit than the actual gold had.

## Student Body Elects Leaders At Mill City

MILL CITY—Marlene Verbeck was elected president of Mill City high school's senior class in elections here in the opening day of school.

Other class presidents are Bob Shelton, junior; Philip Gobel, sophomore, and Elton Gregory, freshman. Other senior class officers elected are George Neal, vice president; Anna Mae Nelson, secretary; Marlene Tickle, treasurer, and Harlin Gibson, sergeant-at-arms.

Class advisor is Hope Baney. Junior class officers are Denny Martella, vice president; Arlene Kulman, secretary; Thad Roberts, treasurer, and Bob Baltimore, sergeant-at-arms. Mrs. Edith Mason is class advisor.

Dick Syverson, vice president; Betty Lou Cree, secretary; Bill Shepherd, treasurer, and Dick Kanoff, sergeant-at-arms are the other officers of the sophomore class. Burton B. Burroughs is class advisor.

Other officers of the freshman class are Carol Blazek, vice president; Sharon Gallagher, secretary, and Janet Britton, treasurer. Frederic Rugh is the class advisor.

## Altar Society Holds Meeting In Silverton

SILVERTON—The Altar society of St. Paul's Catholic church held its first meeting of the fall last week at school.

Mrs. John Pfeifer, president, reported members on the sick list included Mrs. R. Martin, Mrs. Joe Mauer, sr, and new members, Mrs. John Dorene and Mrs. Wayne Leighty.

Mrs. Ludvig Moe was appointed to head the sewing committee for the bazaar booth, with plans made to hold the annual fall festival dinner and bazaar November 5. Other committee chairmen will be named at the October 12 meeting.

The Rev. John Walsh was speaker and explained that those not able to go to Rome to make their Jubilee indulgence this year could do so at home.

Hostesses were Mrs. J. H. McCullough, Mrs. Otto Schwab, Mrs. A. L. V. Smith, Mrs. Maurice Schorenberg and Mrs. Pfeifer.

## Albany School Enrollment Up

ALBANY—Albany city schools comprising district 5, had 2,184 pupils enrolled at the end of the first week of school, an increase of 21 over enrollment for the same period of last year.

Of the increased enrollment, 18 were in the grades and only three in the junior high. The high school enrollment did not gain during the week, remaining at 514, and this was 50 less than the previous year.

With the addition of the three new grade schools, Madison continues to have a high percentage, with 369 enrolled. Maple is second with 293; Waverly has 223, Sunrise 212, and Liberty, which was opened for the first time this year, 178. The Waverly and Sunrise schools, especially the former, have relieved the overload from Madison to a great extent.

The junior high enrollment is 395.

## Fall Opening to Start At Silverton Saturday

SILVERTON—The retail trade committee of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual fall opening Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

Gene Malecki of Salem will be master of ceremonies at the Friday night street program from 7 to 9 p. m. The Hayloft orchestra of McMinnville will play and Lou Gillette also of McMinnville will broadcast. Square dancing will be featured on the outdoor parking lot of the Palace theater which has just been cemented.

## Valley Obituaries

**Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Gardner**  
DALLAS—Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth Gardner, 78, native of Polk county and resident of Dallas route 2, died at her home Sunday.

Funeral services will be held at the Henkle and Bollman chapel in Dallas Wednesday, September 20, at 10:30 p. m., the Rev. William Eimer officiating. Interment will be in the IOOF cemetery in Dallas.

Hattie Elizabeth Elliott was born in Monmouth Dec. 11, 1871, and had lived near Dallas for 60 years. She was a member of the Evangelical United Brethren church.

Surviving are three sons, Orville C., Wiley M. and Lester Gardner, all of Dallas, and a daughter, Mrs. Claude Hoisington, also of Dallas.

**Mrs. Ollie Ione Parker**  
DALLAS—Mrs. Ollie Ione Parker, Sheridan route 1 and lifelong resident of the Dallas area, died in a Dallas hospital Sunday from injuries suffered in an automobile accident five weeks ago. She was 72.

Ollie Ione Conner was born July 7, 1878, in Dallas and had lived in this area all her life. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are four sons, Oscar P., McMinnville, Floyd, Dallas, Charles W., Sheridan, and Chet L. Parker, McMinnville.

Funeral services will be held in the Henkle and Bollman chapel Wednesday, September 20, at 2 p. m., with interment to follow in the Dallas IOOF cemetery.

**George Peter Schmitt**  
DALLAS—George Peter Schmitt, 94, resident of Dallas for 41 years, died in a Salem hospital Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at the Henkle and Bollman chapel in Dallas Thursday, September 21, at 2 p. m. Interment will follow in Belcrest Memorial park in Salem. Schmitt was born in Baliden, German, and came to the United States in 1889, settling at Chehalis, Wash. He came to Dallas in 1909, and was retired several years before his death.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs.

Elizabeth Schmitt, Dallas; a son, Henry Schmitt, Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. Ada Wiedeman, Dallas, Mrs. Anne Leppin, Dundee, and Mrs. Frieda Schmitt, San Francisco, Calif., five grandsons and two granddaughters.

**Carl Frederick Sundberg**  
STAYTON—Carl Frederick Sundberg, 75, retired Mill City millwright, died in a Salem hospital Monday. Funeral services are being arranged by the Weddle Funeral home in Stayton.

Sundberg was born in Sweden Jan. 16, 1875, and came to the United States 44 years ago. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Anna Nystrom, Gates; nieces, Mrs. Mabel Knutson, Salem, Mrs. Anna Jenkins, Mill City, Mrs. Edith Stafford, Gates, Mrs. Julia Stoffel, Portland and Mrs. Ruby Frichto, San Bernardino, Calif., and two nephews, Richard and Oscar Nystrom, Gates.

**Mum Show Set For November 4-5 In Salem Heights**  
SALEM HEIGHTS—Mrs. John Ramage was hostess to the Little Garden club of Salem Heights at a covered-dish luncheon Thursday at her home on Croisan Creek road.

The group discussed plans for the coming year, and the following committees were named: Custodian, Mrs. John Douglas; historian, Mrs. L. L. Bennett; conservation, Mrs. Hunt Clark; and publicity, Mrs. Lyle Bayne.

The club will hold its annual Chrysanthemum show on November 4 and 5 at Salem Heights community hall. Named as chairman was Mrs. H. L. Bennett, and co-chairman, Mrs. Lyle Bayne.

Mrs. Virgil Sexton, vice president for the group, is in charge of making the club year books.

## Californian Honor Guest At Turner

TURNER—James Mickey of Crescent City, Calif., was honored guest at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Mickey, Sunday.

The event was a family get-together. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Mickey, Mrs. Fannie Emel, Mr. and Mrs. Leo White, all of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larronte and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickey and children of Aumsville.

Shirley Hennies spent the week end at Seaside where she attended the reception for the Supreme Inspector, Grand Worthy Advisor and Grand Chaplain for the Rainbow Girls for the State of Oregon.

Wallace Riches returned to his home after undergoing an operation.

The Turner Home and Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Burkland in Salem on Thursday, September 21. A no-host picnic lunch will be served at noon. Cars will leave from Mrs. Emir Ball's home about 11:30.

## New Rooms in Use At Swegle School

SWEGLE—New primary grade classrooms went into use at Swegle grade school when work started this year. The older room of the building formerly used for primary will be the music room.

First graders this year are Virginia Lee Forse, Linda Lee Arndert, Carryl Jean Blackman (Jeanie), Linda Sue Hinkle, Robert Grant Bowder, Nancy Lee Welty, Darrell Edwin Evenson, Mary Lee Harnar, James Kenneth Bryan, Dale Wayne Beach, Richard West, Anderson (Ricky), Shirley Ann Douglas, Patrick Ann Savin, Kathleen Bryan, Glenda Fravel, Julia Gierusch, Mary Jansen, Margaret Martin, Daniel Mathistad, Spencer Reese, Ronald Tipton and Diane LaDue.

## Woodburn Hi Boy Stricken by Polio

WOODBURN—Harvey Swofford had one day in Woodburn high school this term, as a sophomore, then fell victim to a severe attack of poliomyelitis.

The 15-year-old son of Mrs. Ellen Swofford, Woodburn route 2, is under special polio care now at the Memorial hospital in Salem. The attending physician is Dr. H. T. Harvey of Salem.

The hospital reported Tuesday that young Swofford was "getting along fine."

## PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY

HAYESVILLE—Hayesville Boy Scout troop 20 will hold a paper drive Saturday afternoon. Those wishing to contribute paper have been asked to place the bundles outside in plain sight to prevent the boys from missing the bundles.

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