

Valley Briefs

**Silverton** — William J. Wilson of Scott's Mills lost the little finger of his right hand Tuesday in an accident at the B & R sawmill in Northside. He is at the Silverton hospital.

**Middle Grove** — Mrs. Archie B. Wiesner is confined at Salem General hospital. She suffered a heart attack Sunday and was reported "resting fairly well, condition fair," Tuesday. Mrs. Wiesner is The Statesman's correspondent in nearby North Howell where she formerly lived.

**Macleay** — A chest X-ray unit will be located at Macleay today from 1 to 9 p.m. It will be stationed between the Macleay store and grange hall.

**Sheridan** — The Sheridan-Williams band will give a summer concert at 2 p.m. Sunday in the city park.

**North Howell** — The North Howell grange will conduct a family night program at its meeting next Monday. It will be presented by Mrs. Edith Redding, lecturer. A brief history of each grange family is desired.

**Macleay** — The Macleay grange will meet at the grange hall at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

**Zena** — Spring Valley Home missionary society is sponsoring the annual picnic for members and their families at the Maud Williamson memorial park at Wheatland Sunday. Mrs. Byron Purvine, president of the organization, asks that those attending bring table service and basket lunch.

**Silverton** — The Yoder clan, of which Mrs. George Christenson, Silverton, is a member, will meet Sunday at the Coolidge & McClaine park. Vernon Sinclair of Yoder is president of the group.

**Brooks** — Mrs. Elmer Conn will be hostess at her home for the Brooks Sewing club annual picnic and covered dish luncheon Thursday.

**Salem Heights** — Mrs. Anna M. Kurth, Portland, mother of Wilbert and Louis Kurth, is in Salem General hospital following a heart attack. Her condition was reported "serious" Tuesday.

**Called to Idaho** — Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Strachan were called to Moscow, Idaho, last week by the unexpected death of his mother, Mrs. Ida Strachan. They have returned to their home here due to the sickness of Mrs. Strachan.

Oregon Flag Flies in Japan



HOKKAIDO, July 31 — PFC Bob Fendergraff (left) of Salem, Ore., and PFC Pete Porter of Garibaldi, Ore., proudly display the Oregon state flag sent them by Gov. Douglas McKay. These two Oregonians, plus 15 other Oregon men, are serving with the 45th Infantry division on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. All are members of B Battery, 160th field artillery.

Says Sweet Home May Need Rainmaker, Too

**SWEET HOME** — Logging and mill operators of the Tillamook burn area reportedly are going to hire rainmakers for a six-weeks cloud seeding at an estimated expense of \$10,000. This will really sound funny to easterners who have been told that it rains 13 months in the year here in western Oregon. However actual fire loss in the Tillamook burn area since the original fire in 1933 is figured by state foresters at \$21,-

000,000, not including time lost to millworkers and loggers. If present dry weather conditions continue and create dangerous fire hazards and stop logging and lumbering industry in eastern Linn county may be forced to employ rain makers, too. When logging and lumbering comes to a standstill other industry follows right along for eastern Linn county depends largely on these industries for a livelihood.

Mill City Man Fined \$50 for Possession Of Slot Machines

**ALBANY**, July 31 — Byron Francis Davis of Mill City, was fined \$50 in Albany justice court Monday morning, after pleading guilty to a charge of illegal possession of slot machines. The slot machines were seized Sunday by state police at Davis airport, near Gates, where a celebration was in progress. Davis, state police declared, has an interest in the airport and a Mill City tavern.

Brooks Garden Club to Picnic at Silverton

**BROOKS** — Mrs. J. V. Lehrman was hostess to the Brooks Garden club for luncheon. Mrs. F. J. Molsky assisted the hostess. A no-host picnic dinner was planned for members and their families, to be held at Silverton park Sunday, August 12th. An article on "New Lawn Seeding" was read by Mrs. Dunlavy. Mrs. Marvin Morisky of Arizona was a visitor. Thirteen members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dollie Ramp on Thursday, August 9.

Woodburn Women's Group to Back Member for City Council

**WOODBURN** — The city council here may soon have a feminine member. The Woodburn Business and Professional Women's club has voted to sponsor a member, Mrs. John Dickson. There's one little hitch, however. The opening on the city council is still tentative. Mayor Elmer Mattson tendered his resignation, due to health, at the last meeting. City councilmen may choose his successor from within their ranks or elsewhere. Action Due Tuesday. Some type of action is expected to be taken at the council meeting next Tuesday. If an opening appears on the council, the BPW want their candidate to get it. Sponsorship of Mrs. Dickson was a highlight of the recent BPW meeting. The club also voted that the war monument in the library park be abandoned and a memorial plaque be erected at the swimming pool to honor the war dead. New members taken into the club recently are Emma Johnson, Mrs. Pearl Bondeau, Mrs. James Lamb and Mrs. Ann McCarron. No club meeting will be held in August but members are invited to be weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bell at the Bell cabin on the Metolius the last weekend of the month. The September meeting of the group will be arranged by the membership committee and the program will be the emblem serenade and initiation. Committee chairman for the coming year have been announced by Mrs. O. J. Adkinson, president. She states also that plans have been made to invite clubs in this area to a fall district conference here, the date to be set later. Committee Told. Topics and names announced for the club year are September, membership, Mrs. Thomas Baldwin; October, public affairs, Mrs. Don Bell; November, finance, Miss Mabel Livesay; December, hospitality, Mrs. Molly Hunt; January, legislation, Mrs. E. F. Johnson; February, program, Mrs. Henry Stange; March, health and safety, Mrs. Frank Bentley; April, international relations, Mrs. Walter G. Miller; May, education and vocation, Mrs. Nellie Muir; June, installation, Mrs. Adkinson. Additional committee chairmen are music, Miss Gladys Adams; publicity, Mrs. Grace Normoy; scrapbook, Miss Emma Johnson.

Jefferson Leads In Marion County With X-ray Funds

**JEFFERSON** — This city and its outlying communities Monday night became the first district of Marion county to over-subscribe its quota for local funds supporting the Willamette Valley Chest X-ray survey. Harley Libby, local chairman for the survey, reported that 20 organizations and a few individuals had contributed \$219.95, against the quota of \$218. Vernon Olsen, Marion county health educator, declared this was the first quota met in the county. X-ray trucks will be at Jefferson, Sidney-Talbot, Looney Butte and Ankeny, the communities of this district, on August 8, 9 and 10.

Dr. McCannel, Stroke Victim, Said Improved

**SILVERTON** — Dr. A. J. McCannel, prominent local doctor who was taken to the Silverton hospital Monday suffering from a heart attack, was reported as "responding" to the treatment Tuesday morning. The doctor is under an oxygen tent and was reported as showing improvement. Don Fausdker, who suffered a foot wound and was held captive for a few days in Korea, is now at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Meyer on Mill street. His mother, Mrs. Hattie Rogers, lives there also. Fausdker has a 30-day leave before he reports to Ft. Lewis. Mrs. Ernest (Margaret) Mallot, who was injured in an automobile accident Sunday night, is showing improvement at the hospital. Injuries, reported not "serious," consisted of head and body bruises. Her home is between Canby and Molalla. Lt. P. Wayne Rose and Mrs. Rose arrived Saturday from Fort MacArthur, Lt. Rose will return Sunday and from Ft. MacArthur will go to Fort Sherman, Panama Canal Zone. Mrs. Rose plans to join him there in November. He has signed up for another three years. Mrs. Rose, who will visit in Oregon for the next few months, reports she plans to be in the Canal Zone for the autumn horse show.

Zena Sunday School Class Holds Picnic

**ZENA** — Attending the Zena Sunday school picnic held after Sunday school at Maud Williamson park were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quiring, John and James, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Davis, June and Jimmy, Mrs. Byron Purvine and Larry John Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schlegel and Mary Ruth, Mrs. Harold D. Burns and grandsons Harold and George Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Terrill, Mrs. Lois Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meissner, Allan and Judy, and special guests Mrs. Frances Fusch, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Starnes and their grandson, Eldon Albeerson, of Halsey. The average current of the Amazon is about three miles an hour.

Turner Tot Hurt in Fall

**TURNER** — Gilbert Satter, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Satter, incurred a head injury termed serious when he fell from a car. Mr. and Mrs. John Mickey have returned from a three-week trip to Missouri. They were there during the flood. They also visited Yellowstone and the Black Hills. The Cub Scouts staged a picnic and hike at Silver Falls state park Sunday. Scoutmaster Albert Robertson presented the following awards: Gold arrow, Ronald Whitehead and Gene Poltras; bear award, Frank Satter; wolf award, Kenneth Wolf and Gary Kloktstad. Fourteen scouts, accompanied by parents and friends, made the trip.

Brooks Baby Boy Due Home After Surgery

**BROOKS** — Pat Romanshek, 18-month-old-twin son of Mr. and Mrs. William Romanshek is in a Portland hospital where he underwent surgery last week. They expect to bring him home Sunday. Romanshek is an operator at the Southern Pacific depot in Brooks.

**NEBRASKANS VISIT** — Mrs. Anna Hadley of Norfolk, Nebraska, here to spend the summer at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Quillin Hadley.

**VISITS DAUGHTER** — SALEM HEIGHTS — Mrs. Thomas Konopa is in California to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rose (Rose Marie Konopa).

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