

Our Valley

... By CHARLES IRELAND



What has Portland got that Salem hasn't got? ... For one thing, parking-lot rates that are getting too blamed expensive ... If you manage to get into a close-in-lot, you can run up a \$1.50 bill faster than you can find a place to park at the curb ... You valley folks might note this and do your quote big city Christmas shopping at Salem ... You can get one of our pesky parking tickets and still have a dollar left to buy Christmas presents.

Elk Prairie School in neighboring Clackamas County has won the "smallest school" title hands down this year ... A few months ago, it looked like five pupils would show up, so Clyde Babcock was hired as teacher ... But the three families in the district all went away and Babcock has been presiding dully from 9 to 1 o'clock over an empty school ... His salary for "teaching" no pupils: \$3.425.

If tickets for speeding spoil your day, observe those new 45-mile speed signs through Hayesville out to the Chemawa Totem Pole ... G-2 reports State Police will keep a watchful eye on this 2.7 mile strip—in fact, patrolmen have been picking off maybe one-a-day all fall near Hayesville School.

Double woe for Oregon's free-lance feature writers ... Oregon's most accessible market, the Portland newspaper supplements, will soon be a thing of the past ... One magazine section is going retrograde, which is expected to be mainly pictorial; the other paper quietly will scuttle its feature-article section in a week or so.

Men, if you are pondering a Christmas gift for the Mrs. and want to leave her starry-eyed, I have observed that diamonds, furs and fortune-telling are the three things that send women into a tizzy the quickest ... If you can't afford a mink stole or a diamond solitaire, you might buy her a year's subscription to The Statesman so she can read her fortune every day in our new feature, "Star Gazer" ... No 20 per cent tax, either.

Why did Myrus, the fortune-teller, leave Portland so abruptly? ... Do you suppose he looked into his own future and saw a lot of bum predictions coming home to roost? ... Actually, it was just more of Myrus' astute showmanship. He left while folks were still clamoring for more instead of waiting for his act to wither on the vine ... Myrus is now at Kansas City, Mo. ... When it comes to Myrus, I'm from Missouri, too ... No kidding, I am amazed that Myrus created such a stir around the valley with an old routine ... Just proves that a lot of people enjoy being fooled and having their fortune told ... By the way, whatever happened to the gal who used to "read minds" under a big umbrella on the State Fair midway ("Now your lucky day's Tuesday, your lucky number's seven") ... She was good, too ... Has missed two fairs now and fair officials have lost track of her.

"The Amazing Mr. V," who opens today at the Capitol Theater, is primarily a hypnotist ... He'll call up a flock of people from the audience, select maybe 15 or 20 and give them the "whammy" all at once ... From then on, the show is supposed to get pretty funny ... Mr. V comes to Salem from Seattle where his press notices were good.

Signs of the Times: How to Marry a Millionaire is the newest hit movie, The Solid Gold Cadillac is Broadway's brand new play ... The lush '50s are taking on the overtones of the roaring '30s, but the smart babies are clanking a few quarters into the kitty ... They remember October, 1929, when the gold Cadillac turned into a pumpkin and the ex-millionaires waited in line to jump off tall buildings.

When will wide-screen movies come to Salem? ... Not until the industry settles on a standard wide screen, says Pete Jones, Salem moviemanager ... Pete, I think 20th Century's Cinemascope is a good bet to win the wide-screen derby ... As you know, some of the scenes in "How to Marry a Millionaire" are even better than "The Robe" ... New York City's skyline looks terrific in Cinemascope ... So does Marilyn Monroe's ... No date set for bringing "The Robe" to Salem yet, but another religious movie, "Martin Luther," will be shown here as soon as it can be booked.

From Polk County, our Peede correspondent reports quite a bear hunt the other day. Seems a bear had been killing some sheep and goats on Mrs. Rittie Kerber's farm, so a party of 12 hunters and 19 dogs took to the woods. Once when Clyde Wilson got off his horse to shoot, the horse ran away ... A dog was tied to the saddle horn and got dragged for a mile ... Net result of the hunt, wrote Mrs. Sidney Howard, was killing one three-legged coyote in Bump Canyon.

Joseph Marty, Apiarist, Dies

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SILVERTON—Joseph Marty, 70, widely-known valley apiarist, died here Thursday night. He was a long-time resident here. Marty was born in Kansas, Nov. 1, 1883. Surviving are two brothers, Leo Marty, Silvertown, and Fred Marty, American Falls, Idaho; and a sister, Mrs. Sam Berdin in California. Private services were held Friday with interment at Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum in Salem.

Shower Planned For Fire Victims

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GATES—A miscellaneous household shower will be given in the Gates High School recreation rooms for Mr. and Mrs. Collis Heath, whose home and contents burned recently. Date will be Tuesday at 8 p. m. Hostesses for the occasion will be Mrs. Robert Levon, Mrs. Gwen Schaer and Mrs. William Pennick. All friends and neighbors are invited, the hostesses stated.

Peedee—The Woman's Club will hold its annual bazaar on Dec. 2 at the club house.

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Parish Plans Full Day on Thanksgiving

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SUBLIMITY—An old-fashioned Thanksgiving Day reminiscence of the first Thanksgiving will be observed by St. Boniface Parish at Sublimity Thursday.

Women of the parish will serve dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Turkey and homemade sausage will be featured.

Girls from the high school have volunteered as baby sitters for children one year old or younger during the dinner hours.

Early Mass will be offered at 8:30 a.m. followed by a special high Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m.

Games and bazaar activities will be held during the afternoon, followed by awarding of prizes at night. An early supper will be served.

Dance at Night
Festivities will close with a dance in the parish hall with music by Stubby Mills' orchestra.

Mrs. Joseph Wolf and Mrs. William Lulay are chairmen of the dinner committee. Other chairmen: Dining room, Mrs. Lee Highberger; variety store, Mrs. Joseph Jacoby; fancy work, Mrs. Ben Toepfer, Miss Clara Wolf; fish pond, Miss Agnes Wolf; prizes, Ted Minden; dance, Joseph Heuberger, Ted Minden; general committee, Lee Highberger, Robert Stuckart, Walter Breitenstein.

Consolidation Discussion Set

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SILVERTON—A general meeting of 11 rural districts has been called for Bethany School, two miles west of Silvertown, for Thursday, Dec. 3.

At this meeting representatives of the various districts will report the ideas of their districts on consolidation. A meeting was held a week ago at Evens Valley School at which consolidation with Silvertown School district was outlined by Superintendent George Balderstone.

Balderstone explained the proposed school project showing receipts and expenditures under a consolidation system. The Brush Creek School board is calling a meeting for Monday, Nov. 30, at its school.

Snappy Weather Brings Requests From Needy Folk

Statesman News Service
DALLAS—Many requests for wearable clothing and footwear for both children and adults have been made recently at the Polk County welfare office, according to Mrs. Mable Dalo, administrator. And a dearth of quilts and blankets exists now that the nights are regularly crisp. Contributions of bedding or clothing may be made to Mrs. Fred J. Holman, 891 Washington St., Dallas, for welfare use.

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IDANHA—The Beverly B, in which Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Selfridge, Idanha, made four round trips between Seattle and Alaska, is pictured with the Selfridges and a friend, Bert Steers, aboard.

Canyon Residents Will Miss Sea Voyages in Small Craft

By WINNIFRED MOORE
Statesman News Service

IDANHA—A former "seafaring" couple, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Selfridge, new residents of the community of Idanha, will know a sense of loss when their 45-foot motor sloop, the Beverly B, is sold at Seattle harbor. The boat has been to them a source of income and recreation, and a frequent means of transportation on the 600-mile trip from Ketchikan to Seattle.

During their residence in Ketchikan, where Selfridge was in the lumber business, the Selfridges—like many other Alaskans—made an annual fall exodus from their home to return again with fair weather in the spring. On four such voyages, they sailed the Beverly B to and from Seattle. Seattle-bound, the little ship followed the regular steamship channel, reckoning with the hazards of rough weather and the occasionally high swells of larger ships. Contact with shore was maintained by ship-to-shore 'phone.

The Inside Channel
Through Dickson's Entrance, along the Inside Channel to rough Queen Charlotte's Sound, then through Seymour Narrows between Vancouver Island and the mainland, and finally past Deception Pass the little ship chugged her way seaward in the fall, following the same course in reverse in the spring.

Though equipped with sails, the Beverly B under Selfridge's command depended largely on its 65 horse-power engine. The running time of 90 hours was made at an average speed of eight knots—"landlubbers," nine miles an hour. A 2 a. m. start to a day of sailing was not unusual, for the sailors took advantage of each hour of daylight.

Played Quiz Games
To pass the time, Mrs. Selfridge often stood by the wheel with her husband to share with him interesting reading or an entertaining quiz. On the last trip, the company of three friends enlivened the voyage for the Selfridges. The longest-seeming trip they made was the one that took them to the bedside of their son, stricken with poliomyelitis.

And how will they reconcile themselves to life without the Beverly B? Oregon offers more than one solace, say the Selfridges. The nearness of two of their five living children—one in Washington, and one in California, conveniences not always available in Anchorage, even the scenic beauty of the North Santiam canyon—all will help to make thoughts of the Beverly B merely pleasant memories, not sad ones.

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Functions of Special Education Dept. Told to Pringle Parents

By MRS. J. R. CARTER
Statesman News Service

PRINGLE—If you have any notion of breaking a leg to get out of school, don't bother, because if you can't go to school, it will come to you.

That, and several other functions of the Special Education Department of Salem School District 24CJ, were explained to the Pringle Community Club Friday night by Dr. A. Weston Niemela and a panel from the department. Members of the panel were Mrs. Jean Jones, whose field is remedial reading, Miss Carroll Cram, speech therapist, and Miss Genevieve Russell, social worker.

In addition to home instruction, which is available to students who will be out of school for two months or more because of accident or illness, Dr. Niemela told of the educational program at the TB Hospital. There are two full-time teachers there and usually from 32 to 35 students.

There are a few elementary students in that group but most are of high school patients who are in the hospital from one to two years. An average of five students are graduated from high school there each year. This program is supported by the state and not Salem school funds.

Special Class Held
A special class is maintained at Hoover School for children who are slow learners. These are children drawn from schools all over the city. Dr. Niemela stated that the slow learning might be caused by fevers, other illness or accidents.

Attendance counseling and vocational planning are two among several other functions performed by the department.

For some reason, boys seem to have more reading difficulties than girls. Mrs. Jones stated that 90 per cent of those children referred to her for remedial reading are boys. Many students that appear to have reading difficulties in the lower grades will have overcome that by the fourth or fifth grades so most remedial

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Boy Hurt While Trying to Stop Marauding Dogs

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JEFFERSON—Two dogs attacked two sheep in the lot behind the Glen Cobb home on Main Street Wednesday, injuring both, one so badly it had to be killed. When Glen Jr., 11-year-old son of the Cobbs tried to stop the dogs, they turned on him, biting him, and causing him to step in a hole, turning his foot and tearing loose the ligaments in his ankle. Before Cobb could get home from his work at the Manufacturing plant, the dogs had left.

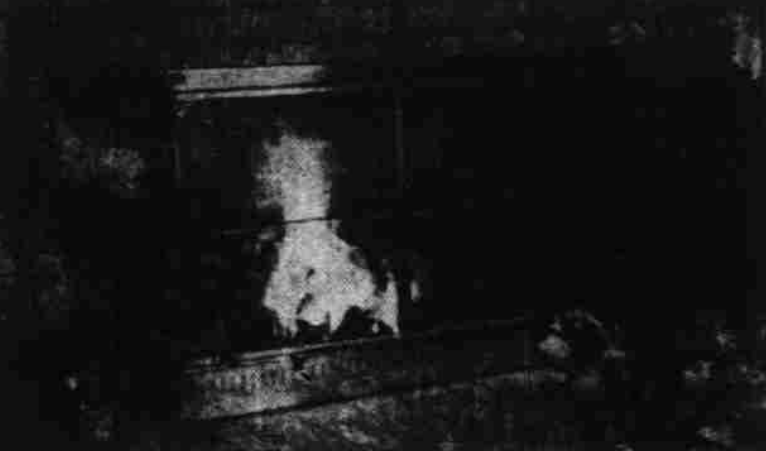
This all happened on Glen Jr.'s birthday, and he thinks it a poor way to celebrate.

vice-president, Don Cannon, will serve as president the rest of the year.

Because the club is sponsoring both 4-H and scout work, two men, Dr. Irvin Hill and A. W. Hoerauf, were appointed chairmen in charge of youth activities.

Dec. 4 was set as the date for a basket social to be given by the club. The combined Community Club meeting and school Christmas program will be held on the night of Dec. 18.

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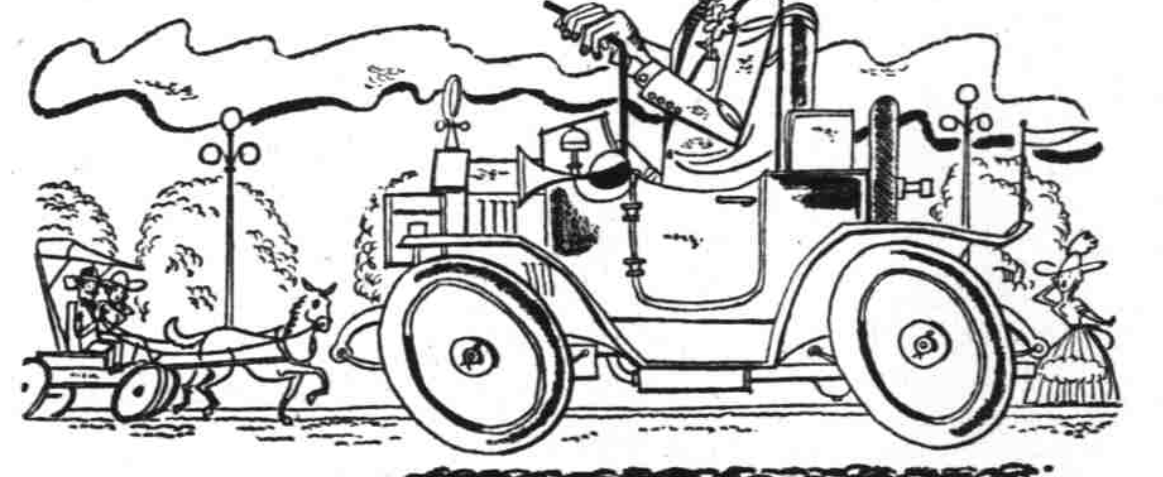
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