

THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

Christmas Events Scheduled By Mt. Angel Merchants Club

MT. ANGEL—Mt. Angel Business Men's Club crowded its hour luncheon-meeting Monday with three major issues—decided to back a two-point community Christmas program, agreed to go all out on the Red Cross Blood Bank and heard facts on state institutions from State Treasurer Unander.

Stayton IOOF Lodge Elects Verne Thomas

STAYTON — Annual election of officers marked the regular meeting of Santiam Encampment 64 of Odd Fellows. New roster includes: Chief Patriarch — Verne Thomas, senior warden — Otto Limbeck, junior warden — Carl Shover, high priest — Ralph Howell, scribe — D. George Cole, and treasurer — Ben A. Schaefer, re-elected. George B. Howard, grand junior warden, was a visitor.

In place of the next scheduled meeting, falling on Dec. 3, business will be transacted at 7:15 p.m. A no-host dinner will be held at 6:30, followed by a meeting open to the public, slated for 8 p.m. Rebeckahs will be in charge of the dinner.

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ALBANY — Funeral services for William V. Merrill, 74, who died here Monday, were held from St. Mary's Catholic Church Wednesday. The Elks memorial service was conducted at the cemetery by officers of BPOE Lodge 359.

Merrill was a life-long resident of Oregon, having been born in Astoria on May 24, 1879. His parents moved to Albany when he was a young boy, and with the exception of the time he served in the Army during the Spanish-American War he had lived in Albany.

Santiam Valley Grangers Elect Giles Wagner

LYONS — Giles Wagner will be master of Santiam Valley Grange for 1954. Other officers have been elected as follows: Overseer, Gilbert Myers; lecturer, Jerry Coffman; steward, Albert Stevens; assistant steward, Frank Bass; treasurer, Bob Draper; secretary, Fern Sletto; gate keeper, Casper Gerath; Ceres, Blanche Wagner; Pomona, Dorothy Draper; Flora, Melvina Franklin; lady assistant steward, Bertha Bass; chaplain, Mabel Bass; executive committee, Lloyd Sletto, Elmer Taylor, Wilson Stevens, and musician, Lorena Stevens.

'Let It Rain' - N. Howell Grange Dinner a Success

NORTH HOWELL — Over 150 diners "braved" the downpour Sunday to be served the chicken dinner at the North Howell Grange hall with the Home Economics Club in general charge.

Valley 4-H Club News

NORTH HOWELL — That 4-H clubwork is annually becoming a more important phase of elementary school life is suggested by the recent organization of several groups in this district. The "Healthmakers" with Mrs. John Campbell as leader, have Dick Bartsch as president, Jerry Fosholm, secretary; Lynn Schaefer and Richard Schmidt, song leaders; Ernest Dunn and Diane Bartsch, yell leaders; Ronald Cole, sergeant at arms; and Mary Dunn, reporter.

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Polk County Court News

DALLAS — The following new complaints were on file Wednesday in Polk County Circuit Court: Hazel R. McIntosh vs Earl McIntosh: Suit for divorce charges cruel and inhuman treatment, seeks custody of seven minor children and \$175 monthly child support. Married April 23, 1934 at Lewing, Neb.

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