

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 Showler, high priest — Ralph Howard, 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.

Chairman of Linn Co. Draft Board Dies

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.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morris and Mrs. Rachel Olmstead of Mill City were elected to become members and will receive first and second degrees in December. Plans were made to have the annual Christmas party on Dec. 18.

'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. Mrs. A. T. Cline greeted guests at the door and a group of young students under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Bump served as waitresses. Mrs. R. A. Beer, Mrs. John Beals, Mrs. W. J. King, Mrs. Andrew Hall, Mrs. Roy Dunn and Mrs. H. C. Espe headed the various kitchen departments.

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.

"Stitching Time", the new sewing club, elected Diane Bartsch as president; Mary Dunn, vice president; Sharon Mayne, secretary; Shirley Cole, yell leader; Donna Mayotte, song leader; Phyllis Dunn, sergeant at arms; and Christine Pickens, reporter.

Pack Meeting Held by Salem Heights Cubs

SALEM HEIGHTS — Mrs. Mike Simmons' den 4 won the traveling trophy at the recent pack meeting of Salem Heights Cub Scouts.

Cub Scouts at Keizer Earn New Awards

KEIZER — Highlighting the evening's program was a skit depicting a fall carnival, enacted for the audience, at the Nov. 20 meeting of Keizer Cub Pack 41.

Twin Brothers Visit Auburn on Army Furloughs

AUBURN—Pvt. Donald Patzer and Pvt. Douglas Patzer won't be home for Christmas but they have just spent two-week, pre-holiday furloughs with their mother, Mrs. Melvin Braaten.

Light-Tight Chutes Aid Cattle Loading

Farmers and ranchers will have more success in making livestock walk up a loading chute into the truck if the sides of the chute are covered so that the animals can see only straight ahead, M. G. Huber, extension agricultural engineering specialist at Oregon State College, reports.

Liberty Church Holds Pre-Holiday Dinner

LIBERTY—Eighty-five attended the pre-Thanksgiving dinner Sunday at Liberty Christian Church. Mrs. Sandford Kent was general chairman.

Valley Guidance Group Elects Silverton Man

SILVERTON — Milton Baum of the Silverton High School faculty has been elected president of the Willamette Valley Guidance Association to fill the vacancy left by the death of Robert Miller who was president, Miller, also of the Silverton High School faculty, died in early November.

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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.

Meetings Due At Hopewell

HOPWELL — The Hopewell Home Extension Unit will meet at the Evangelical United Brethren Church on Dec. 1 at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Clarence Legg and Mrs. Frank Hiersha are project leaders for "Glove Making".

The Hopewell Community Club will meet Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. at Hopewell School. Mrs. Glen Harris will preside. Mr. A. A. Anderson of McMinnville will show motion picture of Hawaii which he took there last winter.

Now at Prall's TV Special

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tarter are the parents of a daughter, Teresa June born Nov. 21 at Salem. Mrs. Tarter was formerly Miss Phyllis Meeker of Amity.

Trinity Brotherhood Elects Harlan Moe

SILVERTON — Harlan Moe was elected president of Trinity Lutheran Brotherhood Tuesday night at Trinity Church. He succeeds L. A. Meyer who served the past two years.

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Judge Delays Hearing on Picketing Case

GRANTS PASS — Circuit Judge O. J. Millard Wednesday recessed until 1:30 p.m. Friday a hearing on State Labor Examiner Fred G. Scherer's petition for a preliminary injunction to halt picketing of the Cave Shop here.

The Medford local of the AFL Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union has picketed the restaurant, owned by Dwight C. Battey, since June 3.

Battey's attorney, William Masters of Portland, said it is not Masters' said although Battey sent no written cancellation to the union, all other circumstances show that both sides believed there was no contract in force after the picketing started.

Scherer is being represented by Hal Adams of the state attorney general's office. The hearing is expected to continue through Saturday.

Army Asked to Cut Force

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department wants the Army to prune another 142,000 men off its rolls in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954.

This was disclosed Wednesday by assistant secretary of defense John A. Hannah as he explained manpower goals which the Defense Department hopes to attain under the administration's economy program.

Hannah declared at a news conference it should be possible to make the cuts without injuring the combat effectiveness of divisions, fleets and air wings.

Hannah, in outlining the objectives, made it plain that no mandatory orders had been issued to the Army, Navy or Marines to cut strength to specific figures to meet an overall, net reduction for fiscal services of 230,000. He said qu-

Tokyo Quake Brings Waves, Little Damage

TOKYO — A terrifying earthquake which kicked up small tidal waves but did little damage jolted Tokyo and most of northern Japan early Thursday.

Large buildings swayed in downtown Tokyo. Night workers fled into the streets with the nerve-chilling Japanese cry of "jishin, jishin" (earthquake, earthquake).

Out in the residential districts, lightly built Japanese houses swayed. Dishes crashed from walls. Japanese residents rushed into their gardens fearful that the tiled roofs would collapse.

There were no reports of casualties anywhere. The quake was felt from the Tokyo area far northward to the northernmost island of Hokkaido, said the Japanese government's central meteorological observatory.

Along Boso Peninsula's eastern shores, across from Tokyo Bay, villagers were warned of possible tidal waves. The quake had centered near the peninsula.

The villagers led to higher ground before a small tidal wave swept in and washed a number of fishing boats out to sea.

Out in the Pacific some 50 miles south of Tokyo Bay, small tidal waves struck Miyake Island. The extent of damage there, if any, was not known.

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