

Washington Irving Building at Silverton Put on Auction Block

SILVERTON—Wheels were set in motion at the Monday night City Council meeting to dispose of the Washington Irving building which the city got in exchange for McGinnis Field ball park about 7 years ago. At the suggestion of Mayor Harry V. Carson, bids will be called for shortly, with the city reserving the right to reject all bids. Meantime, the city will have the building appraised.

New Franchise Near for PGE At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL—A three and a half hour City Council meeting Monday night decided many things for Mt. Angel besides the tie-vote for councilman in favor of William Blem and appointing Pete Meissner at new water commissioner.

Foremost was the decision to consider a final reading and possible granting of a new 20-year franchise to Portland General Electric on the terms presented by Jim Kloft and Lenard Kephart, representatives of the company.

The new franchise would cancel the present unexpired franchise agreement and call for a 3 per cent payment on the previous year's revenue instead of on a basic fee as in the past. This will net the city several hundred dollars more. Kloft said the PGE is offering the same kind of franchise to all unincorporated cities. It would become effective Jan. 1, 1954.

The councilmen also approved purchase of a police car radio for Chief of Police Merle Grace through the civil defense program. Grace stated a gas-stealing problem had been solved.

Financing Christmas decorations was given the green light. The mayor appointed Carl Mucken to take charge, with authority to ask whatever help he needed.

A street light for North Oak Street was granted as was a 90-day option to William Kloft on three city lots on Church Street with the provision that he build permanent buildings within a year.

It was announced that the Southern Pacific had signed the petition to pave Monroe Road.

Fire Chief Francis Schmidt reported the resignation of two firemen, George Schmidt and Alois Schmitt and the appointment of two new men, Darrell Sample and Bill Schraecher. Tony Bigler has been granted an honorary membership.

Valley Briefs

Spring Valley—The Spring Valley Junior Farmers Union will sponsor a party Saturday at 8 p.m. at Spring Valley School.

Macleay—The Community Club and Womens Club will meet jointly at the schoolhouse Friday. The Womens Club will hold a sale as one feature of the meeting.

Marquam—Mr. and Mrs. Enoch St. rvin and family have moved to Lyons.

Brooks—The annual Christmas program by Brooks School students will be given at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, in the school gym.

Macleay—The Home Economics Club will hold an all-day meeting next Tuesday. A no-host dinner will be served at noon, after which a Christmas party will be held. "Secret pals" will be revealed.

Gervais—St. Rita Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will meet at the parish hall Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. William Apple-down, Mrs. George Eder and Mrs. Anna McGuire will be the hostess group.

Jefferson—Pvt. Dean Cobb is home for a few days' visit from Ft. Ord, Calif., where he has been training. He will report back at Camp Stoneman, near San Francisco, but will be home again to spend Christmas with his family.

Pringle—The Hawaiian project will be presented at the meeting of Pringle Home Extension Unit at 11 a.m. Thursday. A Hawaiian lunch will be prepared and served by the project leaders. Mrs. J. A. Gray and Mrs. C. R. Mover. There will also be a "white elephant" sale.

Aurora—The Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church held a bazaar and dinner Saturday in the new church basement and cleared over \$400.

Jefferson—Members of the Sidney-Talbot Farmers Union are planning a covered-dish turkey dinner Friday night at 6:30. The committee, Mrs. Art Blinston,

97 Pints of Blood Given At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL—The Red Cross bloodmobile garnered 97 pints of blood for the Marion County blood bank here Tuesday.

Peter Gores was chairman of arrangements. Nurses who assisted were Mrs. P. F. Gores, Miss Julianna Dehler, Mrs. Ed Unger, Mrs. M. VanBuskirk and Mrs. Joseph M. Wagner.

Typists who took care of the records were Miss Phyllis Wolf, Miss Viola Duerr and Miss Elaine Annen. Mrs. Rose Appleby was receptionist and the staff aides included Mrs. Fred Schwab, Mrs. Al Lulay, Mrs. Joseph Butsch and Mrs. J. J. Penner.

The Mt. Angel Legion Auxiliary handled the canteen. Mrs. Clifford Norton was chairman.

Marion Forks Reports Half-foot of New Snow

MARION FORKS—Six inches of new snow brought the snow level to four and one-half feet on Santiam Pass Monday.

Roads were reported in good condition.

Polk Co. Court News

\$26,006 Suit Filed by Auto Wreck Victim

DALLAS—An auto-wreck lawsuit seeking \$26,006 was filed in Polk County Circuit Court Monday by Warren L. Jones. The defendant is Gage Stahl.

The complaint alleges that the accident occurred Sept. 5 on Highway 22, one mile east of Buell and eight miles northwest of Dallas.

News accounts at the time listed Dr. Stahl as a resident of Rockaway. His wife was killed in the accident, which involved three cars. Jones was listed as a resident of Bremerton, Wash. His car went over a bank and he reportedly incurred a fractured back. The complaint seeks \$25,000 general damages, \$508 special damages and \$553 on a second cause.

Carl J. Teal filed suit for divorce Monday from Elva Mae Teal, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. The complaint asks that defendant be awarded custody of two minor children. They were married Sept. 30, 1939, at Falls City.

John F. Pizuta has filed suit for divorce from Maud Graham Pizuti, charging cruel and inhuman treatment. They were married Dec. 29, 1944, at Springfield, Wash.

The assumed business name of McBeth and McBeth has been

KP Turkey Shoot Thursday Night at Dallas Armory

DALLAS—The annual Christmas Turkey Shoot sponsored by Marmion Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held Thursday night at the Dallas Armory. The event will start at 7:30.

A large quantity of top-grade dressed turkeys has been secured by the lodge. Persons wishing to claim their turkeys on a date nearer Christmas will be given a ticket entitling them to a turkey from Dallas Locker Market, it was announced.

Methodists Plan 2 Events at Jefferson

JEFFERSON—The Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor a movie, "The King of Kings," at the Methodist Church Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. A Free-will offering will be taken. The Methodist Church School will present its annual Christmas pageant, "Joybells of Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m. Mrs. James Adams is director for the pageant and Mrs. H. C. Robertson is the accompanist. Everyone is invited to attend both events.

SCHOOL CENSUS UP

BROOKS—Mrs. Texie Hillier, clerk for Brooks School District 31, reports an increase of 21 over last year's census. The number of school age students in this district is 232.

filed for a logging business at Pedee by John McBeth and Leslie McBeth.

500 Children Have Fun at Dallas Event

DALLAS — A cold, drizzling rain acted as no dampener to the almost 500 glad youngsters attending the elementary school P-T-A Christmas program Monday night.

The children, accompanied by their parents, sang Christmas carols joyfully. And when the wolf sprang for the little red-headed girl in the Red Riding Hood skit, the children enthusiastically cheered the frantic lovely. Howard DeVoe portrayed the mis with verve. It seemed for awhile that Wolf Willis Hart would do the little girl in as he planned to do with Granny Howard Staats. Little Miss Hood fortunately had mighty lungs which in turn got the mighty woodchopper on hand and everyone lived happily.

With the audience in such a joyful frame of mind the stage was rightly set for that jolliest of all fellows. Santa gave his best wishes to all and a treat, too.

The program was prepared and presented by grade school dads under the chairmanship of James Allgood. The Christmas program has become the Dad's annual event. Narrator of the skit was Orlando Peters. Director Dick Wilson was assisted by Eddie Ware and Neale Povey.

SCHOOL DANCE PLANNED

SILVERTON — Miss Nancy Peckam of the Silverton High School senior class announced Tuesday that the annual high school homecoming dance is planned for Dec. 23. Co-chairmen are Miss Shirley Doerflinger and Miss Frances Fox.

Roberts GT Club Holds Yule Party At H. Miller Home

ROBERTS — The GT Club held its Christmas party at the new home of Mrs. Herbert Miller. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Richard Sneed, Mrs. Joseph Felton and Mrs. Oliver Holcomb.

Mrs. Sneed impersonated Santa Claus. She wore a red velvet suit, false face and whiskers. Following Santa's gifts came the revelation of "Polyannas", with many surprises as each tried to guess who they had been. Door prize went to Mrs. G. S. Higgins.

Mrs. Glenn Spencer and Mrs. Richard Olson were guests, and 34 members attended.

The club will meet again on Jan. 7 at the home of Mrs. John Paynter, 4900 State St., with Mrs. Leonard Zielke, Mrs. Arthur Thompson and Mrs. Karl Heyden assisting.

Biggest Local of Co. Farmers Union Re-elects Officers

MT. ANGEL — All officers of Mt. Angel Local, Farmers Union, were reelected Monday night. Alois P. Duda was renominated president; Martin Buchholz, vice-president; Roy Bern, secretary-treasurer. Roy Palmer, conductor, Glen Duda, doorkeeper and Otto Lucht, Albert Bochsler and John Joerg, executive committee.

Death Takes Minnie Bissell Of Woodburn

WOODBURN — Minnie Bissell died at her home, 1041 N. Pacific Highway, here early Tuesday. She had lived here for 20 years, coming from California.

Born in Iowa, Oct. 15, 1873, she was a member of the Christian Church at Woodburn; Evergreen Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; and the Woodburn Rural Club.

Surviving are two sons, Boyd L. Bissell, San Mateo, Calif., and Roy S. Redwood City, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Elsie DeNarde, San Francisco; four brothers, Clyde Myers, Phoenix, Ariz., Marion and George J. Meyers, both at Woodburn, and the Rev. John T. Myers, Eugene; two sisters, Mrs. W. M. Burke, Woodburn and Mrs. Lela Baldwin, both of Woodburn; also four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ringo Funeral Chapel. The Rev. George Sorin will officiate. Interment will be at Belle Passi Cemetery.

Hell's Canyon meeting held in Salem, listing the reasons why the Farmers Union considers the proposed dam of the utmost importance to the farmer. The group voted to donate \$25 to the Hell's Canyon Association to help finance the program that is seeking to have Congress back the project.

Christmas Gifts FOR HIS PRIVATE LIFE

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