

Our Valley

... By CHARLES IRELAND

It was nice to see a newcomer receive the Junior First Citizen award Tuesday night at Dallas. . . It was recognition not only for Stan Malo, who has lived at Dallas for two years, but in a sense for many other newcomers to the valley—both in Dallas and elsewhere. . . The Willamette Valley is a latter-day melting pot, not of Swedes, Irish and Dutch, but of Dakotans, Nebraskans, Ohioans, Minnesotans, Texans, Indiana Hoosiers, and New Yorkers who discovered that the sun didn't set on the Hudson River, after all. . . They have been crossing the plains ever since "Oh, Susanna" was a hit tune, and the Oregon Trail was never more traveled than in recent years. . . While Stan Malo may not be a newcomer to Oregon, he is a comparative newcomer to Dallas, and it was nice to see a newcomer honored.

It was nice to see the Polk County Itemizer-Observer honored at the Jaycee banquet, too. . . This was recognition for both publisher Earl Richardson and for Wes Sherman, a fine newspaperman who probably did the legwork on most of the Jaycee stories during the past year. . . Wes is an effective behind-the-scenes worker in securing good publicity for Dallas. . . I have always felt it was his reporting of the Fitzgerald fire at Valsezt that opened the door for Howard Fitzgerald to receive a national lifesaving award from President Eisenhower. . . Wes was probably the first, too, to suggest that Dallas have a homecoming for Johnnie Ray. . . Dallas is doubly fortunate to have a lively Junior Chamber of Commerce and good news coverage from the Polk County Itemizer-Observer.

Josiah Wills has retired as Polk County School superintendent, but his talent as a Spencerian penman lingers on. . . Literally thousands of persons who graduated from the eighth grades of Polk County's rural schools during the past 30-plus years have certificates signed by Wills. . . And this week the Dallas Jaycees remembered his flowing penmanship and had him write the names on certificates that were awarded to leading Dallas citizens Tuesday night.

Gov. Patterson didn't have a chance to forget his speaking engagement at Dallas Tuesday night. He said that Stan Malo had been writing him a letter every week "since last August" reminding him of it. . . Malo was a big award winner at the banquet. . . He had to front-and-center twice within a few minutes to receive two separate awards from the governor. . . Somehow this reminded me of Admiral Richard Byrd, who made a number of expeditions to Antarctic regions during the years that the one-and-only Jimmie Walker was mayor of New York. . . Every time Byrd returned to New York from the South Pole, he would be honored by a ticker-tape parade through New York streets to the City Hall where Jimmy would present the key to the city to him. . . About the third time this happened, the mayor greeted him by saying, "Dick, this has got to stop!"

Four Corners Families Move

FOUR CORNERS — Several families have moved this month. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Houser and Karen who have been living at 3745 LaBranche Ave. have moved to North Hollywood, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Carol Capps and daughters Linda, Lorna and Janet who have lived on Route 5 for six years sold their residence to Stanley Dauenhauser who will occupy the residence. The Capps have purchased the Leland Smith property at 4325 Auburn Rd. They moved last week. Linda and Lorna transferred from Four Corners School. Linda will attend Hoover and Lorna registered at Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Towne sold their 4330 Macleay Rd. residence and have purchased the former Peter Kergil farm on Route 5. They also moved last week. Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Chartier, Leon, Anita, Shelley and Cheri have moved from 299 N. Lancaster Dr. to 3490 Sunnyview Ave. Anita transferred from Four Corners School to Hoover. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Wilbur, formerly of 215 Kenwood Ave., have moved. Their daughter, Marla, transferred from the first grade here to Pusch School.

Valley 4-H Club News

WACONDA — Jerry Blackburn was elected president of the Eldridge 4-H Livestock Club at a meeting at the Waconda School. Other officers are Tom Blackburn, vice president; Joe Michalek, secretary-treasurer; Billy Trindle, news reporter; Jerry Lamar, song leader. Leaders of the group are Homer Zielinski and Chester Lamar. The newly organized club will hold its next meeting Jan. 20.

MACLEAY — Reliable Bakers 4-H Cooking Club met with the leader, Mrs. V. E. Burson, making tapioca pudding and discussing use of milk in cooking. Toyette Waters and Sharon Kronbuegel prepared cheese sauce on toast. Also presented were Barbara Ream, Darlene Bettelou and Carol Burson.

HUBBARD — Organization of four more 4-H Clubs got underway last week. Two of them selected names and elected officers.

The Buttons and Bows 4-H Club, beginning sewing, elected Linda Damm as president, DeEtte Leupp as vice president, Sharon Schneider as secretary, Marilyn Dominick as news reporter and Bonnie Heer as song leader. Meetings will be held Thursday afternoons. Mrs. Wayne Paxton is leader with Mrs. Harry Schei assistant.

The Happy Cookers 4-H cooking club elected Bette Jean Lord as president, Susan Stauffer as vice president, Joyce Doubrava as secretary, Cedde Ann Lord as news reporter, Cherry Spurlock as song leader and Sheila Coussatte as yell leader. Mrs. W. T. Lord is leader.

FOUR CORNERS — The Salt and Pepper 4-H cooking I group is demonstrating breakfast menus. Mrs. Orville Rehfeld and Mrs. Arthur Roloff are co-leaders. They meet on second and fourth Tuesdays after school. The next meeting will be at the Harold Layton home.

The Busy Corners Sewing I leaders are Mrs. Alfred Knieling and Mrs. Robert Clements. They meet every Wednesday after school at the Knieling home. This club has almost completed its year's work.

Mrs. Virgil Lamb and Mrs. E. M. White are leaders of the Pins and Needles Sewing I Club which meets every second and fourth Tuesday after school. Anita Coop was elected president to replace Eileen Beaty, Kay Rehfeld was elected vice president to succeed Jeanie Shuck, and Sherrill White succeeds Lona Dean as secretary.

KC's Raise Cash For Dimes March

WOODBURN — The Woodburn Knights of Columbus raised \$32 for the March of Dimes at a coffee hour Sunday.

Bob Volz, grand knight, has appointed the following members to serve at another coffee hour Sunday at St. Luke's Hall after the last mass: Al Halter, Louie Panel, Dr. J. Hanrahan, Ed Hermie and Joe Hopfer.

Morgan Says He'll Not Run For Senate

MONMOUTH — Howard Morgan, state Democratic chairman, said Wednesday that "under present conditions" he did not expect to run for the state senate seat left vacant by the death of Sen. Dean Walker of Independence.

"As a party official my primary duty is to encourage suitable candidates x x x, not to grab elective office myself," he said. Morgan also said he was "assured" there would be a Democratic candidate for the senate post which reportedly will be sought by State Rep. Frank Farmer, a Republican, as was Walker. There was speculation that the Democratic candidate would be Al Dembrowski, whom Farmer beat for his seat in the house.

Junior Riders To Appear on TV Program

SALEM HEIGHTS — The South Salem Junior Saddle Club will be the guest of Red Dunning on "Saddle Pals" program (KOIN-TV) at 5 p.m. Friday.

The group will tour the studio before the show. Attending will be Marvin and Mitchell Murdock, Mary Ann, Tim and Johnny Meyer, Dick, Mike and Jeff McKillep, Richy Woods, Karla Anderson, Bonnie Jean and Cheryl Lee Kurth, Lynne Hamerstad, Gerald Kurth, Roger Agan, Jim Wirth, Gordon Franck, Clayton and Susan Steinke, Clark and Phil Jackson and Dwight Davis. Many of the parents will attend also.

Cornwall Gets Woodburn JC Honor Tonight

WOODBURN — Annual Jaycee Junior First Citizen banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Woodburn American Legion Building with State Treasurer Sig Unander as main speaker. The citizenship award will be presented to Charles Cornwall, Woodburn mortician, the previously-announced selection. He succeeds Lyman Seely as recipient of the award. A new slate of officers, headed by Gilbert (Gib) Ramage as president, will be installed. L. H. Hildebrandt, outgoing president, will be master of ceremonies. The citizenship award will be presented by Harlan Roth, Silverton, Jaycee district officer. General chairman for the banquet is Phil Branson.

College Lists Night Classes At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL — Four adult evening classes, 7 to 9 o'clock, are again scheduled for the next semester at Mt. Angel Women's College, beginning the first week in February, provided a sufficient number register for each course. Each course carries two semester hours of college credit.

Speech Fundamentals, a basic speech course, is slated for Tuesday nights and will start Feb. 2. The class will be taught by Sister Margaret, OSB. English Composition will be taught Wednesday nights by Sister M. Bernadette, OSB. A history class, Modern Russia, with Sister M. Alberta as instructor, is set for Thursday nights, and Mrs. Mary Jo Albright of Corvallis will again teach her popular class in ceramics.

The ceramics class will arrange an exhibit of the first semester's work, which will be open to the public Friday night, Jan. 29, and during the day on Jan. 30-31. It will be held in the art room of the college building.

Trapper From Silverton to Exhibit Ware

SILVERTON — Victor Howard, Marion County trapper, who lives at Silverton will exhibit the wares of a government trapper at the Senator Hotel in Salem Jan. 25-27 during the Western Oregon Livestock convention.

Howard will show hides, traps, baits and methods of catching predators. He will be on hand to visit with convention people as well as city folk who are interested. The government trapper is a joint venture between the county court, the state and federal government.

PRIVACY IS LOST — WILLIAMSTON, N. C. (AP) — Law enforcement officers paid no heed to signs around a thick wooded area warning: "Private property. Keep off." In the woods was a big gas-fired copper liquor still and 2,800 gallons of mash.

South Yamhill Just Keeps Rollin' Along



SHERIDAN — The South Yamhill River just keeps rollin' along past Sheridan where sewage pollutes it and has created a crisis. Storm sewers carry sewage from business firms and many homes into the stream near the bridge in background. State authorities demand that Sheridan construct a sewer system. Residents twice have rejected a bond issue. A third vote will be held Friday.

Third Vote Set Friday Costly Sewage Plant Demands Have City of Sheridan in Tizzy

By DEAN HOLMES Staff Correspondent

SHERIDAN — Apparently believing the old adage "third time's a charm," Sheridan's City Council is submitting its \$350,000 sewer bond issue for voter approval Friday for the third time in two years.

If this week's election follows the pattern of the other two there will be little voter interest shown, and the measure will go down to defeat by a small margin. With approximately 800 registered voters in the city only 428 voted in the first election in 1952, when the proposal was defeated by 22 votes. Last September even a smaller number, 294 turned out and the project went down to defeat by 8 votes.

Warned in 1930's

Storm sewers carry sewage into the South Yamhill River which runs through the center of town. Many business firms and home owners have hooked onto the storm sewer to eliminate their sewage disposal problem. It is on this point that the State Sanitary Authority is "cracking the whip".

The Authority warned the city back in the late '30's that this would not be permitted, and would be in direct violation of the state's anti-pollution law. As a result the state bureau has been pushing for a sewer system in the city, but the community, for the most part, has paid little attention. In 1949 the state authority officially told the city to have the project complete by Dec. 31, 1953. But two elections have not brought voter approval, and this must come before bonds to finance construction and debt service can be put on the market.

The past week a group of businessmen and housewives, headed by Leland R. Sackett, mapped plans to get out a large vote Friday, which they believe will bring a favorable vote on the project.

The housewives, headed by Mrs. Vernon McKibben and Mrs. Dale Cooley, seek the project because of the health hazards cre-

ated by the current system of sewage disposal.

Many home owners are getting by in what they call a "satisfactory manner" with their septic tanks. They don't like the idea of helping out those who have trouble with their tanks or those who are dumping sewage in the river via the storm sewers. The state authority claims a community sewer system is the only answer to the problem.

The tough problem for Sheridan is that with a valuation of little over \$1,000,000 the project will cost around half a million dollars. A very small part of the funds have been accumulated. Result is that to finance the big job and lay sewer lines over the city of 2,000 population, about \$435,000 will be needed for the job. The Council has not listened to ideas that the project be scaled down in size.

\$75 Hook-up Cost

To keep the bond issue as low as possible, and to be more attractive to the bond bidders the city council has set the issue at \$350,000. But, to pick up another \$52,000 they expect to charge each user a \$75 hook-up charge. This charge is bringing protest. The answer has been that if the bond issue would be any larger bidders, if any, would be rare, because it would be too much of a share of the city's valuation. Plans are for a minimum water users monthly charge of \$2.25 and an ad valorem tax of 5 mills.

Sheridan now has a combined millage rate of 109 mills but this is due mostly to a greatly expanded school system to take care of increasing enrollment. The municipality's financial condition is considered "good" in comparison to many towns of similar size. The city has a small debt and a millage of 17 mills. The town claims to have the finest streets for any municipality its size in the state, as well as one of the outstanding volunteer fire departments in the Northwest. Local residents claim the water is the best anywhere. The public library, financed by the

city has also shown considerable improvement in recent years.

Opposition is chiefly on the basis that the project is too costly and the community cannot afford to obligate itself to finance construction. Others argue that all the cost should be on ad valorem tax basis.

Francis G. Bradley, Sheridan's mayor for about five years, until he resigned a month ago, called for a citizens' committee last fall to propose a financing plan. The committee was named and they had trouble in agreeing on a plan. Some favored all the cost going on the tax roll while others wanted a user's charge. The committee's proposal was not accepted, so the council came up with the plan due for a vote Friday. Soon after as the plan was announced Mayor Bradley resigned and Fred Bozeman, president of the council, took over the mayor's job.

Because the issue is controversial, many who favor the project have been reluctant to do anything to get approval by the voters. The council is not excluding any public opinions on the issue. However, they have indicated this will probably be the last time it will come up for a vote.

Face Legal Action

C. M. Everts, Jr., secretary and engineer of the State Sanitary Authority, told the city last fall to get the project going or the city will face legal action by the state.

Barney McPhillips, McMinville banker and member of state board, told the Chamber of Commerce three years ago "you build this sewer system or have it hauled away in buckets."

In spite of the threats and warnings some residents feel they would like to see what the state can do. Others don't want the city to get the publicity that would come from a legal action, and want to comply with the state's anti-pollution law, which Sheridan voters approved in 1936 along with other Oregonians.

Jaycettes at Dallas Seat New Officers

DALLAS — Installation rites for 1954 Jaycette officers were observed Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Darrell Williams.

Mrs. Frank Sciaccetti, incoming president, received the gavel from Mrs. Russell Sanderlin. Serving with Mrs. Sciaccetti are Mrs. Ed Luth Jr., vice president, Mrs. Matt Williams, secretary, and Mrs. Lloyd Arnold, treasurer.

A busy club schedule has been outlined for the next three months and plans will be discussed for the forthcoming events. The Mothers March of Dimes will be in the hands of Jaycettes just as it was a year ago and will be carried out yet this month.

Late in February a sweetheart dance is scheduled—the first social get-together of the year. The district Jaycee spring board meeting will be held in Dallas in March and Jaycettes will entertain visiting wives. Biggest function of all for this social group will take place in April when the local organization entertains Jaycettes from Salem, Silverton, Albany and Woodburn.

Committees will be appointed to start work on all of these projects, according to Mrs. Sciaccetti.

Willamina Seniors To Present Play in New Auditorium

WILLAMINA — The new Willamina High School Auditorium, Mary Stevenson Hall, will be the scene of the senior class play "Pink Magic" Thursday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 23 at 8:15 p.m. The comedy, directed by Mrs. Sally Edmiston, deals with a group of American tourists in Mexico City.

The cast included Hugh Boyer, Ed Forbes, Dick Johnston, Violet Ducharme, Jim Salmon, Leland Strode, Sharon Blackwell, Tony Schuerch, Kathy Perrault, Dorene Kilgore, Ellen Flansberg, Patsy Park, Harlene Baker, Jeanne Gess, Nancy Mishler, Joy Strohline, Ross Bailey, Bob Hewitt, Helen Morphey and Sandra Ayres.

Bonnie McGee is promoter. Leland Strode stage manager, Marietta Rogers in charge of make-up, Helen Moroney property manager, Arlene Garver publicity manager, and Sallie Lenocker and Violet Jahn in charge of ticket sales.

Sheridan Dimes Committee Told

SHERIDAN — Cliff Bride, Sheridan March of Dimes chairman, has named his committee for the drive this year. Chairmen are: James Rose, grade school; Frank Smith, March of Dimes cards and high school activities; Roseada Haenny with FL club in charge of Mothers March of Dimes; Chief of Police Earl Subs in charge of coin collectors, and Art Hebert, business and special gifts.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

WILLAMINA — Mrs. L. E. Page and Clarence Park have returned to their homes after undergoing surgery and treatment at McMinville hospitals last week.

Dallas Area '53 Fire Loss \$6,250; 100 Calls Answered

DALLAS — Total fire loss for Dallas and its rural area amounted to \$6,250 during 1953, it was disclosed in the annual report of Fire Chief Walter L. Young. This was approximately 3 per cent of the total value of property involved. Young's report, submitted to the City Council this week showed a total of \$202,350 worth of property involved in calls made by the department. The amount of insurance at risk was \$147,325.

Principal cause of fires in the city and rural area was faulty chimneys, Young reported, with 18 fires falling in this category. Nine fires were caused by furnace and oil stove feeds and eight were attributed to electrical equipment. Careless use of cigarettes and matches were the other major causes of fires.

One hundred alarms were answered by the city and rural trucks, which traveled 1293 miles, with 1269 miles being on rural calls alone, Chief Young pointed out.

Many extra activities were carried out during the year, including an educational program in all the schools in the city and rural district. A shaft and radio antenna were installed at city hall.

Fire Prevention Week was observed with a downtown parade and demonstrations of fire extinguishing equipment, Chief Young noted. Practically every grade school class visited the fire station during the week. Fire prevention literature was distributed to all schools in Dallas and the Southwest Rural Fire Protection district.

At Christmas, the volunteer department decorated the downtown section, repaired toys and distributed Christmas Cheer packages. In summing up, the chief declared that 1953 has been a highly successful year for the department from the standpoint of low fire loss and general accomplishment.

All equipment is in good condition, personnel of the department was never better and morale is excellent, he declared.

Two Fraternal Orders Install New Officers

STAYTON — Installed at a public ceremony which attracted a house full in spite of inclement weather were the 1954 officers of Eva Rebekah Lodge and Stayton Odd Fellow Lodge of Stayton.

Officers installed were noble grands Delbert Chrisman and Thelma McGill; vice grands Melvin Circle and Ardeys Kimsey; secretaries D. George Cole and Marie Cole; treasurers E. A. Schaefer and Ida Steinberger.

Appointive officers are wardens Joseph Schlies, Margaret Kimsey; conductor Merle Phillips and Ann Toman; inside guardians Carl Shower and Velura Lierman; outside guardians Harold Woddy and Velma Limbeck; RSNK Curtis Deetz and Ruth Wood; LNSG Tex Kimsey and Cecil Wright; right scene supporter Leon Hilton and color bearer Agnes Stupke; left scene supporter Claire Limbeck and courtsey girl, Lorene Philippi; right supporters to vice grand, Otto Limbeck and Marcella Ware; left supporters to vice grand, James McGill and Tressa Van Nuy; chaplain, Wilma Apple; past noble grands William Hargin and Gertrude Sheffer.

Past noble grands were presented their pins and the newly installed noble grand of the Rebekahs was given a gavel by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Wright, with a speech in which it was pointed out that she is the third generation of noble grands in her family.

Barley Import Quotas Opposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department officials told senators Tuesday a good case cannot be made now for putting quotas on imports of barley from Canada. John H. Davis, assistant secretary of agriculture, and his aides appeared before a judiciary subcommittee which has been looking into imports of Canadian grains.

Davis said the barley matter was being reviewed on practically a day-to-day basis, and that quotas might be sought later this year if a big barley crop is planted.

PURCHASES HOTEL — KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — Hotelman Frank S. Hofues announced purchase Tuesday of the Wilton Hotel at Long Beach, Calif. He said the price was \$2,300,000.

Turner Lodges Install New Officer Slate

TURNER — Fidelity Lodge and Ideal Rebekah lodge held joint installation in the Oddfellow Hall. Oscar Jensen and Velma Hatfield, district deputy presidents, were installing officers. Their staff was Albert Jensen and Mrs. Ulwin Denyer, marshals, Mrs. Arthur Robertson, secretary, Mrs. Harry Barnett, treasurer, Mrs. Scott Anderson, organist, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peebles, installing vice grands.

Elective officers installed were Fred Pierce and Mrs. Lloyd Sidwell, noble grands; Carl Graves and Mrs. Manuel Keene, vice grands; Albert Kaepelli and Mrs. James Versteeg, secretaries, Chester Stewart and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, treasurer, and Mrs. Albert Robertson, financial secretary.

Appointive officers are Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Oswalt, wardens; Albert Jensen and Mrs. Mike Michelson, conductors; Scott Anderson and Mrs. Arnold Phillips, chaplain; Oscar Jensen and Mrs. Chester Stewart, right support; Roy Stinnett and Mrs. Howard Harris, left support; Raymond Titus and Mrs. Arthur Robertson, right support to vice grand, Manuel Keene and Mrs. Guy Chapman, left support to vice grand, Jerry Ruby and Mrs. Albert Kaepelli, inside guardian; Roy Hatfield and Mrs. Carl Graves, outside guardian; Mrs. Roy Hatfield, musician, and Mrs. Fred Pierce, color bearer.

Present Gift — Mr. and Mrs. Brutus Ashcraft, the Junior past noble grands presented the lodge with two tables for the dining room. Lloyd Sidwell took motion pictures of the installation.

Mrs. John Peterson appointed the following committees for the year: Carl Booth, Mrs. Sam Draker and Mrs. Donald Burkland, finance; Mrs. Loran Newkirk Sr. and Mrs. Olin Spiva, visiting and relief; Robert Mitchell, Mrs. Ulwin Denyer and Lawrence Edwards, examining and instructions; Mrs. Arnold Phillips, refreshment and decoration; Hugh Webb, Mrs. Edward Dimbat Sr. and Loran Newkirk, home, endowment; Mrs. Carl Booth and Mrs. Karl Wipper, program and hospitality; Mrs. J. M. Bones, historian; and Karl Wipper, refreshment toastmaster.

MacArthur Said Contributing to Japan Politician

TOKYO (AP) — Kyodo News Service said Wednesday Gen. Douglas MacArthur had contributed the equivalent of \$278 to a Japanese running for election to the Diet. Kyodo said the money was sent to Hisaakira Kano, a member of the Progressive (Conservative) Party running for the upper house in a by-election. The contribution supposedly was made through the local office of Remington Rand Corp. MacArthur, former Allied commander in Japan, is chairman of the board of Remington Rand.

The story did not say why the purported contribution was made. The young of Arabian camels do not reach maturity until they are 16 or 17 years old.

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