

Valley News

Statesman News Service

Strawberry Festival Set June 10-12

LEBANON—The 42nd annual Strawberry Festival—featuring the world's largest strawberry shortcake—will be held here June 10-12.

Big day will be Friday, June 11, when the 5,358-pound shortcake will be served free at noon. Well over a ton of strawberry will top the big cake which will be cut into 12,000 portions.

Opening day of the festival will be Children's Day with a junior court to be crowned at 3:30 p.m. The senior festival queen will be crowned at 7:30 p.m.

Other features on June 11—the day the shortcake will be served, include tours of Lebanon industries, free vaudeville, a grand parade at 11 a.m. and a flower show.

Final day entertainment will include an 11 a.m. children's parade, motorcycle racing in the afternoon at Lebanon Meadows, and folk dancing on Main Street at night. Browning Bros. Carnival will be on hand.

Mill City Gets New Shingle Mill

MILL CITY—Nat A. Wills and John T. Wills of Sweet Home, owners of Wills Brothers Shingle Co., have purchased a tract of land in the Jahneke addition to Mill City, and have begun the process preparatory to erecting a shingle mill there.

A building 24 by 70 feet will be put up for the mill. A pond will also be constructed. The present Wills mill has been manufacturing red cedar shingles. About nine men will be employed on the shift at the beginning of operations here.

Christian and Hickson Logging Co. of Eugene is also expected to locate here in the Kenny Creek district for Vancouver Plywood Co., the firm planning to hire all help from this area.

Dallas Church Set to Serve 1,000

DALLAS—The Methodist Church is busy this week setting up a huge smorgasbord to feed an estimated 1,000 diners Friday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Nearly 200 church people are engaged in producing this second annual smorgasbord under the direction of chairman Ernest Jacobson. The entire church basement will be devoted to serving the dinner.

Scenic travel movies will be shown in the main auditorium to provide a diversion before and after the dinner. An effort is being made to regulate the size of the crowd by selling different colored tickets designating different hours for eating. This system was used with success last year.

Proceeds will go towards installation of the new organ presented recently to the church.

OCE Grads to Hear Rev. Moore

MONMOUTH—Plans for commencement exercises at Oregon College in Monmouth, were near completion Thursday as the Rev. Brooks H. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Salem, was selected as speaker for baccalaureate services, scheduled Sunday, May 30, at 3:00 p.m. in Campbell Hall Auditorium.

Following baccalaureate ceremonies, there will be a reception for graduates and their parents in the faculty lounge of the library building.

As announced previously, Gov. Paul Patton has accepted the invitation to be the commencement speaker on June 4, at 2:30 p.m. in Campbell Hall Auditorium.

Baccalaureate and commencement exercises this year will feature the awarding of the Master of Science Degree in Education. The 12 candidates who have completed the requirements for this degree are the first to do so in the history of the institution.

Abbey Plans Open House Sunday

MT. ANGEL—Laity Day open house at Mt. Angel Abbey and Seminary will be held Sunday afternoon, for the sixth consecutive year. The public is welcome.

Students will conduct visitors through the entire Seminary building, the abbey church, St. Joseph's chapel, the natural history museum and the ancient-book museum. The private, walled monastery gardens, which according to rule may not be entered by the laity, may be viewed from the open garden gate.

The unusual and modern mosaic stations, pictured in Time Magazine last year, are located in St. Joseph's chapel which forms the crypt of the abbey church. Chalice and vestments will be displayed in the church and their use explained by clerics appointed for the purpose. At intervals, the Very Rev. Martin Pollard will lecture on the stations and their significance. Colored slides and a colored film on the Abbey and Seminary will also be shown.

The Seminary Mothers Club will sponsor a baked food sale and fancy work booth. Proceeds will go toward furnishing recreation rooms in the new seminary building now under construction.

J. A. Stichler Dies Enroute To Hospital

MONMOUTH — Joseph Albert Stichler, 72, of 191 South Broad St., Monmouth, died of a heart attack enroute in an ambulance to a Salem hospital Wednesday.

Stichler was born in Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 17, 1882, and had been a resident of Monmouth and community for over 30 years. He was a retired farmer.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving in Company L, 168 Infantry, overseas for over two years.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Edith L. Stichler, Monmouth; two brothers, Thomas and Clarence Stichler, and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Banks, Banks, Mrs. Alice Shuck, Gaston, Mrs. Eliza Davis, Albany, and Mrs. Hattie Davis, Forest Grove.

Funeral services will be held from the Smith Mortuary Chapel, Independence, Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in Fir Crest Cemetery, Monmouth.

Polk County Court News

DALLAS — Dale R. Walker seeks a judgment of \$1,911 from George Wesley Etheridge in an auto accident suit filed Tuesday in Polk County Circuit Court. The complaint alleges that an accident happened June 9, 1952; three miles south of Monmouth on Highway 99-W.

Guy Travis seeks a judgement of \$11,704 from W. T. Stone and Barbara Stone in a complaint filed here this week. The complaint alleges damages as the result of an auto accident Sept. 1, 1953, on highway 99-W near the Gun Club Road intersection.

The following new complaints seeking divorce were on file here Thursday:

Lorene Choquette vs Kenneth Choquette, alleges cruelty, seeks custody of minor child, \$100 monthly child support, \$50 monthly alimony for one year, and household goods. Married Oct. 26, 1940, at Vancouver, Wash.

William M. Dodson vs Helen Dodson, alleges cruelty. Married Feb. 6, 1953 at Dallas.

Marriage license applications have been obtained here by the following:

Donald L. Teal, 36, and Letha Lorraine Slyh, 26, waitress, both of Valsetz.

Marvin James McKee, 25, Perrydale farmer, and Joan Marie Langford, 22, clerk, of 474 N. 18th St., Salem.

Donald Johnson, 28, logger, and Verla Ross Hubbs, 29, both of Falls City.

FARM AT DEVER SOLD

JEFFERSON — Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thorn have sold their farm in the Dever community to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snodgrass.

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Ballerinas Dance Today at Salem Heights



SALEM HEIGHTS—The 29 third and fourth graders in Mrs. Maurice Fleischman's room will present an original play, "Margaret in Fairyland" Friday at 1:30 p.m. for their parents and upper graders at Salem Heights School. Caught in this springtime pose at dress rehearsal Thursday were Judy Mason (center) and left, Denise Ward, Bonny Ireland, Penny Nelson, Judith Buntjer, Karen Martin and Gail Miller. Play is scheduled to be repeated at 7 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium for the public. (Statesman photo.)

Gates Man Succumbs to Heart Attack

MILL CITY — George Clise, 51, Gates trailer court proprietor, died unexpectedly of a heart attack here Wednesday night.

Clise and his wife had come here to notify Mrs. Oswald K. Hirte of Lyons that her husband had been injured in an auto accident near Gates a few minutes previously.

Mrs. Hirte was attending a Rainbow Girls banquet at Mill City.

Clise remained in the car while his wife went into the lodge hall and notified Mrs. Hirte. He was stricken before his wife returned and died a few minutes later.

Clise had lived in the Gates area for five years. He was born March 10, 1903.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, at Gates; his mother, Sarah Sellers, Ventura, Calif.; his grandmother, Ella M. Bennett, Cody, Wyo.; a brother, Paul Clise, Richland, Wash.; and a sister, Naomi Theurer, Ventura.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Wedde Mortuary in Stayton. The Mill City Masonic Lodge will perform ritualistic service. Burial will be in California.

Lola Bennett Dies, Rites Set at Dallas

DALLAS — Funeral services for Mrs. Lola Mae Bennett, 50, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bollman Funeral Chapel with the Rev. W. Harold Lyman officiating. Burial will be at Dallas Cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett died Wednesday at a Dallas rest home after an illness of four months. Her home address was 1217 S. Main St., Dallas. She was a member of the Christian Church.

Born July 4, 1903, at Elk City, Okla., she was married to George H. Bennett on May 21, 1921, at Lawton, Okla. She moved to Salem in 1942 and to Sheridan in 1948, coming to Dallas the following year.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Edna Lane, Mrs. Martha Phillips and Mrs. Stella Bennett, all of Salem, and Mrs. Judy Burns in Missouri; four sons, Charles, Paul, Melvin and Donald Bennett, all of Salem; also six grandchildren.

Gervais Girl to Head Students at Mt. Angel College

MT. ANGEL—Ruth Schreiber of Gervais was elected student body president of Mt. Angel Women's College at the regular April meeting.

She succeeds Mary Callaghan, Portland, who was presented with a gift in recognition of her service during the past year.

Other officers selected are: Frances Dieker, Mt. Angel, vice-president; Carol Wachter, Mt. Angel, secretary; Elaine Wilson, Scotts Mills, treasurer, and Anna Mae Lettis, Oakridge, sergeant-at-arms.

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Henry Graves, Independence Resident, Dies

INDEPENDENCE — Final rites for Henry A. Graves, 74, longtime employe at the Horst Ranch near Independence, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith Mortuary Chapel, Independence.

The Rev. Paul E. Boomer will officiate. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park, Salem.

Graves died at a Salem hospital April 24 after a lingering illness. He had lived here for 18 years.

He deceased was born Feb. 22, 1880 at Marysville, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susie Graves, Independence; four sons, Kenneth Graves, Sweet Home, Avery and Dale Graves of Independence and PFC Russell Graves of the U. S. Army stationed at Trieste (who will attend the funeral); one daughter, Mrs. George Kiser, of Independence; two brothers, Andrew and Ora Graves, Clarks, Nebr.; and one sister, Mrs. L. R. Irwin, Belgrade, Nebr.; also 12 grandchildren.

WIN HAWAIIAN TRIP

MONMOUTH—The Philco Company recently issued as prizes an expense trip to Hawaii for 10 days to stores selling the most merchandise. Monmouth Furniture Company was the winner in its category. Mr. and Mrs. Q. L. Jacobson will leave by airliner on May 13 for their trip and will return by ship.

Music Festival Tonight at Dallas Jr. High School

DALLAS — The Dallas Junior High Spring Festival will be a musical presented Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high school auditorium.

Appearing on the program will be the junior high band, directed by John Kienzie; sixth grade mixed chorus under the direction of Mrs. Eve Van Den Bosch and Mrs. Alice Frantz; the seventh-grade girls' chorus and boys' chorus, ninth grade mixed chorus and girls' trio, all under the direction of George Thompson.

Singing in the trio are Jayann Grooms, Lorraine Quiring and Mary Ellen McCleary. Admission is free.

19 Prizes Lure Dallas Anglers in JC Derby

DALLAS—Nineteen big prizes for adult and junior anglers are being offered by Dallas Jaycees in their first annual trout derby.

The derby, which opens Saturday, will run for eight weeks. The longest trout caught by junior and adult anglers will win the weekly prizes in each division. Juniors are those under 17 years of age.

Grand prizes offered in addition to the weekly prizes are an outdoor motor, twin Stag sleeping bags and a spinning rod and reel.

Foster Home and Auto is the official judging station and catches must be brought in by 6 p.m. each Monday to qualify for the contest ending at that time each week.

Fishermen qualify by purchasing derby tickets prior to May 29. One ticket is good until the contest closes June 28 and the holder is eligible for all weekly prizes and for grand prizes.

Any kind of trout is allowed with the provision that it is caught within Oregon's boundaries and under state game commission's rules. Steelhead are prohibited in the contest.

Several other derbies for youngsters are being sponsored here. Foster Home and Auto's contest is open to children up to 14 years who catch trout in Rickreall Creek. They must register by 6 p.m. Friday and enter their catches by 6 p.m. Saturday for eligibility toward prizes.

Critter's derby is for youngsters to 16 years and no registration is required. Three prizes are offered for trout entered from any stream prior to closing time Saturday.

Mayor Draws Traffic Fine

JEFFERSON — Charles K. McCormack, identified as mayor of Albany, was fined \$5.50 in Jefferson Justice Court on a charge of driving on the wrong side of the highway, Justice of the Peace Marvin Hutchings said Thursday.

McCormack was arrested two miles south of Salem on highway 99-E Monday night by state police.

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