

Our Valley

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Salem Young Republicans may go big game hunting soon. . . They want a big-name speaker for a banquet they are contemplating early in 1955. . . If their safari is successful, the news will blow your hat off. . . And they'll have no trouble dispensing gobs & gobs of chicken, creamed peas and parsley at the proposed \$25 a plate.

Nothing official yet, but more illumination will almost certainly be added to the Derry Railroad crossing, just east of Rickreall. . . This is the crossing where three fatal accidents have occurred during the past two years. . . A flashing signal likely will be added to the east side of the tracks where there is only a sign at present. . . (By the way, have the railroads finally replaced all those old-fashioned signs that read "Look Out for the Cars"? They were not uncommon 25 years ago, but it's probably been 50 years or more since many people called trains "the cars").

Plenty of history will be recalled when Hazel Green dedicates its new \$93,000 schoolhouse Tuesday night. . . Much of it already has been recalled, in fact, in a delightful, short history of the school compiled by Margery May Looney. . . She writes that the school was organized the year the Civil War ended ('65) and took its name from the undergrowth of hazel. . . Pupils used to drive deer from the school yard, boys rode work-oxen to school and sometimes ran home in terror when the trees made a sound like a panther's scream. . . The teachers "boarded around," spending a week in each home and moving every Sunday. . . As Margery Looney notes, this had its points: The teacher got acquainted with the parents and saw the home environment. . . (But where would we put 'em today in these cramped little two-bedroom houses that so many of us are going quietly nuts in?)

More Hazel Green history: One pupil of those early days survives—Mrs. Louisa Johnson, who went to Hazel Green School in 1876. She now lives with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Beer, in North Howell district. . . In those days there was a Literary and Debating Society, also a singing school led by George Applegard of England. . . Many church denominations used the old Hazel Green School, including Baptists, Methodists, Dunkards and an E. U. B. congregation. . . Spelling matches attracted attention and drew visitors and talent from other districts. . . (Apparently spelling is still stressed at Hazel Green, Sharon McKimney of that school won the 1954 Statesman-KSLM spelling contest).

If the expected bid for new milk legislation develops at the approaching Oregon Assembly, dairymen will have a built-in lobby in the House. . . New faces of 1955 will include at least three dairymen, all from the mid-valley. They are Joe Rogers of Polk County, Arthur Ireland of Yamhill-Washington, and, of course, Elmer (The Jug) Deetz from Clackamas. . . (And maybe Mt. Angel should set up a "milk bar" as its annual entertainment for the legislature?)

If you'd like to eat Thanksgiving dinner in pilgrim style, you might consider going to Sublimity Thursday. . . Members of St. Boniface Catholic Parish (in other words, practically everybody in Sublimity) will forego family dinners in favor of a full day of festivities at the parish hall. . . And, while a nominal price is attached, Father Joseph Scherbring reports that the public is welcome, too. . . There'll be worship services in the morning, games in the afternoon and a dance at night. . . The meal will be a double-header. . . Turkey and homemade sausage at 11:30 a. m., and a sort of mop-up operation at 5 in the afternoon.

Over at Rickreall, Thanksgiving heralds the start of practice for the community's now-famous Christmas pageant. . . This year's production will be the fourteenth annual one and Mrs. B. C. Bell will again be the director. . . Tentative dates are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17-18, but Mrs. Bell reports a possibility that a third night may be added this year to accommodate another 600 persons. Final decision will be up to the hard-working cast and choir. . . Tickets probably will be distributed through a few stores in nearby towns again, and those interested should watch for the announcement. . . They'll go fast.

At a recent church supper, Dr. Robert Moe of Salem was nominated for office. . . He quickly arose and declined, asserted good-naturedly "I'm afraid of people." . . To which Toastmaster O. K. Nielsen responded, "What kind of doctor are you?" . . . "I'm a dentist," said Dr. Moe. . . "Well," said Nielsen, "You may be afraid of people, but I'll bet a lot more people are afraid of you."

Births At Valley Hospitals

SILVERTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burroughs, Molalla, a daughter, Nov. 19, at Silvertown Hospital.

SHERIDAN — Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wideman, Sheridan, are now in Harrisburg, Va., are the parents of a daughter, Cheryl Virginia, born Oct. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McKune, Sheridan, are the parents of a son, Marion Vernon, born Nov. 4 in Willamina. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hamilton of Sheridan are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clark are the parents of a daughter, Deborah Yenne, born Nov. 13 at the Tongue Point Naval Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Clark, all of Sheridan.

Sheridan Garden Club Sets Bazaar

SHERIDAN — The Sheridan Garden club will have its annual Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 11. Featured will be mantle and table decorations, aprons, homemade candies and door swags for Christmas.

Mrs. Carol DeJong is general chairman and will be assisted by Mrs. Peggy DeJong, Mrs. Cora Wilbur, Mrs. Marjorie Johnson and Mrs. Aladeen O'Dell.

Willamina Churches Plan Union Service

WILLAMINA — A union Thanksgiving service will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church here Thanksgiving morning at 10 a. m. All of the churches in the community will participate, and the Rev. Zook of the Free Methodist church will speak. This is the first attempt at a Thanksgiving service for some years in Willamina.

Turner Groups Elect Officers

TURNER — Ideal Rebekah Lodge has elected the following officers: Mrs. Manuel Keene, noble grand; Mrs. Fred Pierce, vice-grand; Mrs. James Versteeg, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Mitchell, treasurer; and Mrs. Conrad Michaelson, financial secretary.

The Three Link Club met in the IOOF hall Friday when the following officers were elected: Mrs. Fred Pierce, president; Mrs. Carl Graves, vice-president, and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, secretary-treasurer. The club made plans for a bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 27. The next meeting of the club will be the Christmas party Dec. 17 in the Odd Fellow Hall.

Maurine Schollian is the newly-elected president of the student body of Turner Grade School. Stanley Peterson is vice-president; Mary Fry, treasurer; Patricia Robertson, secretary, and Paul Tinknell, sergeant-at-arms. Grover DeRosia is fire chief and Kenneth Wolf, assistant fire chief of the school fire department.

Mrs. DuRette New Fairfield Grangemaster

FAIRFIELD — Members of Fairfield Grange have elected Mrs. Donald DuRette as master to succeed Stanley Michalek who has held the office for the past two years.

Other officers elected were: Robert Wilson, overseer; Mrs. Robert Wilson, lecturer; Lawrence Weirich, steward; Stanley Michalek, assistant steward; Mrs. T. Dittmars, chaplain; Mrs. F. Saalfeld, treasurer; Mrs. Stanley Michalek, secretary; Freeman Marthaler, gate keeper; Mrs. L. Weirich, Ceres; Mrs. B. J. J. Miller, Pomona; Mrs. L. Scherber, Flora; Mrs. C. Allenbach, lady assistant steward. The executive committee includes D. B. DuRette, D. V. Ballweber, and R. Blackburn.

Women of the Home Ec committee have been spending the past week fixing up the kitchen, after purchasing a new cook stove. They are serving dinner for the Marion County livestock growers' annual meeting.

A social night is planned for Grangers, their families and friends at the Grange Hall on Friday, Nov. 26, at 7 p. m. A no-host dinner will precede the evening's entertainment.

Good Shepherd Church Women Select Officers

SALEM HEIGHTS — The women's organization of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has elected Mrs. Louis Anderson as president. Retiring president is Mrs. Kermit Peterson.

Mrs. Harvey Peterson was elected vice-president; Mrs. George Martin, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Ireland, treasurer.

Pastor O. W. Ebricht reports that a weekly Bible class for Sunday School teachers and prospective teachers will start Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p. m. at the church. The class will replace monthly meetings previously held by the teachers.

Fruitland Holiday Dinner Set Dec. 17

FRUITLAND — The Woman's Circle has chosen Friday, Dec. 17, as the date for its annual Christmas dinner. Plans were made Tuesday afternoon at the church annex when Mrs. L. K. Bruce, Mrs. J. C. Mattson and Mrs. Mike Lucas were hostesses.

Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. E. C. Cooter and Mrs. Carl Fischer will decorate; Mrs. Ivan Cooter and Mrs. Arthur Dalke will prepare the program and Mrs. Kenneth Runner will make the coffee.

Jack Woodall New Buell Grangemaster

SHERIDAN — Jack Woodall was elected Master of the Buell Grange this week. Other officers elected were treasurer, Tony Eisele; secretary, June Woodall; overseer, Carl Wise; lecturer, Mrs. Leo Herber; steward, Joe Humfleet; assistant steward, Mrs. Alfred Schroeder; chaplain, Mrs. Carl Wise; gate keeper, Stanley Eisele; Ceres, Mrs. Ray Tibbets; pomona, Mrs. Cedric Clark; flora, Mrs. Hugh Walker; executive committee, Clyde Todd, Herman Endres and Hugh Walker.

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Dallas Thanksgiving Rites To Include Many Churches

DALLAS — An hour-long Thanksgiving service beginning at 10 a. m. Thanksgiving Day has been arranged by the Dallas Ministerial Association to be held at the Evangelical United Brethren Church, located at Church and Mill streets.

Many Dallas churches will be represented on the program, with the Thanksgiving message being delivered by the Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of Salt Creek Baptist Church.

In addition, special music will be furnished by the Evangelical

Mennonite Brethren quartet; the Rev. John E. Rittermeyer, host pastor, will lead in Scripture and prayer; and the Rev. William Cook, pastor of Foursquare Church, will lead congregational singing.

Arrangements for the program were made by the Rev. Herbert Anderson, pastor of Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

The Thanksgiving offering will be used by Church World Service for the transporting of surplus government foodstuffs to Korea to be distributed among the still needy people of that country.

Rebekah Unit Elects Officers

JEFFERSON — Hazel Hinsdale is the newly elected noble grand of Mt. Jefferson Rebekah Lodge. Other officers named this week were Stella Jones, vice grand; Alice McCoy, treasurer; Keithel Smith, re-elected secretary; and Bessie Porter, financial secretary.

An invitation was received from Harrisburg lodge to attend a reception honoring Gladys Wadsworth, grand musician of the Assembly of Oregon, on Nov. 27. It was reported that Mrs. Clara Bentz, former Jefferson resident, had suffered a broken-leg in an auto accident when within only five miles of her home in California while returning from a visit in Oregon.

Hostesses serving refreshments were Lillian Schulz, Eunice Sutton, Claudia Strode and Keithel Smith.

Liberty Scouts Receive Awards

LIBERTY — Cub Pack 18 held its November meeting Wednesday evening. Den chief cords were presented to Duncan Clark and Wayne Austin by the Scoutmaster Don Schur.

Awards presented were: Bobcat, Clark Mason, Chris Friess, Randy Wells, Richard Phillips; wolf silver arrow, Fred Fagg, Douglas Bennett, Alton Albin; wolf badge, Greg Kreitzberg; bear badge and gold arrow, Dan Withers; lion silver arrow, Don Schur.

The attendance trophy was won by Den 9 of which Mrs. Don Schur is den mother. The inspection trophy went to Den 8.

Middle Grove Parents Meet

MIDDLE GROVE — The Parents Club meeting drew a capacity audience to the school cafeteria Thursday night. Mrs. Adora Hansen's second grade won the award for parent attendance.

The newly organized Cub Scouts will hold their first regular meeting at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

A Camp Fire Girls group was organized at a recent meeting for mothers at the home of Mrs. Robert Rice. Mrs. Ralph Wilcox is leader and Mrs. Melvin Evenden, assistant leader.

A Bluebird group for second-grade girls will be led by Mrs. Joe Slimak with Mrs. Delight Larson, assistant leader. Eleven girls attended the first meeting.

Mrs. Lewis Patterson will lead a group of third and fourth graders. Sponsoring mothers for these groups are Mrs. Harland Selby, Mrs. Lee Surgeon and Mrs. George Van Dusan. The Parents Club will assist financially.

The school Christmas program will be presented Dec. 16 at the school.

Refrigerator Fire Damages Kitchen

EAST SALEM — The kitchen of the M. M. Henderson residence, 2168 Evergreen Ave., was damaged Saturday when the motor on a refrigerator caught fire.

Four Corners Volunteer firemen responded at 3 p. m. They reported the interior of the house was damaged by smoke. The refrigerator was termed a "total loss."

Valley News Briefs

South, Salem — A candle-making workshop is scheduled Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Salem Heights Community Hall by the Liberty-Salem Heights Home Extension Unit. Mrs. Harvey Willard and Mrs. Howard Gardner will be in charge.

Independence — The Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Legion Hall. The Christmas program will be discussed.

Detroit — City voters will elect three new councilmen on Dec. 27. Deadline for filing petitions of nomination is Friday. A proposed new city charter also will be on the Dec. 27 ballot.

Salt Creek — Thanksgiving Day will find members of the Salt Creek Baptist Church eating dinner together at the church at noon. This custom is traditional in the community.

Four Corners — Albert Brant is attending the national convention of the Carpenters and Joiners Union at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a delegate from the Salem local.

Auburn — The Auburn PTA was host to the community Thursday night at a school benefit. The capacity crowd which attended is believed the largest crowd on record at an Auburn school function.

Four Corners — Mrs. C. A. Lessor underwent surgery Thursday at Salem Hospital.

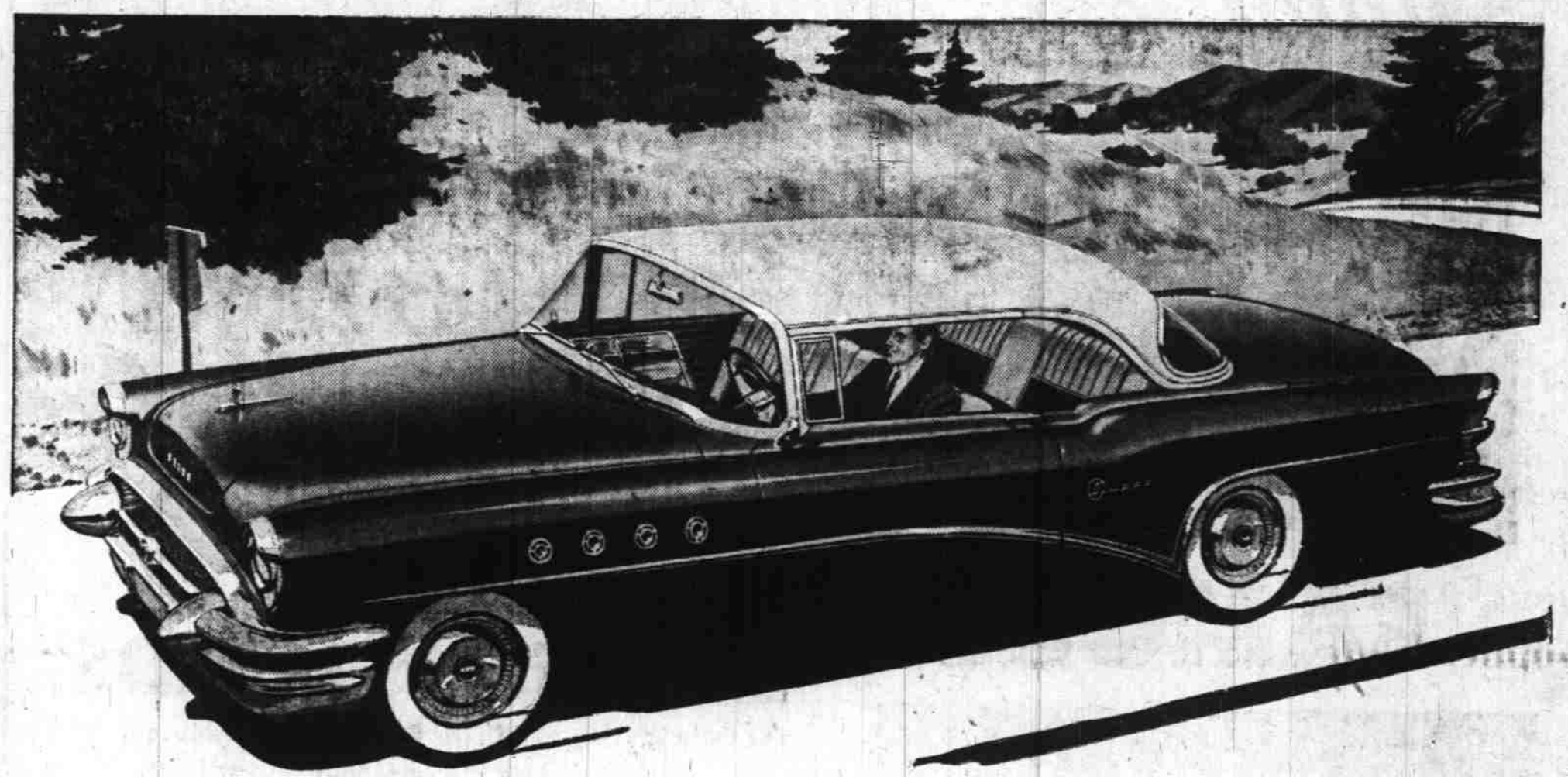
Mill City — A union Thanksgiving service will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Mill City Assembly of God Church.

Jefferson — A well-child conference will be held Monday at the high school from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. Mothers may make appointments by calling Mrs. William Skelton. Free health examinations and immunizations are given by county health doctors and nurses in attendance.

Sheridan — A Future Homemakers 4-H Club was organized this week. Darlene Moore was elected president; Susan Ball, vice-president; Arla Humfleet, secretary; Barbara Green, reporter, and Laverna Schmidt, song leader.

Jefferson — The Dale Turnidges have started a new house on their farm just off Talbot Road. Jasper Turnidge, who bought the Bentz house in south Jefferson, is completely remodeling the property. The Guy Babcocks, who operate the Santiam Oil Company here, have bought the Bailey residence property on Third Street. Guy Rolands are adding a room to the front of their rental property on Third Street.

East Salem — Steven Tipton, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tipton incurred a head cut Saturday while playing. He was taken to a clinic where four stitches were taken to close the wound.



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