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Around Town . . .

By JERYME ENGLISH

FOLLOWING THE SUN . . . The Asel Effels departed this week for the South . . . they drove to Newport Beach, Calif., where they will board their yacht for a cruise to Acapulco and other resorts in Mexico . . . Joining them on the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox of Portland and friends from Newport Beach . . . they plan to be away a month . . .

Leaving . . . Friday for Southern California, Arizona and Mexico were Mr. and Mrs. W. Gordon Black . . . they are traveling with their trailer and will sojourn at desert resorts and in northern Mexico for several months . . . Their first stop will be Oxnard, Calif., where they will visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black Jr. and their children . . . While the Blacks are away their Illinois Street home will be occupied by Rep. and Mrs. Charles Allen Tom and children, of Rufus . . . The Tom family arrived in the capital Friday and their children will be enrolled in the Salem schools during their stay here . . .

Returning . . . to the capital Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. Silas Gaiser, who went south to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maxfield in Monterey Park, Calif. . . . Last Sunday the Maxfield's daughter, Ann Elizabeth, was baptized at the Covina Presbyterian Church by Dr. Irwin Williams, former pastor of Salem's First Presbyterian Church . . . Following the services the Gaisers met two former Salem couples, the Rev. Donald Douris, assistant pastor of the Covina Church, Mrs. Douris and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eggstaff . . .

A holiday . . . in California for Mrs. Byron Herrick, who returned to Salem Friday from Napa, where she spent Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brinkerhoff and their five children . . .

Outstanding . . . event of New Year's Day will be the open house and silver tea at the Salem Art Museum, Bush House . . . the interested public is invited to call this afternoon between 2 and 6 o'clock . . . A feature of the event will be the old-fashioned decorated tree with old ornaments, popcorn and cranberry strings . . . the rooms will all be decorated in the traditional manner . . . and there will be exhibits of New Year's invitations, cards and toys of the late 1800's . . .

Tea time . . . on Tuesday when the Past Presidents Club of the Pi Beta Phi alumnae entertained with the annual mother-daughter Christmas tea in honor of the active members home for the holidays . . . The James T. Brand

Club Party Held At Dunn Home

The annual Christmas party for the Sitch and Chatter Club was held at the home of Mrs. Hubert Dunn. A short business meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. Leora Matlock, as the club president, Mrs. Jeannette Dickinson is visiting in San Diego for Christmas.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. C. Campbell and a covered dish supper is planned in the near future.

home atop Kingwood Heights the setting . . . Informality prevailing with guests chatting over the tea cups around the fireplace in the living room . . . and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague pouring . . .

Lovely arrangements . . . of greens noted . . . On the mantel moss covered oak branches adorned with ornamental birds and sprayed cones . . . Before the picture window a huge arrangement of holly, fir and cedar boughs and laurel leaves in a cut glass vase . . . Gilded hydrangeas and laurel leaves on the piano . . .

Ceeds and their mothers . . . calling . . . Mrs. Kenneth Waters and Claudia, who has been attending Willamette, but will return to Oregon State this term . . . Mrs. Clarence Greig and her vivacious, brunette daughter, Sally Jo . . . Mrs. Vern W. Miller and Julie . . . and Mrs. A. W. Loucks and Judy, who is more than enthused about her freshman year at Oregon . . .

Supper hosts . . . Sunday night will be Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Gregg, who have invited guests to their Candalaria home . . . The Greggs have been hosts for a series of supper parties during the holidays . . .

Entertaining . . . at an informal open house Wednesday night were Dr. and Mrs. George B. Martin, who invited guests to their Candalaria home between 7:30 and 10 o'clock . . .

Holiday birthdays . . . celebrated during the week . . . Barbara Mills was seven years old on Monday and to celebrate the occasion she invited twenty of her neighborhood school friends to a party at the Candalaria home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mills . . . Neff Powell, son of the Bingham Powells, celebrated his 7th birthday on Tuesday afternoon at a party at the South Liberty Street home of his parents . . . A gingerbread house, made by his mother, was a feature of the party . . .

Dinner hosts . . . Sunday will be Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Needham, who are entertaining members of the immediate family at their home in compliment to Dr. Needham's mother, Mrs. W. I. Needham, on her birthday . . .

Special guests will be Mrs. Winfield Needham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Proctor of Ottumwa, Iowa, holiday visitors in the capital . . .

Bridge Tournery Is Resumed

The Salem Knights of Columbus Bridge Club resumed weekly junior tournament Thursday evening, with nine tables in play. High scoring teams for north and south were Mrs. Hazel Johnson and Mrs. Mona Yoder, Mrs. Dorthea Steusloff and Mrs. E. M. Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kropp.

While in the other direction of the boards high scores were awarded to Mrs. G. P. Haley and Mrs. L. J. Marker. Tied for second were Mrs. J. H. Meusey and Miss Lorraine Meusey and Mrs. Myrtle Watson and Mrs. L. F. Dempewolf.

The regular junior monthly play-off will be held January 6 at 7:45 p.m. at the Columbus Hall.

Miss Virginia Patterson, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Paul L. Patterson, is leaving Sunday to return to her studies at Stanford University. She will be driving south with a group of college friends.

Good Old Days

Fabulous Collection of Cookbooks Goes on Auctioneer's Block

By MAXINE BUREN
Statesman Women's Editor

One of the world's great collections of rare and ancient cookbooks was auctioned off in the Park-Bernet Galleries in New York City in November. Arnold Shircliffe of Chicago collected the books over a period of many years. They were auctioned off in a few hours.

Collecting cookbooks (or any other books on a subject in which one is interested) is a comparatively inexpensive hobby. It can be fabulous, such as the Shircliffe collection, of course, but one can pick up old books here and there for little, and slowly build up an interesting assortment. One of the nice things about book collecting is that it can suit both pocketbook and collector. Once in a while something valuable might turn up in a collection of otherwise little consequence, but it's best not to count on unknown treasures—just concentrate on the interest.

COVERED CENTURIES

The Shircliffe collection covered some 500 years of food and beverage history, among them many valuable items. One book, De Honestas Voluptate: 1499, which is listed among those of the collection, is said to be the first cookbook ever printed. Another, De re Culinaris: 1541 is the source of much present-day knowledge of cooking and dining in Imperial Rome.

Even the fine collection of the late Mr. Shircliffe contained much of interest that was not so old. Mary Eale's Receipts: London 1733 and Mrs. Collin's Table Receipts: Indiana 1851, are among his books, and we are sure, some in our own collection and other women's might compare favorably.

Even in my modest collection are some of special interest. While in Boston, I found some books on New England regional cookery on the bargain counter, which are interesting and useful.

Such books as our Modern Cooking for Private Families, by Miss Acton: 1882 and any of the dozen church or club books put out within the past 75 years may be as rare, though we fear not as valuable as those in famed collection.

HISTORY OF OLD

George Strout Jr., rural correspondent for The Statesman and presently taking graduate work at Willamette University, has turned his interest to collecting books which reveal the living habits of the people of yesteryear. History being his field, he plans to use books of his collection for future study of the past.

Several books on etiquette were among those which he loaned for scanning. The Complete Home, by Mrs. Julia McNair Wright, and Decorum, by S. L. Louis are both on manners and dress of the 1880s, while Present Day Etiquette by Virginia Van de Water is of the 1920s. A Ladies Handbook by Florence Hartley tells what a young lady of 1860 should know about dress and handwork.

Other subjects of interest may be pursued through books, and persons of all ages and interests might well take up book collecting too, as a satisfying and not-beyond-the-budget hobby.

Though the collection may never make the headlines, it will have been a source of much interest to the collector himself, and perhaps even his family and friends.

Miss Leta Jones Announces Engagement to Mr. Olson

Wedding bells will ring next summer for Miss Leta Rhea Jones and Thomas Raymond Olson, whose betrothal was revealed Friday morning at a holiday coffee for which the bride-elect was hostess. Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Jones and her fiancé is the son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Raymond F. Olson.

Twenty-five of the young con-

tingent were bidden to the announcement party at 10:30 o'clock at the Jones home on Fawcett Street. The coffee table was covered with a green and white check cloth with a ruffled border. The centerpiece was a dancing couple flanked by white chrysanthemums with gold rings bearing the names of the engaged duo.

Miss Sandra Carter greeted the guests at the door. Pouring were Miss Sharon Johnson and Miss Joyce Randall.

Miss Jones and her fiancé are graduates of Salem High School. Mr. Olson is a junior at Willamette University.

Miss Johnston Weds Mr. Keene

SHERIDAN — Miss Barbara Darlene Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Johnston of Salem, and Robert Lewis Keene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hyer, were married Dec. 11 in a double ring ceremony at the Willamina Christian church by the Rev. Elmo Beck.

The bride wore a white silver tulle ballerina gown and carried a bouquet of red and white carnations.

Miss Katherine Franzon of Portland was maid of honor and wore a navy knit dress and a red carnation corsage.

Harry Albin of Crescent City was best man and Ralph Bunn, Willamina, was the usher.

Miss Sharon Hyer and Miss Violet Inghen lighted the candles. Mrs. Pete Reynolds sang, accompanied by Miss Linda Beck.

A reception and buffet dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Cora Van Scoyk in Willamina, grandmother of the bride. Mrs. Thelma Smith of Willamina cut the wedding cake and Mrs. Ralph Bunn passed the guest book.

The bride attended Salem schools and the bridegroom Sheridan schools. He also served in the Navy. They are now at home in Crescent City.

Au Revoir Party For Mrs. Houck

In honor of Mrs. James Houck, a buffet dinner will be given Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Miss Eunice Peckenpaugh.

The Houcks will leave Salem January 2, stopping for a few days in California before arriving at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on January 13. Lt. Houck will be stationed there temporarily.

A group of close friends have been invited to honor Mrs. Houck, including the Misses Marilyn Blakley, Carolyn Messmer, Patricia Walters, Bernice DeMoude, Billy Miller, Harriet Just, Sophia Polales, Norma Herrington, Mary Sundet, Mrs. Steven Benson, Mrs. Roy Schwabauer, Mrs. Robert A. Seamster, and the Hostess.

Miss Woods to Be Married

SHERIDAN — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gless of Bend have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jennie Lee Woods, to Richard Hibbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hibbert of Sheridan. The wedding will be held next summer.

Miss Woods is a senior at Oregon State college and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Mr. Hibbert is also an OSC senior and affiliated with Chi Phi fraternity. He is majoring in naval science, and upon graduating next spring will serve two years in the Navy.

Allan Carson Takes Bride On Friday

Salem will be the future home of the newly married Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hamilton Carson. The couple's marriage was quietly solemnized on Friday afternoon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Joseph E. Vanderbeck officiating before members of the immediate family.

The bride is the former Marian Sickenberger of Washington, D.C. Mr. Carson is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan G. Carson. They both have been living in Washington and came west for the holidays.

For her wedding the bride chose a mist blue sheer wool crepe afternoon dress with a shell pink hat and black accessories. With her ensemble she wore stone marten furs and her flowers were red rosebuds.

The bridegroom's parents attended the couple.

Following the nuptials a wedding reception for members of the family was held at the Carson home on South Church Street.

When the couple left on their wedding trip the new Mrs. Carson changed to a black suit with aqua hat.

Holiday Tea On Thursday

Mrs. I. M. Doughan entertained with a delightful holiday tea Thursday afternoon at her North Summer Street home with a group of longtime friends calling.

Pouring were Mrs. Wayne Doughan, daughter-in-law of the hostess, her sister, Mrs. Loren E. Wilson of Albany, and Mrs. Roy L. Houck. Serving were Mrs. Franklin D. Silkey, Mrs. Donald Doughan and Miss Coralie Doughan. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Fred Keeler, Mrs. David H. Cameron, Mrs. Lester C. McLeod and Mrs. Charles A. Cole.

The tea table was covered with a pale blue taffeta cloth with a long arrangement of silvered and frosted bells, ornaments and frosted candles with touches of blue for the centerpiece.

Betrothals of Two Couples Revealed

With the close of the year came the announcement of the engagement of Miss Jodie Lou Johannaber and Lewis Hampton.

Miss Johannaber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Johannaber of Chemawa. She is a graduate of Willamette University and is on the faculty of the McMinnville schools.

Mr. Hampton is attending the Willamette University Law School and is entering the Air Force this summer. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Patten of Salem. The wedding is planned for June.

Miss Harms Engaged

The engagement of Miss Lorraine Harms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Harms, to John R. Tilgner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tilgner of Dallas, was revealed this week. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Harms is a senior at North Salem High School and her fiancé is a graduate of Salem Academy. He is now attending McMinnville College in Portland.

The bride-elect was honored at a buffet supper Wednesday night when Miss Lois Dezeloff and Miss Patricia Edwards entertained at the latter's Market Street home.

Independence Leaders Say 1954 Steady

Statesman News Service

INDEPENDENCE — Business in Independence remained on an even keel in 1954 while the transition of surrounding farms from hops to canneries crops continued, civic leaders reported Friday.

"Business here has steadied up considerably during the last few months and I think most merchants are a little better off than they were a year ago," Mayor John Pfaff reported.

"The dip in farm income may have reflected in a few firms here, but I haven't heard anyone complaining," said Bev Walker, president of the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

Aiding the Independence economy was the Mountain Fir Lumber Co. which reported a payroll of about \$250,000 during 1954, its first full year of operation.

The mill was not affected by the lumber strike, employing an average of 45 men all year while processing about 20,000,000 board feet of lumber.

Opening of the National Plywood Cooperative is expected to be the big industrial news here in 1955. The plant's "green end" is scheduled to start production early in 1955 and is expected to employ 50 to 75 men. The full plant, when completed, calls for 300 employees.

LEE EVANS HOME

JEFFERSON — Lee Evans is home on a 30-day leave. He has been on board the USS Deliver. Lee is a son of Archie Evans of Jefferson.

Most Valley Merchants Prospered During 1954; See Good Times Ahead

Valley News

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Optimism Rules Polk County Towns; '54 One of Brightest

By HAL NORBERG

Statesman Correspondent

DALLAS—Businessmen of the Dallas, Falls City and Rickreall areas looked upon the New Year with extreme optimism this week as they paused to appraise 1954 as one of the "brightest" years in recent history.

December was a boom month for many, capping a full year of generally good business. The consensus here is that the prosperous trend will continue through 1955.

Opinions of a number of Polk County men are sampled in the following brief interviews:

Paul Morgan, resident manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber Co. mill in Dallas, said, "We are optimistic this year. Building is strong and the newspaper and trade journals predict a good year. We have operated steadily since the long strike of last summer which is ancient history now. We plan to run as usual in 1955 with the same crew and plant facilities."

Claude Larkin, a farmer of the Rickreall area, noted that 1954 was a wet farm year, but the crops were so much better than average that they made up for the cost of special drying in the grain harvest.

Tom Newton, manager of Polk County Federal Savings & Loan in Dallas, declared, "We had an increase of about a half-million dollars in savings accounts during the past 12 months. This seems to be a trend throughout the Savings and Loan field. Our loaning didn't show as much increase as we would like, but is holding its own."

Henry Dalpez, grocery-store manager, said his firm had a fine year and foresaw another good year in prospect.

Andrew Irwin, Dallas druggist and Boy Scout leader, pointed out that he had a very good year in business. He believes 1955 will be just as good if employment continues as usual.

Irwin said that Boy Scout enrollment was increasing in Dallas with 70 boys in the one troop sponsored by the American Legion Post and led by Scoutmaster George Long. The Cubs are doing well, he added, under the leadership of Robert Scholl and a good staff of den mothers.

Virgil Davis, who runs a variety store in Falls City, declared, "It has been a swell year—well above other years in turnover. During the year, we operated with a bigger stock, handled less credit and made more cash sales. Our New Year's inventory is below average and we just can't explain why the past year was so good!"

Silverton Year Equalled '53; Yule Trade Lagged for Some

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Statesman Staff Writer

SILVERTON—When Father Time rolled into Silverton Friday night for his annual business of winding up the year-clock, he found merchants quite content, but not gloating quite so much as at midnight, Dec. 31, 1953.

It was recalled among storekeepers in Silverton Friday, that a year ago was one of the "biggest Decembers ever."

Earl J. Adams, of Legard and Adams Clothing Store, and one of Silverton's older merchants in point of time doing business here, said Friday that Dec. 24, 1953, was the biggest day he had ever had in business. The day before Christmas this year fell a little "flat," he added. However, business up to Dec. 1 was larger this year than the year previous, so when final figures are posted the two years are expected to be "very close to the same."

"But it has been a very interesting year, aside from business," Adams pointed out as he spoke of the huge "fun success" of the Silverton Centennial in August, and the months earlier in the year leading up to that climax.

Adams' remarks were somewhat echoed by Sion Wentworth, manager of the J. C. Penney Store of Silverton, and president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

"There's going to be very little difference in the volume of business between 1953 and 1954," Wentworth said. "I think the two years will end very much as a tie so far as business is concerned, but it has been an awfully nice year here—what with the Centennial and the Union High School formed last spring, bringing 13 districts, including Silverton's together."

Business at the Silverton Post Office might be a mite larger in 1954 than the previous year, when figures are completed, Henry Alm, postmaster, said Friday.

Reports at the Silverton Hospital had not been figured, either, on Friday, but office help believed there had been "a few more babies" in 1954 than the year previous. Figures will be available next week.

Keeping things in ship-shape repair has been the "big business" of the city this past year, according to Robert E. Borland, city manager.

Silverton's Planning Commission finished up the year this week by discussing ways and means of financing a water-filtration plant, other than by bond issue. Further study on this will be made before submitting a report to the City Council early in the year.

All-in-all, Silverton looks like it is sitting pretty good, and a lot of visitors from far and wide are finding that it's a pretty interesting little place.

N. Marion County Merchants Saw Business Slide Slightly Due to Bad Weather for Crops

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WOODBURN — A reduction in returns from crops in this area due to a late spring frost and adverse weather during most of the harvest season had its effect on the 1954 business conditions in Woodburn and the rest of North Marion County, according to year-end reports.

However, it is expected that the 12-month average income will not be too far below 1953.

The strawberry harvest was about 30 per cent below the previous year. The late frost killed blooms that would have made the first two pickings. Then cloudy, rainy weather delayed ripening and brought mold and slug damage.

The caneberry crop was only slightly off 1953's record production, but wet weather reduced the snap bean and cucumber harvests below expectations.

The rye grass seed crop was above normal, fescue light and crimson clover a failure. Wet weather in September damaged the fall barley and wheat crops after high hopes for good returns.

Weather conditions changed the grade of barley to "feed" classification and it was necessary to install driers to reduce moisture in the wheat for storage and shipment. The alfalfa and walnut harvests were fair.

Christmas business in the area was spotty. However, the general opinion was that the total would run slightly below the 1953 Yule season.

Considerable progress was made in the Woodburn area during the past year. The city of Woodburn put into operation a new \$16,000 modern fire truck and completed the sewerage of two large sections of the town.

In cooperation with the Woodburn rural fire protection district a full-time fire chief was employed. The year end saw the start of construction of a new post office building in Woodburn.

Business Good At Gateway to North Santiam

By CHARLES IRELAND
Valley Editor, The Statesman
STAYTON — Most merchants will be pleased if 1955 is as good as the year just ending in this gateway city of the North Santiam Canyon.

A spot-check of main street stores Friday indicated that most business men have had a fine year. Several stores estimated sales were up 10 per cent over the year before while profits held firm. Grocery and mercantile stores were among those reporting a good year.

An auto agency here reportedly has sold 90 new cars since new models appeared in November.

Strike Helped Canyon
A big payroll at the Stayton Canning Co. and the lumber strike were factors in the economy of Stayton and the North Santiam Canyon during 1954.

Although the lumber strike was harmful to the Willamette Valley in general, most observers here feel certain that it worked to the advantage of this area.

Despite brief shutdowns at the M & M plywood plant and the Mt. Jefferson Lumber Co., both at Lyons, most mills in the area remained open throughout the strike and reaped a bonanza as lumber prices soared.

Packed 22,000 Tons
The Stayton Canning Co. processed about 22,000 tons of vegetables during 1954, and Manager Farmer Smith said that may constitute a record pack. Because the cannery compiles its records for the year ending March 31, exact figures have not been compiled.

Although the North Santiam area is most famous for its beans, Manager Smith said the 1954 pack was evenly divided among corn, carrots and beans. Bean and corn volume was below normal due to the weather, but a big carrot crop made the total pack balance up as one of the biggest in history here.

Employed 800 at Peak
The cannery employed 800 persons at the peak of the bean season. Smith said that was a new high in employment.

Besides the prospect of continued good business, Stayton can look forward to home delivery of mail in 1955. There also is talk of a special city census. Some think the population here has grown to approximately 1,900. The 1950 census was 1,507.

Silverton Man Hopes Luck Turns in 1955

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON — Lewis Yates, Silverton Water Commissioner, says he is hoping for a better 1955 than the finish of 1954 turned out to be.

Early this week, Yates slipped and fell on the frosty steps of his home, injuring his back so that he has been confined to his home most of the week. Shortly before midnight Thursday, Mrs. Yates was taken ill and had to be removed to the Silverton Hospital where she was reported as somewhat better Friday morning.

Births At Valley Hospitals

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SILVERTON — A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wolf of Woodburn, Dec. 30, at the Silverton Hospital.

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