

Valley News

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History of Mill City's Bank Recalled Following Merger

MILL CITY—Of great interest to the community is the merger of its independent bank with the United States National Bank of Portland, thus creating a Mill City Branch.

D. B. Hill, who has been associated with the Mill City State Bank since its organization in October of 1919, revealed some interesting facts about the history of the bank, declared by Portland officials to be one of the most attractive and best equipped small banks in the state.

Hill stated that F. M. Arnold was its first president in 1919, and succeeded in 1922 by Dr. W. W. Allen who held the office until his death in 1937. From 1937 until 1940 Frank J. Potter, mill owner, was president, followed by C. E. Mason from 1940 until 1948.

Hill became president in 1948, having served as cashier for many years. Appointed to the position as cashier was D. B. Hill Jr., who joined his father in the bank immediately after his discharge from the Army in 1945.

At present D. B. Hill Jr., known to his friends as "Bob," is manager of the bank which is retaining all of its employees. For the past 18 years C. E. Mason and Mrs. Mildred Allen have been on the board of directors, and the bank has always been managed by local people.

In announcing his retirement May 1, Hill stated that he and Mrs. Hill, who served for many years as bank teller, will spend the summer at their lovely new home overlooking the river, and any plans for travel will not be formulated until fall.



MILL CITY—D. B. Hill Jr. (top) will take over management of the Mill City State Bank today as it becomes a branch of U.S. National Bank of Portland. D. B. Hill Sr. (bottom) is retiring as head of the bank after many years.

Polk Education Session Bids 32 for May 7

INDEPENDENCE — Invitations to take leading parts in the governor's regional meeting of the White House Conference on Education for Polk and Yamhill counties, have been accepted by 32 persons, announces Mrs. Dean Walker, Independence, program chairman.

The session is scheduled for May 7 at McMinnville. Mrs. Paul Patterson will attend as a member of the State Board of Education and act as a consultant to one of the discussion groups.

The four legislators from the two counties are expected to participate and Eugene March, chairman of the governor's education conference to be held in Salem in June, is slated to evaluate the meeting at the close of the program.

Consultants are Dr. Harry Dillon of Linfield college; Dr. James Curtin, assistant professor of education, Oregon College of Education; James Turnbull, assistant superintendent, State Department of Education; Yamhill County Judge R. E. Renne, Newberg; Polk County Senator Walter Leth, Monmouth; Yamhill County Representative George Layman, Newberg; A. L. Beck, State Department of Education; Architect John Reynolds, Eugene; Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant superintendent, State Department of Education; Dr. Roy Lieuallen, President of Oregon College of Education; Howard George, former school board member of Newberg, and Mrs. Paul Patterson.

Discussion leaders at the Saturday evening dinner meeting include Mrs. Harry Sherman, Dayton; Adolph Hrabka, Dayton; Rev. Lawrence Guderian, McMinnville; Dr. Daniel Wessler, Independence; Don Finley, Newberg; Dean Holmes, Sheridan; Kenneth Goodale, Yamhill; Mrs. Harry Hargreaves, Monmouth; Ezra Koch, McMinnville, and Richard Wilson, Dallas.

Mother Approves Son's Hobby of Collecting Snakes

ELYRIA, O. (UP)—Mrs. Steve Jarzamba is certainly an understanding mother.

Her son, Richard Bates, 12, has acquired a 4 1/2 foot baby boa constrictor to add to his menagerie of a blue racer, two garter snakes, a decoy snake, 11 turtles, two guinea pigs and a dog.

He has been working on the reptile collection since last summer. All are non-poisonous, but the boa constrictor presents a problem. Or, rather, it will when it fully matures, since it will then measure at least 12 feet in length.

Mrs. Jarzamba accepts her son's collecting propensities, feeling a parent should not "interfere with her children's hobbies."

Gary Admits Being Bing's Son 'Helped Plenty' in Show World

By JAMES BACON

HOLLYWOOD — It's refreshing for a change, to hear one Hollywood son admit that it helps in show business to have a famous father.

Gary Crosby, eldest of Bing's four boys, is in show business now for keeps. He's a regular performer on Tennessee Ernie's CBS radio show and will have his own show this summer. He did one TV spot with Jack Benny and has another one coming up with Ed Sullivan.

On May 26, he and Louis Armstrong break in a theater act in South Bend, Ind., and then go into the Chicago theater for a stand.

Has it hurt or helped being Bing's Boy?

"It's helped plenty," the husky Gary answers with unusual frankness. "A lot of doors were opened that might otherwise have been slammed in my face."

Answers Differ

His answer differs from the stock one given by most sons of famous Hollywood personalities who say that their fathers' prestige hurts them. Since most of them start their careers as producers, this gets an "Oh yeah!" reaction from the public.

But Bing's prestige is probably only partly responsible for Gary's send-off in the business. More important is the sense of rhythm he inherited from both his father and late mother. He's also a young carbon copy of his dad in the casual wit department.

The latter bequests are the ones that will enable him to keep working on his own. In this commercial town, Bing's name may open the door but it takes talent to stay inside. The kid's got it.

His dad was upset when he quit Stanford for show business but Gary's mind was made up when he clicked last summer with his own radio show. Campus life seemed a little pointless after that.

Not Greatest

"And," he adds, "I am not the world's greatest student."

His theater act with Armstrong will be strictly an ad lib deal. That's because Armstrong is noted for not remembering lines.

"Someone wanted to write an act for us but I turned it down. With Louie, if I say the opening line that's all. Because there will be no cues thrown after that."

The ad lib is something else he inherited from Bing.

"I guess I inherited everything but his voice," quips the 21-year-old singer. "I may be ho Lanza but at least I'll show up everyplace I'm supposed to."

HOLLYWOOD — The Masquerade Club, a show business group, tossed a testimonial dinner for George Gobel. The TV comedian showed up in a new dinner suit made out of new Italian silk fabrics.

Masquerade Joe Frisco, the stuttering comic, commented: "That guy G-g-gobel ain't doing so great after all. He shows up in a tuxedo made out of old 1-1-1-1-linings."

HOLLYWOOD — Mamie van Doren, a bundle of curves, may have been named for a man.

Actor John Smith reveals that his agent once took him to Universal-International for a contract talk.

"At the time, I was using my right name—Robert van Orden. The casting director didn't sign me but he thought I had a great name. A week later U-I changed the name of one Joan Olander to Mamie van Doren, the same letters as mine only juggled a little."

Unusual Names

Agent Henry Willson is noted for the unusual names he gives his clients. Samples: Rock Hudson, Tab Hunter, Race Gentry, Rory Calhoun, Rhonda Fleming.

So Willson changed the fancy sounding name of Robert van Orden to plain John Smith. And says Smith:

"We figured that we couldn't lose if we got the Smiths on our side. I like it. People never could re-

Science Helps Fishermen to Find Big Ones

NEW YORK (INS) — Now science has come up with a "fish magnifier" which uses electronics to help you spot the big ones.

It was designed by the Pacific division of Bendix Aviation Corporation to help sports and commercial fishermen identify schools of deep-swimming fish that normally hug the ocean bottom.

The electro-mechanical device coupled with another unit named the depth recorder will give seafaring men a fish-eye's view of the briny deep. The chart of the recorder pictures a broad area of the ocean bottom, as well as schools of fish, help and underwater hazards.

The magnifier will give an enlarged image of any sector of the overall picture on the recorder's chart. It will enable fishermen to distinguish readily schools of cod, halibut and flounder, which ordinarily blend into the ocean bottom on the larger scope of the recorder.

CD Budgets Note Climb

CHICAGO (UP) — Civil defense budgets in 24 of the nation's largest cities range from more than \$3,600,000 in New York to \$16,657 in Dallas Tex.

The American Municipal Association conducted a survey that showed civil defense programs in cities of more than 400,000 population vary greatly.

It said the variety of interest and concern cannot be laid to indifference on the part of those cities whose programs are relatively small.

The strategic location of the city affects the emphasis given civil defense, the survey showed. Other factors are competition for limited funds from other municipal programs, differences in public attitude and differing measures of leadership and support furnished by state governments.

But in general, defense spending in 1954 was higher than in 1953. Chicago appropriated more than \$800,000 in 1954, compared with \$142,000 in 1953. Cincinnati appropriated nearly \$280,000 last year, compared with \$13,000 the year before.

Kansas City, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio appropriated in 1954 about double what they raised in 1953.

In England, affairs is called lucerne.

Valley Briefs

Falls City — The Christian Women's Fellowship group of the Falls City Christian Church will meet on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Mrs. Richard Paul will be in charge of the program which will feature India. Mrs. Hope Letterman will lead devotions. Three women will be especially honored for their birthdays, they are Mrs. Algot Fredin, Mrs. Ethel Guthridge, and Mrs. R. Paul. Mrs. Carrie Gramling will be hostess.

Pedee — The last P-TA meeting of the school year will be held May 6 with a musical program and a money making project, for a 4-H scholarship fund. Pie, coffee, punch and hot dogs will be sold and a cake walk will be held. Each family is asked to bring a pie and a cake.

Jefferson — Ray Benight of Portland has been here most of the past two or three weeks assisting Elder E. A. Straub of Lodi, Calif., conduct special services nightly at the Scovel Church of God. Benight is a brother of Mrs. Charles Henion, and former resident of this community.

Mill City — Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are having another "hen party" at the Legion Hall Tuesday evening, May 3, with all proceeds to go to child welfare. Co-chairman are Mrs. John Muir and Mrs. Kenneth Chance who announce that canasta, pinocle, and bridge will be in play. A midnight buffet lunch will be served.

Pedee — Eldon Cates, member of the school board of directors, will act as one of the recorders to compile findings of the discussion groups at the governors regional meeting of the White House Conference on Education for Polk and Yamhill counties in McMinnville on May 7.

Jefferson — A letter was received this week from Jim Blackwell Jr., who left the States April 12 for Okinawa. In it was a clipping from the navy air force newspaper, Checker-Tale, telling of an air force league game at Kadena's McChord Field, in which Jim played.

Falls City — The Falls City Extension Unit will meet on Tuesday starting at 10 a.m. at the Falls City High School. Subject for the day will be on how to use frozen foods in meal planning. The group is also preparing for the Festival on May 14 which is to be held in Dallas.

Mill City — A large audience turned out to hear the annual spring concert of the Mill City School Band Thursday evening, which was under the direction of Earl W. Loucks. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of more music stands and additional band equipment. A highly enjoyable program was presented by more than 30 band members, which included a special comedy number at the end, featuring Thomas Fencl as "The Hungry Hobo."

Cascade High Club Elects New Officers

TURNER—The Visual Aids Club at Cascade Union High School last week elected officers for the coming year. Fred Brown was elected president, Norman Franzen vice president, Jeanette Townsend secretary, Bob Smith treasurer, Albert Younger sergeant-at-arms, Carl Lacey film director, Glen Bruce mechanic, and Ruth Gilbert and Bill Mann artists.

The club sponsors the showing of short films for noon hour entertainment during the year and shows a feature-length film once a month for the student body. The most recent was "The Jackie Robinson Story."

Hoover PTA Meet Tonight

EAST SALEM—Hoover PTA will hold its last meeting of the school year Monday night at 7:30. New officers will be installed by the Marion County PTA president, Mrs. L. E. Marschat. Entertainment will be provided by the fourth, fifth and sixth grade orchestra and the sixth grade choir.

A special invitation is extended to the parents of next year's first grade children who will attend Hoover. During the meeting there will be movies for the children and volunteer room-mothers will be in charge of the nursery.

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