

Valley News

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'now 35 years ago'



SILVERTON — B. T. Youel, who was superintendent of Silverton schools 35 years ago when Miss Olga Johnson (right), first came to Silverton to teach, was also greeted by many former pupils Thursday night when he attended the reception here given in honor of Miss Johnson, who retired with this year's teaching. (Statesman Farm Photo)

Old Students Honor First Grade Teacher

SILVERTON — Miss Olga Johnson closed 35 years of teaching at Silverton one night last week with the help of hundreds of her former pupils and townsfolk at a reception in the grade school.

She had been first grade teacher most of the years she has been here.

The Parent-Teachers Association sponsored the Thursday night party. Miss Hannah Olson, grade school librarian and the only person still on the faculty of the Silverton schools who has been there continuously since Miss Johnson began teaching, was chairman of the program.

A "This Is Your Life" arrangement had been planned and was carried out during the evening. Miss Olson served as commentator.

When Miss Johnson arrived at the auditorium she was greeted by students of her final first grade. She was taken to her chair in front of the curtained stage where the "voices" sounded over a microphone before the persons, who had played a part in her life during her Silverton years, appeared from behind the curtain to greet Miss Johnson.

Highlight of the evening was when B. T. Youel, superintendent of Silverton schools when Miss Johnson began her career here years ago, appeared behind the curtain and she recognized his voice immediately. Youel is now retired and living in Portland. Miss Johnson had not seen him for a number of years.

Included among those who greeted Miss Johnson was Jonas Byberg, a cousin, who told of the time she arrived in Silverton in 1920 and boarded at the country home of his parents, a mile and a half from Silverton, for the first few years.

"There were no school buses then and she walked to and from school each morning and evening with us children," Byberg told.

Also among those who greeted her was Alvin Almquist, a member of her initial first grade class, who was present with his son, a member of her final first grade.

Mayor Harry V. Carson told of taking his son, Harry, to school the first day, and the son in turn told of starting his son, William, in Miss Johnson's first grade.

Former fellow teachers, many of them returning to Silverton from elsewhere for the evening, who spoke were M. B. Ford, Mrs. Harry Riches, Mrs. Minnie Mascher Cavender, Dr. Howard

Falls City Graduates 13 Students

FALLS CITY — Falls City Grade School graduated 13 students from the eighth grade Wednesday evening at the High School gymnasium. The stage was decorated with cedar boughs and bouquets of red and white flowers.

Those graduating included Donna Dee Shoemaker, salutatorian; Helen Marie Bowman, valedictorian; and Phillip Gordon Ames, Alvin Lee Drake, Bonnie Lee Eng, Ralph Leslie Grippin, Lorraine Hegge, Theresa Marie Kendall, Lester Ward Martin, Marvin James Mellus, Ralph Braley Pyritz, John Henry Vogel, and Frank Ervin Wheeler.

The program consisted of recessional, Patricia Bowman; invocation, the Rev. James Royer; class history, Jack Vogel; class poem, Ralph Grippin; two songs by the graduating class; address, Professor W. McArthur, football coach of Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

Presentation of diplomas were made by Principal J. Herschel Bond. After the graduation ceremonies the PTA gave a reception at the Falls City Grade School.

Club Honors Homecomers

JEFFERSON — The 20th anniversary of their organization, and homecoming of old members, was held by members of the Wedding Ring Club Wednesday in the city hall rooms. A no-host luncheon was served at 1 o'clock.

Guests included Mrs. Arthur Rothrock and daughter Virginia, of Portland; Mrs. Weldon Looney and Betty, Mrs. Lloyd Shipman and Mrs. Leon Boyer of Salem; Mrs. James Stewart, of Eugene; Mrs. Kathryn Smith, Mrs. Herman Wilson and Mrs. Kenneth Petersen, of Jefferson. Members attending were the Mesdames Oliver, Ned and Martin Stephenson, Robert Harris, Leonard Marcum, Vernon Thompson, Bill and Charles Hart, Gerald Phelps, Leland Wells and Dixon Vose.

Balderstoneall of Silverton, Miss Muriel-Bentson of Silverton, Miss Margaret Humberg and Miss Kathryn Slawson of Portland.

Others included Mrs. E. R. Adams, now past 80, whose late husband had been clerk of the school board in Miss Johnson's earlier years here; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Tucker, custodians of the grade school when she first came; W. R. Tomison of Portland, a member of the early school board; the Rev. Joseph Cooper, president of the Silverton Ministerial Association; the Rev. A. L. Hokanson, pastor of Calvary Church in which Miss Johnson serves as Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Harold A. Larsen of the Silverton Public Library of which Miss Johnson has been an ardent supporter; John E. Bronson, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, and former pupils, Mrs. Malcolm Cameron of Salem, Arlene Almquist, Mrs. Alvin Almquist, Stewart Rasmussen.

A skit representing the present school teachers was given by John Medcalf and Mrs. Lela Bennett. Music was furnished by Mrs. A. W. Nelson and Mrs. J. E. Luthro in vocal duet and Mrs. Donald Burch in vocal solo, whose children have been in Miss Johnson's first grades, and the Four Norsemen.

At the close of the program Mayor Carson presented Miss Johnson with a wrist watch, a gift from former pupils and friends.

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Sheridan—Graduation exercises were held Thursday evening at the Rock Creek Grade School for Douglas Karlen, Phillip Gettman and Richard Payne. William Perry of McMinnville was the speaker.

Turner—Room Mothers entertained the grade school teachers with a luncheon Thursday noon. Mothers serving were Mrs. Harry Long, Mrs. Lloyd Pflug, Mrs. John Coleman, Mrs. Vernon Van Osdol, Mrs. Chester Stewart, Mrs. Albert Robertson, Mrs. Manuel Keene, Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mrs. Arnold Phillips.

Pedee—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bennett and Mrs. Carla Davis left Wednesday to attend the funeral of Carl Comer, father of the two women, at Farmington, New Mexico. Carl Comer and family had lived in New Mexico and after living here for several years had returned to New Mexico last August.

Lyons—Mrs. Carrie Nase was hostess for the Wednesday afternoon card club with her party held at the Rebekah hall. A 1:30 p. m. dessert luncheon was served.

Pedee—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blankenbaker, former Pedee residents and now of Monmouth, have purchased the Mason Cafe and reopened it June 1 with the name Mays Cafe.

Turner—Teddy Burgess, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burgess, met with an accident Wednesday night when he fell out of bed striking his nose on a sharp object nearly cutting it off. He was rushed to the Santiam Memorial hospital where a physician took several stitches to close the cut.

Sheridan—Charles Mark Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith of Sheridan is stationed aboard the USS Jason at San Diego, Calif. He entered the service in January and is learning metal-smith work.

Sheridan—Pvt. Johnnie D. Dailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dailey of Sheridan, has become a member of the personnel center at Fort Lewis, Wash. He took basic training at Fort Ord, and graduated in April from quarter-master school at Fort Lee, Va.

Monmouth—Piano students of B. Carolyn Elliott will be presented in recital Monday night, June 6, at 8 o'clock, in the First Christian church here. Assisting pianist will be Pauline Elkins McElravy.

Turner—Mrs. Walter Miller will entertain members of the Sunshine Club Tuesday, June 7, with a no-host lunch at noon.

Jefferson—The Jefferson Woman's Society of Christian Service will host members of the Albany society at a 1:30 o'clock dessert luncheon in the Methodist Church Wednesday, June 15. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stacey of Salem will show pictures and speak on their visit to Old Mexico Methodist Institutions. The Albany group will hold pledge service.

Fire Fighters To Inspect Dallas Homes

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DALLAS — A home inspection campaign designed to eliminate fire hazards will be initiated Monday night by the Dallas volunteer fire department.

Chief Walter L. Young said the project will be carried out on a voluntary basis with no home inspections made without the consent of the owners.

Firemen in uniforms or carrying identification cards will conduct a house-to-house canvass under a pre-arranged plan. They will check living rooms, kitchens, basements and garages.

Any possible fire hazards that may exist will be outlined on a form provided by the state fire marshal's office. Correction of hazards found will be at the discretion of the residents.

Intent of the fire department is to render a service to the owners and occupants, Young said. The department will not follow up with any corrective action.

Several weeks will be necessary to complete the inspection as the volunteer firemen do the work in their spare time without remuneration.

Heading the project are Assistant Chief Dave Moser, Assistant Chief Glenn Wick, Captains Fen-ton Blythe, Paul Palmer, Hayes Hibbs, Ralph Johnson, Eldon Bevens and Don Fredricks.

Awards, Scholarships to Jefferson High Students

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JEFFERSON—A series of awards to members of the Jefferson High school senior class were made at commencement exercises Thursday night.

They include a three-year Marguerite Dennis Nurses' Training scholarship to Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing, Eugene, to Helen Freshner; leadership award, George Marlatt; good citizenship (boy), Olen Loftis; good citizenship

(girl), Pat Nyman; DAR citizenship award, placing third in state competition, Pat Nyman; scholarship to Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Lois Harnisch and George Marlatt; valedictorian, Pat Nyman; salutatorian, Claude Meyers.

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DALLAS—The following marriage licenses were issued Friday:

Herbert W. Braun, 23, carpenter, Vancouver, British Columbia and Rita F. Buller, 20, stenographer, Dallas.

Eugene H. Small, 30, Fire Department, Roseburg and Roseada E. Haenny, 40, Sheridan.

Billy Keith Joslin, 23, telephone repairman, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Nancy Marie Simons, 17, student, Dallas.

Births At Valley Hospitals

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SHERIDAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Woodall, Clarkston, Wash., a son, May 29. Mrs. Lawrence Woodall of Sheridan is the grandmother.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brandt of Los Angeles, a son, Gregory, May 30. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brandt Sr. of Sheridan are grandparents.

LYONS—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Laham, a daughter, born June 2, at Santiam Memorial Hospital.

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