

Our Valley

... By CHARLES IRELAND

The community-celebration season again is in full flower... The North Santiam area has just concluded one of its finest bean festivals and, like the Dayton Buckaroo, is now history... This week comes the new Dallas Smileroo (Thursday through Saturday) which will have to share top billing on Saturday with Silverton's annual Western Horse Show...

The Clackamas County Fair, billed surprisingly as "bigger and better than ever" is scheduled Aug. 17-20 at Canby... Then come the Yamhill County Fair, Aug. 25-27, at McMinnville, and the constantly-expanding Polk County Fair, Aug. 26-28, at Rickreall...

I can't write from memory concerning the Willamette Valley, but most of today's fairs and celebrations are quite different from the small-town fairs of a generation ago when many counties had two or even more fairs...

The mortgage had been incurred, as any oldtime fair secretary could tell you, because it always rained on the Big Thursday of fair week... When it came time to pay off the premium list, the professional "free acts" and the harness race winners, there just weren't enough shekels in the till to go around.

The format of those oldtime county fairs didn't vary much with the years... Usually nine heats of sulky racing, interspersed with the free acts... Always the tight-rope walker and the clown who teetered back and forth atop a stack of tables until he finally tumbled down...

It's easy to shed a nostalgic tear for the county fair of boyhood, but, as any youngster can tell you, the celebrations so prevalent in the Willamette Valley today couldn't possibly be more exciting... And most of them feature free entertainment, something that couldn't be said of the oldtime county fair...

Mock Tank Battle Slated at Smileroo

DALLAS — One of the many features of the Dallas Smileroo Aug. 4-6 will be a mock battle staged by the Dallas Tank Company, National Guard.

The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at H. M. Webb farm a mile north of Dallas on the Coast Highway, according to Capt. Stanley Singler, company commander.

Horse Show Due Saturday At Silverton

SILVERTON — This city's ninth annual Western Horse Show will be held Saturday night at McGinnis Field.

A concert by the Citizen's Band will open the show at 7:15 with the grand entry of participants in the show scheduled at 7:45.

Competitive events will include a stake race for five-man teams, judging of pleasure, parade and Palomino horses, a shetland pony to bike race and a bareback rescue race.

Albany's U. Fund Goal: \$34,450

ALBANY — The Albany area United Fund for 1955 will seek to raise \$34,450 during its October campaign, newly appointed drive Chairman Hal Byer reported Friday.

Quota established by the United Fund board is an increase of \$1,250 over the 1954 budget, Byer said.



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Ride on Winning Float at Stayton



STAYTON—Pretty girls are traditionally associated with the Santiam Bean Festival, and here are five that were part of prize-winning entry in grand parade. All Rainbow Girls, they are (left to right) Patricia Humphries, Pamela Keyes, Donna Moreland, Beth Norton and Bonnie Bryant.

89-Year-Old Seamstress Still Active at Her Trade

By JAMES ALLEY Statesman Correspondent

AMITY — In one of the most stately homes in this historic, pioneer village lives a remarkable woman. She is Mrs. Martha Brown. She is 89 years old. She is still active at her "trade" of dressmaker.

She has made several formal in the last few months that will be seen at lodge conventions all over the state this summer and fall.

All of these dresses were made on the sewing machine that was waiting in the house for her when she came to Amity as a bride 67 years ago.

"I would like to say that it sews as good today as it did the day I came in this house as a bride and found it there in the corner, brand new," Mrs. Brown's tiny hand pointed to the well preserved machine in the corner of her dining room.

"You see, Mr. Brown bought the machine before we were married and had it put in the house as a surprise wedding present. It was the most useful wedding present I have ever heard of," Mrs. Brown said, flashing her ever ready smile.

Born in Missouri This woman was born Martha Stephens on a farm near Morrison, Mo., on Dec. 23, 1865. She comes from two old Virginia families — the Stephens and Dallas families.

Her life has been one of pluck and courage. She tells of a diphtheria epidemic in Missouri when she was a girl of 12. Her father would make coffins for the children of the neighborhood who had died.

She came to Amity as a bride in July of 1887, her parents having come to Oregon in 1883 and settled at Forest Grove near an aged aunt who had crossed the plains in 1847.

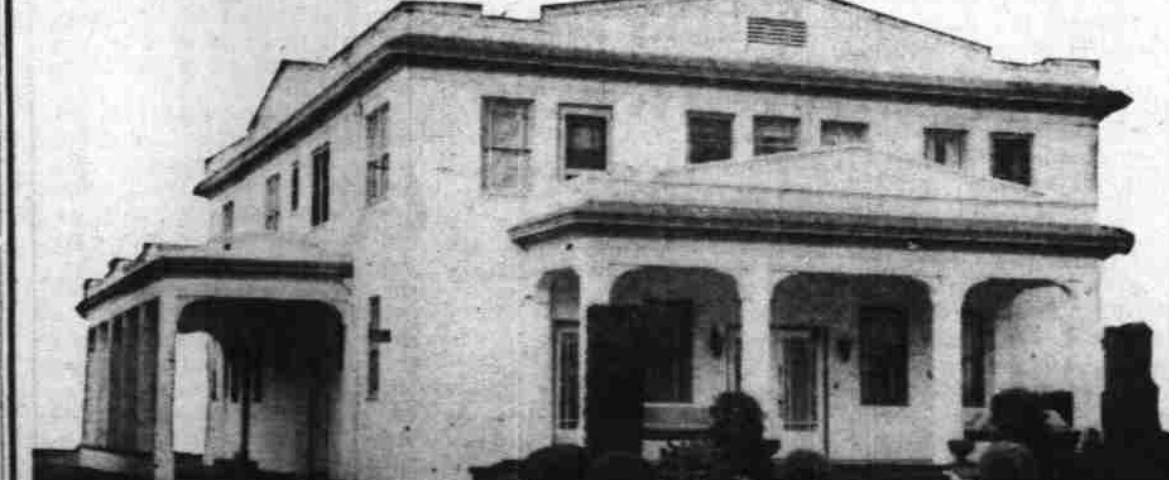
She married W. R. Brown, a pioneer blacksmith, at her parent's home on July 18, 1887, and "set out for Portland for our wedding trip."

Year's Groceries "You might be interested in this," she laughed. "On my wedding trip to Portland, I bought my year's supply of groceries: a barrel of sugar, several barrels of flour, and a barrel of green coffee. You roasted it yourself in those days."

NOAH BERKEY ON LEAVE SHERIDAN — Noah Berkey is home on a two-weeks leave from the San Diego Naval training station.

250 over the 1954 budget, Byer said. The campaign will begin Oct. 17 and continue for three weeks.

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Rose Wilhelm Scores Win at Stayton Show

STAYTON — Rose Wilhelm, veteran Salem horsewoman, captured the second leg of the Stayton Horse Show petal trophy for exhibiting the best parade horse during the final day of activity at the 16th annual Santiam Bean Festival Saturday.

Following the horse show, the annual bean hole feed was held at the Civic building with an estimated 400 persons eating a bountiful meal which was featured by the famous Santiam green beans.

Later in the evening, the Bean Hoppers ball brought the week-long celebration here to a close. Preceding the horse show, participants in the event staged the third festival parade through Stayton streets.

Winners of events in the horse show included: Terry Koll, quarter mile race for boys and girls 16 and under; Roy Garlick, stock horse class; Oregon Mounted Possé, team stake bending contest; Bob Frankie, adults quarter mile race; Rose Wilhelm, pleasure horse class and parade horse contest; Jimmie Jackson, shetland pony with cart.

Polk Crash Victim Still Unconscious

WILLAMINA — An 11-year-old boy remained unconscious Saturday from injuries incurred July 11 in a traffic accident near Willamina.

The boy, Terry Dean Ellingson of Tillamook, is at Providence Hospital, where attendants said he is still on the critical list although "responding better to noises."

Stroke Claims Bernard Duda

MT. ANGEL — Bernard Duda, prominent Mt. Angel farmer, died Saturday at Silverton where he was hospitalized after suffering a stroke the night before. He was 70.

Born Aug. 11, 1884 in Ashton, Neb., the deceased came to Mt. Angel in 1893 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duda. He married Mary Schaefer here on Nov. 23, 1910.

Surviving besides his wife are seven children, Sister Bernarda of the Benedictine Convent here; Mildred Bradley, Agnes Zollner, William, Walter and Clarence Duda, all of Mt. Angel; and Veronica Paysano, Salem; nine brothers and sisters, Joe, Clem and Alois Duda, Clara Duda, Anna Duda, Teresa Duda and Mary Poepping, all of Mt. Angel. Anthony Duda, Gervais, and Francis Duda, Portland; also 11 grandchildren.

Valley Births

SILVERTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Barbour, Molalla, a daughter, July 27, at Silverton Hospital. To Mr. and Mrs. Niels Christenson of Molalla, a son, July 27, at Silverton Hospital.

103 People Attend Tri-Family Reunion

WILLAMINA — The Fendall-Sitton-Rogers reunion, held at Johnston's Park near Willamina, was attended by 103 people. Visitor from the most distant place was Dan Savage of Livingston, Calif.; eldest member of the family attending was Ward Sitton, 84, McMinnville; and the youngest, Jeffrey Guy Mendenhall, 3 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Mendenhall, Willamina.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. FOLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1 Someone	31 Standing	61 Quick
APR	2 Poor	32 Favors	62 Only
MAY	3 Pleasant	33 And	63 Office
JUN	4 Short	34 The	64 With
JUL	5 Go	35 Forcing	65 On
AUG	6 Influence	36 Today's	66 For
SEPT	7 Pays	37 Person	67 Time
OCT	8 Day	38 Side	68 Helpful
NOV	9 Get	39 Trust	69 Facing
DEC	10 Choose	40 Visits	70 Indicated
JAN	11 After	41 Can	71 Making
FEB	12 Down	42 A	72 It
MAR	13 Your	43 Strangers	73 Certain
APR	14 Of	44 Events	74 Moves
MAY	15 A	45 Obligation	75 Chance
JUN	16 Make	46 Earth	76 For
JUL	17 No	47 Problem	77 Profit
AUG	18 Don't	48 With	78 Squarely
SEPT	19 Joints	49 Proper	79 Tried
OCT	20 Close	50 Dry	80 Action
NOV	21 Changes	51 Your	81 Concerning
DEC	22 Just	52 By	82 And
JAN	23 Long	53 And	83 Friends
FEB	24 Older	54 May	84 Matters
MAR	25 Attention	55 Issues	85 Today
APR	26 Overcome	56 Be	86 Finances
MAY	27 Ta	57 Core	87 Money
JUN	28 For	58 Deal	88 Deals
JUL	29 Friends	59 Are	89 Purpose
AUG	30 Just	60 On	
SEPT			
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NOV			
DEC			

Lundy Heads Polk County United Fund

DALLAS — J. C. Lundy of Dallas has been named president of the Polk County United Fund by directors who recently held an organizational meeting in Dallas city hall.

Serving with Lundy are Kenneth Shetterly, Dallas, first vice president; William Harland, Rickreall, second vice president; William Darling, Independence, third vice president; Mrs. Elmer Werth, Willamina, fourth vice president; Mrs. L. L. Linn, Dallas, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Mulder, Monmouth, treasurer.

First actual fund drive for the county under the new organization is planned for October. Committees have been chosen to review budgets and to secure a campaign chairman.

Stated to participate in the United Fund are the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Oregon Chest Agencies and the Arthritis-Rheumatism Association.

STATIONED IN GERMANY

SHERIDAN — Pfc. Richard Gaston, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Ernest Gaston of Grand Ronde, now is stationed in Germany with the Army. He entered the service 18 months ago, after attending Grand Ronde and Willamette schools.

Valley Obituaries

Will Golding ALBANY — Final rites for Will Golding, 85, who died at his Albany home Friday after an extended illness, will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Fisher Funeral home. Burial will be in the Riverside cemetery.

Golding was born April 25, 1870, at Bedford, Iowa. He came to Albany in 1940. He married Nellie Rogers at Bedford, in 1893. She died in 1926. On Sept. 14, 1946, he married Mrs. Melita Rankin, who survives.

Other survivors include an adopted daughter, Mrs. Roy Williams, Albany.

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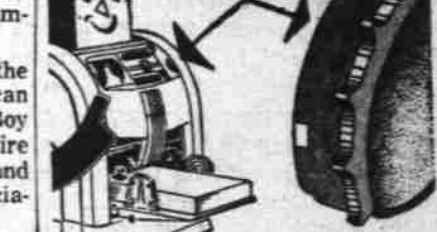
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Sheridan Couple Note Anniversary

SHERIDAN — Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boatman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday with a dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Nash and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boatman are natives of Iowa, where they were married. They lived in Canada and Montana before moving here 31 years ago. They have two sons, Ronald of LaGrande, and Clyde Jr. of Salinas, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Nash of Sheridan; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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