. . . 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 Buckeroo, 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 annual Keizer carnival also is coming up this weekend and another suburban community, Four Corners, will hold its barbecue on Sunday, Aug. 14 . . . The Four Corners celebration is unique in that it is transplanted, being held annually on the outskirts of Turner at the ranch of Fred Smith, Four Corners merchant.

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 . . . 4-H winners, etc., barely will get a breather before the State Fair comes along Sept. 3-10 at Salem . . . The North Marion County Fair at Woodburn, Sept. 22-24, will serve as sort of a main wind-up to the fair season, although several farm organizations will hold community fairs later in the fall season.

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 . . . They were expensive affairs to produce, and they began to die about the time that the automobile supplanted the horse and buggy . . . But it was a mark of civic pride for a small town to have a fair, and most of them went down fighting ... The depression, in many cases, was the blow that killed daddy. . . By then stately homes in this historic, pithere weren't enough solvent men on Main Street to renew the ever-present mortgage on the fairgrounds.

The mortgage had been incurred, as any oldtime fair sec- dressmaker. retary could tell you, because it always rained on the Big Thursday of fair week . . . When it came time to pay off the the last few months that will be premium list, the professional "free acts" and the harness seen at lodge conventions all over race winners, there just weren't enough shekels in the till to the state this summer and fall.

The format of those oldtime county fairs didn't vary much with on the sewing machine that was the years . . . Usually nine heats of sulky racing, interspersed with waiting in the house for her when the free acts . . . Always the tight-rope walker and the clown who she came to Amity as a bride 67 teetered back and forth atep a stack of tables until he finally years ago. tumbled down . . . Over in the quarterstretch, a red-hot baseball game was underway . . . The man who announced the race results and free acts used a big megaphone in this era that knew no public address system . . . Nobody could understand him, but who cared? . . . At least the real, live band was superior to the blatant canned music heard at so many events today.

It's easy to shed a nostalgic tear for the county fair of boy- ing room. hood, but, as any youngster can tell you, the celebrations so prevalent in the Willamette Valley today couldn't possibly be machine before we were married more exciting . . . And most of them feature free entertain- and had it put in the house as a ment, something that couldn't be said of the oldtime county fair . . . All in all, it's a lucky town that has an annual celebration for its small fry-and a lot of the big ones-to look

# 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, theria epidemic in Missouri when

Horse Show

Due Saturday

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the show scheduled at 7:45.

Saturday will open the festivities.

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.

A tactical problem with infontry troops and tanks will be set up by the company. Tank cannons, machine guns and other firearms will be used, the commander said. Will Destroy Shed

Climax of the mock battle will be the destruction of a shed erected for the show. The guard and Silverton unit is offering a taxi service for persons having no other means of getting to the Webb farm.

The taxis will consist of four army trucks each capable of carrying about 40 persons. The service will start at 5:30 p.m. Thursday from Academy street between Main and Jefferson sireets.

Will Fire Cannon Participating in the maneuver will be virtually all of the company's 100 men and officers.

The guard unit also will take part in the queen's parade which is slated for 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Queen Donna Mendenhall will signal the opening of the Smileroo by touching off a 90 mm. tion also is on the program.

canpon on one of three tanks. Youngsters will be offered tank rides after a kiddies' session at the swimming pool fund.

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

Statesman News Service campaign, newly appointed drive

ALBANY - The Albany area United Fund for 1955 will seek to the San Diego Naval training staraise \$34,450 during its October tion.

Chairman Hal Byer reported Fri- 250 over the 1954 budget, Byer said. Quota established by the United The campaign will begin Oct. 17 Fund board is an increase of \$1,- and continue for three weeks.



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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. Many other Stayton Rainbow Girls appeared on the float. The festival ended Saturday.

# 89-Year-Old Seamstress Still Active at Her Trade

By JAMES ALLEY Statesman Correspondent

AMITY - In one of the mos oneer village lives a remarkable woman. She is Mrs. Martha Brown. She is 89 years old. She is still active at her "trade" of

She has made several formals in 67 Years Ago

All of these dresses were made

"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 din-"You see, Mr. Brown bought the

surprise wedding present. It was the most useful wedding present I have ever heard of," 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 two old Virginia families the Stephens and Dallas families. She has seen three of her grandparents who were born about the close of the American Revolution Her life has been one of pluci and courage. She tells of a diph she was a girl of 12. Her father would make coffins for the children of the neighborhood who had Names Manager died. Some families would lose three or four children in a few days. Martha and two very young brothers would take a lantern and of Portland has been named mango across the fields and through ager of the Silverton Sprousethe dark woods carrying coffins Reitz store. He replaces William to homes where death had struck. Wortman who has been transfer-Settled at Forest Grove

SILVERTON-This city's ninth She married W. R. Brown, a annual Western Horse Show will pioneer blacksmith, at her parent's able. She is not a sentimentalist be held Saturday night at Mchome on July 19, 1887, and "set out over the past. She will point to A concert by the Citizen's Band On this wedding trip she bought and bedrooms and say, "It has will open the show at 7:15 with the furniture for a new home of done very well, hasn't it?" the grand entry of participants in 10 large rooms which the groom Mrs. Brown is no stick-at-home. Competitive events will include had not seen.

to bike race and a bareback rescue dining room furniture with a new "the girls" on Wednesdays. wax when interviewed for this Drills are scheduled by the Ore- story.

gon Governor's Guard, the Salem Year's Groceries Saddl Club and Silverton Saddle "You might b

"You might be interested in Club, A six-horse-hitch demonstra- this," she laughed. "On my wedding trip to Portland, I bought my The event is expected to attract horsemen from all around the barrel of sugar, several barrels of the auction. Proceeds will go to Willamette Valley and from Wash-flour, and a barrel of green coffee. and clean as an old-fashioned ington. Elmer Lorence is chairman You roasted it yourself in those nosegay. Eighty-nine year old Sitton-Rogers reunion, held at days.

A grand parade at 1:30 p. m. Martha Brown has always lived in the house that was built for her teacher as a boarder. When the itor from the most distant place She has been the mother of five of her yard work. SHERIDAN - Noah Berkey is been with the State Accident Com- maker of Amity, is one whose very McMinnville; and the youngest, home on a two-weeks leave from mission in Salem for 20 years. life is a benediction and a lesson Jeffrey Guy Mendenhall, 3 months, anything about her life remark- aspirin age.

Leston W. Howell

AMITY—Dressmaker Martha Brown, 89, applies finishing touches to one of several dresses she has made this summer. A bride of 1887, she still uses the sewing machine her husband gave her as surprise wedding gift.

# Silverton Store

Statesman News Service SILVERTON-Walter T. Wiencek red t. Prineville.

She came to Amity as a bride in Wiencek has been with the com-July of 1887, her parents having pany for 5 years. He formerly come to Oregon in 1883 and settled resided in Grants Pass and The at Forest Grove near an aged aunt Dalles. He is married and there who had crossed the plains in are two daughters, one 16 and the other two years old.

had built for her, and as yet she She has been a member of the son, Competitive events will include had not seen.

a stake race for five-man teams.

The furniture that she purchased over sixty years and attends Alice Graves, Silverton, indicate of pleasure parade and is still in the house and is used. Does Own Housework

> Amity Order of the Eastern Star. She climbs the long stairs to the lodge room much faster than many 103 People Attend

women half her age. Her house is always as sweet

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## **Bertha Crites** Dies, Rites at Independence

Statesman News Service INDEPENDENCE-Services for Bertha Augusta Crites, 68, Independence resident for 15 years, will be held at Smith-Krueger Mortuary here at 1 p. m. Monday with interment at Belle Passi Cemetery, Woodburn.

Mrs. Crites died in a Portland Hospital Thursday following an illness of several months. She was born Sept. 7, 1886, at Red Cloud. Neb., and was a member of the for Portland for our wedding trip." the original wall paper in the hall Pythian Sisters and Cloverleaf Valley Births Rebekah Lodge 56.

Surviving are her husband, Seth LeRoy Crites, Independence; Ralph H. Crites, Grand three daughters, judging of pleasure, parade and is still in the house and is used church twice on Sunday. She oftens Violet Evans, Malad, Idaho, and Palomino horses, a shetland ponies every day. She was waxing her comes to the church to quilt with Mrs. Hazel Giovinazzo, Monterey, Calif.; a brother, Fred Kehl, Cheyenne, Wyo., sister, Mrs. Mary Christenson, McCook, Neb.; six She is a charter member of the grandchildren and 10 great-grand-

# Tri-Family Reunion

Martha Brown does all her own Johnston's Park near Willamina, housework and keeps a school was attended by 103 people. Vis-67 years ago by her late husband. Weather is nice she still does most was Dan Savage of Livingston, Calif.; eldest member of the famsons. One of them, Francis, has Martha Brown, the little dress- ily attending was Ward Sitton, 84, Mrs. Brown does not consider on how to live serenely in this son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Mendenhall. Willamina

Charles Edwards

# Rose Wilhelm Scores Win at Stayton Show

Statesman News Service STAYTON - Rose Wilhelm, veteran Salem horsewoman, captured the second leg of the Stayton Horse Show pepetual 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 weekong celebration here to a close. Preceding the horse show, participants in the event staged the third festival parade through Stayton streets. Glenn Minden of Sublimity was grand marshal.

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 Posse, 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.

Queen Jane Cox presented trophies and ribbons to the winners in each event.

### Polk Crash Victim Still Unconscious

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

The boy, Terry Dean Ellingson of Tillamook, is at Providence Hospital, where attendants said he though "responding better

Young Ellingson incurred head paign chairman. injuries and several fractures in Slated to participate in the the Polk County accident which United Fund are the American took the life of his father and a Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy

## **Stroke Claims Bernard Duda**

prominent Mt. Angel farmer, died months ago, after attending Grand Saturday at Silverton where he Ronde and Willamette schools. 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 Schaecher here on

Nov. 23, 1910. Surviving besides his wife are seven children, Sister Bernarda of ALBANY-Final rites for Will the Benedictine Convent here; Golding, 85, who died at his Al-Mildred Bradley, Agnes Zollner, bany home Friday after an ex-William, Walter and Clarence tended illness, will be held at 2 Duda, all of Mt. Angel; and Ver- p. m. Monday at the Fisher Funeronica Payseno, Salem; nine broth- al home. Burial will be in the ers and sisters, Joe, Clem and Riverside cemetery. Alois Duda, Clara Duda, Anna Duda, Teresa Duda and Mary Poepping, all of Mt. Angel, at Bedford, lowa. He came to Al-Anthony Duda, Gervais, and Fran-Rogers at Beford in 1893 She cis Duda, Portland; also 11 grand-

Services are pending at Unger Mortuary here.

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

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# Lundy Heads **Polk County** United Fund

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Statesman News Service DALLAS-J. C. Lundy of Dallas has been named president of the tives of Iowa, where they were Polk County United Fund by di- married. They lived in Canada and rectors who recently held an or- Montana before moving here 31 ganizational meeting in Dallas years ago. They have two sons,

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 organizais still on the critical list al- tion is planned for October. Committees have been chosen to review budgets and to secure a cam-

Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Oregon Chest Agencies and the Arthritis-Rheumatism Associa-

STATIONED IN GERMANY

SHERIDAN-Pfc, Richard Gaston, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Ernest Gaston of Grand Ronde, now is stationed in Germany, with the MT. ANGEL - Bernard Duda, Army. He entered the service 18

#### Valley **Obituaries**

Golding was born April 25, 1870, at Bedford, Iowa. He came to Al-Rogers at Belford, 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

### **Sheridan Couple** Note Anniversary

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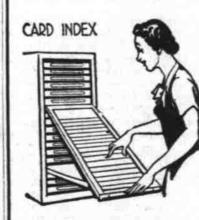
Statesman News Service SHERIDAN-Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boatman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday with a di ner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Nash and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boatman are na-Ronald of LaGrande, and Clyde Jr. Serving with Lundy are Kenneth of Salinas, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Jane Nash of Sheridan; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchil-



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