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90 and 'Going Strong'



FOUR CORNERS—Andrew R. Siegmund, who observes his 90th birthday here Wednesday, has been notary public for approximately 50 years. Still active, he recently renewed his commission as a notary for another four years. Siegmund thinks he may be oldest active notary in state. (Statesman photo.)

Four Corners Notary Public Notes 90th Birthday Today

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FOUR CORNERS—Andrew R. Siegmund, who will celebrate his 90th birthday Wednesday, hasn't had time to think of retiring—he is too busy with his office work, growing a vegetable garden and keeping an eye on the various plantings of bulbs in his yard. Siegmund recently made application and filed his oath of office as notary public, which will expire Aug. 13, 1959. Siegmund has been a notary public for what he reckons is "50 years or more."

Lived at Gervais
Born in 1865 near Russell, Wis., he came to Oregon at the age of eight and has been a resident of Marion County for 82 years. He is a graduate of the Jefferson Institute, formerly located where Jefferson High now stands, taught in Marion County schools for a number of years, and clerked in a store in Gervais for seven years. Siegmund saw the business section of Gervais burn in 1902 and helped to reestablish the store where he was employed. He was postmaster at Gervais for 14 years and helped to establish Gervais State Bank in 1907. He owned and operated a greenhouse in Gervais until 1947 when he moved to 165 S. Lancaster Dr., where he and Mrs. Siegmund reside.

Has 'Green Thumb'
When Siegmund left his greenhouse at Gervais, he brought his green thumb along to Four Corners. His vegetable garden is considered outstanding, boasting a variety of vegetables. In the spring his tulips attract the passersby. At present he is keeping an eye on a large planting of Amaryllis. Siegmund wonders if he is the oldest notary public in Oregon, both in years and term of office.

Shower Fetes Mrs. Wipper

TURNER—Mrs. Wallace Wipper (Cathy Bischoff) a recent bride, was honored at a shower at the Cloverdale School. Mrs. Robert Mitchell was hostess. Invited guests were Mrs. John Schifferer, Mrs. Loren Newkirk, Mrs. Dean Hall, Mrs. Robert Sheaffer, Mrs. Arthur Kunkle, Mrs. Lloyd Jarman, Mrs. Gene Poitras, Mrs. Leslie Petersen, Mrs. Sam Drager, Mrs. Carl Wipper, Mrs. Paul Thomas, Mrs. Elton Ball, Mrs. George Cadmus, Mrs. Kenneth Chapman, Mrs. E. E. Ball, Mrs. Lulu Chapman, Mrs. Arnold Phillips, Mrs. Carl Schifferer, Mrs. Al Hennies, Mrs. Fred Schifferer. Mrs. R. C. Hunsacker, Mrs. Don Vinton, Mrs. Chet Johnson, Mrs. Brutus Ashcraft, Mrs. M. O. Pearson, Mrs. Carl Graves, Mrs. Chester Stewart, Mrs. Ben Wipper, Mrs. John Bischoff and Ruth, Mrs. Les Hildebrand, Mrs. Herb Childstrom, Mrs. Lorell Smith and Mrs. Robert Clausen.

Helen Power Services Today

LYONS—Final rites for Mrs. Helen Moore Power, 62, who died Monday, will be held Wednesday at the Howell-Edwards chapel in Salem. The service begins at 10:30 a.m., and interment will be at Belcrest Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sons, four sisters and 10 grandchildren.

Centennial Year on At Linfield College

McMINNVILLE—Linfield College entered its 100th year of operation in McMinnville this week as it opened its doors for the 100th time to students from Yamhill County, the Northwest and the nation. The college was founded in 1849 in Oregon City and moved to McMinnville in 1855.

Celebrating its centennial concurrently with the college is the city of McMinnville as McMinnville was platted during 1855. Many of the community's early pioneers were connected with the college in its first years in McMinnville.

Three days of orientation, examinations and campus tours for freshmen and transfer students are being held this week. Regular class schedules will begin Thursday upon completion of registration. Dinners and workshops for faculty and staff have also been held.

Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the student lounge in Pioneer Hall, the formal reception for new students will be held to start the social events for the college year. The reception is sponsored by the Faculty Women's Club of the college. To be completed during the centennial year is a new \$450,000 student union-gymnasium. Construction is now well underway on the building in the center of the campus.

Suit Seeks \$20,000 for Rail Death

DALLAS—A \$20,000 damage suit was filed here Tuesday by the estate of a woman killed at Derry Station railroad crossing. The Southern Pacific Company was named defendant in the suit filed by Keith L. Houck, administrator of the estate of Esther B. Houck, Monmouth, the victim. The complaint also lists Torie M. Kelso, engineer, as defendant. Mrs. Houck was killed Oct. 14, 1954, when the auto she was driving collided with a locomotive as it pulled away from a warehouse near the crossing. The suit alleges that the railroad was negligent in not having an automatic electric bell and wig-wag signal on the east side of the railroad tracks and that the existing signal was blocked from view by freight cars and a water tank.

St. Paul High School Picks Class Officers

ST. PAUL—New class officers at St. Paul Union High School were reported Tuesday. Seniors have chosen Norman Bernhorst as president; Carol Ernest, vice-president; Maxine Herd, secretary; Clyde Wickham, student council representative; John Richardson, reporter; and John Coleman, sergeant-at-arms. Junior class officers are Ronald Cummins (president), Rosella Pelland, Mary Farr, Norman Bunning, Jeanne McCarthy and Martha Coleman. Sophomores have chosen Kathleen Coleman to head a slate of officers that includes Gertrude Frith, Anna Marie Brentano, Lorraine Smith, Norene Hiller, Thais Hiller and Richard Koch. Karen Smith was elected freshman class president. Other officers are David Schneider, Kathleen Mullen, Charlene Kirk, Marie Durette and Dennis Vande Wiele. Opening enrollment at the high school here was 15 more than last year, reported Principal H. W. Bowers.

Ankeny Grange Fair Scheduled

ANKENY—Annual fair of Ankeny Grange will be held Saturday, starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall. A ham dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Competition is slated in canned fruits and jellies, baked goods, garden vegetables, grain, flower arrangements, potted plants, fancy work and clothing. Prizes will be awarded. A table of antiques and family heirlooms will be displayed. FFA and 4-H youths are invited to display their projects, the grange reported Tuesday.

Lt. David Karr Gets New Post

FRUITLAND—Lt. David Karr recently attained the rank of first lieutenant and was placed in charge of the Presideo Motor Pool at San Francisco. In addition to transportation of the Army post, the pool arranges transportation for visiting government officials, both foreign and domestic. Lt. Karr is the son of the Bert Karrs, formerly of Fruitland.

VFW at Valsetz Has Card Party

VALSETZ—The first card party in a series of three to be sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary to Post 4120 was held in the recreation hall Thursday evening. An evening of pinocle was enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Prizes for high score were won by Mrs. Pat Lonergan and Tom Wrighton; second high by Jingles Lambert and Mrs. Tillie Lambert.

Early Bethel School Pupils Hold Reunion

BETHEL—Historic Bethel school witnessed another joyous reunion of its earliest pupils on Sunday. Before the turn of the century this area, then heavily wooded, was settled by families of Dunkards who, seeking education for their children, maintained a subscription school where each family paid for its children's instruction, and the teachers were "boarded around" in the various homes to supplement the meager salary.

A number of those present at the reunion had attended the subscription school before the organizing of the Bethel School district in 1903. Many stories were told of the early days. Strangely there was no reference to a primitive economy or early privations, but all were humorous and often hilarious accounts of incidents of happy childhood and early school days. John F. Bennett of Yakima, Wash., pressroom foreman for the Republic and the Yakima Herald, (who said he reads the Statesman every morning) took pictures of the group and showed colored motion pictures of previous Bethel reunions.

W. R. Baker Presides
W. R. Baker, president of the group since its organization in 1944, presided. Mrs. Remoh Evans Schuiz, longest-time resident of the district and the only living pupil of Bethel school who later became the teacher of the school, read communications from as far away as Copperhill, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Hain, Salem, eligible for membership this year, were present. Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Schunk drove from Redmond as they have done every year, as have Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Koppfen of Hoskins, and the Otto I. Trices of Sheridan. Many were present from Portland, Salem, Corvallis, neighboring towns and this area. All officers and hospitality committee were reelected by acclamation. Festivities started with a no-host dinner served at noon.

Levi Webb Rites Held

LEBANON—Final rites for Levi Morton Webb, 66, a former guard at Oregon State Penitentiary for 17 years, were held here Tuesday. Interment was in IOOF Cemetery. Webb, who died Saturday at Portland, came to Lebanon in 1940. He was a veteran of World War II. Surviving are the widow, Elda; brothers, Fay, Hugh and Tom Webb, all of Turner, and Elmer Webb in California, daughters, Mrs. Frances Fowler, Ontario, and Mrs. Ruby Speech, Seaside; also two sisters.

J. O. Russell Services Held

TURNER—Final rites for James Oscar Russell, 77, who died Friday at his home here, were held at Rigdon's in Salem on Tuesday, with interment in Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum. Deceased was born in Polk county, July 26, 1878. He retired from the teaching profession some seven years ago but had been active in Turner civic affairs. His early years of teaching were spent in Eastern Oregon. In 1929 he moved to Salem and was a representative of the Mutual Life Insurance Company until 1940 when the teacher shortage drew him back to his chosen field. He became superintendent of Turner city schools. His last two years of teaching were spent in the Hubbard school system. Russell was treasurer of the Methodist church of Turner and an active member of his church board. He was also secretary of Pearl Lodge No. 66 A.F. & A.M. until his resignation in January of this year; was a past master of Taylor Lodge, Wasco; past commander of DeMolay No. 5, Salem; past patron of Anna Fulton Chapter O.E.S., Wasco; past patron of Chadwick Chapter O.E.S., Salem, and a life member of Al Kader Temple of Portland. Mortuary and interment services were conducted by Pearl Lodge of Turner. He leaves his widow, Vida Olive Russell; a son, J. Elmo Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo., and three grandchildren. Other survivors are his brothers, W. J. Russell, Pakland, Calif., G. L. Russell, Monmouth, Burt R. Russell, Portland, and sisters: Claire Glover, McMinnville, Ada McCann, Temple City, Calif., and Blanche Russell, Monmouth.

Births At Valley Hospitals

STATON—To Mr. and Mrs. Delbert G. Berry, Aumsville route 1, a son, Sept. 18, at Santiam Memorial Hospital.
To Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Scharbach, Scio route 2, a daughter, Sept. 18, at Santiam Memorial Hospital.
To Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Basl, Stayton route 1, a daughter, Sept. 17, at Santiam Memorial Hospital.
LABISH CENTER—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foster, a son, Sept. 19, at Wahluwa, Oahu, Hawaii, where Foster is stationed with the Navy. Mrs. Foster is the former Barbara Jean Russ of this community.

Annual Grange Fair at Roberts Lists \$100 in Cash Premiums

ROBERTS—The annual Roberts Grange Community Fair will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, at Roberts Grange Hall. The committee in charge reported Tuesday. The fair will feature competition in horticulture, food, textiles, flowers and hobbies with \$100 in cash prizes going to the winners. Everyone is eligible to submit entries, the committee reported. Entries must be made or grown by the exhibitor and must be taken to the hall by noon on the day of the fair. Exhibits will remain on display until 9 p.m. with the public welcome to view them during the afternoon and evening. The fair also will feature a 5 p.m. dinner. No formal program is scheduled. Mrs. Abner Kline and Mrs. Lee Eyerly are chairmen of the baked goods division of the fair. Mrs. Glen Bidgood and Mrs. Joseph Felton are chairmen of preserved foods. Mrs. A. D. Graham, chairman of the grange's Home Economics Club, is in charge of the textiles classification. The floral department is under supervision of Louis Johnston, Mrs. Denver Young, and Mrs. Roy Rice. Mrs. Louis Johnston is chairman of the agriculture display, assisted by Mrs. Felton and Mrs. George Higgins. Denver Young and Roy Rice are chairmen of the hobbies section. Mrs. Frank Boehringer and Mrs. Higgins are in charge of the handiwork booth; Mrs. Helen Muhr-hamer and Frank Judd, the fish pond; Mrs. S. L. Minard and Mrs. Fred Thompson, the "white elephant" table. Mrs. J. J. Johns and Mrs. Fred Thompson are dinner chairmen.

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