

Our Valley

... By CHARLES IRELAND



Women drivers have a champion at last... Police Chief Everett Norfleet of Stayton took a discerning look at female motorists last week, found them "good and courteous" drivers... All stigma, he concluded, should be removed from the phrase "woman driver," which henceforth should be considered a "proud designation"...

I want to say that I agree wholeheartedly with everything the chief said and did... With one exception... And that was a nameless lass who turned right through a red-light without stopping last week at Salem's Church and State street intersection while I was driving through the intersection on the green... But there was a happy ending, Chief... She missed me.

Unlike the Oregon State Penitentiary, some penal institutions have football and baseball teams which still schedule outside teams... The Iowa Prison at Ft. Madison had so many candidates for the football team this fall that all were required to fill out a questionnaire before they were considered for the squad... Under "experience" one inmate wrote, "I escaped from here five years ago. The law has been chasing me ever since and just caught me. Should be a great open field runner."

The Big Story Dept... Glad to see that Cascade Union High School finally won a football game Friday night... When Cascade's Journalism class visited The Statesman last week, there was a discussion of news in general. It was noted that news editors are always groping for a story worthy of the day's No. 1 headline, often settling for something short of what they'd like... Whereupon the class instructor, Jim Simmons, remarked, "If Cascade's football team finally wins a game, that ought to give you a dandy."

Who said one Salem store doesn't help another?... At least one woman came to Salem from Portland to shop last Friday... She arrived at 9 a.m... The store she planned to shop in didn't open for hours... So she shopped in the stores that were open.

Over at Sublimity, news has just leaked out that the town has been fluoridating its water supply for three months... There was nothing stealthy about the decision, however. A majority of the users were contacted before the step was taken... There was little opposition... Sublimity thus becomes the third Marion County community to have fluoridated water... Mill City and Salem Heights are the others... Woodburn and Salem have thumbed it down.

A Salem preacher was grocery shopping in Canby the other day... He filled up his cart with groceries, wheeled into the check-out stand and added a couple of candy bars to his purchase... When his bill was totaled, the parson dug into his jeans and found he was a dime short of ready cash... So he put back the two candy bars... "No, no protested the grocer. Take them. You can owe me the 10 cents..." The preacher insisted that he didn't want to owe anyone a dime... "Take it with you," argued the grocer, "and I'll go to your church some Sunday..." The preacher bristled. "I'll have you know," he said, "that I don't preach ten-cent sermons..." "In that case," said the grocer, "I'll go twice."

Hearing Set Thursday in Harland Case

DALLAS—A hearing is scheduled Thursday at Portland in the case of Joe Harland vs. the State Highway Commission concerning a proposed right-of-way on the Rickreall-Dolph Corner Highway cutoff.

Home Destroyed, Family Moves to Guthrie District

GUTHRIE—The A. D. Marcott family has moved to Guthrie following a fire in Creswell that last week burned their house and most of their belongings. Apparently a flu fire, it started during the night. Mrs. Marcott wakened only in time to rouse the others and get them to safety. The Marcotts have owned property in Guthrie for some time so have returned here.

SHERIDAN — Nov. 25 and 26 have been set as dates for the Sheridan Christmas holiday opening. The Chamber of Commerce, which plans the event, has placed George Mowery, Mrs. Alex Timmerick, Raymond Yoder, Dean Edlmes, Bill Moore and Robert Wells in charge.

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Valley Briefs

MI. ANGEL — The two-act farce "Seven Nuns at Las Vegas" will be presented at 8 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Angel Women's College auditorium by the school's dramatic club. Two boys from Mt. Angel Prep, Tony Koenen and Leonard Weisenfels, augment the cast of college girls players which includes Anna Mae Loftis, Marianne Henry, Elaine Kuschnick, Norma Knoll, Charleen Morris, Colleen Meier, Sandra Gallaher, Mary Joe DeBel, Gertrude Rausch, Agnes Peck and Carol Wachter.

ALBANY — Edison Earl Culver was sentenced to two years in prison Friday after he pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a teen-age Harrisburg girl. Judge Victor Olliver pronounced sentence in circuit court.

STAYTON — Fred Staples, Portland motorist injured Friday night when his car plunged over a bank near Detroit Dam, was reported in "good" condition Saturday at Santiam Memorial Hospital. He incurred severe head lacerations.

DALLAS — Ben Ward, 35, injured Dallas logger, was reported in "fair" condition Saturday afternoon at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, where attendants said he had "not fully regained consciousness" following surgery Friday night. Ward incurred a compound skull fracture Friday morning when struck by a falling limb.

Bloxham Services Today at Silverton

SILVERTON — Services for Lloyd Bloxham, 61, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Ekman Chapel here. The Rev. C. J. Cording will officiate with concluding rites at Valley View Cemetery.

Bloxham, a resident of Silverton since 1940, died Thursday at the Silverton Hospital. He was born at Grundy Center, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1894. Survivors are the widow, Lulu, Silverton; two stepsons, Loy Denny, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Glen Denny, Kennewick, Wash.; a brother, Lester Bloxham and two sisters, Mrs. Edna Brown and Mrs. Myrtle Page, all of Grundy Center, and another sister, Mrs. Ada Rehman, Austin, Minn.

Toastmasters Club Receives Charter



DALLAS—Officers of Dallas' newly-formed Toastmasters Club beam as they examine charter, presented at Charter Banquet Thursday night by Bob Baidorf (right) of Capital Toastmasters, Salem. From left are Henry Dalpez, vice president; Hal Norberg, sergeant-at-arms; Bob Woodman, also a vice president; Tom Newton, president; and Baidorf. New club has about 30 members.

Monmouth-Independence Walk Recalls Efforts to Link Towns

By BEULAH CRAVEN
Statesman News Service

MONMOUTH — Completion of a sidewalk connecting Monmouth and Independence recently recalls among old-timers that this objective was planned long, long ago.

As a safety measure for students of Central High School between the two towns, the sidewalk is an essential. It is being enjoyed by students of Oregon College of Education, too, and residents of both towns, who enjoy walking as an exercise, and bicycling off the highway.

Back in the nineties, the city merger of Monmouth and Independence was envisioned, and definite plans were made to bring about this objective.

A group of men, organized as the Polk County Land Company, promoted the plan to unite the two communities and sell intervening land—it is two miles from town to town — as city lots. Streets were surveyed, city additions platted, and many lots were sold. The ambitious scheme included removal of the Polk County Courthouse from Dallas to Monmouth's east margin.

A large flouring mill and warehouse, named the White Star, was built and flourished for a time. An artesian well was to be sunk for a community water supply, and a union high school was to be erected between the town-sites. The railroad, connecting Monmouth and Independence, had been completed in 1890.

Some of the promoters' names were Joe Hirschberg, long-time Independence banker; "Doc" Smith of Lewisville, Dave Sears, who later moved to Portland; Frank Patterson, father of one of Oregon's governors; Frank Powell, Monmouth; and Abe Nelson of Independence.

One of their projects which gained considerable publicity, was the construction of a race track with stable accommodations for 75 horses. At that time it was considered one of the best tracks in Oregon, and flew the colors of the finest stables in the Northwest and Northern California. It was located east and a little south of Monmouth.

Polk County fairs were sponsored there by the land company,

and racing was a daily feature. Horses were in training there, daily, and were stabled by the month, among them being "Del Norte," a famed Oregon guide-lance pacer.

Bull Fights Staged
Dr. D. V. Poling, who knew and loved good horses, was among the racing fans on many a big day.

Bicycle races and professional bull fighting were added to promote interest among spectators. Unfortunately, this fanfare of commercialism and pari-mutuel

Grandmother 'Adopted' by Lodge Group

MILL CITY — Nine members of the Santiam Rebekah Lodge visited the IOOF Home in Portland for a special birthday party in honor of their "adopted" grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Fleetwood, a former Mill City resident.

Another former Mill City resident who lives at the Home is William Eldler, who was also a guest at the party.

Members attending were Mrs. Melbourne Rambo, Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. Floyd Fleetwood, Mrs. Ruth Hess, Mrs. Lester Hathaway, Mrs. Arnold Syverson, Mrs. Charles Stewart, and Mrs. Susie Haynes.

MALO NAMED PRESIDENT
SHERIDAN — Roy Malo, son of Mrs. Bessie Malo of Sheridan, has been named principal of Cleveland High School, Portland. He is a 1939 graduate of Sheridan High School.

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Rites Held For Sheridan Plane Victim

SHERIDAN — Services were held from the Sheridan Menonite Church, Thursday, for Elmer R. Berkey, 56, lumber mill operator who was killed near Harrisonburg, Va., when his twin engine Piper Apache plunged into a field and exploded. Four others, all residents of Harrisonburg, also were killed in the crash.

Interment was in the Menonite cemetery near Williamina. The Rev. Henry Wolfer officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkey were in Virginia visiting with relatives prior to the fatal flight. Mrs. Berkey, who returned to Sheridan Wednesday, was not a passenger in the plane when it crashed.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkey, who were married June 20, 1920, at Oronogo, Mo., came to Oregon in 1947. Survivors include the widow, Esther; two sons, Clayton and Loyd of Sheridan; two daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Mishler, Sheridan, and Mrs. Paul Buerge, of Garden City, Mo.; and 11 grandchildren.

Jefferson PTA Meeting Dated

JEFFERSON — The Jefferson PTA will meet Thursday night, November 10, at 8 o'clock at the grade school gymnasium. An open house is planned from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with the school room best represented by parents to receive \$1.

Speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller from the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association. Their topic will be "Family Life." Cake, ice cream and coffee will be sold.

Pianist Ullman Billed at OCE

MONMOUTH — Theodore Ullman, noted pianist, will present a public concert in Campbell Hall auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14.

Ullman, who has the recommendation of the Music Artists' Foundation Bureau New York, will play selections from Brahms, Bach, Hess, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Shostakovich, Griffes, Ravel, and Beethoven. Admission is free.

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