



AMITY—Mrs. Martha Brown and three of her four living sons, and two grandsons at her 90th birthday party given for her by the Amity Church of Christ where she has been a member for over 60 years. Reading from left to right: Ivan, of Salem; William of Junction City; Robert of Eugene; Mrs. Brown; Robert Jr., Portland; Eldon, Junction City. Another son, Paul of West Linn, was unable to be present. (Photo by Robert Neumann.)

Valley News

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Linn County Not Disaster Area, County Groups Say

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SCIO—Linn County isn't a disaster area. At least it isn't in the opinion of the Linn County Agricultural Committees, which include both farm crops and horticulture. There has been damage, however, and just how much will not be known until later this spring.

"But our committees feel very definitely," Merle Manning, Brownsville, chairman of the agricultural committees, said "that damage was not severe enough to have Linn County listed as a disaster area."

The committees' reports show that there was some freeze-out of late sown common ryegrass and pasture mixtures on the valley floor, and fall sown grains and pasture mixtures on the hill soils. The agricultural committee estimates that about 30 per cent of the 60,000 acres of common ryegrass in the county was late sown this past year and of this about 10 per cent has been frozen out. This would indicate around 1,200 lost. All early seeded common ryegrass is reported as looking good.

Blessing in Disguise
"But actually," said Manning, "some of us almost look on the freeze, so far as ryegrass is concerned, as a blessing in disguise. We've been staging a campaign to reduce the common ryegrass acreage in the county. We hoped to get it down about 30 per cent. In 1955 we harvested seed from 77,000 acres. For 1956, approximately 60,000 acres were seeded for harvest. The November freeze cut this reduction another 1,200."

Scio was one of the most badly damaged areas. Others listed among the more badly damaged communities are Lyons, Lacombe, Sweet Home and Holley. In these areas considerable damage occurred to fall sown grains and pastures mixtures, too. Wheat seemed to have been the most hardy of the fall grains.

Looking Good
However, the committee members report that fall sown vetches and peas are also looking good. They won't continue to look this way, unless slug balls are used, the men said Monday. Slugs are making their appearance in these crops and are doing considerable damage.

Sheepmen in Linn County, and particularly in the heavy Scio sheep country, said that perennial grasses and common ryegrass are now recovering sufficiently to furnish some good pasture. Shortly after the heavy November freeze, the sheepmen reported considerable worry because of loss of pasture. They had to dip deeply into the hay supply.

Optimism Shown
The horticultural members of the committee were expressing considerable optimism, a feeling not shared in much of the Willamette Valley fruit lands. Victor Haffner, Harrisburg, said that his group did not feel that damage to nut trees, strawberries, cane berries, trailing berries and peppermint was "too extensive."

Some loss was admitted in carrots and sugar beets as well as cabbage for seed. Peppermint roots already weakened by rust will, the committee believed, show further damage as spring advances. Some

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"poor stands" in these crops are expected by spring, and some fields will probably be taken out, some of the committee members believed.

Joined in Surveys
Members of the Farm Crops committee, taking part in the late December surveys were Manning, Delbert Burck, Harrisburg; Herman Zeller, Scio; J. L. McFarland and George L. Kooz, Tangent; Robert Cale and William Hart, Albany; Rolland Lamp, Shedd; Wesley Holloway, Halsey; Leigh Crossan, Lebanon; Arthur Sandner, Stayton, and Carl Linegar, Corvallis.

Those making the horticulture survey were Haffner, Roy Fitzwater, Edward Douglas, Brownie Mitchell, Jack Ayers and R. E. Donovan all of Lebanon; Kyle Folsom, Robert Groshong and Vernon Smith all of Albany; William Cummings, Lacombe and Ray Cunningham, Brownsville.

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Hubbard—The Ladies Aid of the Hubbard Congregational Church met briefly Wednesday afternoon with two representatives of the Mary-Martha Circle of the church to plan a dinner for the Rebekah Convention January 21. Proceeds of the dinner will benefit the church.

Sheridan—James Woodall left this week for duty in the Aleutian Islands. He has been home on a month's leave after serving 18 months in Guam.

Sheridan—Orrin White Jr. spent the Christmas holidays with his grandmothers, Mrs. Sam Riggs and Mrs. Wilson Bob of Grand Ronde, and his father, Orin White of Salem. He is stationed at Lowry AFB, Colo.

Sheridan—To Mr. and Mrs. Vern Markee, Portland, a son, Thomas, Dec. 27 in Portland. The baby joins four sisters, and is the grandson of Mrs. Opal Lux, of Sheridan and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Markee of McMinnville.

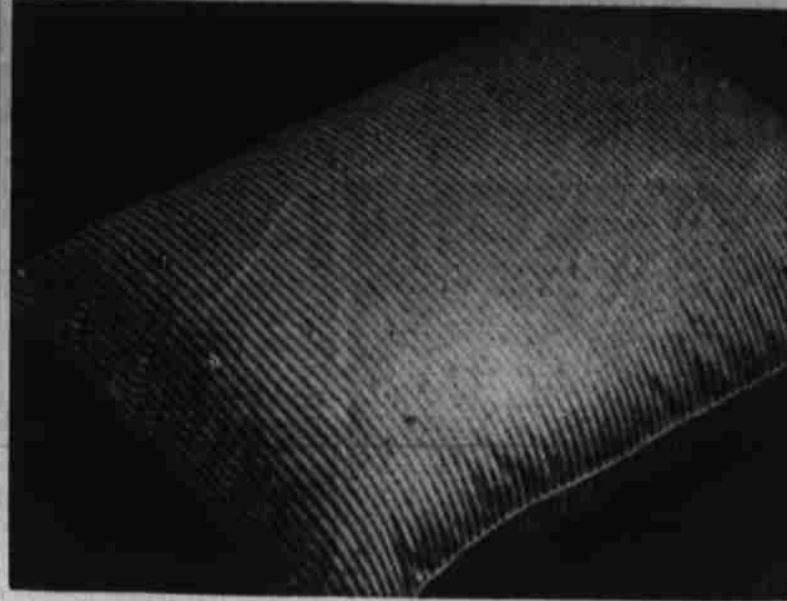
Sheridan—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stuck have sold their 320 acre ranch west of Sheridan to Harry Lux, a Sheridan logger.



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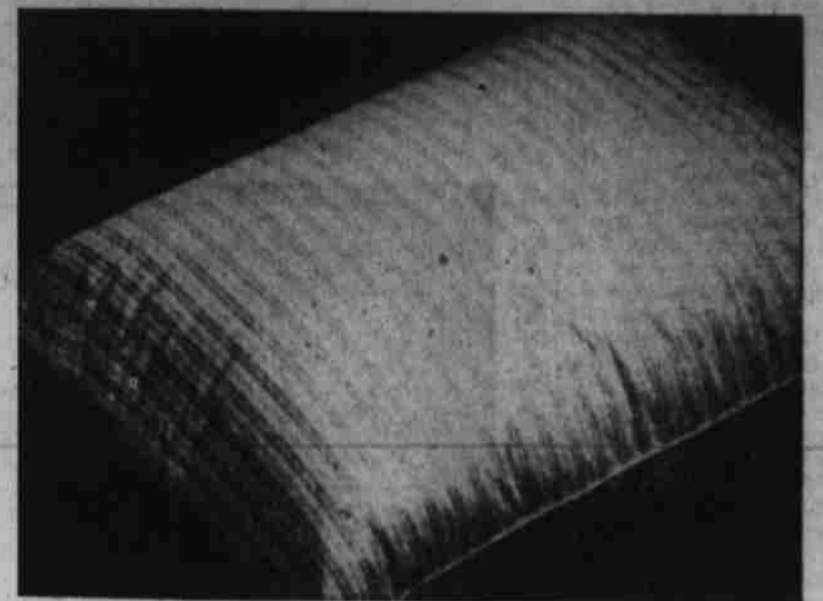
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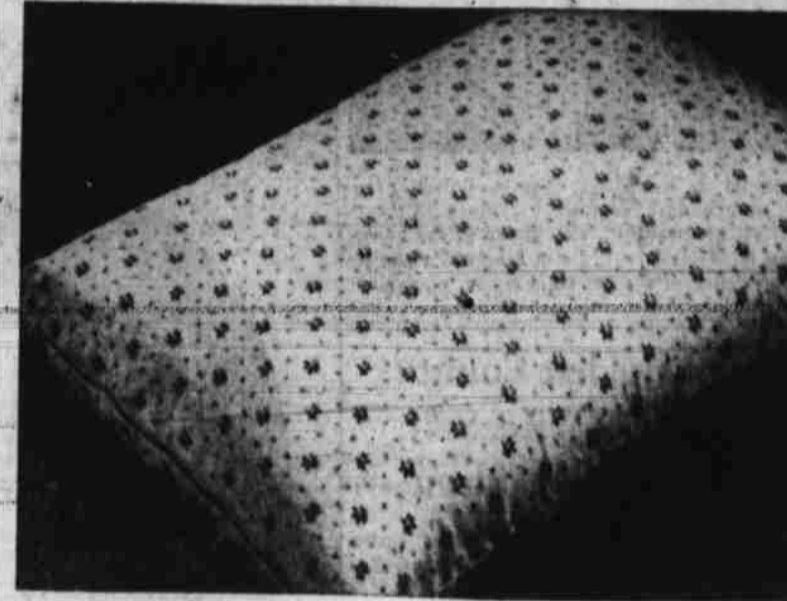
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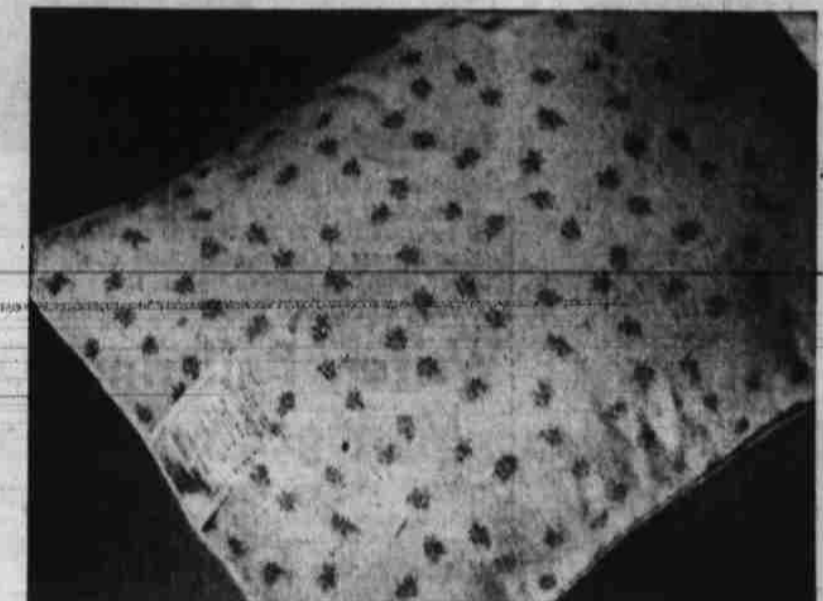
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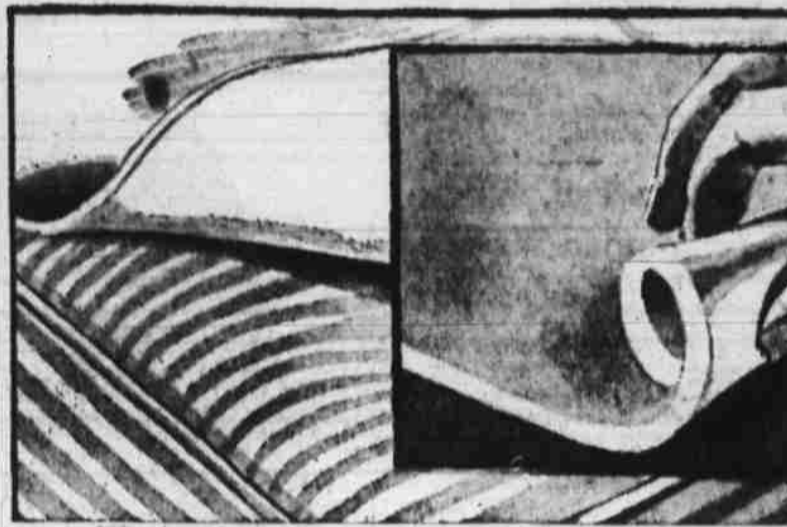
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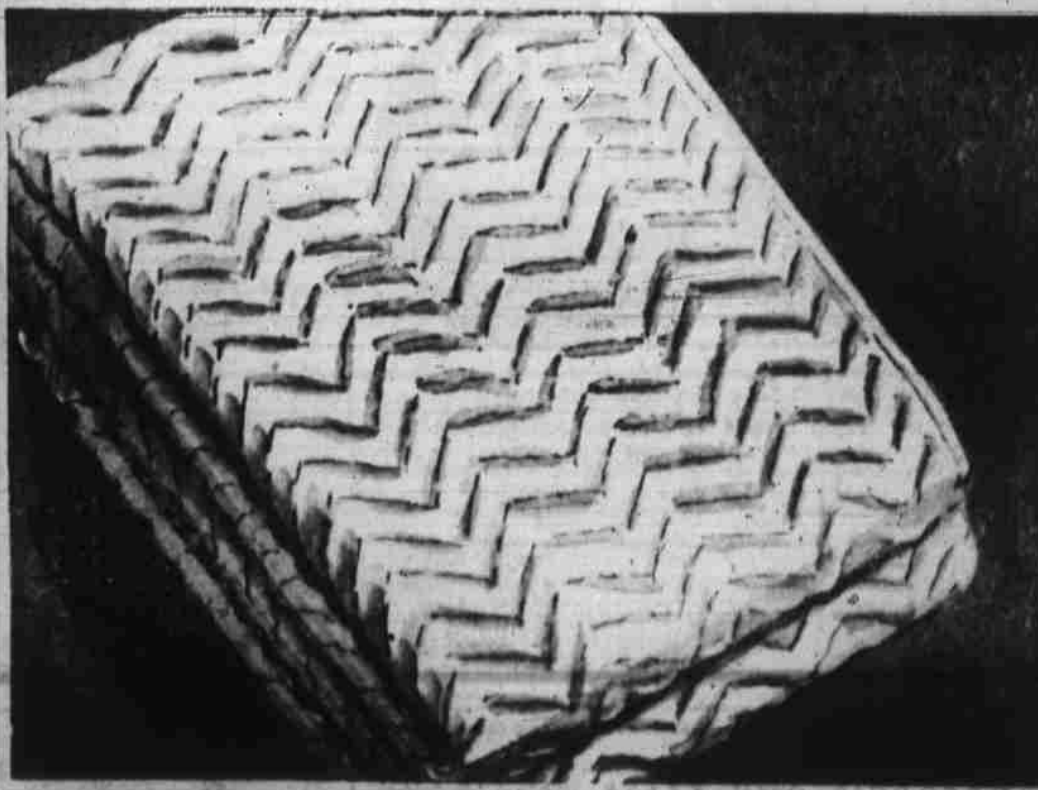
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