

Our Valley

By CHARLES IRELAND



Monmouth postoffice using a centennial slogan cancellation on mail to ballyhoo its 100th year. . . It's similar to one Silverton used two years ago. . . Monmouth hoped to start using its special cancellation the first of the year, but the manufacturers made a slight mistake in the original die. . . They spelled Monmouth wrong!

The new Salem-Portland expressway may have hurt a few towns on the former route, but it is booming property in the Butteville area, according to Mrs. Ralph Bair, Statesman correspondent, who reports that demand is firm for both summer homes and year-around dwellings in the area.

Quote of the Week: When congregation of Detroit Church gave their minister a cake in observance of his 80th birthday at a dinner last week, he made a little acceptance speech. . . "Never dread old age," said the Rev. G. E. Williams, "It is the sweetest time of life."

Valentine's Day is over but it's still Heart Fund Month. . . Considering heart attacks suffered by the President and the late Gov. Patterson, Oregon folks can scarcely afford to treat this cause lightly.

Leap Day is coming, and if any of you bachelor's think you have problems, consider the case of Florence Bell, who edits Statesman's Time Flies column. . . Preparing column for Feb. 29, 1956 the other day, Florence came face-to-face with unsurmountable problem: There wasn't any 10 years ago on that date.

Speaking of bachelor's, it's about time Conrad Gundersen of North Howell was getting some recognition. . . He is probably the only bachelor in Oregon who is president of his school's Parent-Teacher Association.

Mill City almost observed a milkless Wednesday last week. . . On that icy morning, Earl Philips upset his truck and spilled load of milk he was delivering to Mill City stores and schools. . . New supply of milk was rushed up the canyon from Salem.

Consideration that Dallas is giving to a third grade school dramatizes the growth of our neighbor city to the west. . . Still a comparative newcomer to the valley, this writer remembers when Dallas had only its big Morrison Elementary School. . . Then Lyle School was built in North Dallas and now it appears likely that East Dallas will get a school. . . Dallas is indeed growing up.

It's been nearly a year since the Les Johnsons of Keizer filed their uranium claims in the Whitout Springs area of nearby Clackamas County. . . Snow and a drawn-out winter have temporarily slowed his progress to a crawl, but Les says he is still devoting full time to the project and expects some news to break fairly soon.

Sandra Hunt Top Speller at Broadacres

BROADACRES—Sandra Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hunt of Route 1, Aurora, won the spelling championship of this northern Marion County School.



Sandra is regarded as an outstanding student and leader. She is 12 and in the 7th grade and her hobbies are knitting and cooking. She was certified for the semi-finals of The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest by her principal and teacher, Mrs. Helen Mayfield, and will compete at Woodburn at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, March 8.

Second place in spelling at Broadacres, where 625 published words were used to determine winners, was won by Brenda Hassing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hassing, Route 1, Aurora, and third place by Jo Anne Eichenauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eichenauer, Route 1, Aurora. Both Brenda and Jo Anne are 12 and in the 7th grade. Certificates of merit will be sent to all three girls.

'Tall Tales' Night Slated At Jefferson

JEFFERSON — Bear stories, moose stories and tall stories will be told at the Jefferson annual sportsmen's night Wednesday. The annual affair, sponsored by the Jefferson Gun Club to promote good relations between farmers and sportsmen, will be held in the high school gym at 8 p.m.

Also featured will be a duck calling contest. Movies of a world-famous trap and trick shooter will be shown. The program is the kickoff for the annual trophy shoot to be held Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Gun Club's grounds south of town on Scio Road. No admission will be charged.

Silverton Piano Musical Today

SILVERTON — Silverton's Accredited Music Teachers will give a musical Sunday at 3 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. This is one of a series of musicals held this year to present more informal student programs to the public. An added attraction on Sunday's program will be a demonstration of "What Goes On in a Beginning Piano Class".

Teachers who will present pupils Sunday include Mrs. George Gillis, Mrs. John Bronson, Mrs. W. Z. Iron and Hal Beyers.

Safety Record of Schools Questioned by OCE Prof

By CHARLES IRELAND
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MONMOUTH—Concerned over a national rise in the proportion of school accidents, a professor at Oregon College of Education has raised the question, "Is there an undesirable national attitude toward school safety on the part of some principals and teachers?"



Dr. H. Kent Farley, a native Missourian who won the 100-yard dash at the Drake Relays in 1927, poses the question in an article in "Educational Administration and Supervisors", longtime school publication.

"Safety First Neglected" "Have the school principals of the past few years been neglecting to include in their ranks that very important principle, 'Safety First'?", Farley wrote.

The article germinated recently when the OCE professor compared some school accident statistics. A text that he uses to teach health education to aspiring teachers gave some figures for 1947. Some figures in a recent handbook from the same source (National Safety Council) showed that the school accident rate had jumped.

Accident Defined An accident was defined as a mishap that caused a child to be absent from school or to consult a doctor.

Farley dug into the subject, and here's what he found: Since 1943, the percentage of non-school accidents involving children has dropped steadily. Such accidents dropped from 56 per cent of the total in 1943 to 45 per cent in 1948. Latest figures show it is down to 40 per cent.

Accidents in the home have dropped from 25 per cent to 17 per cent in the same period. Other non-school accidents, chiefly auto accidents, have dropped from 31

per cent to 23 per cent. Figure Zooms And what about school? In the same period, Farley's figures show 44 per cent of the total at 60 per cent.

Why? Farley suggests that the traditional practice of granting legal immunity to school districts may foster an attitude that "leads to insufficient thought and action being directed toward the end that our school children be kept safe in their schools."

His article was titled "The King Can Do Some Wrong" which puts reverse English on the historic principle that "The king can do no wrong." The laws that grant immunity to school districts are based on that ancient canon.

Q-ues Authorities The OCE man quotes Linn and Joyner, school insurance authorities, who wrote "If this immunity were not granted, and school districts were required to face suits and pay damages when liable, it is possible that school authorities would be more alert to the problem of accident prevention."

Farley stressed that "his article was based on national statistics and is not an indictment" of Oregon's safety record. Because he wrote for a national publication, he had no figures for Oregon as compared to other states.

West, South Lag Figures show, however, that the East and Midwest have better school safety records "on the West and the South."

Farley said over-crowded conditions have been advanced as a reason for the school accident rate climbing, but he questions that this is the basic cause.

He does believe that supervision of recess periods by special personnel would cut down on playground mishaps.

Suggests Campaigns "A teacher who has played baseball is more sensitive to the dangers involved than one who has not," he added. "Also, there are less accidents in organized games than during unorganized activities."

The professor thinks a full-scale school safety campaign would pay dividends, for he believes that attitude is the key to the solution. "For the safety of our children," he wrote, "Isn't it time that we rethink about such traditional attitudes? Isn't it possible that the king can do some wrong? We principals, supervisors and teachers must accept our share of liability for accidents occurring to our school-age children while under the jurisdiction of schools. Safety is mandatory."

Twins Tops In Spelling Bee At McKee

Statesman News Service
McKEE — Twins took top spelling honors at McKee School this year. In first place was Gene Juve and in second Jerry Juve.



They are 13 and in the 8th grade. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Juve, Route 2, Woodburn, and their hobbies are sports and chess.

Gene, as first place winner, was certified for the semi-finals of The Statesman-KSLM Contest at Mt. Angel, Thursday night, March 1, by Principal Patsy Lou McLaughlin.

Winning third place in spelling at McKee was James Boen, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boen, Route 2, Woodburn. James is in the 7th grade. Certificates of merit will be issued for all three.

Guard Bids Public Today

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON — National Guard will hold open house at the Silverton Armory Sunday starting at 2 p.m. Captain Waldo Gilbert is directing the event. One of the principal objectives of the open house, guard officers said, is to acquaint fathers and mothers of the community, as well as the general public, with the "specific advantages" the company offers young men. A big display of equipment will be featured at the open house. Over 400 medals won by the guardsmen will be exhibited.

Woodburn Scores In Speech Meet

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN — Larry Sterling won first in the junior division of men's oratory at the 24th annual High School speech tournament at Linfield College, McMinnville, Saturday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sterling.

Woodburn also had a finalist in Barbara Paulson, who placed in junior women's extemporaneous.

FATHER SUCUMB

LYONS — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bridges are at Sidney, Mont., where they were called by the death of her father.

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Dallas Considering New Grade School

By HAL NORBERG
Valley Correspondent

DALLAS—Construction of a new elementary school building here will be considered at a meeting of the Dallas School Board Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the senior high school. Need for additional facilities reached a critical stage this year with continued growth of student population. S. E. Whitworth, superintendent, reported that enrollment has reached some 1,600 students. Whitworth estimates the total will reach 2032 by the 1960-61 year. Of immediate concern is the probability that next year's enrollment will top the present figure by over 110 students.

Advisory Group Working with the board on the expansion problem is a citizen's advisory committee made up of representatives from Dallas civic groups. The advisory committee will meet with the board Tuesday night to hear estimates on what a new grade building will cost.

Preliminary plans and cost estimates will be outlined by C. N. Freeman of the architectural firm of Freeman, Hayslip, Tuft and Hewitt. Size of a new building, which would be located on property owned by the school district on Miller Avenue, would be determined in part by the district's bonding limitation, now about \$300,000. One proposal is for an eight-room building with provisions for later additions.

New School Favored Sentiment here has been largely in favor of a new school rather than attempt additions to present buildings. The board recently took a poll of Dallas Parent-Teacher Associations and the Chamber of Commerce and found almost unanimous endorsement of the plan for a new school. As soon as the board determines the amount needed in a bond issue, the matter will probably be presented to district voters in a special election. Double shifts in some elementary grades will likely be necessary next fall as new classroom space could not be completed until late December, it was estimated.

Farm Folk Eager to Get Into Fields

Statesman News Service

AMITY — Farmers in this area are itching to get into their fields. The few good days recently dried up the soggy earth considerably. In a few places, farmers were able to get on their land and use fertilizer machines. A few farmers who still keep cows have found it profitable to use light chain saws and clear off brush patches along creeks, which will increase their pasturage somewhat. One farmer figures that he added a much needed acre to his dairy pasture by clearing brush the last few weeks.

Most of the work now being done on the farms is on the machinery. Tractors are being over-hauled and tuned up so they can be in the fields as soon as weather permits.

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