

# Our Valley

By CHARLES IRELAND



A chap named Steve Anderson from Brigham Young University became the first man in history to participate in a speaking event called "Women's Congress" at the recent collegiate speech tourney at Linfield College, McMinnville . . . Seems that an identical event was being held at the same time for male students . . . But Steve inadvertently blundered into the hall where the women were competing, spoke his piece—and won second place!

The capitol cloakrooms were really buzzin' here Friday . . . The Democrats said the Republicans were shooting McKay into the side pocket, and the Republicans (well, some of them) aid Doug was comin' home to save the Grand Old Party from a fate worse than death.

They really like Walt Norblad over in his home town of Stayton . . . The weekly Stayton Mail suggested editorially this week that the reason Walter had wanted to run for governor was because living costs were so high back in Washington.

Maybe a leopard never changes his spots, but the Dayton Lions Club has suddenly become the Dayton Tigers Club . . . The Lions Club decided to drop its affiliation with the international group and concentrate more on hometown projects . . . Hence, the new name.

Quite a surprise to many in Polk County that the Republicans didn't field a candidate for state representative . . . When Joe Rogers was two years ago, he became Polk's first Democrat in the house in something like 40 years . . . And now he's up for re-election without a contest . . . Philip Peterson, who made surprise filing for Polk sheriff on Republican ticket Friday, operates machine shop in West Salem where he's lived for 19 years. He's been special policeman at Hollywood Bowl on auto race nights for several years.

When it comes to flying the flag in the business district on appropriate holidays, Mt. Angel is hard to beat . . . Here's how they operate . . . Each merchant pays the Mt. Angel American Legion Post a small annual fee, for which the post assumes the responsibility of flying a flag in front of each store on patriotic days.

City of Monmouth has been presented with a plaque—now displayed in its city hall—designating it as a charter member of the Penny Club. This club comprises cities throughout the U. S. having domestic electric rates below one cent per kilowatt hour . . . Monmouth, which has municipal power plant, has rate of three-fourths of one cent per kilowatt hour . . . Most mid-valley householders pay average of one cent or more per kilowatt hour for their electricity.

Scenes from Albany Timber Carnival were shown on widely-watched Mickey Mouse Club TV program Friday afternoon . . . And Zippy, the chipmunk who played last State Fair, was riotous hit on Phil Silver's Army show earlier in week.

Joke? . . . Gag making the rounds that the rash of escapes from state hospital and prison last week was so escroves could make the Friday deadline for filing for political office.

## Coast Artist Shows Work At Monmouth

MONMOUTH — Current display in the Oregon College of Education art gallery features the works of Maude Walling Wanker, who directs "Little Gallery by the Sea" at Delake. Working in her private studio, "The Paint Box" at Wecoma Beach, Mrs. Wanker has painted a variety of Oregon scenes in watercolor.

Included in the exhibit are: "Out of Service" (Cape Arago Light House), "Swamp Gold," "North Portland Docks," "High Bridge" (Crooked River Canyon), "Harbor Channel" (Depoe Bay), "In the Willows Mountains," "From the Rim of Crater Lake," "Mt. Hood Pastures," and others.

Maude Wanker opened her "Little Gallery by the Sea," one of the few successful non-profit art galleries in the nation, in 1946. Classes in all phases of art are available to everyone free of charge, and well known artists often exhibit and display their works there.

## Valley Births

STATON — To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mix, Aumsville route 1, a daughter, March 8, at Santiam Memorial Hospital.

# Africa Coming of Age Fast, Salem Missionary Reports

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FRUITLAND — South Africa is rapidly coming of age and Christian missionaries have played a vital role in its maturity. That is the opinion of Miss Evelyn deVries, Methodist missionary who has just returned to her family home in this Salem-area community after 10 years in Southern Rhodesia.

"People still have a lot of misconceptions about Africa," Miss deVries reported. "They are always asking me how many wild animals I see."

Parking Meters Due  
"As a matter of fact, Umtali, the city where I am stationed, was thinking about putting in parking meters when I left."

Umtali is a city of some 40,000 population. Miss deVries is one of its approximately 10,000 "Europeans," as all white colonists are known.

Midships of an unofficial caste system are the many Asiatic Indians and others who have intermarried with native Rhodesians. These are called colored people.

Blacks Called Africans  
But the bulk of the city and country is peopled by the natives who are referred to as Africans.

It is with these black people that Miss deVries' work is concerned. She is superintendent of a hostel (dormitory) at which 125 young girls live.

They come there when they leave school and remain until they get married — usually a period of several years.

Most of them are 17 when they arrive. The apt ones have completed eighth grade. The inept have dropped out in accordance with custom after twice failing the fifth grade.

Schooling For All  
Thanks largely to Christian missionaries, virtually every Rhodesian child attends school. There is no uneducated bush country in Rhodesia, Miss deVries reports, in which heathen natives cavort in the primitive manner that some people still associate with Africa.

The change in the past 10 years, she reports, has been startling.

Most of the schools were started by missionaries. The Methodist Church alone has 180 in Southern Rhodesia. But the British, who govern Rhodesia, are stepping up their support of education, and the Salem woman predicts missionaries there will someday devote all of their time to purely religious matters.

Three-Way Learning  
Education in the mission schools today has three facets — the three R's, Bible study and a sort of "industrial arts."

"The pupils bring a little hoe to class along with their slate," Miss deVries said, "and learn how to use both."

All of the girls who stay at Miss deVries' hostel perform domestic work during the day at European homes. Many come to her from the countryside around Umtali where they have lived in primitive style.

One of her hardest chores is to teach them proper use of the flatiron. In some manner, most Rhodesians are able to carry live coals in their bare hands. So it seems quite natural to let a steaming flatiron rest for long periods on a silk dress.

Miss deVries has received innumerable calls from irate matrons whose party frocks have just been ruined.

The missionary says it is most heartening to see the transformation that takes place as the heathen girls respond to a Christian environment.

Home To Witch Doctor  
But the tug of the tribe is still there. When the girls get sick, they usually run home to their witch doctor.

The witch doctor remains a factor in tribal life, and tribesmen sometimes employ him to put a hex on an enemy. The hexed native, mortally fearful, often dies, Miss deVries reported.

There is no tribal violence, however, in Rhodesia. And, except for a visit to a game refuge,



FRUITLAND—Miss Evelyn deVries, home on furlough from missionary duties in Rhodesia, displays ornately carved elephant tusk she brought back from southern Africa. She will address many Methodist groups this spring. (Statesman Photo)

Miss deVries has never seen a lion, rhino or other big game. Only once in 10 years has she heard of a native being attacked by a wild beast.

Leopards do sometimes stalk lambs on the outskirts of her city. It is fitting that Miss deVries today is one of Rhodesia's 1,000 Christian missionaries. As a 12-year-old girl, she decided one morning while attending Pratum Methodist Sunday School that she was going to be a missionary. Her inspiration came while studying David Livingstone, famous missionary who died in Rhodesia in 1873.

Never Changed Mind  
Miss deVries, whose Uncle Fred helped establish many Sunday Schools in the valley, says she never once after that had a doubt as to her career.

A 1932 graduate of Salem High School, she also graduated from Linfield College, the former Portland Bible Institute and Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn.

She was commissioned as a missionary in 1942 but, due to the war, didn't get to Rhodesia until 1944. She is now home on one-

year furlough for the second time and is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rose deVries, and her sisters, Wilma and Leona, at 5930 Fruitland Rd.

Many Speeches To Make  
Compared to a soldier's furlough, it will be rather a strenuous year. She will attend school part of the time and will speak to 60 or 70 Methodist groups in Oregon and Washington.

Then it will be back to Umtali, Rhodesia, and those new parking meters. After a year in Salem, Miss deVries expects to be ready for them.

## Frederic Brewster Dies in Linn County

ALBANY — Frederic William Brewster, 71, a member of the family for which Brewster Station north of Albany was named, died Saturday. He lived in the Crabtree area most of his life. The widow, Ida, survives. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Fortmiller-Fredricksen Chapel here.

## City Zoning Study Slated At Sheridan

Statesman News Service  
SHERIDAN — Sheridan's City Council moved this week to begin a study on a proposed zoning and planning ordinance that would set up rigid standards for construction and use of buildings in the city.

Zoning ordinance has long been discussed by city officials. Sheridan at present has a fire zone in the business district which requires certain type of materials for structures, but outside the zone any type building may be constructed anywhere in the city after obtaining a building permit from the city recorder.

Stanley B. Tatom, representing the Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the zoning and planning ordinance, asserting that with such an ordinance Sheridan could add \$500,000 to its assessed valuation in a ten-year period.

The Council also gave its approval to a proposal of "hot rod" races here, during the summer months on Sunday afternoons at the rodeo arena.

## Two Bridge Contracts Let

SHERIDAN — State Highway Commission has awarded contract for the construction of two bridges across the South Yamhill River on the highway relocation project from Sheridan to Wallace Bridge.

Successful bidder was the firm of Hamilton and Thomas, Eugene. Their bid was \$207,695. Completion date was set for Dec. 31, 1936.

The East Sheridan overcrossing is 229 feet in length, and the second crossing of the river will be 439 feet in length, according to the commission. The bridges are federal aid projects.

## Kindergarten at Woodburn Needs More Youngsters

WOODBURN — The first week of the second term of Woodburn kindergarten, taught by Mrs. Clifton Mudd at Lincoln Public School, showed an enrollment of 18, a registration too small to meet expenses, according to those in charge of the parent-sponsored school.

Any five-year-old, whether eligible for school next fall or not, may be admitted to increase enrollment, it was announced. Information may be secured by contacting Mrs. Glen Schwenke.

Two sessions daily, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 10:30 to 12:30 a.m., are held, and classes run from Tuesday through Friday, weekly until the close of the school term.

## City Treasurer Loses Court Bid To Get Salary

McMINNVILLE — Case of James Robertson, former Carlton city treasurer, to recover salary allegedly due him was judged "non-suited" in Yamhill Circuit Court by Judge Arlie G. Walker.

Failure to prove willful or malicious action on the part of the Carlton City Council when it reduced Robertson's salary to \$3 a month was the basis on which Walker placed his judgment.

## Stolen Detroit Truck Found At Prineville

DETROIT—A panel truck stolen here Friday by an escapee from a state institution in Salem was recovered Saturday at Prineville, State Police reported Saturday.

The truck, registered to Frances Stout, was stolen from near a garage Stout operates here.

Police said the truck apparently was taken after a jeep, stolen at Stayton, developed motor trouble. The jeep was left near the spot where Stout's truck was taken. Owner of the Stayton vehicle was not listed.

Police said the vehicles were linked to the trail of Richard R. Kidd who was apprehended 50 miles north of Bend Saturday after escaping from the state hospital in Salem early Friday.

## New Central JCs' Charter Banquet Due

INDEPENDENCE — The newly-formed Central Jaycee organization, comprising members from Monmouth and Independence, will hold its charter banquet in the Central High School cafeteria on Tuesday night, March 20.

A final pre-banquet meeting will be held Tuesday night at the Monmouth Hotel coffee shop, according to president Jack McElravy.

The public is encouraged to attend the banquet but ticket supply is limited, Hal Hearing, banquet chairman, reported. The tickets are available at Taylor's office in Monmouth and Don Hardy's office in Independence.

George Huggins of the sponsoring Salem Jaycees will be toastmaster for the banquet which Jaycee officers will attend.

## Bible Institute Choir at Dallas Sunday Evening

DALLAS — The choir from the Bible Standard Institute of Eugene will sing at the Foursquare Gospel Church here at 6 p.m. Sunday, according to the Rev. Percy Philip, pastor.

The 35-voice choir will present a full program of choral renderings, quartets, trios, duets and solos as well as instrumental numbers. The Rev. Harold Powers, dean of the Bible School, will deliver a short message. Pastor Philip said.

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