

Our Valley

By CHARLES IRELAND

Back in harness after three weeks of smog, sweat and fears on Los Angeles' freeways and Iowa's cornfields . . . This time we avoided the teeming center of Greater Los Angeles and stuck a reporter's hatpin into the suburbs, in quest of some happy things to write about . . . Turned out to be the biggest wild goose chase since Ponce de Leon went prospecting for the Fountain of Youth . . . All that oozed out of the little test holes we drilled was too many houses built too close together, clogged highway traffic and, of course, smog.

We have never run with the little herd of chauvinistic ostriches who think that our beautiful Willamette Valley is the only garden spot in the U.S.A., but our book is now virtually closed on ever-existing within a 50-mile radius of the Los Angeles City Hall . . . Particularly disappointing were the Orange County cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Santa Ana, etc., as well as the more distant towns of San Bernardino and Riverside . . . Even these once-outlying cities have for practical purposes, been swallowed by the insatiable man of Los Angeles.

Garden Grove, a southeastern community not far from Disneyland, was described as the fastest growing area in all of Los Angeles . . . Massive tracts of new homes—cold rows of treeless, stucco boxes—made the statement appear credible . . . Garden Grove was making plans to incorporate as a city; its bulging weekly newspaper was about to become a daily; the front page of its current edition was glutted with accounts of neighborhood crime.

A weekend respite from the hurly-burly of Los Angeles took us 100 miles east to Palm Springs, the swank winter resort . . . Palm Springs is a city of 380 motels, 800 swimming pools and absolutely no 19c hamburgers . . . Palm Springs has a winter population of 25,000 which, in the past, has melted as fast as the snows of nearby Mt. San Jacinto with the summer sun . . . But the big news about Palm Springs is that it is increasingly becoming a year-round play town . . . Despite the 108-degree June heat, many motels displayed "no vacancy" signs, and we stood in line for a breakfast table.

Real Estate, particularly motel property, is big business in Palm Springs . . . Our innkeeper said he had paid \$60,000 recently for his modest hotel (six motel units and a swimming pool) and he confidently expected to burn the mortgage within three years . . . We noted, however, quite a few motels for sale in the Palm Springs News, a unique newspaper that is published daily during the winter and weekly in summer.

Back in eastern Iowa it was crackling hot, and the farmers and small town merchants were talking more about the lack of rain than about farm prices . . . The farm situation in Iowa has been chronicled well . . . The big, solid farmer who made up words of \$20,000 a year during the late 40's may have lost money in 1955, but he is neither panicky nor in trouble . . . The chap who went heavily in debt for farmland and machinery during that same period is in boiling water . . . Bankers are on the spot, and some banks are beginning to separate the men farmers from the boys.

Retail spending appeared to be holding up well in Iowa . . . "The farmers complain about prices," one longtime merchant said, "but when we get a rain they come to town and spend their money" . . . We departed Iowa with two conclusions: The corn will be knee-high by the Fourth of July, and Eisenhower, if he runs, will carry the state by a smashing margin in November.

20-40 Club Plans Picnic

MONMOUTH—The annual 20-40 Club picnic of Polk County will be held Sunday at Buell Park, according to Bob Sharp, president. All 20-40 members, their families and friends are invited to participate. The covered dish dinner will begin at 1 p.m. The club will provide ice cream, coffee and pop. In case of rain, the Buell Grange Hall is available.

Teacher Wins Essay Prize

MONMOUTH—Mrs. Gertrude Patterson, primary teacher in the Monmouth Elementary School and member of the Oregon College of Education staff, has received a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond as winner of the Oregon Department of the American Legion Auxiliary "Who's Teaching" contest. Mrs. Patterson's winning essay has been forwarded to the Western Division chairman where it will enter competition with the winner of the eleven other departments of this Division. Divisional winners will compete on a national basis for the grand prize of \$500 and a trip to the Auxiliary convention in September. The contest, open to all teachers, is designed in part to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession.

Jesuits Help As Sheridan Exceeds Blood Bank Goal

SHERIDAN—Because of the cooperation of students at the Jesuit Novitiate just out of Sheridan, Novitiate exceeded its quota when the American Red Cross Bloodmobile unit was here this week. Ninety-one pints of blood were collected. Quota was 75, and there were seven rejects, according to Red Cross officials. LYONS—People in Lyons responded to the first visit here of the Bloodmobile, with 54 pints of blood collected. Mrs. Edward Cruson was chairman, assisted by Mrs. Alex Bodoker, Mrs. E. L. Rose and Mrs. Nick Gustafson. Other workers were Mrs. Ben Int. Auld, Mrs. Charles Cruson, Mrs. Marshall Powell, Mrs. Clyde Bressler, Mrs. Lenard Cruson, Mrs. Percy Hatt, Mrs. Donna Smith and Mrs. Alice Huber.

Timber Carnival Plans Demand Many Manhours

ALBANY—Over 4,000 man-hours have been put into preparations at Waverly Lake near Albany for the World Championship Timber Carnival, July 24. Work crews from the Albany Jaycees have been meeting every evening this month to build the fences, platform parking areas, and buildings necessary for presenting this famous loggers' show. The Oregon State Highway Commission has given its approval for use of the natural amphitheater at Waverly Lake and the area is now being beautified. The 1956 Timber Carnival is operating on a \$20,000 budget and will be the largest such event ever held.

Silverton Hills Strawberry Fete Scheduled July 1

SILVERTON—Plans are being completed this week-end for the annual Silverton Hills Strawberry Festival set for Sunday, July 1, from noon to 8 p. m. Although this is the fifth festival, it is the first time there will be a strawberry queen. There are five candidates and the queen will be announced and crowned at 2 p. m. Sunday at the festival. Arranging the festival are members of the Silverton Hills Grange, headed by Mrs. Victor Howard, master. Assisting her are Mrs. Melvin Brenden, Mrs. Victor Hadley, Mrs. A. H. Sacher and Mrs. Donald Wertz.

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School Vote At Mill City, Gates Slated

MILL CITY — Gates and Mill City School Districts will vote again Monday on a union high school proposal. Earlier this year the two districts favored a union high school that would include a portion of Fox Valley. The election was voided later when Fox Valley voted against coming into the union high school. Two questions will be decided at Monday's election: (1) Whether the new union high school district should be established and (2) whether the present Mill City High School grounds and property should be transferred to the proposed union high school district. Directors of present Mill City and Gates school board would serve as a 10-man board for the union high district at the start. Construction of a new high school building is contemplated if the new district is approved.

Valley Briefs

Orchard Heights—Mrs. William Lippert is in the University of Oregon Medical School hospital at Portland for observation of a heart condition and was expected to undergo surgery soon. Her mother, Mrs. Carrie Keller, Los Alamos, Calif., is here to be with her for the summer.
Turner — Two men were injured in logging accidents this week. William Pearson broke his leg in two places and is at Salem General Hospital. William Kyle broke his ankle. He is at home.
Monmouth — George Lindahl, Independence, was unanimously elected a director of District 13C in the June 18 school election. Only 30 votes in the two towns of Monmouth and Independence were cast. Lindahl replaces Mrs. Melford Nelson who did not seek re-election.
Marion—A family picnic will be held Sunday at Marion Grade School for 4-H Club members and leaders in the Cascade area. West Stayton leaders are in charge of the entertainment. Coffee will be provided.
Turner — The Sunshine Club will hold a picnic at Bush's Pasture in Salem Thursday. Members will meet at 11 a. m. at the home of Mrs. E. E. Ball, president.

64 Enroll at Bible School

PEDEE—The closing program of Daily Vacation Bible School was held at the schoolhouse with Mrs. B. J. Smith, director of the school, in charge. There were 64 children enrolled with 30 of them receiving perfect attendance awards while 53 received certificates for having attended at least 7 days of the 10 days of school. Teachers and helpers were Mrs. Paul Ronce, Mrs. Earl Hanna, Mrs. William Pease, Mrs. Robert John, Mrs. Clinton McCormack, Mrs. R. H. Trueax, Mrs. Tom Tharp, Mrs. F. C. Kerber, Mrs. John Jongeling, Mrs. Louise Pottler, Mrs. Nola Womer, Mrs. Deves Cummings, and the Rev. Ralph Tippie.

Bernt Heads KC Council

MT. ANGEL — Alfred Bernt will head the Mt. Angel Knights of Columbus for the coming year. He was elected to succeed Grand Knight Joseph Beyer. Other officers elected are: Arthur Schwab, deputy grand knight; Maurice Hammer, chancellor; Joe Bernt, recording secretary; Joe Schmidt, treasurer; Richard Foltz, advocate; Alphonse Schaefer, warden; Tony Schultz, inside guard; Charles Ertel, outside guard; and John Beyer, trustee for three years. Fred J. Schwab of Mt. Angel, who was recently chosen to head the Oregon Knights as state deputy, will be honored with a testimonial dinner on July 15. This will be the first time a member has been singled out for such a distinction in Oregon. Schwab reported on the K. C. Memorial Hall to be built at St. Mary's Home for Boys at Beaverton, stating construction may begin in July.

Dignitaries Cut Ribbons to Open Renovated Dallas Bank



DALLAS—Officers and directors of the Dallas City Bank were on hand Saturday morning to watch Mayor Hollis Smith of Dallas and State Treasurer Sig Unander cut the ribbon to open the new bank building at completion of a \$65,000 renovation project. From left are Carl A. Gerlinger Jr., director; Philip Hayter, director; Robert A. Wood, man, cashier; Walter R. Craven, vice president and director; Mayor Smith; State Treasurer Unander; Ralph E. Williams Jr., Portland, president and director; Laurence J. Smith, vice president and director; Victor O. Williams, director; and Walter Williams, director. The bank greeted some 2,000 persons during the day at open house. (Sherman.)

Current Sheridan Celebration Honors Hero of Civil War Who Ended Area's Indian Uprisings

By JULIA SOOPNER Valley Correspondent

SHERIDAN — Philip Henry Sheridan was a handsome youth of 23 when he arrived to take up his duties at Ft. Yamhill on Oregon's Grand Ronde Indian reservation in April, 1856. He remained there until September of 1861 when ordered east to take part in the Civil War, which had broken out a few months before. Young Phil's five years at Ft. Yamhill as an army officer in charge of troops to watch over the Indians left impressions and effects greater, perhaps, than he ever imagined—and which have long outlasted his lifetime. In recognition of work among the Indians and of his subsequent exploits as a Civil War army commander, the city of Sheridan is named, and each year for the past nearly 30 years a celebration has been held in his memory and honor. Phil Sheridan was born in 1831 to Irish parents in Albany, N. Y. The family moved to the Ohio village of Somerset when Phil was a year old, and his boyhood was spent there. Young Phil received a smattering of history, geography, arithmetic, and grammar from an itinerant teacher.

The boy's father was always in dire financial straits, and he quit school at 14 and went to work in a country store for \$24 a year. He continued his studies in spare time, however, and at the age of 17 managed to get an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. Young Phil graduated from West Point in 1853. He was ordered to Texas and one of his duties was protection of the road from San Antonio to Ft. Duncan, and on into Mexico, from the fierce Comanches and Lipons. L. Sheridan embarked for the Pacific Coast in 1855 by way of Panama. He landed with his troops at Benicia barracks, near San Francisco, and relieved Lt. John B. Hood, who was in charge of the personal escort for Lt. R. S. Williamson. Williamson was making explorations aimed toward building a railroad from the Sacramento Valley north to the Columbia River. Williamson and Sheridan reached Portland in October of 1855 after a lengthy journey up from northern California. After an expedition against the Yakimas, Sheridan was ordered to the Grand Ronde reservation in April, 1856. He was relieved as commandant of this post in July when Capt. D. A. Russell arrived, and was transferred to Ft. Haskins on the Siletz reservation where he stayed until 1857. On the Grand Ronde reservation there were Indians from the Rogue, Klamath, Chinook, Coquille, and Modoc tribes. Many were recalcitrant and unruly, and difficulties were forever popping up which required careful handling. Captain Russell assigned the special police work to Sheridan. A fluent knowledge of Chinook, principal language among coast tribes,

was a great asset to Sheridan, and he steered himself through more than one difficulty on that recourse alone. Rogues Worst The Rogue Indians were the most troublesome of the entire lot. They persisted obstinately in their savage practices, and fiercely defied all efforts to become peaceful and civilized. In his autobiography, Sheridan ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Ballston and Salem Snare Parade Wins (Story also on page 1) SHERIDAN—Floats of the Ballston Community Club and Sheridan Rotary Club won first prizes Saturday in the Phil Sheridan Days Historical parade, an event attended by ideal weather and a huge crowd of spectators. Other first-place winners were the Salem Saddle Club, in the mounted section and the Portland Police Drum and Bugle Corps in marching units. The Ballston float, tops in the historical division, portrayed an Indian scene at Celilo Falls. The Rotary Club float, winner in non-historical, had a worldwide theme, a globe and Eddie Bayless dressed as Uncle Sam. Sally Westpeter and Pam Pelzer also rode on the float. Best-Dressed Winning awards as best-dressed cowboys and cowgirls were Richard Birch, Alton, and Elaine Decker, Sheridan. Junior awards: John Fry, Sheridan, and Ann Hale, Tigard (senior awards). The "matched pairs" award went to Margaret Windell and John Fry of the Sheridan Center Club. Rodeo Queen Carolyn Loughlin presented trophies to the individual winners. The group winners received cash prizes: Other parade results: Matching Units — 2nd, McMinnville High School Band; 3rd, American Legion Post 1 of Portland. Non-historical floats — 2nd, City of Sheridan, 3rd, Per-hall Funeral Home; 4th, Portland General Electric Co.; 5th, Sheridan-Williamina Rainbow Girls. Historical floats — 2nd, U. S. National Bank, Sheridan Branch; 3rd, Future Farmers of America, Sheridan Chapter; 4th, Buell 4-H Clubs; 5th, Sheridan F. L. Club; 6th, Sheridan Sun.

McGee Wins School Post

PEDEE — John McGee was elected director of the school board for a five-year term this week. He replaces Eldon Cates, who has served for several terms. The vote to exceed the 6 percent limitation was passed by a 19-12 vote; the amount in excess was \$1,300. The board of directors has required Mrs. Alice Murphy to teach the 7th and 8th grades and be principal and Mrs. Ivan Williams for the 1st and 2nd grade. Mrs. John Doran, Falls City, will teach the 3rd and 4th grades replacing Mrs. Leslie DeGandi. The 5th and 6th grade teacher has not been hired.

PARTY SERIES ENDS

LYONS—The last of the series of afternoon card club parties was held Wednesday afternoon at the Catholic Community Hall with Dora Gustafson as hostess. The club will begin another series in September. LEAVES FOR SUMMER TURNER—Miss Roberta Campbell has departed for San Francisco where she will work this summer. She plans to return this fall and attend college. She graduated from Cascade Union High School this spring.

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UN Pilgrimage Near for Ruth Wilde, Other Victors

MT. ANGEL — July 11 is the starting date for the month-long U. N. Youth Pilgrimage trip to be taken by Ruth Wilde and other Oregon delegates who won in the contest sponsored by the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges in April. Ruth learned the details of her trip last Saturday when she was introduced at a reception in Silverton, honoring George B. Howard, grand patriarch, grand encampment of Oregon. She is sponsored by the Monitor and Silverton lodges. All the Oregon delegates and their parents will be guests at a dinner and reception in Portland the night of July 11. The delegates will leave the next morning by special bus for Spokane and British Columbia where the remaining Northwest delegates, 34 in all, will be picked up. Speeches on Return In New York, the group will be housed at the Carlton Hotel, overlooking Times Square. A week will be spent at the United Nations session. This part of the trip will be work, for the delegates are to take notes, so that they can give talks in their localities upon their return home. The purpose is to acquaint the home folks with the work of the United Nations.

Day at Beach But New York will also mean fun for the young people. There will be a day at Coney Island, a boat trip up the Hudson River and many other exciting interludes. Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Wilde of Mt. Angel and a student at Mt. Angel Academy. She represented her school in the IOOF contest.

School Budget Wins by Vote

SHERIDAN — For the second time in recent weeks, Sheridan voters passed a school budget by a one vote margin. This week's election saw voters giving a one vote margin for funds outside the rural budget in a vote of 114 to 113. Kenneth L. Mullis, farmer in the Mill Creek district, was elected to the school board over Glen Hopson, Gopher Valley, 129 to 96. Retiring board member is Robert Nash, who has served as chairman of the board the past year.

Kuedell Elected To School Board At West Stayton

WEST STAYTON — Harvey Kuedell was elected to the West Stayton School Board for a five-year term, defeating Dwight Fowler by a vote of 49-11. Mrs. Minnie Dickman was elected to serve a one-year term. A school levy which exceeds the 6 percent limitation by \$14,241 was approved 38-21. School patrons also voted to use a cash surplus of \$3234 for purchase of a school bus. The positions of fifth-grade teacher and of custodian were reported to be unfilled.

Fire Permits Needed Now In Suburbs

SALEM HEIGHTS — Burning restriction season begins Monday in the Liberty-Salem Heights Fire District. Fire Chief Norval Hiron announced Saturday. Permits will be required for all outside burning unless done in an approved incinerator, Hiron said. Burning authorizations may be acquired at Dickson's Market at the 12th Street Junction or at Hiron's home, 1000 Albert Dr.

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