



Our Valley

By CHARLES IRELAND

The Aurora countryside was redolent with the winery aroma of big, juicy caneberrys when Photographer Johnny Erickson and I pulled into the yard of the old Keil place . . . We soon found out why . . . Elias Keil (photo on page 1), grandson of the leader of the Aurora colony, was supervising the picking of berries in the big patch he said he still cultivates all alone . . . Now 80, he lives alone in the near-100 year old house that was built for his father in the heyday of the colony . . . Was Elias going to play much of a part in the centennial celebration later this month? . . . Well, he'd been asked to play the piano but he didn't feel quite up to such a public performance. . . . Too late, we learned that we should have asked the old timer for a private recital . . . Understand he can still rattle off anything from Rachmaninoff to (and including) Rock 'N Roll.

Hope we feel like Rockin' 'N Rollin' when we're past 80 . . . Afraid we'll just feel like Sittin' 'N Rockin'.

With Aurora's Centennial observance coming up July 20-22, the time is ripe for a re-telling of what Hollywood might dub "The Aurora Story" . . . The story is told on the following page by one of The Statesman's North Marion County correspondents, Mrs. Ralph Bair. . . . Longtime residents may want to freshen their memories via this fresh treatment of Aurora history, while the valley's thousands of newcomers should find it a fascinating chapter of Oregon history.

Mrs. Bair reports that not all Victorians agree on all points of Aurora history and that there may be those who will take issue with points . . . Her account, she says, is based on interviews as well as the history "Aurora and Bethel," written by the late R. J. Hendricks, onetime Statesman publisher . . . Also the novel, "Second Eden," written by Cobie deLespinasse of Hubbard, which in turn was based on history compiled by Clark Moor Will of Salem.

Not often does a news story fall, like Biblical manna, from the heavens above in to a reporter's lap . . . But that was the experience of our Aumsville correspondent, Mrs. Harry Way, yesterday . . . "I think," phoned in Mrs. Way, "that I've got a news story out here in the field." . . . She was right . . . One of the weather devices being released at Salem weather bureau had parachuted to earth near her home.

A new Salem-area street has been named for a baby girl who is only a week old. . . . It's "Lisa Lane," named for the new grand-daughter of Emmet Rogers who has recently subdivided property in Brush College district . . . Subdivision also is to have a "Mark Allan Park," named for his grandson, while other streets are named for his wife and his mother.

Rogers declares that, during the lean '30s, he once contemplated buying a goodly share of what is now the Candalaria area for \$7,500 . . . Times, as they say, have changed.

Our friends on the Hilltop at Mt. Angel may get a kick out of the story about the San Francisco speed cop who wheeled a fast-approaching car over to the curb . . . Turned out that a priest was driving. . . . Also that the speed cop was of the same faith. . . . "Tell you what," the cop said, "I'll let you off with a warning." . . . "And for your penance," the cop added, "you can say three Hail Marys."

Guy Hickok Has Linfield College Post

Statesman News Service

McMINNVILLE—Guy N. Hickok, Salem, route 3, retired banker, is office manager at Linfield Research Institute on the Linfield College campus. He assisted with organization work there this winter and remained to fill the manager's position.

Hickok is also treasurer and assistant secretary of the board of directors of the institute and treasurer of the college board of trustees. For 16 years he was a vice president of the First National Bank of Portland and manager of its Salem branch.

At one time Hickok was a state bank examiner and assistant superintendent of banks for Oregon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hickok attended Linfield as students. They will continue to live at their farm home near Salem.

Coyote Pups Found in Den

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SHERIDAN—Four coyote pups, approximately three months old, were dug out of a hillside den on the O. C. Yocum ranch on Tindle Creek this week.

The den opening, between two logs, showed the pups' bill of fare, with feathers and chicken bones and parts of a deer strung around the opening. It took Garrett Louder and his son and the Mendenhall brothers, Harold and Glenn, all of the Williams area, approximately two hours to dig the pups out.

Hopewell UB Church Names New Officers

Statesman News Service

HOPEWELL—Sunday school and church officers elected at the Congregation meeting of the Hopewell Evangelical United Brethren Church are Mrs. Howard Stephens, Sunday school superintendent; Earl Compton, assistant; Mrs. John Kotka, secretary; Mrs. Ross Rogers, assistant; Mrs. John Ojua, treasurer; Colleen Crannell, pianist; Mrs. Frank Westerhouse, assistant; Mrs. Glen Robinson, superintendent of the primary department; Mrs. Earl Reed, children's director; Mrs. John Kotka, assistant; S. C. Waller, class leader; N. O. Pearce, adult director; Earl Compton, young people's director and treasurer; Mrs. Earl Compton, financial secretary; David Olke, assistant treasurer; Peter Parvin and David Olke, trustees.

The American Bible Society distributed 3,540,776 volumes of scripture in Latin America in 1955.

Thousands Visit Dam at Detroit

Comments on Project Both Good and Bad

Statesman News Service

DETROIT, Ore. — Some 12,000 visitors stopped at Detroit Dam, 49 miles east of Salem, during June. Project Engineer W. A. Mackie reported Saturday.

The visitors came from 28 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, England and Canada.

In round figures, Mackie said, there were 7,000 general visitors, 5,000 fishermen and 80 bathers during the 10 clear and sunny and 20 overcast and rainy days.

4,500 Autos

Mackie estimated the 12,000 visitors came to the project in 4,500 automobiles or a little less than three to a car. Some of these same visitors brought boats for use on the Detroit Dam reservoir.

to augment the 43 moored on the lake during the month to bring boat usage on the reservoir to a total of 550.

All visitors are encouraged to comment on the project, Mackie reports, and the good are slightly more in number than the bad. Last month both a Nebraska and a Kansas commented that they certainly could use some of the North Santiam's water.

"Frightening, Unbelievable" One dam visitor commented he was proud to have Detroit Dam in Oregon, another that it was good to see what has been done with part of his taxes and a third that the project was "frightening, beautiful and unbelievable. Quite a job—well done."

On the negative side, one visitor asked why trees hadn't been planted on the hill. This apparently was in reference to the area, a rocky one, which once supported the dam's gravel plant, and where no trees could possibly grow.

Hatchery Cited At all too frequent criticism is that the dam has no fish ladders. True, but the Corps of Engineers constructed and is financing the operation and maintenance of Marion Forks fish hatchery as restitution for loss of upstream spawning areas resulting from construction of Detroit and other dams in the Willamette Basin project.

HOPEWELL FAIR FETE

HOPEWELL — Mr. and Mrs. James LaFollette and son, David LaFollette, were honored at a picnic outing at Breitenbush Park prior to their leaving in about a week for San Diego where LaFollette will be stationed with the Navy.

Pioneers Set August Picnic At Silverton

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON — Silverton Pioneers will picnic Sunday, Aug. 5, at Coolidge and McClaine Park. Plans for the picnic were made at an executive committee meeting of the Silverton Pioneer Association at the home of Mrs. Oscar Cavendar, president, just before she left on a three-month tour of Europe and the Holy Land.

Named to serve as president until Mrs. Cavendar's return was Miss Ina Harold. Mrs. Earl G. Dedrick is secretary and Reber Allen, treasurer. Mrs. Clay Allen, Mrs. Loren and Joe Winter are the trustees.

Everyone is welcome to join the Silverton Pioneers for the day. Mrs. Dedrick said, free coffee will be served by the association during the picnic hour starting at 1 p.m., and there will be a program during the afternoon.

Last Charter Member of Church Dies

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DAYTON—Last surviving charter member of the Dayton Baptist Church has been buried at the Brookside Cemetery in Dayton following her death and funeral service in Albany.

She was Mrs. Lou Robertson Howe, 85, who came to Oregon with a pioneer train in 1874 at the age of three. Her family settled on a farm near Dayton where she lived until 1903 when she moved to Harney County and later to Linn County.

Mrs. Cora Wirth of the Baptist Church made a floral piece in memory of Mrs. Howe.

Policeman Will Retire

Statesman News Service

DAYTON—Stephen Taylor, night policeman for Dayton for more than two years, has submitted his resignation to the City Council. It is effective August 1.

Taylor plans to retire. Before taking the policeman's job, Taylor was lockkeeper at the old Yamhill council house. He had been with the council since 1940. The council has not announced a successor.

Who's Buzzin', Cousin?

Relatives Fly Over House To Signal Arrival in Valley

Statesman News Service

FALLS CITY — When Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Cummins hear a plane circling over their home on the Dallas-Falls City Highway they know that one of their two sons from Thorn, Calif., has brought his family and come to visit them. Then it is time to hop into their car and drive to the Dallas Airport and bring them home.

This week it was Don Cummins in his Cessna 170 who came to get his three children who had been visiting their four grandparents.

Weatherman's Balloon Drops At Aumsville

Statesman News Service

AUMSVILLE — One of the weather devices being released at McNary Field weather bureau drifted to earth one-half mile north of Aumsville Saturday.

Mrs. Harry Way said the device parachuted into a field near her home about 9:30 a. m. The weather bureau, after checking the number, said the balloon had been released from McNary Field at 7 a. m. Saturday and had risen to a height of 90,000 feet before bursting.

The weather bureau is releasing four balloons daily and has now released approximately 150. A weatherman said the one found at Aumsville was "about the third" to be reported found. Another was found Monday near Turner.

Nine Reservists From Stayton Area Promoted

Statesman News Service

STAYTON—Nine area men were granted promotions in the 253d Engineer Construction Battalion of Salem Army Reserve.

They are Robert Fery, Stayton, and Merle Boedighheimer, Richard Foltz, Donald G. Hatch, Harold J. Raymond and Harry Pietrok, all of Aumsville, to specialist third class; Louis J. Heugger, Sublimity, Donald E. Kaiser, Aumsville, and Donald W. Small, Stayton, to private first class. The unit will go to summer camp at Yakima Firing Center in Washington July 22 to Aug. 5.

Madrona Hill Residential Area Opened

Statesman News Service

BRUSH COLLEGE—Final plans have been approved for Madrona Hill, a new residential area in Brush College District, reports Emmet Rogers, owner and developer of the area.

Rogers said he is currently opening up 13.7 acres which have been divided into 28 lots. Gradual development of an additional 50 acres or more is contemplated, he said. Located approximately three miles north of downtown Salem, the development derives its name from Madrona trees in the area.

The development has its own water system and is located in the recently-established Sheridan-Wallace-Orchard Heights Road rural fire protection district.

Harry Stewart Services Held

Statesman News Service

DAYTON — Services were held Friday in McMinnville for Harry Stewart, 48, late of Dayton, who died unexpectedly July 3 while having on the B. A. McPhillips farm near McMinnville. He had been in ill health for some time.

The Stewart family had lived in Dayton for several years after moving here from the Midwest. They had recently observed their 21st wedding anniversary. Macy and Son were in charge of funeral arrangements. Interment was at the Dayton IOOF Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Rosalia, and three children, Keith, Kenneth and Elaine, all of Dayton.

Investigation Continues on Stayton Death

Statesman News Service

STAYTON—Portland detectives Saturday continued their investigation of the death in Portland of Cecil (Pete) Brackett of Stayton by questioning his brother, William Leonard Brackett, and Police Chief Everett Norfleet in Stayton.

A coroner's report on the body of Pete Brackett, 34, found Friday under a Willamette River bridge at Portland, is expected Monday. Norfleet said, Leonard Brackett, 36, who was rooming in Portland with his brother, was at a hospital for treatment of knife wounds received in a fight at the apparent time of Pete Brackett's disappearance. Leonard Brackett reported his brother missing June 6, the day the pair registered in a Portland hotel.

D. Faulkner Dies on Eve Of Birthday

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN — Daniel J. Faulkner, 82, died unexpectedly at his home, Route 2, Friday afternoon. He had lived there 42 years. He came to Oregon from Centralia, Wash., in 1910. He was born in Lancaster, Ont., July 7, 1873, and would have been 83 years old Saturday.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Fannie Faulkner, Woodburn; two sons, Raymond Faulkner, Woodburn, and Fred Faulkner, Salem; daughter, Mrs. Elsie Inel, Salem; three brothers, Will Faulkner, Centralia, Wash.; David Faulkner, Woodburn; and Arthur Faulkner, Olympia, Wash.; sister, Mrs. Tillie Greely, San Jose, Calif.; and 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services will be 3 p.m. Monday in Ringo-Cornwell Chapel, the Rev. Robert Van Offending. Burial will be in Belle Pass Cemetery.

Geer Family Sets July 15 Reunion

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SILVERTON—The 28th annual reunion of descendants of Joseph Cary Geer will be July 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Geer, 3405 Garden Rd., Salem, Mrs. Chester Geer, Silverton, secretary, reports. The program will start with a no-host 1 p.m. dinner. A business meeting and visiting will follow. Waldo Geer, Salem, is president and A. A. Geer is vice-president.

River Yields 22-Inch Trout

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DETROIT, Ore. — The Detroit River yielded a 22-inch trout Saturday to Dean Welch, 906 S. 20th St., Salem.

Mrs. Ray Long of Fischer's boat landing reported the catch. She said the trout was the biggest reported at the landing this season.

Mrs. Long said Welch was fishing near the mouth of the North Santiam River, just above Detroit Reservoir, and used night crawlers for bait. Fishing in the area has been "picking up" the past week, she declared.

Riding Club Organized

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FOUR CORNERS—A new riding club has been organized and will be known as the Four Corners Saddle Club.

Officers elected are: President, Warren Shrake; vice president and drill captain, Frank South; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Art Woelk. Other members include Mr. and Mrs. Willis Shipman, Billy Shipman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borden, Mrs. Warren Shrake, Janice and Dick Shrake, Mrs. Frank South, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns, Barbara and Joan Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blankenpoort, Art Woelk.

MOVES TO SALEM

HOPEWELL — Mrs. Jennie Modemeyer moved this weekend to Salem after trading her 10-acre farm for a house formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bloomfield and three children, who moved to her former home here.

BARBERSHOP SOLD

STAYTON — The Stayton Barber Shop owned by Pat Amos has been sold to Merle Boedighheimer, who reopened the shop July 3.

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