

Valley News

Statesman News Service

Percy Young, Ex-Mayor of Albany Dies

ALBANY, Sept. 24—Percy Albany Young, 84, Albany businessman, civic leader and former mayor, died this morning in Albany Hospital.

He had been active in business and local organizations until suffering a stroke Tuesday night while visiting the clubrooms of the Elks Lodge for which he served 25 years as treasurer. He also was a past exalted ruler and past state grand exalted ruler.

Mr. Young, a native of Albany, was son of the late Samuel E. Young who had established one of the largest general stores in the Willamette Valley.

After working with his father in the store and attending Stanford University, Young went into the old First National Bank here. For many years he had been in the real estate appraisal business.

He was mayor of Albany from 1921 to 1925. He was the first president of Albany Rotary Club and later was its treasurer for 18 years.

Surviving are the widow, Florence Gibson Young; a daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Rogers, Los Angeles; son, Ted A. Young, Portland, and four grandchildren. A funeral service is being planned by Fortmiller-Fredericksen for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in First Presbyterian Church.

28 at Saddle Club Meeting

SOUTH SALEM, Sept. 24—Twenty-eight attended the South Salem Junior Saddle Club meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of Louis Kurth on West Browning Avenue.

Ann Cates conducted the business meeting and the group accepted the invitation to drill at the Keizer Lions Club horse show Oct. 6. The group voted to purchase a trophy case and membership cards.

The group will drill Saturday at the Lazy K in preparation for their exhibit.

Guests were Tommy Childers, Margie Milne, Glenda Sunderland, Marilyn Colgan, Kathy Drye and Kathleen Dawson was elected to membership. Dick McKillop was host.

Salem Heights Gardeners Meet

SALEM HEIGHTS, Sept. 24—Mrs. John Douglas entertained the Little Garden Club of Salem Heights on Thursday at a dessert luncheon at her home on W. Salem Heights Ave. Mrs. Lloyd Griffiths was the co-hostess.

Mrs. Emma Couser conducted the business meeting. It was also announced the club won first place at the North Marion County Fair at Woodburn for the second consecutive year. Mrs. John Douglas was the chairman, assisted by Mrs. Floyd McClellan, Mrs. Ed. Carleton and Mrs. Walter J. Peterson.

Mrs. Francis Colgan talked about the chrysanthemum show to be held on Nov. 3 and 4 at the Salem Heights Community hall. The show will be sponsored by the garden clubs in South Salem.

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Hill's Grandsons Inspect Timber in Lebanon Area

LEBANON, Sept. 24—Louis Hill of St. Paul, Minn., and Courtney Hill, Santa Monica, Calif., were here for several days last week. The men, grandsons of the late Jim Hill, pioneer railroad figure of the early 1900's, left for Portland Thursday after completing an inspection of Hill timber interests in Eastern Linn County.

On Wednesday evening, the Hills and a group of business men from St. Paul who were members of their party, David Mason of Portland, technical adviser for the interests and representatives of lumber and timber interests in the Lebanon-Sweet Home area, were honored at a dinner given at Melody Lane.

Pete Mekkers' Rites Planned

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 24—Funeral services for Pete Mekkers, who died Sunday at the age of 65 in a McMinnville hospital, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday in Macy & Son Funeral Home chapel. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park.

Mekkers, a retired farmer, was the father of two state policemen, John Mekkers of Salem and Wallace Mekkers of McMinnville, who resigned recently to run for Yamhill County sheriff.

Born in Holland June 8, 1891, he came to the U. S. at the age of 13 and became a naturalized citizen. He and Laverna Krager were married Jan. 14, 1914, in Broken Bow, Neb., and moved to the McCoy-Perrydale area of Oregon two years later.

He farmed in Polk and Yamhill counties until retiring during World War II. Moving to McMinnville, he was employed by several implement dealers as a serviceman and more recently was associated in a wrecking yard business with his son, Wallace Mekkers.

He was a member of Elks and Neighbors of Woodcraft.

Besides his widow and two sons, he leaves two brothers, Bill Mekkers, Portland, and John Mekkers in Arizona, and six grandchildren.

South Garden Club Hears Ferrill

SOUTH SALEM, Sept. 24—Leslie Warren was hostess to the South Hills Garden Club Tuesday evening. Mrs. Richard Oraw was assisting hostess.

Mrs. Orville Raymond conducted the business meeting.

Ed Ferrill of the Ferrill Nursery was the guest speaker with a talk on shrubbery. Mrs. Robert Purdy was a guest.

Reception to Fete Teachers At Liberty

LIBERTY, Sept. 24—A reception honoring the teachers of the Liberty School is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the school at 7:00 o'clock, sponsored by the Liberty Mothers and Dads Club.

Mrs. Melvin Lien will be the chairman of the affair and will be assisted by room mothers from the fifth and sixth grade, Mrs. Lewis Clark, Mrs. E. L. Hughes and Mrs. Nona Mesch, sixth grade, Mrs. Victor Gibson and Mrs. Henry Sunderland, and the room mother chairman, Mrs. Vera Sorenson.

Pouring will be Mrs. Charles Schmidt, Mrs. Arthur Myers, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Wallace Turnidge, Mrs. Ray Cates, Mrs. Harry Scott, Mrs. Sid VanDyke and Mrs. Lewis Clark.

Special organ music will be played. Introduced at the reception will be principal, Wallace Turnidge, the teachers and staff.

The enrollment for this year at Liberty school is 281, over last year's enrollment of 234. There are 48 first graders. The school closed with an enrollment of 259, with a room of students being transported from Morpingside school.

New Pupils at Jefferson High

JEFFERSON, Sept. 24—New students enrolled at Jefferson High School this year include the following:

Freshmen—Donna Berry, transferred from Turner; Joyce Johnson from Sunnyside and Vernon Saling from Arkansas.

Sophomore—Gary Griffin from Bakersfield, Calif.; John Hayes from Napa, Calif.; and DeVern Maaha from Corvallis.

Juniors—Robert Blyeu, transferred from Scio; Gloria Myers, from Independence; Tom Richardson from Albany.

Seniors—Asa Marrs, from Springfield.

Jefferson—Mrs. David J. Wied has started her third year as teacher at Millersburg school.

Gervais Youths Enroll in College

GERVAIS, Sept. 24—Seniors of the 1956 class of Gervais Union High School who have enrolled in college are Carol Reiling, Nadeen Lucas, James Michalec, Stanley Schmidt, Robert Fosholm, Richard Scholz and Larry Felton, choosing Oregon State.

Carl Barner has enrolled for a six weeks course in Western Airline College at Spokane, Washington.

Gary Williams, Norman Thomas Robert Funkhouser are attending Oregon College of Education at Monmouth.

Keizer Parade Marshal Ready



KEIZER, Sept. 24—Honorary marshal of the Keizer Carnival & Horse Show parade Oct. 6 will be Miss Janet Smith, daughter of Gov. and Mrs. Elmo Smith, it was announced Wednesday. Miss Smith will ride her own horse, Taffy, which she brought to Salem from John Day when her father assumed the governorship.

Valley News Briefs

Jefferson—Mrs. David J. Wied has started her third year as teacher at Millersburg school.

BROOKS—The Brooks Garden Club has cancelled its regular meeting for Sept. 27. Mrs. Daniel Madison, the club president, will announce later where the club will meet on Oct. 11.

McMinnville.—Harvey Page, Salem, student at Linfield College, is among five art department students who have their work on display in Pioneer Lounge on the campus. Soon the exhibit will move to the Harper Jamison store in McMinnville.

Willamina.—Melvin LaChance, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. LaChance of Grand Ronde, has been discharged from the Army, and is now enrolled at Linfield College for the fall term.

Jefferson, Sept. 24—Lloyd Blyeu has sold his two houses on Main Street to G. E. Burris of Corvallis. Mr. and Mrs. Burris will move to Jefferson and Blyeu will move to Marion where he has bought the house adjoining the Farmers Union hall in that city. The latter has lived in this community almost 70 years.

Salem Heights—Mrs. Ed Carleton will entertain the Little Garden Club of Salem Heights at a dessert luncheon at 1:00 o'clock at her home on Evals Avenue on Thursday, Sept. 27.

BROOKS—Terry Page, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Page underwent a tonsillectomy Friday morning at the Silverton hospital.

Lebanon—Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Jr., and daughter of Salem were guests at the first fall session of the Lebanon-Sweet Home Oregon State Employees Association which met at dinner in Lebanon. Brown heads the employee's organization.

Jefferson—Keith Keesecker has enrolled at Willamette University, majoring in law.

Farm Bureau to Meet at St. Paul

OREGON Farm Bureau Federation members from units throughout Marion County will gather in St. Paul Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for their semi-annual county meeting.

A no-host supper will precede a business meeting to be conducted by Creighton Jones, Gervais.

The county group will elect officers and will consider several resolutions referred from the Farm Bureau state headquarters.

Campaign Caravan for Francis Due

DAYTON, Sept. 22—A campaign caravan for State Senator Carl H. Francis, Dayton attorney, who is the Republican candidate for state attorney general, will leave Dayton at 8 a.m. Tuesday for Portland.

Joining Dayton citizens in the caravan will be residents of other Yamhill county communities. In Portland they will meet a group of Portland volunteers.

They will parade in downtown Portland. The route will cross to the Eastside and go out Sandy Boulevard. The auto caravan is being planned by the Dayton chamber of commerce and Yamhill county Francis for Attorney General chairmen, Elliott Cummins, McMinnville, and Harry Sherman, Dayton.

More than 100 county residents are expected to take part. Late word is that another large group from the north part of the county will join the caravan at Newberg.

Dayton High Gains Slightly

DAYTON, Sept. 24—Enrollment at Dayton High school has leveled off at 193 which is an increase of 18 students over the 175 total of 1955.

Break-down by classes shows freshmen, 66; sophomores, 50; juniors, 42, and seniors, 35.

Student body officers are Marilyn Gubser, president; Richard Vest, vice president; Sue Bourland, secretary, and Darlene Turner, treasurer.

Class presidents are Ralph Taylor, senior; Bill Clyde, junior; James Budke, sophomores, and Alan Zupo, freshmen.

Jefferson Considered For Religion Survey

JEFFERSON, Sept. 24—A meeting of representatives from the various churches here was called Thursday. It was held in the city hall at 2 p.m., with Dr. Glenn A. Bakkum of the Department of Sociology of Oregon State college in charge.

Dr. Bakkum called the meeting to promote interest and aid in the community survey to be made here, and sponsored by the Oregon Town and Country Church Conference.

Dr. Bakkum explained that the purpose of the survey is to "obtain a picture of this community from every angle—specifically the religious angle." He explained that "one cannot divorce the church from community life."

He also explained that "Oregon State college is not interested in Jefferson as Jefferson, but that any other town in the state could have been chosen." The information collected will be anonymous and impersonal, according to Bakkum.

When collected, it will show the needs of this community, evaluation of church activities, family life, etc. Bakkum said the community, then could if wished, try to fill those needs.

It was brought out that Oregon is the second lowest state in percentage of church membership. The survey may show an interesting percentage in this community.

400 Children Leave School In Race Rift

HENDERSON, Ky., Sept. 24—Parents led a walkout of more than 400 children today at Weaverton School in protest against five Negro students enrolled in the county school.

About half of the 872 children remained in classes.

"Our kids won't go back until the Negroes go back to their school."

"School will be kept open," Supt. C. B. West was quoted as saying. "The buses will run even if they have only one child on them."

A crowd of parents and townspeople gathered at Weaverton school early this morning.

As classes began, some parents strode into classrooms and led their children outside. Other children followed.

The five Negroes have been attending classes since the school opened Sept. 4.

U.S. Agreed to Safeguards in A-Share Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 24—The United States promised today to place its atomic-sharing program under safeguards proposed for an international atomic energy agency if others would do the same.

U.S. Delegate James J. Wadsworth made the offer in opening general debate in the 81-nation atoms-for-peace conference. He said the strong provisions against military misuse contained in a proposed statute for the agency could be extended to bilateral agreements among countries upon their request. The United States has such agreements with 39 other countries. Britain, Canada and the Soviet Union also have them.

"The United States," Wadsworth said, "hopes that parties to bilateral arrangements throughout the world will avail themselves of this provision to extend safeguards to these agreements, thus contributing toward the eventual establishment of a uniform system of safeguards of universal application."

"If this is done," he added, "the United States can look forward to making the agency the cornerstone of its international activities in the field of atomic energy."

Wadsworth said the proposed statute was agreed upon by 13 negotiating powers in Washington but that it was not perfect.

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