

Falls City Bear Starts New Life With Circus

By JAN M. OVERHOLSER Valley Correspondent

FALLS CITY, Oct. 6.—The story of Falls City's little black bear came to a close recently when Bruin, the four-to-five-month-old cub belonging to the Joe Trueax family, was sent to join the circus.

Their mother was trapped by a professional trapper, who was hired to get rid of the bears because they damaged the timber. The trapped animal was found by timber cutters, who worked for Tom Slipter, after she had dragged the trap about 200 yards.

As the bear was injured and apparently in pain they decided to put her out of her misery by shooting her.

Two Cubs Found The night after the mother bear was shot, two cubs were found beside her body by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trueax and sons of Falls City: Dar Mennis, Salem log truck driver, and another log truck driver.

Mennis captured the female cub by cornering her in some brush. Bruin, a husky logger, was determined to catch the other one but each time the little fellow was cornered he would bite and scratch away.

Trueax tried outrunning the cub, but each time he would run completely over it and not be able to catch it by the scruff of the neck, where he knew he could hold it. Then he gave up for the night.

Returned to Mother The next night Trueax went cautiously up to the dead bear and, sure enough, there was a little round ball of fur beside her. It was so round he could not tell if it was the head of the neck was, so he picked up a branch that he could use as a club. This movement awakened the little bear and it woke up, only to get thumped on the head by Joe's club.

The cub was only stunned momentarily and started to revive as Truxax put it in the trunk of his car. Put in Raven Cage At the Trueax home the bear was named Bruin and given a borrowed raven cage to live in. But whenever the family traveled, Bruin went along in the car. He went to Sisters on a fishing trip to a store in Falls City to buy a harness, and to the Dallas Smelter celebration, where he rode on Joe's shoulder. He was a well-behaved and lovable little bear and a real joy to the Trueaxs, James, Herbert and Russell.

Grew Rapidly After leaving Bruin for two months he weighed 30 pounds and was growing quite rapidly. The Trueaxes felt that Bruin should be placed in a zoo or circus. They also felt that he could be where others could enjoy him. They also felt that he could become dangerous to neighborhood children, who loved to play with him and found him irresistible.

So when the Charles Tom Pack Circus offered to buy him for \$50, Trueax built a special crate with wired-in feed cans and Bruin was shipped off to Hobbs, N. Mex. Joined Performers At Hobbs he joined Charles Allen's Performing Black Bears. The Mennis have three other bears and because they did not know Bruin's name, they renamed him "Aussie."

Although the Trueaxes miss their little cub, they know he has a good home and hope to see him some day when he has become a performer.



FALLS CITY, Oct. 6.—Joe Trueax plays with Bruin, the cub bear he sold to circus after catching him in Polk County forest.

Four Corners Mothers Hear Supt. Schmidt

FOUR CORNERS, Oct. 6.—Charles Schmidt, superintendent of Salem public schools, addressed the Mother's Club at Four Corners Friday. He spoke on future needs of the Salem schools and plans for meeting the increasing growth of enrollment. President Mrs. David Gentry conducted the business session. Mrs. Harry Preckwinkle was elected representative to the Parent Council.

Mrs. Howard Henkle and Mrs. Lorimer McLaughlin volunteered to help at the Health Clinic. Mrs. Kathleen Toyen's second grade mothers won the room count.

The annual reception and teachers' tea is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the school. Chairman is Mrs. Harold Davis, assisted by Mrs. M. S. Dunham, Mrs. Robert Victor, Mrs. C. A. Lossner.

At the Nov. 2 meeting there will be a white elephant sale. Hostesses were Mrs. Francis Leiffer and Mrs. Don Halsey.

Monmouth City Caucus Slated

MONMOUTH, Oct. 6.—A city caucus is scheduled here Monday in the city hall. To be nominated are candidates for mayor, recorder and three councilmen. Three councilmen's terms expire this year, and one, Ellis Stebbins, has definitely declined to run again for office.

Other incumbents are: Mayor H. W. Moran; Recorder Elsie Brisbane; and councilmen: Floyd Fisher and Kent Farley. None of these has made a statement.

A committee styled "Better Government" has announced that it will present a slate of candidates, but whether they will nominate their selections at the caucus, or enter them by petition, has not been announced.

Ex-Monmouth Man Victim of Air Force Crash

MONMOUTH, Oct. 6.—Seyces were held in Corvallis this week for Lt. Wilbur D. Regele, 26. He was killed in a plane crash at an air force base near Austin, Texas. Lt. Regele was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Landon W. Regele, recently of Monmouth, but now teaching school at Flora, Ore. A Korean war veteran, in which he served as a fighter-bomber pilot, he had recently enlisted after attending school in Monmouth and Corvallis the past year.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers: Robert L. and William Regele of Corvallis; and a sister, Mrs. Patricia Kane, Portland.

13 Recent OCE Grads Now With Junior and Senior Highs

MONMOUTH—Of last year's Oregon College of Education graduates, 13 are now teaching in Oregon junior high and high schools, according to information released by the OCE Placement Office. Don and Rita McCracken, 1956 graduates, are now teaching in the elementary school at Nanana, Alaska.

Physical Ed. Goes Co-ed at Valley College

McMINNVILLE, Oct. 6.—Physical education department at Linfield College is following a national trend this fall by offering a co-educational class in physical education. It is an educational type activity class in which men and women students participate together. Thirteen students are in the class, taught by Prof. Jane S. McIlroy. Professor McIlroy says that the class is another way of interesting junior and senior students in physical education activities beyond the regular required physical education class work. Students in the class have chosen their own activities in which to participate. They include bowling, badminton, archery and tennis.

Bridegroom Hit By Polio During Wedding Trip

SUBMITTY, Oct. 6.—Hospitalized with non-paralytic polio while on his wedding trip was the experience of Richard Heater of this community. Heater and the former Mary Louise Hottinger were married here Sept. 15 and spent their honeymoon in the Southwest. On their return trip, Heater became seriously ill and was hospitalized four days at Twin Falls, Idaho. The newlyweds were back home yesterday in the new home east of here and Heater was reported virtually recovered from his illness.

Brooks Health Clinic Reported 'Great Success'

BROOKS, Oct. 6.—First clinic at the new Brooks Health Center was "a great success", leaders reported today. All nine districts were represented and 40 children received tests, immunizations or physical examinations. Mrs. Arthur Royston, Brooks health chairman, and Mrs. William Plau, district chairman, assisted Dr. Bruce Knapp and two county health nurses at the clinic. Subsequent clinics are planned here on the first Wednesday of alternate months.

Area Firemen Douse Grass Fire

SALEM HEIGHTS, Oct. 6.—A small grass fire sent Liberty-Salem Heights firemen to the 900 block of Ratcliff Drive—at 3:20 p.m. today. Fireman Neal Chaney said the blaze was in a vacant lot and was quickly put out.

McKay Will Visit Linn Towns Next

LEBANON, Oct. 6.—Douglas McKay, Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, will speak to Linn County party members here Monday at a 7 p.m. dinner at Melody Lane. McKay's itinerary in Eastern Linn County will start from Sweet Home at 10:30 a.m. when he will tour the Santiam, Willamette National and South Fork mills. At noon he will attend a joint luncheon of the Sweet Home Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. A talk before the high school student body is slated for early afternoon. Later McKay will visit Lebanon mills.

Mrs. McKay also will be at the home of Mrs. Loren Bohle in the Tennessee district. Mrs. McKay's noon luncheon will be at Brownsville.

Goldenweds To Celebrate At Willamina

WILLAMINA, Oct. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Morgan will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with an open house at their home from 2 to 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan were both born in Kansas, and met in McMinnville where they were married Oct. 6, 1906, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Houser. They lived in McMinnville, and Kellogg, Idaho, before moving here many years ago. Morgan, now retired, was a butcher by trade. The couple has four daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Linfield Gets New Grant for Research

McMINNVILLE, Oct. 6.—An \$8,000 grant from Research Corporation of New York City has been received by Linfield Research Institute, on the Linfield College campus, according to Dr. Walter F. Dyke, institute director. The grant will assist in training of students in research. It will also finance internal research leading to patents and to new contract support for LRI, Dr. Dyke said. This is the eighth in a series of grants given to Linfield College and the institute by the non-profit New York corporation which derives its income from the manufacture and sale of electrical smoke precipitators, and whose income is dispersed in part among projects which contribute to this country's supply of scientists. Started With Grant Linfield Research Institute grew out of a program in the Linfield College physics department which was instituted in 1946 by a Research Corporation grant. The funds were primarily dedicated to the training of students in research, and during the past 10 years the college has graduated bachelor degrees to some 40 physics majors. This year's grant is particularly timely, Dr. Dyke remarked, in view of the unusually large number of physics majors enrolled at Linfield who will also participate in research at LRI. An additional 20 students will be engaged in various research jobs at LRI on a training basis. The supervision of students, an objective of the present grant, will be under the direction of Dr. J. K. Trolan of LRI and college staffs.

Our Valley By CHARLES IRELAND

Every year it seems harder to find a prune dryer that is interested in drying a small quantity of prunes. There are a few left in the valley that cater to small family lots, but not many. Mrs. Lyle Gilmore of Polk County's Bridgeport district was complaining about this the other day, and her two-year-old toddler, Terry, appeared to get the gist of the conversation. He slipped out and dumped a pail of prunes in his mama's electric clothes dryer and turned on the switch. Mrs. G. reports that it is almost impossible to report what a bucket of hot prunes can do to an electric clothes dryer.

Over at McMinnville, the post office has just backed into what may be a world's record. Somebody has already stolen the six ball-point pens that were placed in post office lobbies at McMinnville and thousands of other towns a few days ago.

Last Sunday Hal Norberg's Statesman feature story said Norm Wilson and his bloodhounds were ready if any deer hunters got lost. Before the day was over they were headed for Klamath Falls where they found the body of a hunter who succumbed to a heart attack. Everywhere Wilson and his hounds go they are big news. Wednesday they were in Bend, on the trail of another hunter, and the Bend Bulletin ran their picture on page one. They focus a lot of attention on their home town of Dallas.

Verna Kistler of Aurora has a real glamour job. She's not only an airline hostess, she accompanies the Oregon State football squad on its "road" games. She has already been to Missouri, California and Iowa with the team this fall. And tomorrow she'll fly to New York to help select new uniforms for the team.

This happens to Somebody Every Year Dept. Royce Dundas, a mechanic for Polk County Shops, went deer hunting last weekend. He traipsed all over the rugged Willowa Mountain country without any luck. And when he got home, he learned his wife had shot a three-point buck within a half mile of the family home on the outskirts of Dallas.

'Births At Valley Hospitals

STATYON — To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Stepper, Detroit, a son, Oct. 4, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hudson, Aurnsville, a daughter, Oct. 4, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. To Mr. and Mrs. Wyman D. Hoye, Mill City, a son, Oct. 3, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. To Mr. and Mrs. Lowell W. Nightingale, Stuyton, a daughter, Oct. 3, at Santiam Memorial Hospital. DISTRIBUTORSHIP SOLD — SUBMITTY, Oct. 6 — Clarence Ruef, Stuyton, is the new owner of the Mobil Oil distributorship at Sublimity. He purchased it from Mike Benedict, the owner since 1926.

Pot-Bellied Stove Still Used In 1-Room Linn Schoolhouse

By HELEN MYERS Valley Correspondent LEBANON, Oct. 6.—Instructing a class with 1956 teaching methods in a turn-of-the-century schoolhouse is the current task of



LEBANON, Oct. 6.—Teacher C. E. Janzen and pupil Denny Wilkerson stoke up the pot-bellied stove at old Berlin schoolhouse which is temporarily in use again. (Statesman Photo).

junior high school teacher in this Linn County area. C. E. Janzen and 17 seventh graders are occupying the old Berlin Schoolhouse, eight miles southeast of Lebanon, until completion of a new classroom at nearby Hamilton Creek School. The Berlin School, which had not been used for four years, is about 55 years old.

Good Humor Prevails When classes got underway, neither teacher Janzen nor the students were so sure they were going to enjoy the radical change. However, lack of modern accommodations have now been overlooked. Spirits are high and any seeming lack is met in good humor. Principal item in the huge one-room building is the proverbial pot-bellied stove, which not too many years ago was standard equipment in most rural schools. Wheeled and Coaxed This particular stove has proved no exception when it comes to temperamental tantrums. Just like many movie stars, it has often been wheeled and coaxed into action. Two large dents, on either side of the stove, are evidence enough that more than one fire-sinker yielded to temptation and gave the stove a vicious kick to get a draft started. Several members of the class report that the stove's bad reputation was remembered by many of their parents, and even grandparents, who were one-time students. But a good overhauling has solved any such deficiencies. The draft mechanism works perfectly and with a new paint job the stove has taken on a new face. Planer Ends for Fuel Unlike his predecessors, Janzen does not resort to a woodpile or wood chopping chore. Present day modes in the form of planer ends supply the thirsty stove. A good-sized wood cooking range is an added attraction. On Friday afternoons the students enjoy baking cookies or cake. They recently treated their schoolmates at Hamilton Creek School with snacks baked on the old-timer. But when the new classroom is completed in mid-November, both students and teacher will appreciate getting back to modern conveniences.

Fire Damages Apartments

DALLAS, Oct. 6.—The rear wall and storage space of a three-apartment building were destroyed by fire here today. Dallas volunteer firemen saved the main portion of the building, although flames spread to the kitchen of an apartment occupied by the Herbert Caywood family. The property, located at 915 Birch St., was part of the Sam Burke estate. Mrs. Caywood discovered the fire in a rear storeroom about 4:30 p.m. Cause was unknown and no estimate was made of the damage.

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