

# Mid-Willamette Valley News

From The Statesman's Community Correspondents

## Johnson Buys Gates Place

### Hugh Matthews Will Move to Coast Very Soon

GATES, Jan. 4-(Special)-C. D. Johnson has purchased the 80 acres owned by Hugh Matthews who expects to move to the coast soon.

School started again Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Haun spent New Year's with his brother Lester.

Mrs. Virginia Overlock spent the holiday vacation in Seattle. Don Carey returned to camp last week. Also Orval (Oley) Knutson left this week.

Mrs. Winters drove Mrs. H. Keiser to Salem Thursday. The Woman's club will meet January 11 instead of Tuesday.

## Justice Court Cases Are Listed

SILVERTON, Jan. 4-(Special)-C. J. Bradshaw will be tried on an assault and battery charge January 11, brought by his wife, Ruth Bradshaw in justice court. Bradshaw is out on \$1000 bail.

Dale George Miller was fined \$50 and costs. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended. He was charged with having venison in his possession out of season.

Another case heard this week by Alf O. Nelson, justice of the peace, was that of Edgar O. Nelson charged with overloading his truck.

During 1945 Justice of the Peace Nelson heard 142 cases and reports that Silvertown was a "better town" last year as this is lower than the total cases in many former years.

**VISITS DAUGHTER** — Mrs. Lena Clark spent several days in Portland recently with her daughter.

## Valley Obituaries

**MRS. HERSCHEL GREGG**  
SCIO, Jan. 4-(Special)-Funeral services for Mrs. Herschel Gregg, 32, who died late Thursday night in a Portland hospital will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. from the A. R. Bellar, 2826 N. Williams ave., Portland. Burial will be made in Wapato, Wash.

The family has lived for the last six years on route 3, Scio. Survivors are the widower and three small children, Sally, 7; Allen, 3, and David, 5 1/2 months.

## Holiday Guests At Cloverdale Entertained

CLOVERDALE, Jan. 4-(Special)-Mrs. Frank Schampier entertained New Year's day in honor of her husband's birthday. Those present for the double festive occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kron and Sammy, all of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andersen and Ernest, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kron of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kron and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hale and Mrs. Georgia Davis, all of Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Booth and children, Brent and Anita, former residents, left Wednesday for Pasadena, Calif., where they will live with friends until permanent plans can be made. Booth is to have work with a large contracting firm. Mrs. Booth taught school here and in Turner while he was in the army.

Loren Newkirk has a bad case of poison oak this week and is unable to attend his duties at the Salem high school. He is under the care of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Drager and girls, Karleen and Margie Jo, were New Year's guests of the Glen Davenport in Sweet Home. Jack and Carl Schifferer returned Tuesday from California where they vacationed. Jack has enrolled at OSC for an engineering course.

## Rickey, Auburn Schools Start After Recess

FOUR CORNERS, Jan. 4-(Special)-Both Rickey and Auburn schools resumed classes Wednesday after Christmas vacation. The flu epidemic has about run its course and most of the children were back when school opened.

Mrs. Milton Anderson of Fairfield, Calif., spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Howard. She will leave to spend a year there with her husband stationed in the Hawaiian islands with the fourth army air force.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Ostrander entertained week-end guests for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Woodward of Hillsboro, Douglas Woodward of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morgan and Thomas of Portland. On Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wilson and Junior were also dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Guy of Dallas spent New Year's day with Mrs. Guy's brother and family, the O. G. Howards.

## Karl Wipper New President

CLOVERDALE, Jan. 4-(Special)-The Farmers Union meeting was held last week at the schoolhouse. Karl Wipper was elected president; Carl Booth, vice president; Margaret Miller, re-elected secretary - treasurer; Louis Hennies and Walter Miller, compose the executive committee; Clarence Rosenau, conductor; Lloyd Jarman, doorkeeper; Mrs. A. Kaeppli, chaplain.

The following new members were obligated: Mr. and Mrs. Irvin A. Kreger, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Waldrop, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bouchie, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartman, Frank Pyshny and Mr. and Mrs. William Gleason.

## Cloverdale School Resumes Class Work

CLOVERDALE, Jan. 4-(Special)-School began as usual on Wednesday morning after a vacation of nearly two weeks, with a 100 per cent attendance.

Children in the upper grade room not absent during the fall term are Danny Feller and Richard Hein, fifth grade; Karleen Drager and Mary Lou Hatch, seventh grade; Rodger Hein, eighth grade.

## Silverton Altar Society to Meet

SILVERTON, Jan. 4-(Special)-Plans for a rummage sale are underway by St. Paul's Altar society, of which Mrs. Luigi DeSantis is now president. Mrs. Lawrence Scharbach is sale chairman. Date and place will be announced next week.

The Altar society will meet Thursday, January 10, with Mrs. Ben Zollner at 1201 N. Water st. Mrs. DeSantis will appoint committees for the spring season at this meeting.

## Mrs. Legard Returns Home To Silvertown

SILVERTON, Jan. 4-(Special)-Mrs. O. A. Legard, who has been in Portland since early in December as a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Molla West, has returned here where she makes her home with her son and daughter-in-law, the Alvin Legards. Mrs. Legard is past 90 years of age.

Edna Stortz is convalescing at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stortz, following a recent operation. Miss Stortz has been employed at Portland for several years.

Mrs. Raymond Reed, who spent the holidays with her uncle and aunts, Alfred Jensen, Alice Jensen and Mrs. John Isaacson, returned to Seattle Wednesday. Mrs. Reed, who is the former Vivian Bunes of Silvertown, is making her home at Seattle where she and her husband, who is in the navy, recently purchased a home.

Mrs. E. O. Nelson continues critically ill at her home in Silvertown Hills. She was taken ill while they were in California on a vacation trip and became ill again upon her arrival home. Mrs. Nelson is the sister of Mrs. C. A. Benson, Lawrence and Walter Larson.

Wesley Gatchet, returned overseas veteran, has taken a job as helper for his brother, George Gatchet, local plumber.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gatchell and two small children have moved here from Salem. He is a bus driver.

On the index basis of 100 for 1926, the so-called "normal" year operating costs of American automobiles had declined to 50, or half, by 1939.

## Salem Ends Snowless Year, Rainfall Far Above Average

Salem's 1945 weather was a mixture of many elements but with snow almost completely omitted. Though reported from many nearby points not a flake of snow was recorded by the United States weather bureau at McNary field, thus establishing the first snowless year since 1925. The average snowfall for Salem computed over a period of 83 years is 7.9 inches. There was no lack of other forms of precipitation with 47.48 inches of moisture recorded during the year, a total that has been exceeded only three times since 1900. Rainfall records dating back to 1893 show an annual variation for Salem from as low as 24.56 inches in 1903 to 63.50 inches in 1937, with an annual mean of 37.92.

Normal southerly winds prevailed during this period. No permanent record of velocities is obtained but frequent observations over short periods are made. It appears the highest winds were on December 4 when velocities between 45 and 50 miles were recorded for several hours.

The Willamette river was abnormally high on several occasions in 1945 climaxing in a flood crest of 28.35 feet the evening of December 30. Agriculture suffered some losses due to excessive precipitation but an extremely long growing season was enjoyed lasting from the earliest possible planting in the spring until the first killing frost October 18.

The past year saw considerable expansion of weather service by the local office. Included in this program was the establishment of the Salem weather bureau as a relay point for flood forecasts and warnings issued by the bureau's hydrologic unit in Portland. Forecasts of dusting conditions and specialized cherry harvest forecasts were also inaugurated. Frost warning service was made available to anyone equipped to take advantage of it. Gilbert Sternes, official in charge, states the continuation of all activities is anticipated in 1946 together with a greatly intensified demand for airway weather service as civil aviation returns to McNary field.

## Year Near Average

Temperature records for 1945 conform much closer to usual figures. The mean for the year was 53.0, just 3/10 of a degree above normal. The average minimum was 42.9 and the average maximum 63.9; normal values are 42.9 and 62.4, respectively. The highest temperature for the year was 102 degrees on August 5 and the lowest 19 on December 14. Salem's all time high is 108 degrees and absolute low on record 5 degrees below zero. Two hundred one cloudy days, 80 partly cloudy and 84 clear were recorded. Fog of varying intensities was noted 121 days and thunderstorms occurred on 5.

## Babe Uselman Returns to Job

MT. ANGEL, Jan. 4-(Special)-Mr. and Mrs. Babe Uselman, visiting here from Garden Grove, Calif., have rented the Adolph Mofenbeier house and will remain in Mt. Angel. Babe will return to the Benedictine Press as linotype operator, the position he held before the war. He has served in the Pacific in the merchant marine for two years.

During his absence, his wife, the former Margaret Welton, was employed in defense work near Garden Home. Their son, Jeffrey Royce, was born June 25, 1945. Babe's discharge from the service a month ago made the visit north for the Christmas holidays possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Uselman will return to California to make arrangements for their transfer of residence, leaving the baby with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Welton.

Beside their son-in-law, the Weltons had their three sons home for Christmas. All four were recently discharged from the ser-

vice. Michael served with the army in the United States, Billy was a paratrooper in the Pacific and Robert was with the army in England for a long time and took part in the Normandy invasion.

## Swegle Family Guests Entertained at Dinner

SWEGLE, Jan. 4-(Special)-Saturday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Salter on Swegle road were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Farmer of Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Edwards and Mrs. Lawrence Flathers from Salem.

Sunday guests at the Salter home were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Crandle of Nampa, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Salter of Keizer district.

## Flood, Illness, Vacations Upset Gates Schedules

GATES, Jan. 4-(Special)-Floods and vacations have upset schedules here. Also there has been considerable flu and measles.

The Fox Valley school will open January 7, instead of as planned. Mrs. E. L. Davis is principal.

## J. R. Rains Dies Near Liberty

LIBERTY, Jan. 4-J. R. Rains, 77, died at his home near Liberty Thursday afternoon.

Born in Missouri in 1869, Rains came to Oregon with his parents, the late Daniel Rains, at the age of five years. The family settled at Elkhorn in the Santiam country, where Rains grew to manhood. He moved to Salem in 1892 where he married Edna Dencer in 1904. In 1908 the family purchased a farm in the Prospect district where they lived until Rains retired from farming. He was an active member in the Red Hill Grange and several farming organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; two daughters, Mrs. Veneta Hopkins, Sherwood; and Mrs.

## Silverton Mayor Will Begin Second Year

SILVERTON, Jan. 4-(Special)-George Christenson begins his second year of office Monday night when the city council has its first meeting of 1946. Under the city managership form of government, the mayor is elected to the place on the city council which chooses the mayor from among its number for a two-year term.

Verda Weathers, Salem; four sons, Lyle, Lester, Desmond and Merle Rains, all of Salem; a sister, Mrs. Susie McKillican, West Linn; two brothers, Tillman Rains, Gates; Charles Rains, West Linn; and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. from the Clough-Barrick chapel. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

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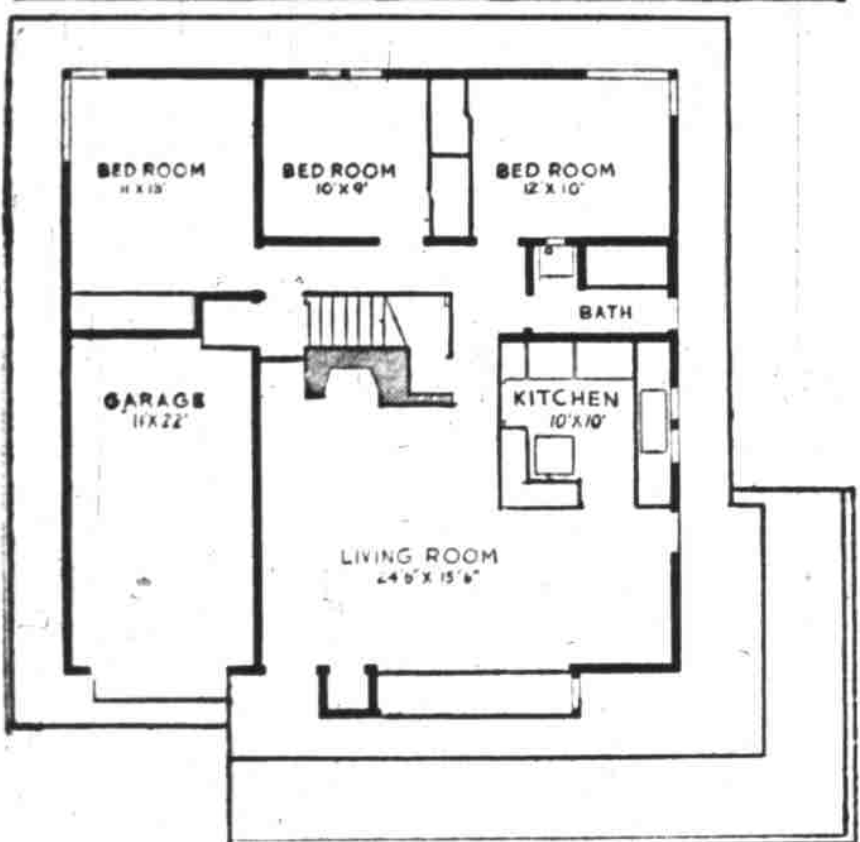
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## Saxony Producing 'Dresden China' at Half Pre-war Rate

By Richard Kasischke  
BERLIN, Jan. 4-(P)-Although the Russians removed more than 90 per cent of its machinery for reparations, the ancient state porcelain factory in Meissen, Saxony, again is producing its world famed Meissen porcelains and "Dresden China."

Meissen has brought its production, at sales value, back to about 50 per cent of normal peacetime volume, said Manager Herbert Neuhaus. Much of its product now goes to the Russians.

Neuhaus was interviewed at Meissen by the first correspondents to tour the Russian occupation zone. In the presence of four Russians, he gave the figures for reparations removals. In addition to the machinery, the Soviets took 75 per cent of art objects in stock and 13 per cent of the plant moulds, he said. The reparations removals were made during the summer and production was resumed in September after the payroll was demoralized.

## VOTE JANUARY 11TH FOR WALTER NORBLAD

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RESOURCES	
Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$114,944,518.47
United States Government Bonds	408,436,839.79
Municipal and Other Bonds	9,279,388.17
Loans and Discounts	68,940,887.33
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	540,000.00
Bank Premises (including Branches)	3,164,162.87
Other Real Estate	1.00
Interest Earned	1,444,551.88
Other Resources	296,064.59
	\$607,046,414.10

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$8,000,000.00
Surplus	10,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,223,626.27
Reserves	1,424,184.92
	\$ 23,647,811.19
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	1,888,131.68
Dividends Declared	180,000.00
Deposits	581,111,238.52
Other Liabilities	219,232.71
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