

School District Holds Benefit

Union Hill—The basket supper benefit for school district 42C, given by the school community club, drew a fair attendance. Miss Alice Jaquet, president of the club, presided at a short business meeting naming the following committees for graduation exercises: Decoration, Mrs. Marion Fischer, Mrs. J. Hacek, Mrs. Howard Rodgers; corsages, Mrs. J. D. Darby, Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. A. N. Doerfler.

It was voted to hold a cooked food sale during May to further benefit the school hot lunch program. At the May meeting there will be an election of officers. Mrs. Herman Smith will be lunch chairman and Mrs. Noah Hunt, program chairman.

The school picnic will be held on the last day of school, June 7. Mrs. Noah Hunt introduced A. B. Perkins who presented an evening's entertainment of magic tricks. He also led singing. He was assisted by his daughter, Karen. Mrs. Perkins gave readings. Larry Carpenter, in behalf of the Marion Assembly of American Legion presented a flag to the sixth grade of the school for receiving high score in their knowledge of the flag. Carylon Hage received the flag.

Baskets were auctioned by Floyd Fox. The most outstanding box was judged with Mrs. Larry Carpenter, principal of the high school, receiving the prize. Carylon Hage received a prize for receiving the highest price for her basket.

On the sponsor committee were Mrs. Ole Meland, Mrs. Mikkelson, Mrs. Herbert Stark. The same committee will be in charge of the cooked food sale.

Salem Heights Club Plans Family Night

Salem Heights — The Salem Heights Community club met at the hall with Hobart Smith presiding.

The fire truck committee reported the progress of the rural fire district. The club voted to continue meetings next year and to help the Woman's club to conserve the hall as a community project. O. W. Gorton was named as chairman on the nominating committee.

The girls sextet sang and a movie of "A Letter From America" was shown. The next meeting will be family night and will start with a no-host dinner with Mrs. Lyle Bayne in charge.

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Fifth Set of Twins—Mrs. Joseph A. Lopes of Onset, Mass., proudly holds her fifth set of twins. The new couple, Paula (left) and Vera, are shown with their mother in Tobey hospital, Wareham, Mass. A single birth in the Lopes' family would be a rare event. (Acme Telephoto)

Santiam Wranglers Plan Racing Meet

Lebanon—A four day horse racing meet June 1 to 5 on the new race track has been announced by the Santiam Wranglers, pending official sanction of the state racing commission.

Both quarter horses and thoroughbreds will run all four days, according to Glenn Huston, Wrangler official.

With circuits in northern Washington and southwestern Canada closed, as well as the eastern Oregon circuit, the local meet is expected to draw some of the top racers of the northwest.

Grandstand work is being rushed this week on the new track just west of Lebanon.

The final two days of racing will be held during the strawberry festival on June 3 and 4.

Clackamas County Oregon City, April 25 (AP)—The Clackamas county 1949 strawberry crop is expected to equal in quality and yield the unusually good crop of last summer.

County Agent Leo Garoian said growers anticipate favorable harvest conditions despite reports from Marion county areas of a 25 to 50 percent yield drop.

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Portland Group Here May 5

Portland business executives have completed arrangements for a good-will trip into the Salem district May 5 with visits to be made in Woodburn, Mt. Angel and Silverton.

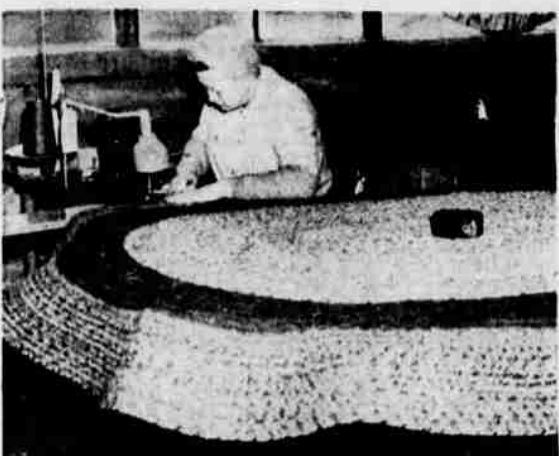
The party, traveling in a chartered bus, will leave Portland at 8 o'clock with a stop at Oregon State schools at Woodburn before going on to Silverton where the group will be entertained at lunch by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

In the afternoon the party will visit Silver Falls state park and return to Mt. Angel for a

dinner meeting with the Mt. Angel Business Men's club, returning to Portland at 9:45 o'clock.

Lewis J. Raines, chairman of the excursion committee of the trade and commerce department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is in charge of preliminary arrangements with E. N. Weinbaum, manager of the department, in charge of the visit. Weinbaum states that 57 Portland business men had already signed for the trip and that the remaining ten available places will be taken within a few days.

SF Newsmen Dies
San Francisco, April 25 (AP)—West Coast newspapermen today mourned Edward V. McQuake, a member of the San Francisco Chronicle staff, who died yesterday after an operation April 15. He was 41.



Sewing Oval Braided Rugs—Florence Duval, operating a heavy duty sewing machine, stitches a braided oval rug manufactured from flax tow. Oval Flaxtex linen rugs are made in size from 2 by 3 to 15 by 18 feet.

A WEST SALEM BUSINESS

Experimental Textile Plant Becomes Major Industry

Flax tow, by-product of fiber used in the manufacture of fine linens, is now utilized by Oregon Flax Textiles company of West Salem in the manufacture of popular linen rugs and carpeting.

Formerly this by-product was burned as waste by some Willamette valley scrutching plants and in no instance was worth beyond three cents a pound.

During 1948 Oregon Flax Textiles purchased 772,000 pounds of flax materials in the Willamette valley for which growers received \$92,640. Purchases made by this company have raised the price of flax tow to 12 cents a pound.

Oregon Flax Textiles began operations July 1, 1944, as a small and experimental pilot plant to determine the practicality of utilizing flax tow for the manufacture of twine adapted to tying lumber. Some substitute for hemp twine, unobtainable in war times, was essential, and Clyde Everett was sent by California Cotton Mills and Automotive Fibres to the Willamette valley to develop such a plant.

It was 95 per cent experimental," Mr. Everett declares. But out of this experimentation came a product from waste flax tow adaptable to the purpose. When war ended and hemp fibers again became available, additional experimentation demonstrated that flax tow might be used in the manufacture of rugs and carpeting.

Five years have seen Oregon Flax Textiles develop from an experimental pilot plant into a major industry for West Salem.

Situated on a four and a half acre site is the main manufacturing plant, 90 by 264 feet, where flax tow is processed from raw flax material into finished woven and broadloom linen rugs and carpeting. In addition, there is a building 80 by 80 feet devoted to storage, and a dyeing and boiler room is 40 by 60 feet.

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