

COOLEY'S 67TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Davis B. Cooley, 595 Belmont street and Mrs. Sarah Cooley on Sunday evening celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary at a Marion hotel dinner. They were married in Salem July 18, 1888 by Dr. L. L. Rowland, a clergyman and physician who later became superintendent of Oregon State hospital.

Davis Cooleys Celebrate 67th Wedding Date

By BEN MAXWELL

Davis B. and Mrs. Cooley, 595 Belmont street, whose 67th wedding anniversary was celebrated at a Marion hotel dinner Sunday evening, July 18, were married in Salem July 18, 1888, by Dr. L. L. Rowland, a clergyman who was also a physician and later superintendent of the Oregon State hospital. Davis Cooley is now 92, Mrs. Cooley, 87.

Jackson Cooley, Davis' father, was a pioneer of 1845. The Woodburn baseball field is a part of his donation land claim. Davis was born there in a log cabin June 25, 1863, but the family shortly thereafter moved into a frame house that still stands.

Mrs. Cooley was formerly Sarah Iler. Her father, Leander Iler, brought his family to the Willamette valley in 1844 and for some years grew strawberries on a West Salem hill that is now a popular residential district. She was born in Ohio in 1867.

Moved Here in 1870  
In 1870 the Cooley family moved to Salem and in his early youth Davis worked for the old Willamette Woolen Manufacturing Co. At first he was employed as a rag picker for 50¢ a day, then became a breaker and finally as a finisher received \$1.25 a day. So proficient was he as a finisher that he was awarded a suit for his superior work. The plant burned May 3, 1876, and Davis recalls that fire as incendiary in origin and a great financial misfortune for early Salem. Presently he found employment in the Brownsville woolen mill, destroyed by fire less than six months ago.

At intervals, Davis was a pupil at the old north school when the Carl sisters were teachers. He also cherishes memories about Professors S. A. Randle, George A. Peebles, George Mescham and Howard Morris.

For some years thereafter, Davis was employed at the City of Salem Flouring Mill, the Scotch mills built in 1862 and occupying a site now used by Western Paper Converting Co. Here he was a flour packer and later worked in Portland flour mills.

The present generation may recall when Davis was an associate in Cooley Brothers grocery store at 127 1/2 North Church street during the late 1920s. He retired from active business and employment in 1937.

Much of Davis' life was spent in Salem and he has vivid memories of events occurring 80 years and more ago.

When the first train chuffed into Salem September 26, 1870, as the big event for state fair he was on hand at the age of seven to stare in wonderment at the steaming locomotive. He recalls being present also when the cornerstone for the old capitol (burned in 1935) was laid October 8, 1873.

No Bridge Here Then

In those days Salem had no bridge across the Willamette and Matheny's steam ferry offered a service between the town and what is now West Salem in Polk county. In those times a water tower stood near the foot of State street. It leaked excessively and whoever passed by when the wind was blowing got sprayed with the drops.

In the early 1880s Davis worked for the gas company and attended the six downtown street lamps housed in glass lanterns. These gas lamps were located at the intersections of Trade and Commercial, Ferry and Commercial, State and Commercial, Court and Commercial, Liberty and State and Liberty streets. On moonlight nights the lamps were not lighted.

Davis remembers when eight steamboats came to Salem and when five of them were stuck all one time on a shoal north of Salem.

In those bygone times, Salem had its share of disaster and crime. The Bennett house burned Jan-

Pentacle Play Tryouts Set

Tryouts will be held Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 at the YWCA for the Pentacle Theatre production of "Girl Crazy" to be presented the latter part of August. "Girl Crazy" is a musical comedy in a modern western setting. The musical score is written by George Gershwin, whose songs remain popular throughout the years. "Girl Crazy" boasts such favorites as "Embraceable You," "Bidin' My Time," and "I Got Rhythm."

There are acting opportunities for vocal soloists, chorus personnel and persons desiring speaking parts. Those trying out for singing parts should bring with them a popular musical selection to present at the tryouts. There will be an accompanist present.

All persons interested in participating in this production are invited to attend the tryouts. "Girl Crazy" will be Pentacle Theatre's final presentation of the summer season.

Boss of Hopyard  
In the early 1890s Davis was a yard boss for Ben Hayden's hopyard near Eola. Then the poles were lowered to enable the picker to reach the hops that were harvested into barrels at a picking price of 50¢ for 50 pounds.

About this same time Davis recalls serving as a pallbearer for a funeral. The casket containing the deceased was carried several blocks from a North Salem home to a streetcar line and there placed across a seat on an open "summer car" for transportation to the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Present at the anniversary dinner besides Mr. and Mrs. Cooley, were Mrs. Elsie V. Matlock, Mrs. Cooley's younger sister, 1292 Broadway, and Ersel R. Munding, a son-in-law. Daughters Neva Munding and Lola Metcalf are now in another state and could not be present.

Camp Silver Creek Provides Boys Activity, Entertainment

By TOMMY MATSUMOTO

YMCA CAMP, Silver Creek—Camp Silver Creek, during its last session between July 10 and 16, included many experiences and activities for the young campers who invaded the privacy of the wild animals and plants, so accustomed to having their own way in the out-of-doors.

During the week, after its initial get acquainted session of the camp, the campers tested their stamina and sturdiness by taking part in a series of activities, scheduled and elective. The campers started with assigned campivities in the morning that included the following:

Archery: Every camper is given a chance to participate in archery under the supervision of a counselor. Each camper may try for the various ratings from junior yeoman to American archer, the highest rating possible in the Camp Archery Association.

Swimming: Campers are afforded opportunity to swim in the very fine swimming area provided by the camp. Qualified waterfront instructors are present at all swimming periods to insure the greatest safety.

Nature Lore: This activity is one that acquaints the campers to the out-of-doors. It helps them to learn and appreciate some of the different trees, plants and animals, and to open their eyes to the beauty of Mother Nature's wonderland.

Hikes: Hikes are taken by campers to various points near the camp. Some of the favorite hiking spots are: Old Man Crud's cabin, a legendary figure in Camp Silver Creek circle; Cougar Ridge, one of the boundary lines of our camp; Silver Falls, the very beautiful tourist attraction several miles from camp. Overnight hikes are also taken and the campers are given an unforgettable experience in the out-of-doors living. They are served food cooked in the open fire, campfire among the tall hemlocks, and refreshing sleep in the cool air.

Campcraft: This activity teaches the campers what they need to know when they go on an overnight camping trip. Building camp sites, fireplace area, finding dry firewood, building fires, cooking, leaving area the way it should be left, are but a few of the topics covered by the campcraft specialists.

During the afternoon, the campivity is shifted over to special events. During the special event period, one of several events is put on for the campers. Some of the special events that attract the interest of young ones are: Totem, steeplechase, gold rush, carnival, counselor hunt, campfire, treasure hunt, and junior Olympics. Usually, at the end of each special event, there is a prize waiting for the unit or individuals that win the event.

Some of the special events held during the last session were the treasure hunt and the steeplechase. In the treasure hunt, the camp was divided into the four units of Trickle Falls, Hillside, Bear Creek and Hemlock. Each group was given a set of clues to where the treasure was hidden. The group finding the treasure was entitled to the prize.

But Camp Silver Creek is not all play and fun. We also have our period of spiritual and emotional growth. Each morning, chapel is held in our very beautiful and serene outdoor chapel on the hill. Here, every boy is given a chance to quietly commune with God. Every morning,

a counselor gives a short devotional on some topic of importance to each camper. Campers feel the nearness of God in this chapel, where the morning sunlight shines its rays through the hemlocks, as they commune with God.

After chapel service, the flag is raised and then the campers are taken to breakfast. The meals are the backbone of this camp, and campers are fed well. This fact is attested by the tremendous amount of food that is consumed daily by the campers.

Except for the number of staff members on duty, most of the campers' rights are done by the campers right after breakfast during work period. During this period, the campers clean their cabins, units and camp area. The lieutenant governor of each unit inspects the respective places to insure that the work has been done.

Here at Camp Silver Creek, democratic government is part of the program. Each unit elects its own governor, lieutenant governor and postmaster. They are sworn into their office at chapel service the day after they are elected. During the last session, the following officers were elected:

Bear Creek: Governor, Tommy Pace, Salem; lieutenant governor, Larry Sheridan, Salem; postmaster, David Avison, Salem.

Hillside: Governor, John Thomas, Corvallis; lieutenant governor, Tommy Miller, postmaster, Norman Newberry, Salem.

Trickle Falls: Paul Nibler, Salem; governor; lieutenant governor, David Kilber, Salem; postmaster, Malcolm Newell, Salem.

Hemlock: Governor, Doug Mekars, Salem; lieutenant governor, Allan Franz, Salem; postmaster, Larry Claggett, Salem.

YMCA Camp Silver Creek is a camp for young boys and it strives to serve its purpose of giving a happy camp experience with a purposeful program designed to enrich personality and make for better citizenship.

The next regular session will start on July 31 for boys of age 12 to 15, as well as boys of younger age group between 9 and 11 who wish to attend. Those young people desirous of registering for this last camping period between July 31 and August 13, are asked to get in contact with "Scotty" Washburn, YMCA Camp Silver Creek, Sublimity, Ore., or the YMCA office in Salem, at 685 Court, or calling Salem 3-9117.

It is also possible for boys to register for either week of this period, July 31-Aug 8, or Aug 7-13.

Plint hand axes, made and used all over the world in the old stone age cannot be reproduced by modern man, says the National Geographic Society.



A steel-helmeted Swiss soldier, armed with a sub-machine gun, stands guard on the road to Geneva, Switzerland, from the city's airport. (UP Telephoto)

France has about 2 1/2 million horses.

Stewart Tells Of Convention

Impressions gained through attendance at the recent Rotary International convention held at Chicago and by virtue of a cross country motor tour were related by Ivan Stewart, former Salem Rotary club president and district governor during Wednesday's luncheon of the local group.

It was Stewart's fourth international convention which he said surpassed any of the others in the matter of lavishness and entertainment. The singing was particularly noteworthy he reported.

The convention drew 23 of the 44 past presidents, more than 200 district governors and approximately 15,000 delegates. Stewart expressed the belief that the idealism of Rotary constitutes a leavening influence upon the entire country.

Picking up a new automobile at

Detroit, Stewart drove south to Nashville, Tenn., back to Chicago and thence westward through Illinois, Missouri, Colorado and Utah. He said he was impressed with the prosperous appearance of the country and reported that next to Oregon and California, Colorado or Utah would be excellent states in which to reside.

Stewart was introduced by Harold F. Philippe.

LEWIS-AIRLIE PICNIC INDEPENDENCE—Due to the construction of the bridge at the Maple Grove picnic grounds, the annual Lewis-Airlie picnic will be at the Independence City park, located on C. Street. The picnic will be Sunday July 31, and the covered dish dinner will be at 12:30, followed by the business meeting.

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