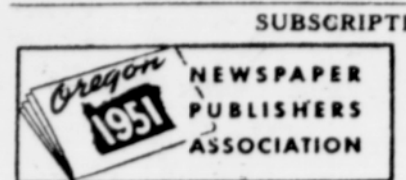


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My Week At Girls' State

by Marilyn Masters

Girls' State is a wonderful place to learn government structure. By playing the part of not only the voting population of the state, but by running for offices and making our own laws, we were given a clear picture of government processes.

We began our government program in our cities and counties. Each county was divided into two cities and we set about naming our county and city. We then elected our city officials, which was followed by the election of county officials. The girls were then told what the duties of their new offices were. Since many offices had duties which could not be put into practice in our mythical state, they were given special duties. For instance, my special duties as county commissioner were to handle amusements and help see that the style show and stunt night were successful.

Following our county elections, we divided into two mythical parties, the Nationalists and Federalists. Each party in our county then held separate meetings and elected delegates to their nominating conventions. After this, we elected candidates from our county who would run for the party nomination of state offices at the party caucus. This done, we met in our conventions and nominated our candidates. There were just two candidates running for each office, except that of the supreme court judges and superintendent of schools. These two offices are considered to be above party politics.

We again met in our county groups and elected senators and representatives. Phyllis Dick and I were both elected to the House from our representative counties. Following this, the general election was held to elect the rest of the state officers.

The Senate and House then held meetings to elect their officers. A president and speaker were elected for their respective houses and clerks were elected from those girls who had been selected as secretaries for the congressmen.

Then came one of the highlights of the session, the inauguration of the governor. At a joint session of the Senate and House, the oath was given by the supreme court judge. The guest speaker was Governor Douglas McKay, and he brought out the need for women in the government. He said that he hoped someday some of us would be running for real government offices.

In another joint meeting we were told how to write a bill and what happens to it before it becomes a law.

Then came another highlight, the legislative session. The houses met separately where we enthusiastically debated on the bills we had written.

During the latter part of the week, court trials were held for those who had broken our ordinances. With the help of this and a circuit court trial put on under the direction of the professor of law at Willamette university, we learned a great deal about court procedure.

During the week, we participated in a softball game and square dancing; we put on a style show and an amateur show, and we put on a stunt night which really showed up the originality and ingenuity (not to mention talent) of the Girl Staters.

We visited the capitol building and held the inauguration and legislative sessions there. We also visited the supreme court and the state library.

Girls' State was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. Not only did we learn how our government was run, but we met girls of all walks of life, race, creed and color. We learned how to cooperate in a large group and we made friends we hope to keep all our lives.

I would like to express my appreciation to the American Legion Auxiliary, Glenn Morrison Post No. 70 for making it possible for Phyllis and myself to attend Girls' State. We had a lot fun, we learned a lot, and we'll never forget it.

Boys' State

by Dick Masters and Bob Kester

Upon arrival at the Oregon State campus (Corvallis) we were issued caps and T-shirts and assigned to our rooms, cities and counties.

The men's dormitory was divided into three sections and each of these was a separate county. Each county was divided into two cities. The whole camp was divided into two parties, the Nationalist and the Federalist.

Reveille sounded at 6:00, assembly for flag raising at 6:15, and breakfast at 7:00.

Classes in government, history, politics and parliamentary procedure were held from 8:00 to noon. We had lunch at 12:15 and another class from 1:00 to 2:00.

At 2:00 we had elections for city, county and state officers. From 3:00 to 6:00 we had a recreation period in which we played basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis or swim.

Supper was at 6:00 p. m.

At 8:00 we had convocation at which there was singing and a speaker. Taps was at 10:00.

Some of the high-lights were stunt night and the governor's inauguration.

High-lights of the recreational period were talks on football by Oregon State's line coach and a talk on basketball by Head Coach Slat Gill. After six days on the beautiful campus, (well decorated with female gardeners) we returned trying to obtain a better understanding of how our government functions.

F. O. E. Auxiliary News

The regular meeting will be held Friday, July 20 at 8:30 p. m. in the O'Brien Women's clubhouse. Initiation of new candidates will be conducted, assisted by the Auxiliary drill team.

Social night, July 27, will be fun night at the clubhouse, with a white elephant sale, entertainment and dancing. A pot luck supper will be served.

Bank Of Illinois Valley Hits Million On Birthday

Too late to make last week's deadline, Bank of Illinois Valley topped the staff's expectations and went over the million dollar mark on July 12, a year to the day from its opening.

The phenomenal growth of the bank is due to confidence in the bank, its officers and directors, and faith in the Illinois Valley.

S. Clifford Sparks, president, and Martha E. Sparks, cashier, and the staff and directors of the bank have expressed their deep appreciation to the people of the Illinois Valley for their splendid cooperation and support.

Building the bank into a million dollar institution within a year's time has been a task of considerable proportions. It would be impossible for the average person to conceive the amount of hard work and the many problems involved in establishing the bank; obtaining its charter, memberships in the Federal Reserve system and Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, perfecting the banking system and routine work, studying and making investments and at the same time taking care of the heavy daily volume of business.

The personnel of the bank have worked many long hours, day after day, this past year, serving the people of the Illinois Valley in their banking requirements. The loyal and cooperative spirit which prevails amongst the customers and friends of the bank have made the burdens of the bank personnel much easier. Compensation to them lies in the many fast friendships that have been made during the past year.

Bank of Illinois Valley is locally owned and managed. Its aims and purpose is to do all within its power to assist in the development of the many and varied resources of the Illinois Valley.

Within the confines of the Illinois Valley there is diversification of natural resources not found elsewhere in a territory of its size in the western states, or possibly the United States.

The logging and lumbering industry has been very active for the past five or six years and will continue to be for many years to come. It has been estimated that the timber resources, under normal harvesting, will adequately support this industry for the next twenty years.

Farming, dairying and stockraising has been a great source of revenue to the people of the Valley for many years. New and improved methods are resulting in new lands being put into production and present farms and ranches

Moore's New Mill-O'Brien

By LAURA ABBEY

Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Abbey attended the meeting of all branches of the Oddfellows at Gold Hill Saturday, July 14.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Crandall were in Medford on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervine Ellis and son Wendell and his wife and daughter Sharne were in Klamath, California, Sunday where they attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Owens returned last Sunday after spending their vacation in northern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson had overnight guests, Mr. and Mrs. Don Gregory and Sandra, then they all went down to Klamath where they attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Abbey and niece Darlene Nelson attended the Canton and Auxiliary picnic at Grants Pass Sunday. Medford Canton and Auxiliary joined in the picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Abbey and girls Roberts, Maureen and Tressia attended the Canton and Auxiliary picnic at Grants Pass Sunday.

developed by improved practices. Illinois Valley Soil Conservation district was organized during the past year and under the plan of the district a program of development work is being carried out affecting a great many farms and ranches of the Valley. This work will result in profitable utilization of unproductive lands, increased irrigation, prevention of erosion and flood control.

The Illinois Valley has long been a mining center. Gold was discovered here more than one hundred years ago and many gold mines are still in operation.

There are also vast deposits of other minerals including chrome, nickel, copper manganese and platinum. Chrome mining was resumed a few weeks ago and several loads have recently been transported to the receiving depot.

Considerable interest has been expressed in the development of the nickel, copper, manganese and platinum deposits, and it is hoped that operations for the production of the strategic minerals will be commenced before long.

The Illinois Valley is rich in its historical lore, but richer still in its possibilities for the future as a lumbering, farming, stock-raising and mining industrial center.

THE NELSON PICKETT DANCERS



A bevy of beautiful girls smartly costumed will grace the stage at the Grants Pass high school football field the night of August 3 during the 1951 Grants Pass Gladiolus Festival.

Featured in three production numbers, the dancers are recognized as tops in the field of synchronized ensemble dancing.

Each production number is differently costumed and also set to a different musical motif.

LOCALS

Johnny Howard and family of Cave Junction went to Hughson, California, last week on business.

George S. Phillips of Clinton, Illinois, arrived Sunday for a visit with his cousins Mrs. Harry Mills and Cecil Slack of Kerby.

Anyone wishing to take lessons on how to be a hermit, please contact Bill Martin sometime next week. Bill is working for the forest service and is being sent up to Bolan lake lookout to relieve the regular lookout for two days. It's been said that it gets mighty lonesome up there, with only the bears and wild animals to keep a lookout company.

After the regular lookout returns Bill will be stationed at the Sanger lookout for two more days and that is the test to the limit. If he can endure, he will be a full-fledged hermit and can probably give interested parties a few pointers on how not to go crazy while on a lookout.

Mrs. Richard Moyer of the Caves highway is carrying the mail each day to the Oregon Caves resort.

Among the tourists taking advantage of the Grayback camp for some days were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver of Los Angeles, who have pledged to sleep in their sleeping bags every night of their three weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thane D. Odell of Los Angeles, California, stopped over to visit their long-time

friend, Mrs. W. A. Brown at "Willadora" on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith are vacationing in Washington this week. They visited their ranch in Madras, Oregon, then went up to Skamokawa, Washington, to visit Mr. Smith's brother, Clinton Smith. From there they went to Corvallis to see another brother, Clifford Smith. On their return trip they will stop at Roseburg to visit Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Ruth Porter.

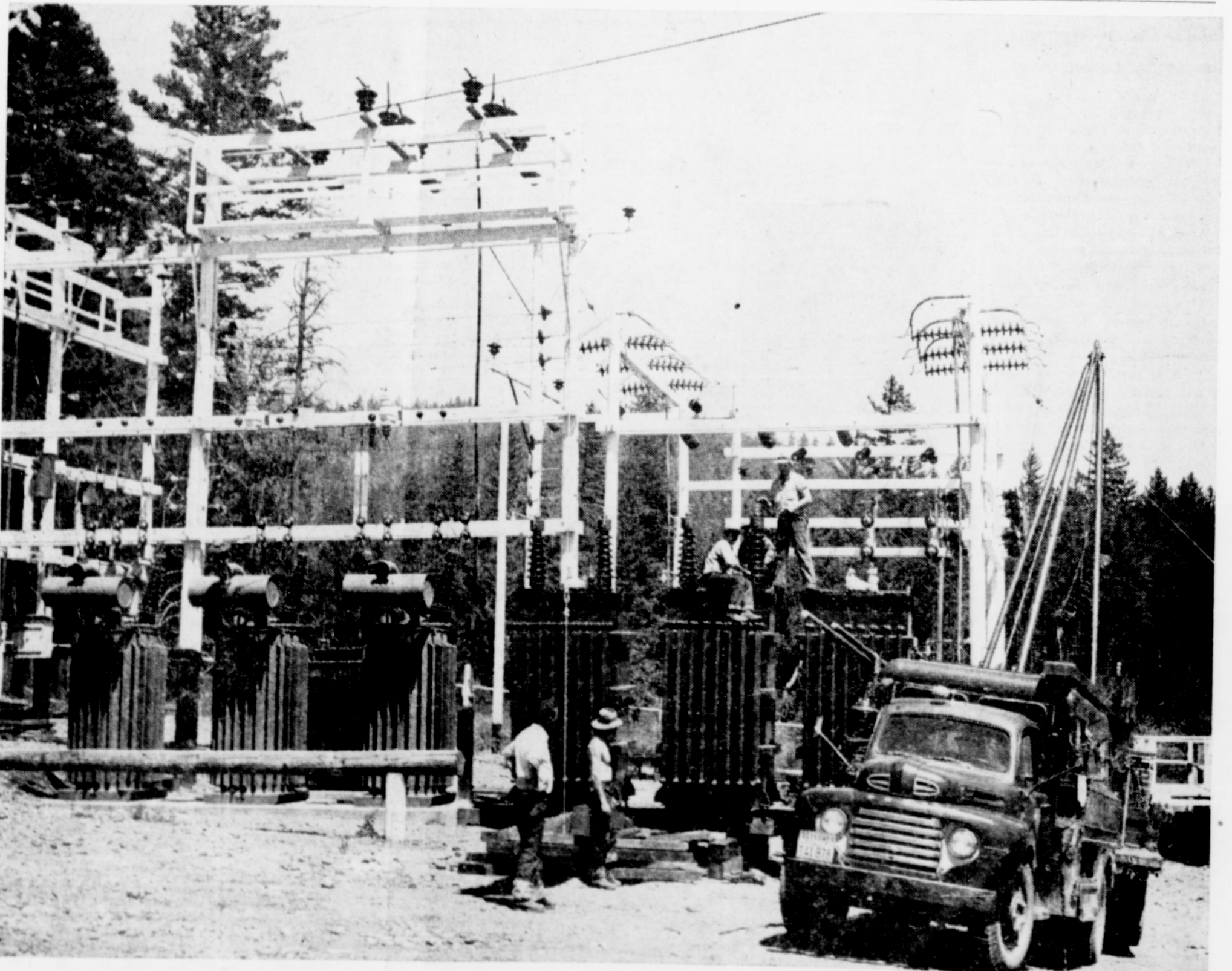
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson and their two daughters, Linda and Janis, were overnight visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Maurer last Tuesday. The Johnsons live in Huntington Park and Mr. Johnson is Mrs. Maurer's half-brother, whom she had never seen.

Glenn Perry visited his wife Dorene in Portland last weekend. Mrs. Perry is attending barber college there, and will join her husband in the Caves Barber shop upon completion of the course.

Visiting the Rev. and Mrs. Gray last week was their grand daughter Merydeen Griffin of Grants Pass.

Coast Guardsman E. L. Tyrell and wife and baby daughter departed Wednesday after a 10-day visit with Mrs. Tyrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Campbell of Takilma.

They will spend a week in Washington visiting his parents, grandparents and friends at Tenino, Aberdeen and Olympia before flying back to Ketchikan, where Tyrell is stationed at the Coast Guard base on the island. This was their first visit back to the states in 3 years.



More power for the Illinois Valley is graphically indicated by the three 1000 kilowatt trans-

formers which were recently installed in the Cave Junction substation. Final connection of the trans-

formers into the line was the occasion for the power outage early last Saturday morning, for which notice was given by the

California Oregon Power company. The picture shows the transformers being installed by the Copco line crew. The work accom-

plished here is a part of Copco's \$11,000,000 construction program for 1951.