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By Evelyn Graham



Not having learned to read the moss on the trees, I can't decide if we have slipped on moccasined feet through Indian Summer, or if we still have this delightful season to experience. Indian Summer is the name given by Americans to the short but beautiful season in the latter part of autumn, usually occurring in November. It is characterized by fair but not brilliant weather. The air is smokey and hazy, perfectly still, and the sun shines dimly but softly and sweetly through an atmosphere that some call copper colored and others golden.

Several Theories

According to "Curiosities of Popular Customs" by William S. Walsh, there are several theories as to the origin of the term "Indian Summer. Rev. James Freeman derives the term from the fact that the Indians were particularly fond of this period and regarded it as a special gift of their favorite god.

Daniel Webster said the early settlers gave that name to the season because they ascribed its peculiar features of heat and haze to the burning of the prairies by the Indians at that time.

Indian Summer

Mr. Kercheval gives the following explanation: "It sometimes happened that after the apparent onset of winter, the weather became warm and the smoky time commenced and lasted for a considerable number of days. This was Indian Summer because it afforded the Indians—who during the severe winter never made any excursions into the settlements—another opportunity of visiting them with their destructive warfare. The melting of the snow saddened every

contenance and the genial warmth of the sun chilled every heart with horror. The apprehension of another visit from the Indians and of being driven back to the detested fort was painful to the highest degree."

We can be thankful that the most painful modern sortie against our homes and provisions, at this season, are the result of the tax assessor; and while for the most part they are not so bloody, they are often as disastrous in raiding our meager supply of wampum. sult of the tax assessor; and, while for the most part they are not so bloody, they are often as disastrous in raiding our meager supply of wampum.

SURGERY PATIENT

Mrs. Frank Glenn underwent surgery at Community hospital in Medford Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Cecil Michael Heads Sams Valley Parent-Teachers

By Mrs. Floyd Doland
(Too Late for Last Week)
SAMS VALLEY—Mrs. Cecil Michael is the new president for the year for Sams Valley Parent-Teacher association.

A reception for teachers was held Friday, October 8. Plans for the annual halloween party were discussed.

Other officers and chairmen who will serve during the year with Mrs. Michael are: Mrs. Gus Koellner, vice president; Mrs. Frank Straus, secretary; Mrs. Lester James, treasurer; Mrs. Jake Swindler, publicity chair-

man; Mrs. Jerome Fitzgerald, hospitality; Mrs. Alice Coutts, membership; Mrs. Sig Milkowski, health, and Mrs. Jean Smith, school lunch.

Sams Valley Grange met Saturday evening, October 9, with a potluck supper and social evening. The Juvenile grangers held their meeting at the same time and enjoyed quiz games and prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jirschele have traded their ranch for property in Medford. They will live in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burrenson purchased the Loftin ranch and are now making their home there.

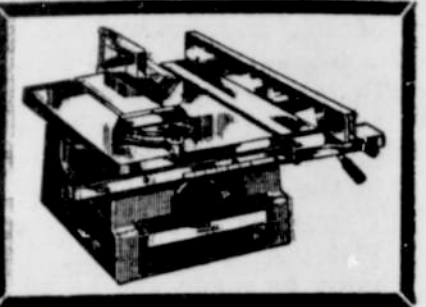
Mr. and Mrs. George Lofton have sold their ranch in Sams

Valley. They moved to their ranch in the Beagle area and plan to spend the winter in California and Texas.

SEE TENNIS CHAMPS

Two Pacific coast table tennis champions displayed their skills for members of the Crater High school student body at a national school assembly program held Tuesday at the school. This program was one of several held throughout the year.

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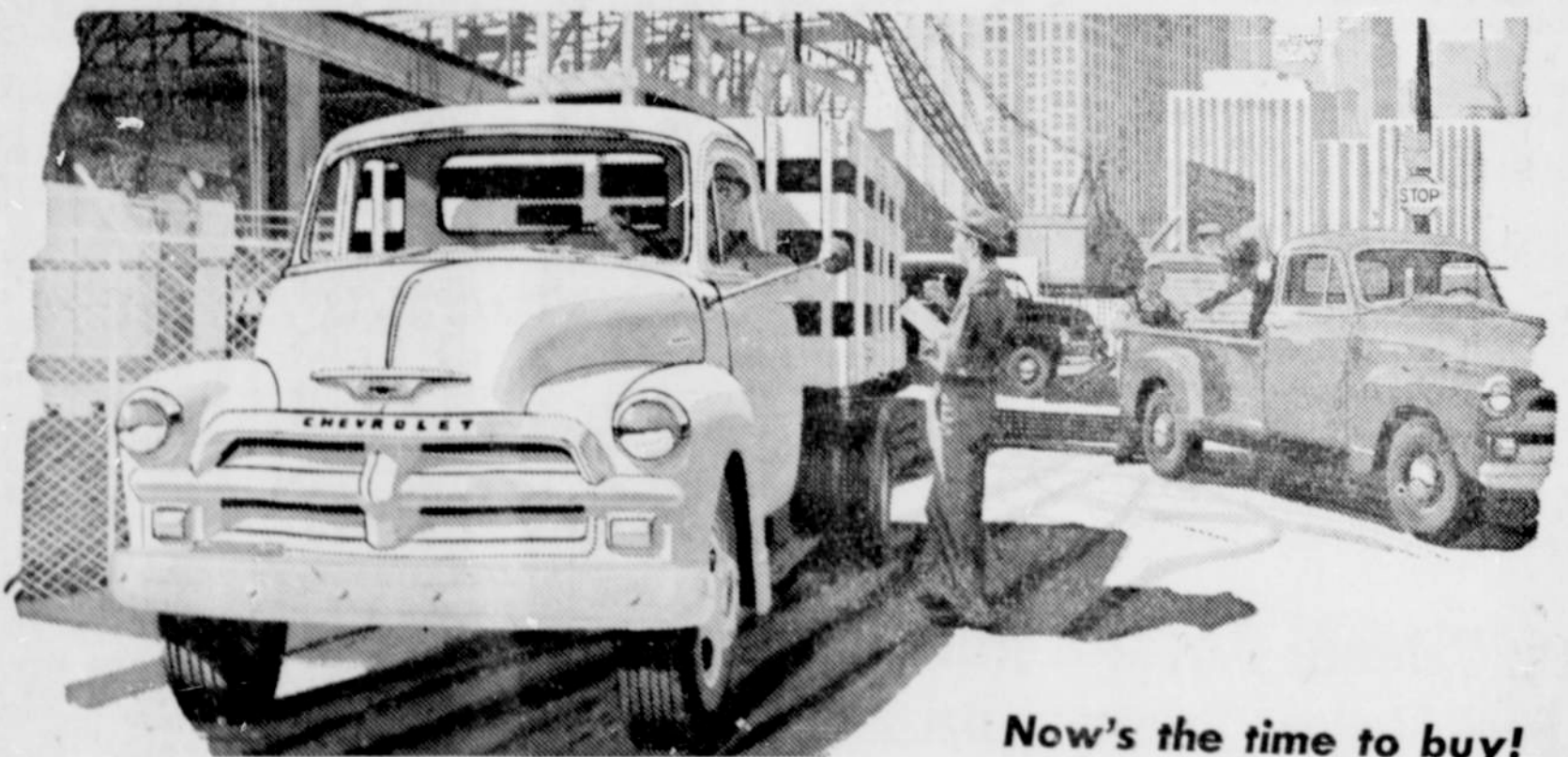
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