

Widow Publishes 'Klondike Diary' In Husband's Honor



MARY A. MEDILL

The date is 1897 and the wild fever from the Klondike gold fields is gripping the nation.

In the city of La Salle, Ill., a school teacher and his brother decide to take the long chance and seek everlasting fame and fortune in the fabulous country of the burning daylight.

And at the precise moment of August 20, 1897, there began a year of adventure which ever remained the high mark of the entire lifetime of the late Robert B. Medill.

Mr. Medill kept a diary of his experiences and for forty years intended to have it printed. It was only in 1939, however, that he and his wife, Mary, started the long, hard job of creating a manuscript which now, at long last, reaches print.

When her husband died, in 1945, with his story still in manuscript form, Mary Medill vowed to see it between the covers of a finished book. She came close to her goal a number of times, but something always intervened just as she felt the realization of her determined dream within grasp.

Aware that, at the age of 79, her time was not unlimited, she managed to get money in the East and added to it loans from Portland friends. In short, she published the volume herself, after more than the usual share of disappointments and obstacles.

The book, entitled "Klondike Diary," by Robert B. Medill, is an exciting contribution to American letters. Graphically written, it portrays the hardships that were so blithely overcome by a gold-seeking migration, in one of the most breath-taking movements of modern time.

Mrs. Medill, who lives at 85 Center street, Beaverton, has taken upon herself the full job of disposing of a limited edition of 500 copies. Single-handedly, she takes the task in full stride, comforted and strengthened by the knowledge that she has preserved for the future this important account of the past.

"I thought I could relax," she says gently, "when the book was finally published. But now I find that I have even less time than I had before."

Jack Jones Cops State Finals In Oratory Contest

Competing against three other district champions, Jack Jones, Beaverton high school senior, walked off with top honors, April 2, in the state oratorical elimination sponsored by the American Legion. Jones will now go to Nampa, Idaho for the annual American regional oratorical contest, on April 11. His subject is "The Test of Time."

In winning state honors, Jack received a gold medal plus a pen and pencil set donated by the American Legion. He also followed a familiar pattern of Beaverton orators who have been consistent winners among Legion orators.

In 1940, first competition, Bob Sayre won the county championship and placed second in the district. In 1941, he went to the regional competition and placed second. In 1942, he made a poor showing, being eliminated in the county trials.

In 1943, Richard Smurthwaite won the county championship. Bob Myers reached the regional contest in 1944, placing second. Bob Marugg was third in the state talk-downs of 1945 and 1946. In 1947, Diane Arpke won third in the county and John Jacobs, now a senior at Beaverton, won state third in 1948.

BANK MISSIONARY

Like missionaries of old, Jay Gibson, Jr., of Beaverton, has recently appeared in many places telling the gospel of banks and banking. He recently spoke before three classes at the union high school and elsewhere on varied and related financial subjects.

Sunday, April 3, Jay Jr. flew to San Francisco to sit in on deliberations of the national mortgage appraisers. This conference drew financial men from all parts of the United States and wound up on Wednesday.

The young banker expects to finish the University of Washington banking school course, this summer.

Beaverton Area's Blood Program Expects Victory

Wholehearted support of the Red Cross blood donors program indicates that the Beaverton area will achieve its first quota of 100 to 125 pints of blood when the mobile unit calls for the purpose of collecting blood, announces Mrs. G. G. Brinsley, co-chairman.

Under the plan set up by the Red Cross, blood collected will be supplied free to physicians and 32 hospitals in 16 counties in Oregon and southwestern Washington. Blood so collected is distributed without regard for race, color, creed or ability to pay.

However, until such time as enough donors are obtained in each community, its people will still have to pay for blood as required in time of emergency.

"Progress is being made," Mrs. Brinsley says, "in the securing of sufficient pledges by blood donors for the program to be held in Beaverton on Friday, April 29."

"From Aloha to Huber, Huber to Beaverton and Beaverton to West Slope clubs, churches, schools and businessmen's organizations are cooperating magnificently. There is strong hope that the 100 to 125 pints required from this area will be obtained."

"We wish to make special mention of the veterans' generosity in offering their building as headquarters for the mobile unit. Furthermore, with co-chairman, Mrs. Russell S. Welsh, I wish to express gratitude for the splendid cooperation we are receiving from everyone."

Anyone wishing to help in the blood donor campaign is asked to contact either Mrs. Welsh or Mrs. Brinsley by Beaverton telephone.

Beaverton Sends Large Groups To Musical Tourney

Beaverton high school has plans to enter 162 students, including boys and girls glee clubs and the high school band in the district music tournaments Saturday April 23 and April 30, at Hillsboro. Thirty-one schools will send music delegations.

Vocal music and piano solos will be contested on April 23 while band and instrumental contests are set for April 30. A total of 20 bands, 14 mixed choruses, 22 girls glee clubs and 6 boys glee clubs will participate, according to present schedules.

Soloists from Beaverton will include Caryl Jean Short, Robert Saunders and Harold Wannebo. Groups will be the boys ensemble; girls triple trio, boys glee club; girls glee club, a 60-voice choir, freshman girls glee club and the band.

Each contestant and group will be graded for ability. A mark of one, or superior, will qualify for the state music contest in Klamath Falls, May 13 and 14. For the past two years, Beaverton has rated superior in the mixed chorus division.

The public is invited to attend both sessions at Hillsboro.

Bldg. Permits In Beaverton Total Over \$1 Million

During the last two years, according to the city hall, building permits have totaled more than one million dollars.

Figures for 1947 are given as \$547,000 while for 1948 they reach \$481,255. Already in 1949, there has been \$92,000 worth of building permits.

One of the latest permits issued was to Harry Antrobus of Beaver Plumbing, for a building to cost \$15,000, exclusive of plumbing charges.

Reverend George Springer has notified recorder L. J. Russe, that he intends to build a house on Main street but, at present time had not finished his application for a permit.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Beaverton Community Chorus will give a spring concert Friday evening, April 29th at the community room of the Congregational Church. The program will consist of various types of music.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

City Approves Purchase of Street-Building Machines

INTENT TO IMPROVE FIRST AND NINTH STREETS

ANNOUNCED BY COUNCIL AT APRIL 4TH MEETING

The City of Beaverton, beset by mounting problems of street construction, voted at its regular meeting of April 4 to purchase a used 10 ton roller from Clackamas county, for \$1,000 and a used grader and loader, from Columbia county, for \$3,000.

Earlier, by a vote of 3 to 2, the council passed a resolution providing that in the future all costs of labor, including grading, which the city furnishes will be assessed against the street improvement concerned. This action was taken to clarify a past misunderstanding and to establish a definite policy in street improvements.

Arguments were hot and heavy on the matter of the policy resolution and the purchase of the grader. Against

the admitted bargain feature of the purchase was the immovable fact that the county had notified the city that about \$2500 remained in the city treasury.

After balancing the amount of purchase against the advantage of having heavy street equipment and the savings it would represent, the council voted to borrow required money to close the deal.

Intention to improve Ninth St. from Lombard to Watson, was declared by the council. This job has been hanging fire for years, being stymied by legal obstacles in that the right of way was never dedicated nor deeded to the city. Attorney Dave Lofgren, recently hired as city attorney, reports that he has negotiated for the necessary titles.

Plans call for re-grading, leveling and oiling with necessary installation to permit street drainage into a storm sewer. Width of the new thoroughfare will be 22 feet and road-bed will be of 8 inches of rock in depth. Hearing of remonstrances is set for April 18, at 8 p.m.

On April 18 also will be a hearing on the improvement of First street from Watson to Stott street. The street, when completed, will be paved with bituminous asphalt, forty feet wide with curbs.

It was voted to start this job as soon as storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water main connections are made.

Map of the proposed junction of North Hall street at Canyon road was presented from the state highway department. The drawings show a proposed widening of the corners east and west to eliminate railroad crossings going west. Traffic from the north side of Canyon Road will not be permitted to enter Hall street at this junction.

The council approved the map and instructed city attorney to draw up necessary ordinance for the improvement. It also empowered him to act in the necessary condemnation of property.

C. R. Wilson, of 1085 S. E. Franklin street, presented a petition for the opening of 12th street from Watson to Lombard. This route has been dedicated and surveyed, he stated. Better than 50% of property owners have signed up for the job, so far. Wilson was advised to complete his circulation of the petition and present it at the next council meeting.

SEWER SITE SUIT SET; COURT ACTION SLATED

Suit entered the last of March by the city of Beaverton for condemnation of certain properties north of the Oregon Electric right of way, where construction of a sanitary sewage treatment plant is envisioned, is slated for court action, according to attorney E. L. McAlear, attorney for defendants.

Property involved is about nine acres, part owned by Alexander Pesenti and wife and the balance the Bigli property, registered in the name of T. Plenovi. Basis of the suit is a viewer's report by a committee composed of Wilbur Falloon, Bruce McMahon and Roy Berst accepted by the city council about January 17.

Mr. McAlear, who is consulting with the Portland law firm of Griffith, Peck, Phillips and Coughlin, reported Wednesday afternoon that he had received a draft from them on the matter and was sending in suggestions from them for the drawing up of necessary papers to file.

The answer to the complaint filed by the city was due to have been entered April 4.

JCC Bosses Night Draws Big Crowd On Wed., April 6

A large, overflowing crowd of members and their bosses took part in the first annual Bosses Night of the Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce, held in Old Heidelberg Wednesday night, April 6.

Featured speaker was the new coach at Portland University, Harry Wright, who arrived in Portland about March 15 to take over football tasks at the university.

Duane Duke, state Jaycee vice president of the first district from Oregon City, was among honored guests.

Most important discussion of the evening concerned the number of members who would be able to attend the state convention, in May.

Ham was served at the dinner.

REBEKAH NEEDLES

The Beaverton Rebekah Needle and Social Club met Friday at the hall for a pot luck luncheon at noon, with Mrs. Laura Sluyter, Mrs. Elsa Terry and Mrs. Frankie Butts as hostesses.

The club will have a cake, pie and apron sale Saturday May 7. The next meeting will be at the hall with Mrs. Mildred Harris, Mrs. Emma Bloom and Flo Ehler as hostesses.

Voters of Jt. District 10 Approve \$300,000 In Bonds

ISSUE PASSES WITH MAJORITY OF 210 AS SMALL
PERCENTAGE OF ELECTORS DECIDE TAX MEASURE

Out of an estimated 10,000 qualified voters in joint school district 10, a total of 564 participated in the election of April 5 to decide the issuance of \$300,000 in bonds. A majority of 210 decided in favor of the taxation measure.

Figures of the school election showed 386 votes in favor of the bond issue and 176 opposing. Two ballots were voided. In comparison, the election of February 5, 1945, total of 556 participated in the bond election of that time, 377 "yes" and 179 "no."

According to L. R. Metzler, superintendent of the high school and secretary of joint district 10 school board, a meeting of school directors will be held April 7 to start immediate plans for summer work. All plans had been held in abeyance pending outcome of the election.

Metzler declares that the board will in all probability start immediate work on the auditorium-gymnasium, which should be ready for use by the first of the year. Other construction, he adds will be held off for as long as possible, in the hope that building costs come down to allow the district more for its building dollar.

It is pointed out that one of the most surprising aspects of Tuesday's election was the apparent fact that the recent granting of franchise regardless of property ownership has meant little in boosting school votes.

Newborn Babies Join Late List In March Derby

Seven of the youngest Beaverton and surrounding area citizens who have a lot to say about something have appeared, by reliable proxy, for a listing in the March Baby Derby jointly sponsored by the BEAVERTON ENTERPRISE and other wide awake merchants.

To each of these newcomers, a special certification plus two dozen printed announcement cards are given at the Enterprise office. From there, the certificate entitles the holder to a list of gifts offered in honor of the great event.

Each month's contest is a separate one. In April, the following merchants are cooperating in the program: Walker's Department Store; Cook's Cleaners; Dean's; Drug Store; Florence's Sewing Center; Thrifty Market; Beaverton Furniture; Starkie Tot Shop; Falk Hardware; Harrell Studio, and The Washette.

Late March arrivals are: Keith Milton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Herbert Holzengel, 835 S. E. 13th Street, Beaverton. He was born March 21 at Jones hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Judy Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whiteside, of Cedar Hills, weighed 3 pounds, 10 ounces and was born March 22, at Emanuel hospital. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whiteside of Corvallis.

On March 23, Molly Louise was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weibby, at St. Vincent's hospital. Weighing 7 pounds, the young miss by now has about taken over the family residence at 650 S. E. 13th, Beaverton. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Renard and Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Weibby of Portland.

Also on March 23, at Jones hospital, Lawrence Richter, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lawton, 1625 Bertha Beaverton highway. Grandparents are Mrs. August Richter of Portland and Mrs. E. L. Sutton, of Seattle.

Yet again on March 23, Michael Robert, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rankin, 466 Bertha Beaverton highway. The event happened in Wilcox Memorial.

Evelyn Louise, on March 24, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Gaunt, Route 3, Beaverton, weight 8 pounds, 8 ounces. Grandparents are Louise Landsberg, Aloha, Louis L. Evans, Buck Mountain Logging camp and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gaunt, Westport, Washington.

On March 25, Peggy Ann was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Casteele, Route 1, Box 79, Aloha. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Hazel and Janice Cummings, Rita and Rosalie Stone and Norma McDonald went horseback riding Saturday at Ray's Western Riding Academy.

Interior View of St. Cecilia Church



FIRST HIGH MASS IN THE NEW St. Cecilia Catholic church, at Fifth and Franklin streets, Beaverton, was celebrated March 27, 6:30 a. m. and during the afternoon of the same day more than 600 parishioners and friends attended a silver tea and a reception. Rev. Father Thielen, guest speaker, explained church vestments, doctrines and the principal parts of Mass. Following his re-

marks, tea, coffee and cookies were served. Although the new church is not entirely finished on the inside, members of the parish take pride in the completion of the main portion of a long awaited dream.

Reverend George O'Keefe, now at St. Vincent De Paul, Salem, donated four acres as a site for the new church, rectory and school. (Photo by Harrell—Beaverton 4988)

Red Cross Drive Reports Made By Barnes & McKay

The Barnes School and McKay districts announce results from their individual Red Cross funds solicitations.

Mrs. W. A. Vining, chairman for the Barnes School district, announces a total of \$172.35 collected, in addition to 13 blood donors. Working with her were Mrs. Charles Farah, Mrs. Ross Whisman, Mrs. Donald George, Mrs. C. E. Taft, Mrs. Sylvia Morton and Mrs. Robert Cummings.

In the McKay district, the drive netted about \$365, announced Mrs. E. R. Bredemeyer, chairman. Her assistants were Mrs. E. B. Tongue, Mrs. B. F. Blithen, Mrs. R. V. Cottrell, Mrs. Walter Payne, Mrs. Earl McNott, Mrs. William Godwin and Mrs. Harry Eliander.

MAKE LONG HIKE

Duane Hein, Bill Peterson, Harry Hendrickson, Dick Brown, Walter Hafner and Jerold Loomis hiked up to McClay Park on Saturday and back. They left at 8 a.m. and arrived there at 10 a.m.