

Multnomah Should Be Name Of Suggested City-County

SENTIMENTS POINT OUT LACK OF ORIGINALITY OF PORTLAND; CHOICE MADE BY FLIPPING COIN

By Hervey S. Robinson
In 1845 two New England Yankees, Asa Lovejoy, from Boston, and Francis Pettygrove, from Portland, Maine, having obtained a claim which they believed suitable for the location of Oregon's future metropolis, hired a man to build a house upon it and laid out a townsite, consisting of sixteen blocks. This first building, according to Lovejoy, was "nothing but an old log house, and the mosquitoes were so thick that the fellow said he could not work. It was in

the winter and the house was full of fleas." The town was platted and some lots sold before the place had any name. This embarrassing situation was discussed at a family dinner party of the Lovejoys and Pettygroves at Oregon City. The partners might have given their embryo city one of the distinctive and beautiful Indian names prevalent in the vicinity; but the idea seems not to have occurred to either of them. Commenting upon this circum-

stance, Harvey Scott said, "Williamette, or Calapooya, or Tualatin would have been a first rate name for Portland." Williamette was the name generally applied by the settlers to the river which we now call by that name. But Multnomah was the Indian name for the river from the falls at Oregon City to its mouth and bordering it on either side.

It was also the name of a tribe of Indians, whose principal town was at the upper end of Multnomah (now Sauvie's) Island. The word meant down-river. "Multnomah should be the name of Portland" is the opinion of a number of other writers.

But neither of the founders could think of anything but the name of his old home town. So they tossed a penny to decide between Boston and Portland, and Portland won. Now Portland enjoys the distinction of being one of eighteen Portlanders in as many different states, to say nothing of a New Portland, South Portland, Portland Mills, Portland Point and Portlandville.

The name Tualatin (Indian for Lazy River) was applied to one of the first four counties in Oregon Territory, and when the legislature exchanged that colorful name for the most overworked geographical name in America, the Tualatin name was retained by a small village in that area.

The name Multnomah, variously spelled has jumped around from one place to another on the map of Oregon for about 150 years. When the Territorial Legislature in 1854 created Multnomah county by cutting off a portion of Washington county west of the Willamette and a portion of Clackamas county along the south side of the Columbia, it merely restored to that area a name which it had born forty years earlier. Including the original Indian village on Sauvie's Island four different towns, all within the bounds of the old Multnomah county, have successively born the name.

The Indian village disappeared from the map after the entire tribe was practically exterminated by the epidemic of "cold sickness" of 1829-32. Hugh Burns laid out a town on the west bank of the Willamette in 1846 and built a blacksmith

HEATING STOVE BLOWS UP TO CHANGE CLUB MEET LOCATION

By Mrs. Gladys Hesterlee
HAZELDALE-COOPER MOUNTAIN — The Cooper-Dale Garden Club met at the home of Margaret Weaver, Nov. 15 instead of with Mrs. Gladys Hesterlee as was announced. The Hesterlee heating stove blew up and they had no heat. Mrs. Hesterlee and Mrs. James Broad were the hostesses. Seventeen members were present. Mrs. Annie Kolibaba's and Mrs.

R. E. Jensen's birthdays were celebrated by singing "Happy Birthday".

Mrs. Hazel Johnson gave a talk on planting and dividing of bulbs. Mrs. Kolibaba made the arrangements. One was for the dining table and one for the coffee table. Both featured bronze "mums".

The club voted to make corsages and wreaths again, providing they can get the material. Members will meet Dec. 18 with Mrs. Margaret Weaver and make them to sell at the Christmas party Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. Annie Kolibaba where Mrs. Muller will be co-hostess.

The club president asked mothers with small children to bring a gift for them along with their Pollyanna gifts. And for each member to bring an extra gift for gift exchange.

Lunch was served by the hostesses.

MISSIONARY LADIES

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Hazeldale Bible Church will meet Dec. 8 with Mrs. W. M. Prodhal at Jacktown. Mrs. Francis Merrill and Mrs. Otto Leopold will be co-hostess.

This will also be the Christmas party and all mothers with small children are asked to bring a gift for their gift exchange.

FRACTURED HEEL

Fred Kelley of Cooper Mt. broke his heel, Nov. 12, when he fell from the roof of the barn.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The Hazeldale school children will enjoy a two day holiday in observance of Thanksgiving.

UNUSUAL LILY BLOOM

While others are telling about their different flowers in bloom, this time of year, Mrs. Earl Gilbertson reported her Easter lily is in full bloom, with eight large blooms.

This is considered unusual for this time of year.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the Hazeldale Bible Church Sunday School Nov. 19 was 79. Those who observed their birthdays were Elmer Golden and Mrs. Carter, Marion Rasmussen observed for his new daughter Nancy Marie.

JOE KOLIBABA FUNERAL

Funeral services were conducted at the Sacred Heart Church Nov. 21, for Joe Kolibaba, who passed away Nov. 19 in Portland.

He was a brother of Mr. John Kolibaba of Hazeldale.

GUEST FROM HERMISTON

Mrs. Harold Ray and two sons, Melvin and Larry of Hermiston, visited last week with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Remington.

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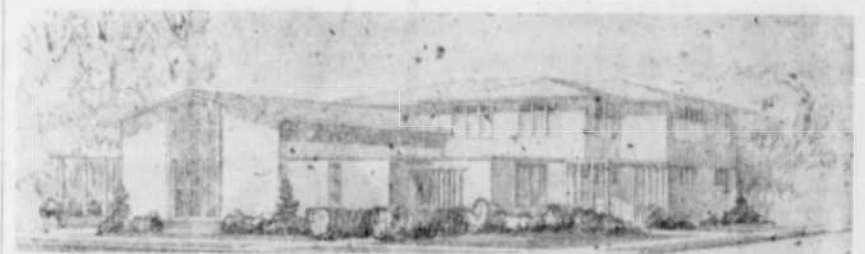
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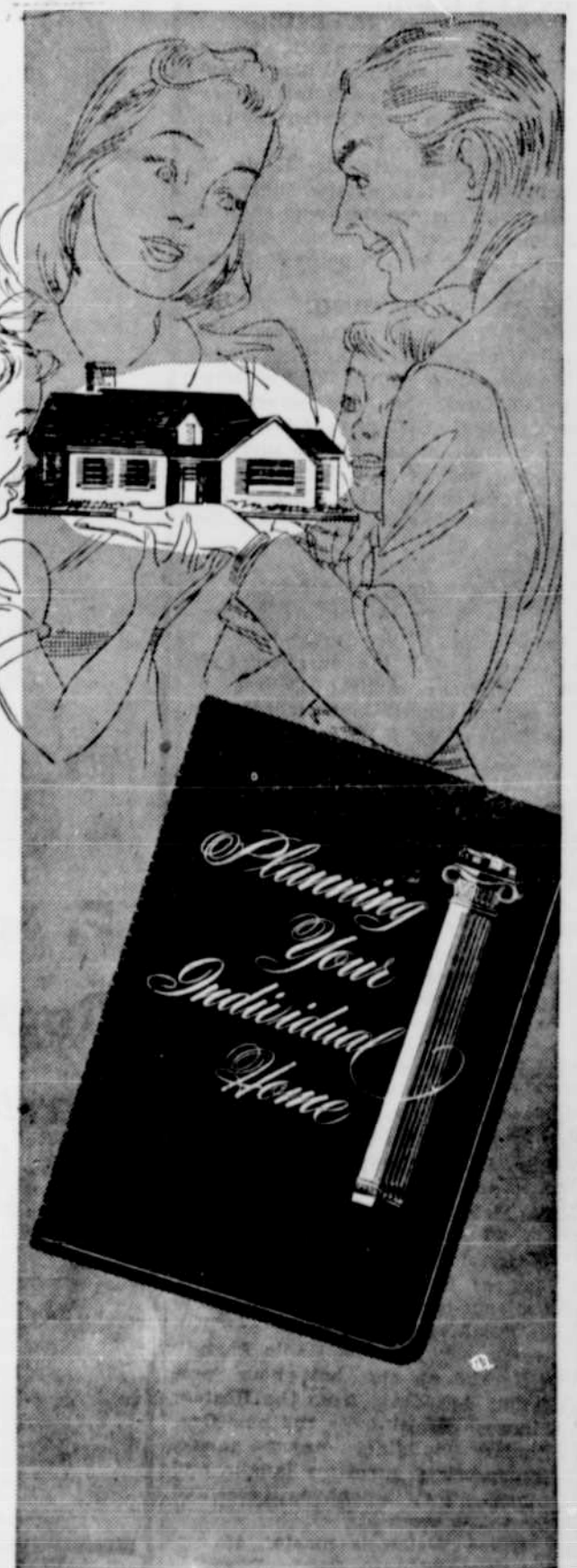
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