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CENTURY OLD CHURCH BRINGS PEACE—

In this atomic age of a world going mad with war, there are times when the yearning for the simple old fashioned peace of a Sabbath day as many knew it three or four decades ago, seems to become an all-consuming physical ache. A few miles back from the throbbing traffic highways in a peaceful valley, not so far away, may be found an hour's surcease within the walls of a century old church. In a chapel, beautiful for its plain and simple lines, unadorned save for two great baskets of rainbow hued gladioli, we were able to recapture memories of other Sabbaths long since gone.

We sat by an open window which framed a pastoral picture such as delight the Wallace Nuttings, rolling green and yellow tree-covered hills, a nearby barn with its silvery curling shake roof, a couple of corpulent cows ruminating in the shade of spreading maple tree, and over it all the soft faint haze of a warm August morning.

The pastor was young and earnest. He chose for his scripture reading the throat clutching cry of the apostle Paul "to preach Christ, and Him crucified." The congregation needed little reference to the worn hymn books to sing the time loved songs of the church. The atmosphere of reverence and peace pervaded the congregation with only the droning of a vagrant bee or the whir of a cricket in the tall grass beneath the window to lull small parishioners into napping and some of their elders into furtive nodding.

It was an hour of memory, an interlude from the past, and a solace for the present. It blotted out the horrors of modern progress with the healing of a comfort eternal. This is the America which lives deep in the hearts. An America which can not be conquered unless she forgets her "ancient landmarks" and her Christian heritage. F. M.

Timely Topics

Last week's electrical storm put everyone into a mellow mood of recalling experiences "way back when." From Kansas tornadoes to Mississippi floods the tales grew with the telling, each emigre from a foreign location belittled the Oregon brand of storm as being a mere zephyr—a fact which didn't insult any of the relieved local orchardists.

Verbatim conversation of two recumbent twelve year olds resting their bikes on the park grass:

"Do you like Shakespeare?"
"Yeah — that is some of him. I sure don't like the lovey-dovey stuff in If You Like It. And some of those jokes were pretty corny."

"Uh-huh. But some of 'em are pretty funny in the Comic of Errors."

"I like that Falstaff though don't you? He's really a crazy guy and I think his jokes are funny the way he says 'em."

Gilding Shakespeare with modern innovations may have its talking points, chief of which no doubt is the added "take." However, soda-pop and peanuts, candy bars and chewing gum belong to the baseball bleachers.

It looks as though Ashland expects to either take it lying down or is going on a sit-down strike, judging from the sudden rash of benches appearing in the most unlikely places.

Some time ago we made caustic comment upon the surly disposition of the swan who sails the lower Lithia pond. Now we have cause to apologize and to offer him our sympathy and condolences, for we have belatedly learned that in common with all swans, he is a monogamous bird who is grieving for his lost mate.

Talk about precosity! Want ad in local paper, "Young couple starting school need apartment."

JOHN LEWIS BARNHOUSE

John Lewis Barnhouse, 80, a well known resident of Ashland since 1908 passed away Sunday after a three day illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Litwiller Funeral Home with the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell officiating. Entombment was in the Resthaven Mausoleum.

Barnhouse was born July 1, 1870 at Columbus, Ohio, moving to Kansas in his youth where he took part in the opening of the Oklahoma territory. On April 12, 1893 he was united in marriage to Ida May Hopkins at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Moving to Ashland in 1901, Barnhouse engaged in the meat business until his retirement in 1931. He was baptized in the Episcopal church and was a member of Ashland Lodge BPOE No. 944, and of the Maccabees.

Survivors are his wife Ida May Barnhouse, a daughter Cleo of Portland and sons V. G. and F. H. Barnhouse of Ashland, a brother Oliver of Hamilton, Ohio, a granddaughter Mrs. Gordon Miller of Ashland and a grandson Melburn Mast of Portland.

DON S. WHITNEY

Don S. Whitney, 67, a resident of Ashland for most of his life, passed away suddenly Friday afternoon at his home at 171 Church street.

Mr. Whitney was born April 1, 1883 in Portland, Oregon. He attended the Ashland schools and took a course in what was then the Southern Oregon Normal school, December 26, 1914, he was united in marriage to Ethlynde Sanford in Ashland.

For over 51 years he was in the service of the Southern Pacific and retired April 1, 1948. Upon his retirement he was presented with a life membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and was a member of the local B.P.O. E., No. 944, of Hillah Temple and of the Knights Templar Malta Commandery No. 4, and was a 33 degree Mason.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Mrs. Marietta Hamaker of Long Beach, Mrs. A. I. Simpson of Ashland; a brother, Frank H. Whitney of Portland; sisters Mrs. Louise Richardson of North Hollywood, and Mrs. F. A. Bechert of San Francisco; and by three grandchildren.

Remains lay in state in the Litwiller Funeral Home from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday evening. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the Episcopal church, with the Rev. H. A. MacDonnell officiating. Interment followed in Mt. View cemetery.

Bartlett Size Better Than In Past Years; Anjou Crop to be Record Yield

By C. B. Cordy, County Agent

In most orchards the size of Bartlett pears is much better than it was last year and considerably better than it was two years ago. However, there is still room for improvement, but the size is increasing rapidly at the present time and Bartletts are now gaining between two and three per cent of their weight each day.

Most growers prefer to put off the picking of their Bartletts as late as possible in order to gain this extra two or three per cent in size each day. However, the bare facts are that it takes about three weeks to handle the Bartlett crop and unless we start harvest when the fruit reaches a certain stage of maturity, it will be over-ripe before the fruit can all be picked. We also have the largest crop of Anjous the valley has ever produced, so we must get the Bartletts out of the way so the Anjous can be harvested properly.

The question always comes up as to whether or not it is desirable to make one picking or two pickings. With moderate crops there is very little actual gain in tonnage by making two pickings. The reason for this is that where one picking is made, all of the fruit is growing on some of the trees all of the time; whereas, if two pickings are made we get over the trees faster so that only the remaining half of the fruit is growing. The chief advantage of two pickings is in orchards where crops are heavy or where some of the fruit is actually too small to be marketed. In these cases, only the larger fruits should be picked the first time over. This will give additional time for the smaller fruits to grow, so that by the time the second picking is started all of the fruit will be large enough to be sold to advantage. If all of the fruit is two and three-eighths inches or larger when the picking is started, there is very little to be gained by picking the trees twice unless the crop is very heavy.

Many growers start the season by picking only part of the fruit in order to get started, then switch to a single picking the second week.

Pears are a rather unique fruit in that they develop their best quality when they are picked green. If pears are allowed to

ripen on the tree, the flesh becomes coarse grained and starts to rot at the core. If picked at the proper stage, when they appear to be hard and green, they can be put in storage or ripened under proper conditions and will develop excellent quality.

In picking peaches, a person can squeeze them with the thumb and when the flesh yields the fruit is ripe. With pears, the flesh is so hard that you can't squeeze it with your thumb, so Oregon State college developed a mechanical squeezer known as the pressure tester. This machine works on the same principle as a person squeezing a peach. It has a plunger about the size of your thumb and a pair of scales. The pear is placed between the plunger and the scales, and the amount of force it takes to push the plunger into the fruit is measured on the scales. A sample of 6 to 8 pears picked throughout the orchard gives a good indication of the maturity of all the fruit.

Because fruit of this valley matures later than most of the other coastal districts, we have always picked out fruit at a rather high degree of maturity and, as a consequence, have enjoyed a reputation of having very high quality pears.

The Pacific coast crop of Bartlett pears will be well under last year's crop. The Rogue valley, like the other pear areas, will have fewer Bartletts, probably 15 to 20 per cent fewer, than last year's record crop, but that will still be an average crop for the last few years. Winter pear production for the coast will be about average but will be considerably above last year's production. Our area also follows this trend and will produce well over a million boxes of Anjous, which will be a record yield for that variety.

RED CROSS REPORTS FEWER JULY CASES

Medford, Aug. 16—The home service department of the Jackson county Red Cross handled its lowest intake in several years last month, a report of the chapter's July activities discloses.

Although July activities set a record low, 48 cases involving 83 different services were handled here.

An increase in cases involving service men has been noted by the county office. Last month 13 reports on service men, five leave verifications, two dependency discharges and eight claims were processed by the staff and volunteer workers.

SPEED BASIC CAUSE OF HIGHWAY DEATHS

Salem, August 16 — High speed accidents on open highways are playing a leading role in Oregon's traffic death upsurge, the secretary of state's traffic safety division reported today.

The division said fatalities to date are 14 per cent higher than last year at the same time, and that about three out of four death crashes are taking place outside the limits of any city or town.

Studies of last year's traffic record show that out of every 31 mishaps at 50 to 60-mile-an-hour speeds resulted in death. One in two between 70 and 80 miles an hour proved fatal.

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HOW TO TREAT YOUR TELEPHONE

Suggestions to help protect your service



1. A twisted cord can lead to trouble. Although the wires are especially designed for flexibility, too many twists and kinks may eventually break them and interfere with service until a repairman can call. Good idea to get the curls out by letting the receiver dangle and unwind by itself... then keep them out by remembering, each time you call, not to put turns in the cord as you handle the receiver.

2. It's built to take it... but your telephone can develop ailments if it's dropped. So make sure the stand it sits on is solid and in a spot where it won't be accidentally bumped. Other ways to help protect service: Avoid "gadget" attachments for your telephone... keep cords clear of doorways where they may be pinched... and always keep water away from wires and fittings.

3. Did you ever stop to think that your telephone is one service or piece of equipment in your home that's repaired and maintained for life at no extra cost to you? It's one of the values included in the rates you pay for service... rates that make your service a real bargain today. For the telephone takes an even smaller part of the family budget than it did ten years ago. On the average, rates have gone up less than half as much as the cost of living generally.

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