

150th Anniversary of Fulton's Hudson Voyage Will Be Observed

Washington — This summer marks the 150th anniversary of the historic, happy voyage of Mr. Robert Fulton's Clermont.

The Clermont, though not the first steamship by any means, chugged to fame Aug. 17, 1807, on its run from New York to Albany.

Its success ushered in the remarkable era of steam transportation that helped build America.

Not many people thought Fulton's "Folly" could do it. Thomas Paine said a whale would have to tow it. To some persons, the low lying vessel suggested a "backwoods sawmill mounted on a scow and set afire."

Skeptics gathered at the New York pier on that warm, misty August day in the delicious dread of seeing the Clermont blow up.

It seemed at first, that their fears would be fulfilled. The boat had hardly pushed away from the dock when it spluttered and clanked to an embarrassing stop.

There was alarm, especially among the select group of passengers. These included Fulton's brother, New York Chancellor Robert Livingston, his distinguished guests, and quite a few Livingston girls. There were mutterings: "Told you... Foolish scheme."

Fulton, a determined and darkly handsome man, climbed onto a platform and addressed the throng.

In his own words: "I stated that I knew not what was the matter, but if they would be quiet and indulge me for half an hour, I would either go on or abandon the thing for that time."

Luckily, the trouble was set aright. The Clermont splashed up the Hudson river at a steady five miles an hour. To one poetic spectator, it resembled, not a sawmill, but a "monster moving on the waters defying the wind and tide, and breathing flames and smoke."

Fulton himself noted the "romantic and ever varying scenery of the Hudson's highlands."

No doubt the former farm boy was in a wondrously romantic mood. Behind him lay a wake of brilliant failures in art, canal designing, and submarine inventing, but beneath him was a steamboat that actually worked well. It was not his idea, but he had the genius to combine all the best ideas of earlier inventions. And aboard the Clermont was the fair, harp-playing Harriet Livingston, his beloved.

Happy Ending
Financier Livingston was elated, too. Just after noon the next day, he announced cousin Har-

riet's betrothal to Robert. Then the Clermont docked at Livingston's riverside estate, "Clermont," and everybody went to the manor house to spend the night.

Meanwhile, the Clermont's captain fetched his wife, who had burning desire to ride to Albany in a vessel driven by a "tea kettle."

The voyage took 32 hours of sailing time. And for Fulton, it had the happiest possible ending — fame, prestige, a loving wife, and four children.

Central Point — The Jaycees met the evening of May 22, at the home of Mrs. Melvin Anhorn, with Mrs. Dale Bartley and Mrs. Bill Esselstyn as co-hostesses.

The following officers were elected for the summer term: president, Mrs. Lee Collinsworth; first vice-president, Mrs. Richard Stratton; second vice-president, Mrs. William Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Gay Hallett and treasurer, Mrs. Lee McNew. The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, June 12, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Don Squire, with Mrs. Gay Hallett, and Mrs. Eloy Sutton as cohostesses.

A party and shower was held Tuesday evening in the Fellowship hall of the Community Bible church, honoring the Rev. William Mallon, missionary to the Netherlands' New Guinea. The shower included the things he would need for the four years in the field. Fellowship hall was decorated with spring flowers. Refreshments were served to nearly one hundred guests.

The graduation ceremony for Crater High school is to be held on Wednesday, May 29, at 8 p.m. There will be 120 students receiving diplomas.

Larry Frick is improved enough to be brought home. He had been taken to Eugene by Mercy Flights. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Frick of Taylor road.

Kathi Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Glenn, has had a two weeks seige of the measles.

Clarence Melbye, vice-principal and dean of boys, has resigned from Crater High school to become principal of Central High school, at Monmouth-Independence.

Daily vacation Bible school will begin at the Church of Christ, June 10, and will continue through June 21. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Special classes will be held for those students graduating from the eighth grade this year, though high school girls will be taught flower arranging and the boys will be taught furniture making. Boys and girls interested in these classes, may register at the church services, or they may call the Rev. Mr. Shelley.

A 3-C David Monia is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Monia. He is stationed at the Chanute Air Force base in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ayres spent last week end at Klamath Falls visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes and boys. Mrs. Grimes is the daughter of the Ayres.

The Friends church Bible school will begin June 10 this year. It will continue for two weeks. Classes will begin at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Anthony F. Lyon Jr., sister of David T. Allison, of Central Point, embarked for Japan, June 25th. She will join her husband, Sgt. Lyon, who is stationed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grimes stopped in Central Point Saturday. They are former residents of Central Point and are now living at Gold Beach. They were on their way to Klamath Falls to visit their son, William Grimes and family.

Mrs. Bob Morris of Gold Hill called at the home of Mrs. Royal Greenman Sr., Sunday.

The Central Point Rural Fire department held a surprise drill during the drag races at Camp White, yesterday. The purpose of the drill was to see how quickly the area could be cleared, in case of fire. The crowd, estimated at more than 2,000, cleared the track before the fire trucks could come the two blocks from the fire hall. Firemen taking part in this event were, Elvis Byer, E. Amidon, Walter Johnson and Robert McIvor.

Sunday at Touville park, a family reunion was held, honoring Mrs. Norma Higinbotham, on her birthday. Her children and families who attended the affair

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HILTS Graduation Exercise Held

BY MRS. M. F. CAVIN
Hilts — The Cafeteria room of the Hilts elementary school was the scene of the graduation exercises for the eighth grade class on Thursday evening, May 23.

The room was decorated by the seventh grade class with lattice weaving of pink and white crepe paper overhead. Branches of mock orange bush with purple iris formed the background.

The graduates Charles Shaw and Letha Zerbee, were introduced by principal Perry Johnson. This is the smallest class ever to be graduated from Hilts school.

Invocation was given by Pastor John Shaw, after which presentation of colors was made by Bob Scouts Kurt Johnson and Terry Tallis.

Presentation of diplomas was made by Bob Trinca. Speaker of the evening was the Rev. Lester Libbey, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ashland.

Corsages of pink and white carnations for the graduates and teachers were provided by the PTA.

The final meeting of the Hilts PTA for the school term, was held in the cafeteria room at the school on the afternoon of May 16.

The program was presented by Mrs. Brice Rohrer's third and fourth grade students.

The business meeting was presided over by president Mrs. Donivan Ward.

The tentative date of May 17 for the school picnic was found to be unsatisfactory for various reasons, including a busy sports calendar, much illness in the community, and unfavorable weather conditions. After a brief discussion, September was chosen by majority vote.

Other business matters were setting a price on the public address system for resale, with Mrs. Rodney Eastman being added to the committee already appointed to transact the sale and purchase of other machines. Vern Burns, Mrs. Robert Fremd, and Mrs. Al Simmen having been previously appointed. The graduates and teachers were presented with flowers on the night of the graduation program, May 23.

A "Country Fair" was planned for the latter part of August to serve as a money making project for the coming term. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robert Preston and Mrs. Robert Fremd.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thompson and daughter Marilyn visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rohl in Copco.

Mrs. Perry Johnson and daughters, Nancy and Joyce, made a business trip to Klamath Falls on Saturday.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Green and family were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Seaton of Masier, Ore. Mrs. Seaton is Green's sister.

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The senior Girl Scout troop, under the leadership of Mrs. William Wiley, participated in

a "Coffee Can Cook-out" at the Burton Ranch, southwest of Yreka on Saturday. They were joined by some of the senior scouts from Yreka.

Word was received Tuesday morning of the death of Mrs. Clela Gliberg in Sonora, Calif., on Sunday. Survivors include her son William, of Modesto, Gene of the Armed Forces, Karen of Sonora, and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Al Simmen and Mrs. William Wiley spent Tuesday in Medford on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Itala Marin and Frankie, spent the weekend in Oroville as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, former Hilts residents who managed the Club hotel a few years ago.

They saw the Feather river festival, a weekend event, at Oroville. Mrs. Lee Sheppard and children accompanied the Marins to Oroville where they visited at the home of her mother.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Vande Weghe on Monday were Mrs. Ed Moore and Mrs. Tom Burnfield, of Medford, Mrs. Paul Godward of Jacksonville, and Mrs. Anna Wolf, of Central Point. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Vande Weghe cousin, was honored with a birthday party in the afternoon.

Miss Marlene Smith, who spent a week's vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thompson, and sister Marilyn, left Friday evening for her home in Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. Ted Sletten and daughters, of Medford, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayris Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vieira, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cavin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gino Trinca and sons, drove to Hornbrook Wednesday evening to attend a dinner at the home of Mrs. Ella Rose in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Vieira, Mrs. Cavin, and Mrs. Trinca are Mrs. Rose's daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Raybould, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hootenple and daughter, Naomi, of Cloverdale, Calif., are spending a few days visiting at the home of Raybould's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Frealey.

GOD AND CHOCOLATE MILK
Chicago — Mrs. Charlotte Bonner, who celebrated her 107th birthday today, attributed her longevity to "faith in God and chocolate milk." Mrs. Bonner, who has outlived three husbands and five children, said she felt like a "spring chicken" and expected to better the longevity record of her grandfather who lived to 114.

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Fair Weather Slated For Memorial Day

Washington — The U.S. weather bureau forecasts gentle fair and mild weather on Memorial Day throughout the nation.

In a special holiday forecast, the bureau said showers or thunder showers may interrupt the fair weather pattern during Memorial Day afternoon or evening over scattered areas from the Mississippi valley to the Sierra Nevada mountains in the West.

It will be warmer in the east with showers of thunder showers threatening Florida, parts of the Ohio and Pennsylvania valleys.

Temperatures in the 60s were forecast along the Gulf coast and in the Southwest and in the 60s in the Great Lakes region and in northern Maine. The rest of the nation can expect temperatures in the 50s, the forecast said.

POLICE PLAYING SCRABBLE
Madison, Wis. — Police used the scrabble method today in their efforts to catch burglars. Twenty-one aluminum letters valued at \$105 were stolen from a local firm Tuesday and the police believe the letters spell the names of the thieves.

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