

### Early Oregon History Recalled on Birthday

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN  
Hornbrook—A bit of early Oregon history was recalled recently when Mrs. Ella Rose observed her 80th birthday anniversary.

Born Ella Newcomb on May 21, 1878, on the Caldwell ranch at Williams creek, Josephine county, she was one of the three children of pioneer settlers in that area, John and Eva Caldwell Newcomb. A brother and sister were born on the Newcomb ranch at Applegate, near the Applegate bridge.

A cherished possession of Mrs. Rose is an account, handwritten by her grandfather, C. B. Caldwell, of his trip to Oregon. He made the trip with his 10-ox team in a company of emigrants of 125 wagons, leaving Lexington, Mo., in the spring of 1846, when he was 19 years of age. A few days out, the train separated into bands of 25 wagons each, as it was found impossible for all to travel together and make more than 10 miles per day. Near where Lakeview, Ore., now stands, the band of which Mr. Caldwell was a member was attacked by Indians, and a number of persons were killed, as well as many oxen. The party then crossed the mountains and entered the Rogue valley near Ashland and started north, reaching Grants Pass, their entire stock of flour and meat was exhausted, but they were able to secure enough smoked salmon and meat from some friendly Indians to keep them going. They forded the Rogue river about two miles above the present location of Grants Pass, and on arriving at what is now Eugene, found only one house.

The group settled in Polk county, and the next year Caldwell went to California to mine quicksilver. It was here that news of the gold excitement reached him in 1848, and he joined the rush to the American river. In his first six weeks of mining, he took 100 ounces of gold. At this time he was called back to Oregon, and took his gold with him to Oregon City. He was credited with being the first person to bring California gold into the Willamette valley. The sight of the California gold in Oregon City caused a stampede to the southern gold fields, and Caldwell sold his gold to Dr. John McLoughlin and joined the rush again himself. Dr. McLoughlin was then operating a store in Oregon City. He paid Caldwell \$11 an ounce for his gold.

After several years in California, mining and operating different lines of business, Caldwell returned to Oregon and settled in Josephine county on the east fork of Williams creek. Here he once again returned to his trade of furniture making—a trade he had learned as a young man in Missouri. His turning lathes, saws and other machinery he brought from San Francisco, and part of the power to operate them was supplied by a water-wheel which he built in Williams creek. For many years he made much of the furniture for the settlers of southern Oregon and northern California.

He continued to operate his factory for 30 years, until the advent of the Southern Pacific railroad into the territory made it possible for cheaper goods to be shipped in, and he could not meet the competition. A yellowed and crumbling clipping from the Oregon Daily Journal, Portland, for February 13, 1912, carries a reproduction of a photograph of Mr. Caldwell, then 85 years of age, and in a story entitled "This Man Has Spent 66 Years in Oregon" recounts this story as told by him and is treasured by Mrs. Rose and kept in her family Bible.

As a young girl, Mrs. Rose worked for several families in Medford, one of them being that of George White, then the prosecuting attorney. Her husband, the late Charles Rose, also was born on Williams creek, and he and his bride were married there in 1899. The family moved to Hills in 1919, where he worked until he became ill and they moved to the Hornbrook area and worked on a ranch for several years. They moved into town in 1942. Mr. Rose passed away in August of 1952.

Mrs. Rose's five children and 12 grandchildren were present for her birthday party. They are Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Rose and three children of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rose and three sons of Grenada, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. B. Cavin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gino Trinca and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vieira and two children, all of Hills. An adopted son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rose of Arcata, Calif., also were here, as were a grandson, Leslie Boardman, and Mrs. Boardman of Medford, a cousin, Mrs. Minnie Howell and her son of Santa Cruz, Calif., and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edith Newcomb of Ashland.

During the day, numerous friends and neighbors called on her. Mrs. Rose has a philosophy of life which is exemplified by the fact that, besides raising her own children, she opened her home and her heart over the years to nine homeless children, who still call her "Mom."

**NOT WOMEN DRIVERS**  
Chesterfield, England—(UPI)—Drivers of two police cars staging a road safety demonstration before 8,000 persons were unhurt Tuesday when their autos crashed head-on.

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### Christian Life Said Not Funny

San Francisco—(UPI)—Billy Graham told 15,000 persons at the Cow Palace Tuesday night that the Christian life is a life of rejoicing—but it is not a joke.

"It is not a joke," the evangelist said, "because you only can enter the Christian life after being convicted of your sins by the Holy Spirit."

He said millions of Americans are lying to the Holy Spirit by pretending to be something they are not.

Earlier in the day, a crowd of 12,000 persons turned out in City Hall Plaza at Oakland to observe "Billy Graham Day." The evangelist said they were all sinners.

"Too many of us try to substitute tranquilizers, liquor and night clubs for religion," Graham said. "We hear the excuse that the church is not perfect. . . This is true, but the church is the greatest moral influence in any community."

### Girl Scouts

**Take Hike**  
Eighth grade Girl Scouts of Troop 17, Hedrick Junior High school and Troop 158, McLoughlin Junior High school, with their leaders, Mrs. Jerry Gastineau and Mrs. Maurice Ritchey, and "camp dad," Maurice Ritchey, hiked up to Tallowbox Lookout Saturday, May 17, following an overnight camp at Star Gulch-Sulphur Springs.

Following the posting of the flag, three tents were pitched by the girls, while "hobo" stews were cooking. After exploring and playing ball, the scouts enjoyed a campfire program, with singing and impromptu skits. Mr. Ritchey instructed the girls in the care of lanterns.

Doughnuts were made and eaten before bedtime and "taps."

An early morning walk was followed by a campfire breakfast. After the tents and gear were packed the hike to the lookout began. On the way the girls identified more than 40 different trees and wild plants, reaching the lookout just before noon. Sack lunches were eaten and some of the girls took snapshots.

Girl Scouts included Jill Barnes, Sherrill Bledsoe, Sunny Gastineau, Diane Jore, Diana Hiatt, Anita Ritchey, Roseann Warren, Lynn Peterson, Marilyn Harwood, Ruth Milligan, Jeanette Simons, Janette Jones and Loleta Suttell.

Ellen Montgomery, Mary Dodge and Mrs. Dodge joined the group Saturday morning. These two troops will form one Senior Scout troop and are interested in being Ranger Scouts.

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### JACKSONVILLE Pre-School Clinic Set

By BETTE HOSKINS  
Jacksonville—A pre-school clinic will be held in the Jacksonville school Wednesday, June 4, from 9:15 a.m. until noon and from 1 until 3:30 p.m. Children who plan to enter the first grade at Jacksonville in September, are eligible to attend. Immunization will be offered. Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health physician, will be the examining doctor.

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### Brake Failure Blamed for Crash

Ontario—(UPI)—Air brake failure was blamed today on the crash of a passenger coach into the wall of the Union Pacific freight depot here Tuesday afternoon. The coach was empty.

The accident caused about \$2000 damage. No injuries were reported.

Norman Towne, UP freight agent, said the mishap occurred when an engine switched onto the car to pick it up for the day's run to Burns, and the brakes failed.

Ties were snapped, rails were twisted and broken and a steel-reinforced concrete bumper at the end of the siding was crushed when the car derailed.

**Strawberry Pickers Get Urgent Call**  
Gresham—(UPI)—A call for more strawberry pickers was made by growers today because of ripening crops. Pickers were getting about 4 cents a pound.

### Dr. Merkel Warns About Swimming

Summer weather brings its problems, and among them is the lure of the "ol' swimmin' hole," Dr. A. E. Merkel, Jackson county health officer, reminded today.

It is not safe to swim in irrigation canals or in ponds or reservoirs fed by such canals, because of the danger of contaminated water, Dr. Merkel said. He added that the public pools are properly supervised and must meet rigid sanitation requirements, as well as the indoor pool at the YMCA.

Public pools in the area are those in the city park in Medford and at Jackson Hot Springs and Twin Plunges, in Ashland.

Numerous drownings have occurred over the years in unsupervised ponds and canals, Dr. Merkel warned.

Portland—(UPI)—Edward T. Cram, 59, Portland attorney, died in a local hospital Tuesday from complications following an attack of pneumonia.

### Tillamook YMCA Man Joins Nation Group

Tillamook—(UPI)—John Gardner, general secretary of the Tillamook YMCA, has been named to a three-year term on the YMCA's National Council. He is one of 18 national councilmen selected annually.

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