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Heart Attack Fatal To John Wills Monday

The Mill City community was shocked when it learned that John Wills, of Wills Bros. Shingle Co., had died early Monday morning from a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Wills had been in Portland Sunday and on the way home he complained of indigestion pains. He stopped at a cafe where he got a glass of milk and they then continued on home. He appeared to feel somewhat better, but during the night they called his brother Nat Wills, who took him to Santiam Memorial hospital at Stayton. Mr. Wills was able to walk to the car and into the hospital, where he was given treatment and informed of his heart condition. Nat Wills, after remaining at the hospital for awhile, came home, believing his brother not to be in a critical condition. They were called at about 4:45 Monday morning and told that Jack had passed away.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Lebanon with Rev. E. Ross Evans pastor in charge. Interment was in the Lebanon IOOF cemetery. Pallbearers were Carl Kelly and Robert Gregory of Mill City, Don Moore, Portland; James E. Stock, Glen McSorley and Frank Coulter of Sweet Home.

John Pipkin Wills was born April 16, 1903 at Colfax County, New Mexico, and was 53 years 2 months and 2 days old at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Hugh Wills, with the U. S. Navy at San Diego; and Robert Wills, Mill City; one brother, Nat A. Mrs. R. C. Embry, Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Earl Wisner, of Red Bluff, Calif. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge.

The Wills Brothers came to Mill City in 1954 and built a shingle mill, and have made many friends here who extend to them their sympathy in this untimely bereavement.

Mackie and Stewart Elected to Mill City Board of Education

Walter A. Mackie and C. W. (Dub) Stewart were elected to the Mill City Board of Education at the annual election Monday. Mackie will serve for a four year term and Stewart for a five year term. Mackie received 62 votes and Stewart 60.

On the proposition to transfer cash on hand to cover the supplemental budget the vote was 60 for and 2 against, with 2 not voting.

On the proposition to transfer funds received from Public Law No. 874, the vote was 53 yes, 2 no, and 9 not voting.

Bloodmobile to be at Mari-Linn June 21

LYONS—The Bloodmobile unit will be in Lyons this Thursday, June 21, and will be located at the Mari-Linn school house between the hours of 2 to 6.

Whole blood is urgently needed and the blood bank is asking for a minimum of 45 pints, and anyone giving blood here will be entitled to receive it anywhere. During a four-hour period before a donation of blood, a donor should avoid eating heavy fatty foods, which includes eggs, meat, cream, salad dressing, butter, and fried foods.

Tour of Canyon Held For Woman's Clubbers

A tour of the Canyon was arranged by the Mill City Woman's club under the direction of Mrs. O. K. DeWitt, for other club members of the county, especially those from Woodburn, who were especially interested in such an excursion, on Wednesday.

About 10 members from Mill City, plus their guests, met at the DeWitt home west of town at 9:30, from where they went to the M & M plant at Lyons for a conducted tour. At 11 a. m. the ladies made a guided tour of Detroit dam, after which luncheon was enjoyed at The Lake in Detroit.

During the afternoon, they drove to the Marion Forks fish hatchery and viewed pictures shown by the Forest Service. The day closed with refreshments at the DeWitt home in the late afternoon.

'Oregon Is The Place' Say MacGregors After Trip

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. MacGregor returned from a month's trip which took them 6800 miles in 10 days of actual driving. They drove directly to New Jersey where they spent five days at the home of his brother, then seven days in Boston, Mass., visiting an aunt, three days in New Hampshire with an uncle and aunt, and short stop-overs with friends in New York City and with cousins in Schenectady, N. Y.

On the return trip across the country, the MacGregors visited for four days in Elgin, N. D., which is the home of Mrs. MacGregor's relatives. Her mother, Mrs. Catherine Mindt, returned with them to spend the summer here as she has done for the past three years.

This was the first trip East for the MacGregors in five years, although Mrs. MacGregor stated she had been back there four times. A fascinating description was given of the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey "turn-pikes" which allow many hundreds of miles of straight and fast travel, missing practically all the cities unless one has reason to stop.

An interesting stop was made near Michigan, where the travelers crossed the border into Canada, visiting the city of London in that country.

Mrs. MacGregor says that each time they go East, the West looks even better to them when they return.

Well Child Conference To Be Held Here June 2

Dr. Stone of Salem, will be in Mill City Tuesday forenoon, June 26, between the hours of 10 and 12 noon for a checkup of children of the area. Those wishing an appointment are asked to phone Mill City 2184.

Immunization will be taken care of in the afternoon.

Mrs. William Pennick, who has served as Health Chairman of the Marion County Health department of the Canyon area for some time has resigned. She will be spending some time out of the area as her husband has a logging contract in the Marion Forks area. She is being succeeded by Mrs. Howard Means of Mill City.

Rosalie Bassett Receives Honor at Girls State

Miss Rosalie Bassett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bassett, and a member of next year's Senior class, distinguished herself in many ways as the local representative to Girls' State session which was held recently at Willamette University in Salem.

Miss Bassett was a member of a city council, secretary of the Senate, and first place winner in the Flag Day contest. She took part in the choir, doing some vocal solo work, and played the clarinet, both in ensemble and solo, being honored to play the prelude to the candle-light parade in the Capitol building Saturday evening.

Sunday morning, Miss Bassett left Salem with the group of Mill City Rainbow Girls of Marilyn Assembly for Astoria to attend Grand Assembly through Tuesday evening.

Gift Shower Given Jan Ross at Rainbow Meeting

The last Rainbow Girls meeting of the year for Marilyn Assembly was held at the hall Wednesday night. The majority degree was given to Miss Frances Johnson, who had reached the maximum age for active members.

Worthy Advisor, Jackie Bickett, headed the initiation for her sister, Phyllis Bickett, who became a member.

A shower of gifts was held for Miss Jan Ross, junior past worthy advisor, who recently announced her engagement and approaching marriage.

At the close of the evening, refreshments were served by members from Idanha.

Weather at Detroit Dam

7:00 A. M. Daily Weather Readings And Lake Elevation

	Max.	Min.	Pcp.	M.S.L. Elev.
June 6	52	44	0.11	1563.71
June 7	57	48	trace	1563.86
June 8	68	49	0.00	1563.96
June 9	78	51	0.00	1564.12
June 10	73	51	0.25	1565.15
June 11	56	42	0.37	1566.40
June 12	70	46	0.00	1566.67
June 13	71	48	0.00	1567.16
June 14	73	48	0.30	1567.64
June 15	57	46	0.31	1568.40
June 16	58	47	0.32	1568.86
June 17	56	47	0.08	1568.97
June 18	74	49	0.00	1568.84
June 19	68	51	0.58	1569.08

During the month 1550 visitors signed the official guest logs. There were 36 different states and seven foreign countries represented.

Gates, Mill City Unionization Vote on Mon.

Residents of Gates and Mill City school districts will go to the polls again this Monday, June 25 to vote on the proposition of unionizing the two districts for high school purposes.

Voters will be voting on two questions at this election. One will be for the formation of a union high school district, and the other will be for the transfer of the high school site in Mill City with all property and grounds for the new union high school. A yes vote is being asked by the Board of Education of both districts, who are of the opinion that better education for less money will be available to the students of the area.

The directors of both present boards will act as a 10-man board for the newly formed district, hence no directors will be voted on at this time.

It is the intention of the two boards to start construction on the new high school building just as soon as an architect can be secured and the construction bonds can be levied and sold.

All residents of both districts are urged to get out and vote on Monday, June 25 between the hours of 2 and 8 p. m.

Junior Legion Team Loses Two Games

By Don Cree

The Mill City Junior Legion baseball team was defeated Wednesday by Silverton 2 to 1. Silverton scored one run in the second and seventh innings on walks and errors, without the benefit of a base hit. Due to the wildness of Mill City's pitcher, Silverton had base runners on in every inning. Although Mill City outthrew Silverton 5 to 3 they couldn't bunch their hits or get them with men on base. Mill City's lone run came on a home run by Gary Bevier in the 6th.

	R	H	E
Mill City	1	5	4
Silverton	2	3	1

Mill City battery, Garrison and Bevier.

Lose To Woodburn Sunday
The locals lost to Silverton by a 23 to 0 score. Woodburn started off with two runs in the first inning on a single and home run. After that they scored runs in every inning, including a 12-run seventh inning. Although Woodburn got 16 hits, errors were a vital factor in producing their runs. Mill City got two hits, each singles by Gary Bevier and Larry Kanoff.

	R	H	E
Mill City	2	0	12
Woodburn	16	23	2

Battery: Garrison and Muir.

Wednesday, June 20

As we go to press Wednesday the boys plan to play Salem here. The attendance at the games has been poor. The boys have been playing good baseball and have been practicing faithfully almost every day and deserve the backing of the townspeople. Plan to attend the games. Sunday's game will be a Stayton at 2:30.

	AB	H	R	Av.
Larry Kanoff	4	2	0	.500
Don Howe	10	3	2	.300
Gary Bevier	13	3	2	.230
Terry Muir	9	2	1	.222
D Watkins	12	2	1	.166
L Morgan	12	2	0	.166
M. Thomas	7	1	1	.143
B. Thomas	12	1	1	.083
Terry Garrison	12	1	1	.083
Eddie Reagles	9	0	0	.000
B. Morgan	2	0	0	.000
Pat Thomas	2	0	0	.000

Mike Schwindt Elected at Annual School Meeting

LYONS—At the school meeting held at the Mari-Linn school house Monday evening, Mike Schwindt was elected director and they also voted 50 to 8 in favor of the bond issue.

Stayton Union high school directors will be voted on at the Mari-Linn school house Monday, June 25 from the hours of 2 to 8.

Candidates are John Prideaux of Lyons and Douglas Heater of Fern Ridge.

BILL PENNICK RE-ELECTED TO GATES SCHOOL BOARD

In the annual election held at Gates Monday, William Pennick was re-elected to the school board. He will serve for a five year term.

Voters, 26 in number, also approved the budget.



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Barkley (Lela Kelly) following the wedding ceremony performed at the Presbyterian church here Sunday afternoon, June 10. Photo by Bob Veness

Local Men Honored on Years of Service With Certificates and Pins

James S. Olson, Roy Epperson, and Gene Englegau were among the 157 Corps of Engineers employees who were recognized for their years of service by Brig. General L. H. Foote, North Pacific Division Engineer and Col. Jackson Graham, Portland District Engineer, Friday, June 15.

Their federal service totals 2,230 years, virtually all which has been with the U. S. Army's Corps of Engineers.

James S. Olson and Roy Epperson were presented with certificates for 20 years service and Eugene Englegau was presented with a 10 year pin. The presentation was made by Walter A. Mackie, project engineer at Detroit dam.

Santiam Riders Hosts at Breakfast and Trail Ride

Sunday, Riders of the Santiam were hosts to visiting riders from Silverton, Albany and Salem for a breakfast and trail ride. Breakfast was served by the Mehana Woman's club and the group rode to the top of House Mt. Rock for lunch, served by the host club.

Among those enjoying the ride was the Holly Jackson family of Salem, including their youngest boy, 4½ years old, who made the long ride on his own Shetland. Many stated it was the most scenic ride they had ever taken.

Miss Evelyn Bowers Honored by Shower

DETROIT—A surprise nuptial shower honoring bride-elect Miss Evelyn Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bowers, Idanha, was held at the home of her parents, Friday afternoon. Hostesses were Mrs. James Giebler of Detroit, and Mrs. Leola Delker of Idanha. Miss Bowers is the bride-elect of Bill Halligan, son of Mrs. Alfred Olmstead of Lyons.

The wedding will take place in the near future.

Those present besides the honored guest were Kathy Harris, Mmes. Len Davis, Al Cokenour, Jim Harris, Albert Harris, Alpha Everly, and John Bowers. Sending gifts but unable to attend were Mmes. Alma Lady, Milo Harris, Betty Pittam, Jim Gordon, Thelma Smith, Earl Lady, Athel Savage, Vee Golden and Myrtle Geston. Games were played, and Miss Kathy Harris was awarded a prize. A nice luncheon was served.

Detroit-Idanha Votes Down School Budget

DETROIT—The Detroit-Idanha school budget of \$56,659.29 was voted down by a vote of 52 to 34 in the annual election held Monday.

Elected as school board directors were George B. Humphreys, who will serve for five years, and Raymond Sophy, who will serve three years.

By a unanimous vote Walter H. Bell was elected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Marion County Rural school district.

Gates, Mill City Planning July 4th Celebration

Plans are going forward at a rapid pace now for the Gates-Mill City sponsored Community July 4th celebration to be held at the City park and Allen Field. The dance in the evening, sponsored by the Gates Volunteer Fire department will be held at the high school gym in Gates.

Starting at about 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the American Legion is sponsoring a barbecue beef feed. July 4th buttons are on sale at this time, and those purchasing buttons will be entitled to a beef dinner, three ball games, and the fireworks display in the evening. Buttons will also admit holders to a show at the Mill City theatre for half price. The show will begin following the fireworks.

Workmen are building 10 concessions at the present time in the Silver Saddle garage building. These will be run by the Lions club, says Lowell Fleetwood, who is general chairman. The Lions and Auxiliary will also have a refreshment and lunch stand at the park.

The fireworks display in the evening is being put on by the Mill City Fire department. It will be a colorful display lasting about an hour.

New Instructors Hired At Board Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Board of Education, the following persons were employed to fill vacancies on the teaching staff which occurred by reason of resignation. William Ingram, a graduate of OSC was employed as instructor of high school mathematics and science, and to act as assistant coach. Miss Lewell N. Boone, formerly employed in Eastern Oregon and Oklahoma, will serve as instructor in Grade 4. Audrey A. Morley, a resident of Stayton, and a former teacher in Stayton and Detroit schools, will serve on the elementary staff, as will also Vera L. Smith, who formerly taught in Dallas, Oregon, and the state of Iowa.

Mrs. Smith plans to move to Mill City as soon as her housing plans are completed. She has daughter who will enter the Mill City high school next fall as a freshman. Miss Boone and Mrs. Morley are now attending a summer school session. This leaves one position vacant in the elementary school. Candidates for this position are now being interviewed by Supt. Brent.

Other action taken recently by the Board of Education included the awarding of a contract covering school bus insurance for the coming school year to George Laird, and authorization to purchase two additional instruments to supplement the school band equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brent, recently appointed to serve in the Mill City schools, have moved to Mill City and are occupying the residence at No. 7 Parkside Drive. Mr. Brent will serve as school administrator, and Mrs. Brent will serve as instructor in Grade 1. For the past years Mr. Brent has been employed as Superintendent of the unified elementary and high schools at Lexington, Oregon. For six years prior to that time, he was employed as Administrative Principal of the elementary school district at Monroe, Oregon. He is a native of Montana, a veteran of five years service with the U. S. Navy, and spent several years in the southwestern states employed by schools and a major oil corporation.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brent received their bachelor's degrees at Northwestern State College, Oklahoma, and Mr. Brent completed his Master of Education Degree at the University of Oregon. Mrs. Brent has completed several years of employment in Oregon and out of state as an instructor of first grade, music, and auditorium.

Terry Muir Honored at Boys State Meet at OSC

Terry Muir, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Muir, recently attended the annual session of Boys' State which convened at OSC in Corvallis. He represented Mill City high school, and was sponsored by the American Legion.

While in session, Terry served as mayor of one of the "towns," was nominated for State Representative, and played on the city basketball team. He stated the boys were kept busy from 6:15 each morning, until about 9:30 every night, and that he wished all boys of his age could attend as it was a wonderful experience.

Theta Rho Girls Attend Assembly

Mrs. Walter A. Thomas drove to the 5th annual Theta Rho assembly at McMinnville Thursday afternoon, accompanied by seven girls from the Beta Kappa Theta Rho club. They were Roberta Chance, assembly outside guardian; Aloha Thomas, delegate; Juanita Thomas, Ellen Chance, Marla McWhirk, Penny Newberg and Arlene Kershaw.

Marla McWhirk and Roberta Chance were the house guests of Marla's cousin while attending the session and the rest were housed in dormitories at Linfield college. The quarters and cafeteria had been turned over to the state assembly for the occasion.

The Assembly will be held next year on the Pacific college campus at Forrest Grove.

The girls on the way home went to Emanuel Hospital in Portland to visit Errol McWhirk, who has been in the hospital having surgery on his foot, and Bob Stevens of Gates, who just recently underwent spine surgery. They both stated they were glad to see someone from home.

Mrs. Leo Fitzgerald Has Party for Mrs. Wirkkala

Mrs. Leo Fitzgerald entertained last Thursday afternoon with a surprise birthday luncheon for Mrs. Charles Wirkkala. Most of the guests appeared in old-fashioned costumes, carrying out the "Gay Nineties" theme.

Following the 12 o'clock luncheon, the gifts were opened by the guest of honor. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in informal visiting.

Attending were Mrs. Jay Mason, Mrs. Ted Brown, Mrs. Edsel Croan, Mrs. Gene Engelgau, Mrs. Bonnie Whitset, Mrs. William Shuford, Mrs. Francis Ellingson, Mrs. Walter Mackie and Billie, Mrs. James Olson, Miss Billie Shuford and her cousin from Seattle, and the hostess, Mrs. Fitzgerald and the honor guest.

Others invited and sending gifts, but unable to attend, included Mrs. Elmer Payne and Mrs. Don Carlson.

Linda Budlong Honored On Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Dorothy Budlong honored her daughter Linda on her fifth birthday anniversary Saturday afternoon with a party. Playmates invited were Allan and Sharon Muise, Suzie Carlson, Claudia Budlong, a sister and the honor guest, Linda Budlong.

Games were played, gifts opened, and the highlight of the day was when refreshments were served by Mrs. Budlong and Mrs. Muise. Mrs. Budlong Sr., grandmother of Linda was also a guest.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO HAVE TEA AT FRERES HOME

The Woman's Auxiliary of Santiam Memorial hospital will hold a benefit tea at the T. G. Freres home Friday, June 29, between 2 and 4:30 in the afternoon.

There will be a style show during the afternoon hours, and the public is invited to attend.