

Wright Truck Lines Makes Growth To Keep Pace With Area Needs

One of the services in any area that expects to invite new industry is transportation service. The Canyon area has good transportation facilities both by rail and truck. For this reason, The Enterprise this week is giving a resume of the growth of the Wright Truck Line, which serves this area. It follows below.

Started regular schedule operation in March 1927 as owner-driver, with one truck and confidence that it could be done. In a little over a year another truck was added and a driver. Shortly after that the operation of a line to Scio was purchased and another truck added.

In 1934 the permit to operate between Portland, Dallas and Independence area was purchased. During 1935 the Ben Pollan permit into Monmouth was added. In 1937 a terminal warehouse was built in Independence and is still headquarters for that area. In 1944 adequate terminal facilities not being available in Stayton a lot on the corner of 2nd and Water Sts. was purchased and a terminal 70x90 feet was built and occupied in August of that year.

In 1948 the operating rights held by Felix T. Wright and operated by L. C. Lierman was purchased and merged with Wright Truck Line. Also in 1948 a contract was entered into with the Railway Express Company to act as their agent in Stayton and also haul express from Salem to Lyons and Mill City. About the same time a contract was made with the Southern Pacific Company to handle all less-than-carload freight by truck from Salem to all stations from Salem to Gates.

In December 1956 an agreement was made with Clyde Johnson, owner of the Senator Line of Salem to acquire by purchase the operating rights covering the transportation of general commodities both in intra and inter-state traffic between Portland and Salem. On January 28, 1957 a public hearing was held by the Public Utilities Commission in Salem regarding the transfer. As there were no formal protests an order authorizing the purchase will be issued in regular course. The Interstate Commerce Commission authority has already been issued. In anticipation of this transfer a lease has been taken on a terminal at 1120 N. Liberty St., Salem for the Salem headquarters. The terminal includes a shop where it is anticipated most of the maintenance work will be done because of its central location.

J. W. "Jim" McGill will be manager of the Salem operation and shop. Frank Woodrum who has been with Wright for five years will be dock foreman and salesman for Salem. Robert Busch will take the route between Stayton and Salem. Twenty-two people are now regularly employed.

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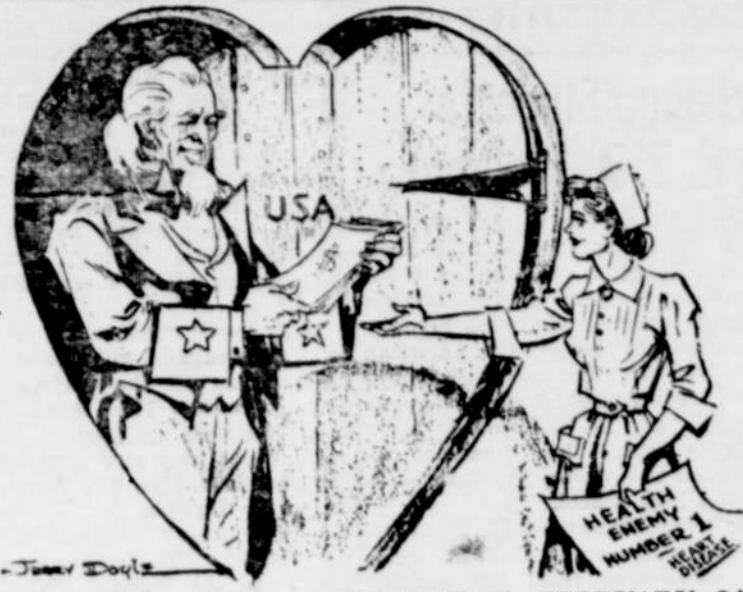
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GATES

By Mrs. Albert Millsap

Mrs. Floyd Volkel, Mrs. Orville Nygaard, Mrs. Don Hiner, Mrs. Margaret Clise and Mrs. "Red" Rynearson drove to Stayton Friday evening, where they kidnapped Mrs. Elmer Klutke and took her to Salem for dinner. The occasion was in celebration of her course at a beauty college in Salem. Mrs. Klutke now operates her own shop in Stayton, which she purchased some time ago.

Mrs. Lee Kuhlman spent Monday in Salem on business. She also visited with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nygaard, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Elmer Brown, of Mill City attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Jennie Valberg of Boring. The services were held in Gresham.

Mrs. Etta Reed, mother of Mrs. Philip Cann is visiting her granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Peetz and two small sons, at their home in El Cerrito, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Oliver, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Olive Oliver spent Friday in Corvallis, visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oliver. Their son is ill and hospitalized at the present time.

Ned Warriner and son, of Oakridge were in Gates and Mill City one day last week visiting friends. Warriner was employed at Detroit dam when they lived here. They were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Edholm during their visit in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hennes, accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. Lillie Lake and Mrs. Fred Ratzburg of Salem motored to Hillsboro Saturday, where Mrs. Lake remained for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lineout.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heath, daughter, Linda and son, Dennis of Salem were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heath. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Heath and two children, of Olympia, Wash., were also guests at their parent's home recently.

Ralph Millsap, of Portland, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Millsap. While here he and his dad planted more than 50 small cedar trees, a rare and ornamental variety, many of them on a lot near the river and the remainder in the yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wise, of Portland visited over the weekend with Mrs. Frankie Johnson and other members of the family. Mrs. Gwen Schaer was hostess at her home Sunday to the group, Mr. and Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Johnson and son, Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Levon and the Schaer children, Royal, Roger, Rodney and Carol. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schroeder of Mill City were afternoon callers.

Mrs. Verna Hunziker and son, Wayne, and her mother, Mrs. Julia Stoffel, all of Portland, and Mrs. Mabel Knutson, from Salem, all former residents of Niagara, were weekend visitors at the homes of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George Stafford, Richard and Oscar Nystrum and others.

Mrs. Tillman Rains was hostess at a birthday dinner Saturday, honoring her daughter, Mrs. Joe Toepfer (Marie), Stayton; her son, Leon Cline, of Foster and her grandson, Ronney Toepfer, whose birthdays all fall close together. Following the noon dinner the group visited for the remainder of the afternoon. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Toepfer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cline, daughter, Carol Ann and son; Miss Gloria Miller of Sweet Home, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cline and sons of Mill City.

Mrs. G. C. Barnhardt celebrated her 74th birthday Saturday. The birthday cake was served by Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt at her home to members of the family and later Mrs. Barnhardt was taken out to a special dinner at Chuck's by her sons, A. T. and David Barnhardt.

John Barnhardt, accompanied by a fellow student from OSC, visited Sunday at the A. T. Barnhardt home.

For the first time in 17 years a group of friends, schoolmates from OCE at Monmouth had a reunion Saturday in Portland at the Multnomah hotel and dinner at Davey's Locker. The group included Mrs.

Robert Levon, Gates; Mrs. Virginia Overlock, Seattle; Mrs. Gordon Krueger and Mrs. Bernard Gordon, both of Portland.

Mrs. William Pennick and daughter, Patsy, are among the latest to be reported to have the mumps, also little Ole Nygaard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nygaard.

Lyons Garden Club Elects New Officers

LYONS—Election of officers was the main business at the meeting of the reorganized Garden club held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Martha Cruson with Gertrude Weidman assistant hostess. New officers are: Martha Cruson, president; Mabel Downing, vice president and Jackie Harper secretary-treasurer. A short business session was held and the new president appointed the following committees: Program, Mildred Prichard, Carolyn Hiatt and Laura Neal; Historian, Carolyn Hiatt; Publicity, Eva Bressler. The next meeting will be held the second Wednesday in March at the Catholic Community hall with Mildred Prichard and Carolyn Hiatt as hostess. There will be an exchange of plants and bulbs. Following the business meeting games were played with Laura Neal and Donna Asmussen winning the prizes. Attending the meeting were Jaunita Wright, Jeanne Cruson, Jackie Harper, Bea Hiatt, Celene Taylor, Blanche Wagner, Eva Bressler, Carolyn Hiatt, Mildred Prichard, Donna Asmussen, Mabel Downing, Laura Mead, Reta Cruson, Alma Spellmeyer and the hostess Mrs. Cruson and Mrs. Weidman.



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MEHAMA

By Mrs. John Teeters

Mrs. Keith Phillips was hostess for the Ladies' Aid when they met at the church Thursday noon for a pot luck buffet luncheon. The luncheon was followed by a program and short business session. Mrs. Art Anderson was in charge of the program which was on "Christ's Way, Every Day." Mrs. James Hardy and Mrs. Chris McDonald assisted in presenting the program and in the devotions. It was decided to have an all-day meeting March 14, at which time mission sewing will be done and a pot luck luncheon will be enjoyed at noon as usual. Discussion was held on changing the name of the society. Everyone was asked to think it over and bring their suggestions to the March meeting. Mrs. Ervill Wilson and Mrs. Keith Phillips were appointed on a committee to purchase the drapes for fellowship hall.

The Charles Crook home was the scene Sunday of a large family gathering honoring the 74th birthday of Mrs. Eva Crook. Present for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crook and family; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crook and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crook all from Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Seamster from Salem; Mrs. Eva Crook, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crook and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crook.

Sgt. and Mrs. Wayne Bass and baby of Salem visited during the weekend with Mrs. Bass' parents the L. E. Wallens here.

Weekend guests at the Chris McDonalds were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stensland from Pacific City. Additional Sunday dinner guests at the McDonalds were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Teeters and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longfellow and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson, Mrs. Pearl Allaway and Craig Cooper spent Sunday at Newport and other places on the coast. They reported a beautiful day there.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Bloom and family moved recently into the La Verne Gould house they have purchased. The Bloom family formerly lived in Stayton.

The Junior Owens family visited the zoo near Woodburn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Rains and Debra are staying at the Ben Miller home while Mr. Miller is in Montana.

Cub Scout Den 5, Pack 81 has been divided into two dens. The fourth grade boys will remain in Den 5 with Mrs. Milton Roten as den mother and the second and third grade boys are now in Den 7 with Mrs. Junior Owens as den mother. Both dens meet Tuesday afternoons at the church. Den 7 meets at 3 and Den 5 at 4.

The Intermediate troop of Girl Scouts met at the church Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock for their regular meeting and a Valentine party.

The second and third grade girls of Brownie troop 136 invited their mothers to a Valentine party at the church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. An investiture ceremony was also held for Susanne Cutting who recently joined the troop.

The fourth grade Brownies met at the church Wednesday at 4 o'clock for light refreshments and then went to the Ed Castle home where Mrs. Castle gave an interesting talk on the care of the hair, nails and teeth.

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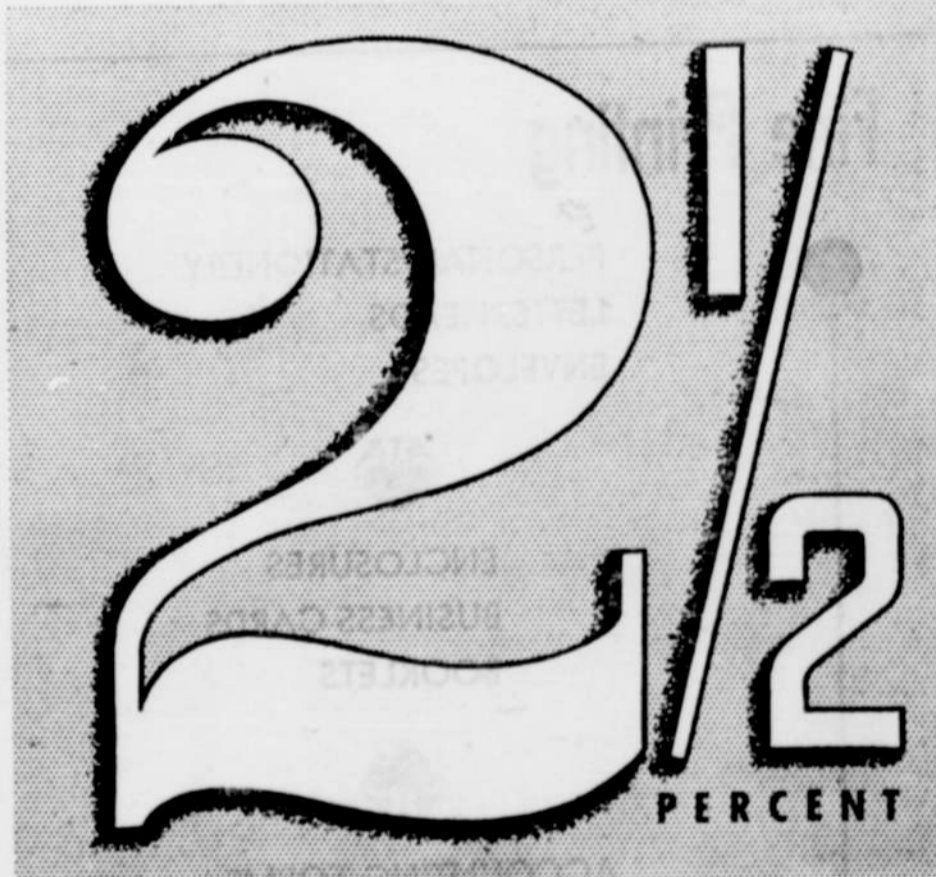
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