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Branch Equip. Co. To Hold Open House Sat.

The Raymond Branch & Son Equipment Co. at Mehama will hold an open house Saturday of this week from 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. in their new saw shop building which is located on the highway at Mehama. The new building will enable the firm to give even better service to loggers than in the past.

There will be free coffee and doughnuts and also a drawing for prizes which will include a D-30 McCulloch Chain saw with 18 inch bar, a pin-tail chain and file holder and file. The drawing for these main prizes will be limited to adults only. Mr. Branch said there would be souvenirs for everyone.

The meeting on chain saw care will be conducted by a factory-trained man who will instruct users on the mechanics of caring for saws and chain so that maximum life and peak operating economy can be obtained from them.

Slide films, flip-charts, lectures and other educational techniques will be used to present the many interesting and profitable subjects. There will also be a wide range of actual demonstrations, including a demonstration on how to properly file a saw chain.

Santiam Softball Ass'n Formed

In a meeting at the Jaycee hall recently, a Santiam Softball Association was formed. The six teams, interested in forming a league here this summer, were asked to send one person to this meeting to represent their respective teams.

Present at this meeting were: Bob Rash of Mehama, Harold Longfellow of the Mehama Fire department; Jerry Rosamond and Harvey Syverson of the Gates Fire department; Jim Grant of the Mill City Jaycees, Vaughn Hunt and Bernard Miotke of the Simpson plant in Lyons and Jim Wright and Fred Taylor of the Simpson plant in Idanha.

From this group the officers were elected as follows: Jim Grant, president, and Bob Rash, secretary-treasurer.

Each team in the league is scheduled to play 30 games, plus a double elimination tournament at the end of the season.

The first game is slated for May 11th weather permitting.

Mehama Post Office In New Location

MEHAMA—April 1 the Mehama postoffice moved into a building that housed the office before the turn of the century. At present, it is known as The Hub Cafe, gathering spot for Mehama citizens.

Pearl Allaway owner of The Hub, will conduct the postoffice in conjunction with the cafe.

The new location for the postoffice was originally a grocery store. The postoffice was conducted in the rear when the store was owned and operated by M. E. Phillips and Sons.

The postoffice was later moved to Mulkeys and then to the Jack Rylands, where it has operated for the past several years.

Some remodeling has been done to the Hub to assure service as usual to the public.

Shirley Veness Places Second in District Spelling Contest

Shirley Veness, local spelling champion of Mill City Elementary School, placed second last Wednesday night in the District 7 spelling contest held at Scio against a field of 10 contestants Linn County, Dennis Clipfel, a student at Mari-Linn, took first place. Shirley will enter the final contest to be held at Salem on Thursday night, April 2. Shirley and her instructor, Doris M. Shelye, will be the dinner guests of The Statesman staff members on the night of the final contest.

Linn County Rural School Budget Carries By Large Majority

The recent election held in Linn county on the proposition of levying a tax to be distributed to rural school districts carried by a vote of 1547 to 440.

The vote here was 77 for to 19 against.

Masons To Hold Teacher Reception at Stayton April 16th

The Masonic lodges of Mill City, Stayton and Turner will hold a reception for the teachers of the schools of the area at the Stayton grade school Thursday, April 16 at 8 p. m. About 160 teachers are expected to be present when Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Walter Lansing gives the main address.

The Order of Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay boys will also have a part in the program. This will be the first time an event of this type has been put on by the lodges in the area, and it is being done to give the faculties of the schools recognition for the work they are doing.

Fifty Present at Bookmobile Meet at Albany

About 50 people were present at the Bookmobile meeting at Albany Friday evening. Those attending from Mill City were Mrs. Al Pakula, Mrs. Bill Hoeye, Mrs. Edith Mason, and Ronald Ragsdale.

Miss Cora Miller of the Oregon State library showed a film titled "Yours for the Asking." It told of state, county and local library service in our neighbor state of Washington and dealt heavily with bookmobile service. Washington has used a large number of bookmobiles for many years, and very successfully, too.

Also present were Dolores Martin, the local bookmobile librarian, Mrs. Alice Davidson and Mrs. Malcolm Campbell of the Corvallis Library, where our local bookmobile originates.

It was voted by those present to form a group called the "Linn County Library Association." Two officers were elected—Lois Owen, Albany as chairman and Mrs. Fred Dannen, Halsey, as secretary-treasurer.

Problems of keeping bookmobile service for Benton and Linn counties were discussed. The operating budget was reviewed and discussion was held on the possibility of circulating petitions. Mrs. Owen showed several unsolicited letters of interest and offers of help which she has received since calling the meeting some two weeks ago. Interest is very high throughout both counties.

A committee was selected to study the immediate problems and to make arrangements to meet with the Linn County Budget committee at an early date to determine possibility of receiving necessary funds for operating the bookmobile for the first half of 1960. Federal and State funds will be provided until January 1, 1960 if the counties will take over cost of operation for the first half of 1960, otherwise this aid will cease July 1, 1959. Chairman of this committee is Leo Metcalf of the Scio area. Others on the committee are Mrs. Edith Mason, Mill City; Mrs. Gerald Wilson, Lyons; Scott Wheeler and William McPherson, both of the Lebanon area.

Good Program For PTA Meeting Here

Jerry Coffman, Mehama, president of the Stayton PTA stated today that Floyd Whiting of Stayton, who has been an exchange student at Luxemburg, Germany and Kaarina Skaffari of Helsinki, Finland will take part in the program at the PTA meeting here Wednesday night April 8 at the high school library. The meeting is being called for 8 o'clock. These students will show pictures of Germany and Finland and talk about the exchange program.

Mr. Coffman and Roger Danielson of the Stayton faculty will also be present.

Future Citizens Series To Be Started Next Week

Beginning next week The Enterprise will begin a series of pictures on "future citizens" showing the pictures of young folks who were photographed here just recently by the Woltz studios.

Be sure and watch The Enterprise each week.

Coming Events

Wednesday, April 1, Santiam Rebekah Lodge, DeMolay at Stayton.

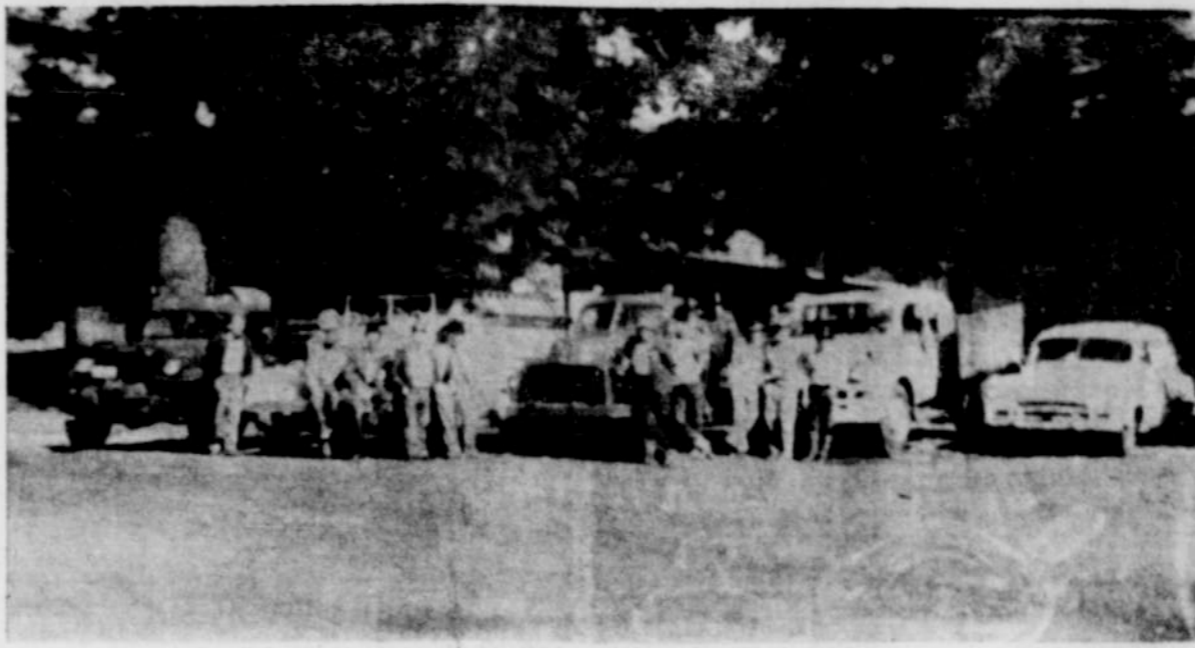
Thursday, April 2, Garden Club.

Friday, April 3, Oddfellows' Lodge.

Monday, April 6, MOES Club.

Wednesday, April 8, P. T. A. Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay Boys at Fire Hall Mill City, organization meeting.

Lyons-Mehama Fireman Sponsor Dance Saturday



Pictured above are firemen from the Lyons and Mehama volunteer departments. The two departments are sponsoring a dance this Saturday at the Grange hall between Lyons and Mehama. The Mehama firemen will be serving breakfast this Sunday between the hours of 6 a. m. and 12 noon. Proceeds will go to the fire departments for needed equipment.

Valedictorian



Vernon Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jhue Johnson, recently received the highest academic honor of Santiam Union high school, that of Valedictorian. His accumulative grade point average is 3.40. Vernon has been quite active in athletics, having won a letter for four consecutive years in football. He has participated in several plays, and is taking a leading part in the senior class play this year.

Vernon plans to enter Oregon State College in the fall and will major in engineering.

Vernon is a member of the Photography Club, Lettermen's club, Honor Society and is Student Body Parliamentarian.

Pre-School Mothers Plan School Picnic

LYONS—The pre-school mothers held their meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Floyd Craigmyle. A general discussion was held and plans were made for the last day of school picnic which will be held at the Dale Crandall home on May 14. Plans were also made for the annual pre-school mothers supper to be held at China City in Salem, May 12. It was also voted to invite mothers who have pre-school children next year to attend the next meeting.

Attending were Lucy Palmer, Alice Huber, Bonnie Chytko, Billie Green, Norma Pennington, Helen Moore, Betty Hunt, Martha Etzel, Doris Miley, Marlene Seovers, Gypsey Weaver, Kathleen Manning, Rose Cuiwell, Joyce Lambert, Yvonne Crandall, Mary Crowthers, Phillis Merry, June Whitney, Willa Gilson, Mrs. Frank Moore and Mrs. Craigmyle.

Funeral Services Held For Arthur William Branch

MEHAMA—Arthur William Branch, old-time Oregon resident, died at a Salem hospital March 25, following a brief illness, at the age of 81 years.

He was born in Kansas September 11, 1877 and came to Oregon when he was 2 years old. He farmed for many years near Sublimity. His wife, Dorothy, preceded him in death in 1948.

Services for Mr. Branch were held Saturday morning, March 28, at the Weddle Chapel in Stayton, the Rev. Alfred Gross, pastor of the Stayton Baptist church officiated. Burial was in the Union Hill cemetery.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond of Mehama, Marion, Sweet Home, Herman with the U. S. Navy; daughters, Thelma King of Babbitt, Nev., Norma Siewert, Neotsu; Eileen Swenson, Grand Ronde; Wilma Pietrok, Turner, and Dorothy Schwindt, Stayton; a half sister, Francis Trine of Los Angeles, Calif., 21 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Scenic Pictures Of N. Santiam Area Needed

A call is going out this week for scenic pictures of the North Santiam area, the Little North Fork, and Breitenbush areas. This call is being sent out by the Centennial committee of the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce. This committee will be publishing a brochure to be used in guiding tourists to the scenic spots of our area during the Centennial year.

Only good clear pictures can be used, and the size is not of too much importance—however pictures the size needed mostly are about 2½ by 4 inches. These pictures are needed at once. Send or bring them to The Mill City Enterprise, Mill City.

A committee meeting was held in Mill City Saturday afternoon and another meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening of this week at The Enterprise office.

Many Entries Now In For Santiam Canyon Centennial Frolic

Gene Teague stated today that he was more than pleased with the response of the public to the Santiam Canyon Centennial program which will be staged at the Stayton Grade school April 24. Over 25 entries had been in on the closing date and more expected in the following mail.

Judges will be selected in the near future and a committee meeting to make final plans will be held at Teague's offices in Stayton Monday night at 7:30.

There will be two masters of ceremonies for the program said Teague, Ed Bell of Stayton and Bob Schwartz of the Statesman in Salem, who is a fine entertainer in his own right.

More details about the events will be coming each week until show time.

Campfire Girls To Plant Trees Saturday, April 25

A meeting was held at Mrs. Bill Hoeye's last week on the "Green Basin" tree planting which is a project to be carried out by the Campfire Girls under sponsorship of the Woman's club. Mrs. O. K. DeWitt, as conservation chairman for the club, is organizing the affair which is scheduled for Saturday, April 25. Details will be the same as two years ago.

Transportation for the girls is being arranged by Mrs. M. G. Rambo and Mrs. Jack Duggan, who will furnish station wagons. Transportation for the 20 adults will be lined up by Mrs. Hoeye. Mrs. DeWitt and Mrs. Wendell Heller, who will also be in charge of safety insurance and other details. Girls will meet at 9:45 at a point to be announced later, carrying their sack lunches. A hot drink will be furnished by Mrs. Robert Roach and Mrs. Delbert Goforth.

DeMolay Order To Be Organized Here

A group of about 20 young men of the area met at the Masonic hall Monday evening with the DeMolay board and other interested Masons to further discuss the formation of a DeMolay Chapter for the Canyon area to be located in Mill City. An o. k. to form the chapter has been received, and work is going forward to organize at this time.

The next meeting of the DeMolay boys will be held Wednesday, April 8th at the Mill City fire hall. Any boy who is interested in becoming a charter member should contact any member of the DeMolay advisory board, T. H. Baughman, Joe Bowes, or Martin Hansen, or any DeMolay boy.

Lyons Sailor Returns to States After Cruise

Vernon A. Dexter, personnel man third class, USN of Lyons, returned to San Diego, Calif., March 18 aboard the high speed transport USS Begor after a five-month cruise with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East. Steaming more than 18,000 miles on the cruise, the Begor visited Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa, Hong Kong and Guam.

Salutatorian



Sandra Merry the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Merry, recently received the second highest academic honor, that of Salutatorian at Santiam Union high school. Her accumulative grade point average is 3.36.

Sandra has been quite active in Home Economics having just recently won the honor of Betty Crocker Home Baker of Tomorrow for her school. She also placed in the top 10 of the state in the same contest. Sandra is a member of the Honor Society.

As to her future plans, they are indefinite.

Officers for Year Nominated at Lions Club Meeting Monday

At the meeting of the Lions club held Monday night the nominating board with Burt Boroughs as chairman nominated the following for officers: President Don Moffatt, Bob Veness, Jerry Pittam; 1st vice president, Lee Bassett, Herb Schroeder; 2nd vice president, Ed Goschie, Jim Putman; 3rd vice president, Noyes Whitten, Larre Brent; tall twister, Bob Veness, Don Paul; lion tamer, Norman Anderberg, Bob Roach; Directors, Herb Whitaker, Lee Ross; Secretary-Treasurer, Barney Scott, Bill Hoeye. Nominations will be received from the floor also, and voting will take place in two weeks.

During the meeting Andy Anderberg read Don Moffatt's "obituary" as lion of the week. Frank Hunter won the prize in the drawing.

For the program Ben Nichols, field representative of the Social Security administration of Salem showed a film on the social security program, and following the film conducted an interesting question and answer period.

Centennial Year Brings Tales of Elkhorn Area

By Jean Roberts
MEHAMA—Sixty-seven years ago this month, a postoffice was established at Elkhorn, which was a flourishing mining community, about 15 miles above Mehama, on the bank of the Little Northfork.

Mines above were in full swing, supplied by pack trains from over the hill at Gates. There was no road at that time to Mehama.

This excerpt from the past brings to mind stories of days gone by; timely, because of the Oregon Centennial this year, when our thoughts are on by-gone days.

The old postoffice at Elkhorn was closed in 1917. A man named Smith owned the building and it was used as a stopping place or lodge. By this time the Silver King mine had ceased operation. Only a caretaker named Sam McAllister was operating; his work however, did not run to mining but to manufacturing whiskey.

Most of the time McAllister lived at the Smith lodge and here he piled his trade, distilling his liquor by running it down a thick manilla rope from the ceiling. It dribbled into a gallon jug on the table.

Just above, on Evans Mountain, is the Silver King mine. The mine is a horizontal tunnel in solid rock. Above is another mine shaft which was reached by a wooden ladder winding up over the solid rock face of the mountain. Of course a gallon jug was kept at the mine too, and one day performing his caretaker duties, Sam climbed the ladder up the steep rock fact, and fell. His neck was broken. He is buried in the old Stayton cemetery.

The old lodge or postoffice building fell down, but another lodge was built by Ken and Frances Randall in 1944, using the same logs that had framed the old postoffice.

It was from this lodge that operations proceeded 10 years ago to rescue the stranded miners at the Apalagunat mines. Five men and one woman had been stranded at the mines since mid-December. In March 1949 they were rescued by two bulldozers, working long hours to move the tons of snow.

Supplies had grown short, so one man snowshoed out and reported their plight. For the other four men and the woman their only contact with outside world was through news reports over the radio.

After a long week of steady work, Erill Wilson of Mehama and Butch Valentine, who were manning the cats, liberated the hungry group.

There is no postoffice now at Elkhorn and the guest ranch, rebuilt by Randalls is idle at present, while Mr. Randall serves as mayor and attorney at Oakridge. Twenty new summer home sites will be opened soon however, states Kenneth Randall, owner of the guest ranch.

The mines above are not operating at capacity, but the lure of a discovery still draws many to this area; dotted with tunnels, and slag, and tales of the past.

Rainbow for Girls To Attend Church Services in Idanha Sunday, April 5

At the meeting of the Rainbow for Girls, the group voted to attend church services at the Idanha Community church this Sunday. Those wishing to attend should meet at the hall at 10:15.

The group also made plans for a reception to be held April 16 for Miss Shereen Muir. A dance will follow in the fire hall. Committees for these coming events were appointed by the Worthy Advisor Miss Becky Stoll. Miss Barbara Cunningham was elected to receive the degrees of the order.

A committee from the Rainbow for Girls will serve refreshments at the next regular communication of the Masonic lodge, which is April 20.

Added Attraction Listed For Skin Divers

By Jean Roberts

MEHAMA—Skin divers this summer may find more than fishing lures when they explore the river under the bridge at Mehama.

An almost new electric heater rests on the bottom. This heater was recently thrown into the river by Glen Julian when a switch on the heater shorted, as Glen tried to turn it on. In the process he cut his finger and seizing the offending heater, he hurled it into the river.

Graveside services were held Saturday for Duane Hempeck of Stayton at Belcrest Memorial Park at Salem. Rev. Walter Boss officiated. He was the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hempeck, former residents here. He lived but a short while following birth.