

Lyons Correspondent Chronicles Events of That Area for Past 12 Months

By Eva Bressler

LYONS—As 1963 bids us adieu and the new year comes drifting in, let us hope it will be a good and prosperous year for all of us. Not many exciting things happened in this small city during the year. At the meeting of the City council in

January, Percy Hiatt was sworn in as mayor and Howard Naue as municipal judge. Five cent postage for first class and 8 cents for air mail went into effect the first of the year. The weather was a big factor on January 5. It was 3 above—the lowest reading since 1950. The 28th closing many of the schools. After a week a sudden warming was widespread with high winds which cut the snow in half during the day. On February 6 the temperature rose to 63 degrees the highest since 1938.



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tended by a large crowd. The teaching staff at Mari-Linn was filed by hiring Frank Ford of Yakima, Wn., as 6th grade teacher. Simpson Plywood plant shared in a \$21 million improvement program.

In September the District meeting of the WSCS was held at the Lyons Methodist church. The annual Harvest of Plenty Fair sponsored by Santiam Valley Grange was held on the 21st. Summer ended in much the same fashion it arrived, cold and wet. September was the warmest and sunniest month of summer with the mercury hitting 98 on September 8.

October 1 found E. L. Royce busy getting his famous little donkeys ready for a long season of donkey basketball with 26 games scheduled. Mari-Linn PTC honored the teaching staff of the school with a reception. Donald More 4½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice More was bitten by a rabid bat and received 21 anti-rabies shots and came out none the worse for the experience.

In November a certified count of the city census 568 was reported by Mac Mormon city recorder, a small increase over last year. Earl Allen rural mail carrier retired after 43 years of service on Lyons Rt. 1. E. L. Royce visited the school for the blind in Salem taking some of his little donkeys to gladden the hearts of the children by giving them rides.

Faith Rebekah lodge held their last meeting December 11 following consolidation with Santiam Rebekah lodge of Mill City. The lodge was 56 years old. A Portland lad, David Morgan visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilson, riding his bicycle from Portland, a distance of 75 miles, which he made in 8 hours.

The annual Christmas programs were presented by the churches and school and a vacation enjoyed by the pupils with school taking up January 2, 1964.



Babies Born at Santiam Memorial Hospital, Stayton

Born December 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Clyde Smith of Mill City a boy, Randal Wade, weighing 5 pounds 14½ ounces.

Born December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Emanuel Butler Jr. of Stayton a boy, Johnny Ervin, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Born December 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Luis Rodriguez of Stayton a boy weighing 4 pounds 5½ ounces.

Born December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Aguilar of Jefferson a boy, Juan Antonio, who weighed 8 pounds 2¼ ounces.

Born December 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frank Basl of Rt. 1, Stayton a girl, Karen Bertha, weighing 8 pounds 12¼ ounces.

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Seeks Another Term



Al Brown, Linn County Assessor filed last week for a second term as Linn County Assessor. His residence is Sweet Home and he is 49 years old.

In filing Brown stated that he found his job vital and interesting but that a great deal of time and study was needed over and above regular office hours.

Today an assessor must know all valuation procedures with his responsibilities also covering budgets and tax levies.

Brown said he also considered it his duty to keep the public informed on appraisal cycles, taxes, levies and office services.

He has been in Mill City at various times during his four year term, talking at meetings to give tax facts and figures.

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Mrs. Leland Manning was hostess for the meeting of the St. Patrick Altar Society held at her home Thursday evening. Officers were installed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Castle with a White Elephant sale at that time. Plans were also made for a cake walk to be held at the Catholic Community hall Sunday evening, February 9. Present were Mmes. Floyd Cox, Phillip Pietrok, James Harris, George Van Agtmaal, Florent Frichtl, Ben Volten, Ed Castle, and Mrs. Betty Holman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cruson were in Seattle, Wn., last week to attend the wedding of their daughter, Miss Geri Cruson and Lewis Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Wright, also of Seattle. The ceremony was held at the Unitarian church, December 28. Following a short wedding trip to Mt. Baker the young couple will be at home at 7418 Meridian street.

Jack Goodell Jr., from San Diego, Calif., is spending a two weeks leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodell. Jack, who is serving with the U. S. Navy aboard the USS St. Paul in the S 2 Division has been stationed for some time at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sharratt of Portland and Mrs. Roxie Trask of Salem spent several days over the New Year holiday with relatives in Lyons. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lyons. Mrs. Sharratt and Mrs. Trask are sisters of Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Lyons also Velvie Lewis in Fox Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cruson, Michael, Nikki and Joyce Scott spent the Christmas holiday with Mrs. Cruson's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hudson of Medford. Michael left by plane from Medford flying to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he joined other members of the Colorado School of Mines basketball team for games in Utah and Nebraska.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cruson were Mr. and Mrs. Don Barton from Sitka, Alaska and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graham from Aberdeen, Wn.

Mrs. Effie Nydegger left Tuesday morning by train from Salem for Idaho Falls, Idaho, where she will spend this month with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Grimes.

The Lyons Extension Unit will hold their meeting at the Methodist church Thursday, January 9 at 1 p. m. Subject for the day will be "Study of Africa" with Martha Cruse and Audrey Sandahl the project leaders. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Donna Asmussen and Mildred were Sunday guests in Tigard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wright and Mary Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buker of Victor, Mont., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cruson. Their daughter, Miss Geri Cruson from Seattle, Wn., was also a guest at the Cruson home.

Rev. Cal McConnell, chaplain at Willamette University will be guest speaker at Lyons Methodist church Sunday, January 12. Rev. Norman Williams will be absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindstrom have purchased the former Carl Titus property west of town.

Mrs. Ruth Lyons spent several days in Albany at the

home of her daughter and family, the George Meikes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Naue have moved into their new house, and the house they just vacated has been sold to a California couple who will move here later.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neisz and two children of Portland were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Alice Huber. They came to bring Mrs. Huber's sister, Mrs. Maggie Matheny, also of Portland, who will make an indefinite stay at the Huber home.

Student Sunday was observed at the Lyons Methodist church with students in full charge of the services. Bill Prichard was guest speaker, assisted by Merl Lawrence, Susie Mormon and Sharon Clippell.

Thursday evening, January 9 will be the first meeting of the official board of the Methodist church for the new year. The 8 p. m. meeting will be preceded by a 7:30 meeting of the nominating committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindstrom are announcing the birth of a daughter, Rose Marie, born Thursday at Santiam Memorial hospital in Stayton.

George Pavlish, principal at Mari-Linn school left Friday for Dickinson, N. D., called there by the sudden death of his father, Anton Pavlish.

Mrs. Norman Jolly of Albany was a Saturday afternoon caller at the home of Mrs. Alice Huber. Saturday evening guests at the Huber home were Mrs. Clara Swan of Mill City and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillenwater and family of Fortuna, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stevens had as their guests several days last week, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Landsverk from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson spent the weekend at McClarey, Wn., at the home of her mother, Mrs. Herman Afrank. Mrs. Anderson's father passed away in November.

Mrs. Ethel Huffman and Mrs. Paul Geraths were visitors at Ocean Lake Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ramie Martell. The Martells are former residents here. They also called on Mrs. Martell's mother, Mrs. Pearl Averill.

Food is a bargain. Americans are eating better and spending less of their total take home pay for food than ever before and chances are that work time needed to buy most food will continue to decrease while food quality improves and conveniences continue to be added.

These are the observations of Mrs. Elvera Horrell, OSU extension agricultural economist, after reviewing reports from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Labor and other information.

Nationally, the proportion of the average worker's take home pay spent for food has already dropped from a post-war high of 27 percent to 19 percent. In Oregon in mid-1963, a factory worker worked only 24 minutes to buy a pound of round steak. Ten years earlier, it took him 26 minutes and round steak sold for nearly 18 cents a pound less.

The Oregon factory worker labored 5.4 minutes for a quart of milk in 1963, compared to 6.2 minutes 10 years ago; he worked 10.7 minutes for a dozen eggs, compared to 21.1 minutes 10 years ago.

Food stands out as a bargain because the cost of living in Portland crept up 1.7 percent over the past year as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This means it now takes \$10.17 to buy the same amount of goods and services that \$10 would buy a year ago last fall.

Assuming a similar increase throughout the state, wages of Oregon factory workers have

March of Dimes Girl Visits Senator



SIGHTSEEING IN THE SENATE the 1964 National March of Dimes Child, Mary Lou Graves, 5, Flint, Mich., meets Oregon Senator Maurine B. Neuberger at the nation's capital. Mary Lou, victim of the birth defect known as open spine, symbolizes the 250,000 American children born each year with a serious defect. Contributions to the January March of Dimes also will assist arthritis and polio victims through research, patient care, professional and public education.

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Today as yesterday, our jury system is under fire.

Critics say that juries waste time, that people don't want to serve, that jurors make stupid mistakes. Let the experts administer justice, some critics say.

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We'd like to do our duty, of course, but it is hard to break up our routine of pleasant living. As citizens some of us shirk voting and some try to get out of jury service.

Pershaps we don't value our freedoms enough. We inherited them and didn't earn them the hard way.

Only a free people can enjoy the privilege of jury duty. An ancient philosopher once said more than kept pace. Fall, 1962, hourly earning of factory workers averaged \$2.62 an hour, according to the Oregon Department of Employment. A year later, such wages were reported at \$2.73 an hour, an increase of four percent.

Taxes, of course, must still come out of gross income and an allowance must be made for a slightly shorter work week, but industrial workers' wages over-rode the bite.

The 1.7 percent increase in living costs represents an average of all items and knowing where to cut corners can help stretch the dollar, she pointed out. In Portland, a close look shows a dollar squeeze compared with fall 1962 on all groups except personal care.

Greatest price increase over the past year has been in medical care. It now takes an Oregonian \$10.35 to buy the same amount of medical care that he could buy for \$10 a year ago. Using the same comparison, reading and recreation costs \$10.26; housing, \$10.24; transportation, \$10.17; clothing, \$10.10; and food, \$10.07.

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Files for Treasurer

Evelyn Downing, Linn County Treasurer, announces that she has filed as a candidate on the Democratic ticket for reelection as Linn County Treasurer, to serve a third term.

During her tenure in office, Mrs. Downing inaugurated the working of idle money, having made to date, in excess of \$382,500.00 for school and county funds.

Mrs. Downing also instituted sending budget information to every taxing unit as an aid in budget preparation.

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