

1972 Brings New Bridge, Bankmobile To Lyons Area

By Eva Bressler
 LYONS—As 1972 bid us adeau and 1973 came creeping in it was cold and frosty with New Year's day quite nice. This little town, now with a population of 700, proved to be quite a busy little place.

January—A Bankmobile was soon to be a reality in the valley towns. Directors for the Lyons-Mehama water board were elected, Dale Billyeu, chairman; Calvin Culbertson, treasurer, and Gerald Rockwell, secretary. Several building permits were issued. The March of Dimes Mothers' March was held under the direction of Marguerite Donahue. Riverside Construction, Inc. of Milwaukie submitted the low bid for a water system improvement project crossing the new Lyons-Mehama bridge. State police issued travel warnings as the cold wave continued. Riverview cafe in Mehama was burglarized. High water hit some Lyons residents with some men up all night taking care of their basements with the road to Scio closed and some of the work on the new bridge between Lyons and Mehama washed out.

February—Progress was being made on the Lyons-Mehama bridge despite the setbacks caused by the high water. An estimated loss of \$10,000 was caused at the Andrew Silbernagel home with an undetermined cause of a fire. Plans were announced for a 4-H Club fair to be held at the Santiam Valley Grange Hall in June.

March—Mrs. Catherine Lyon of Salem, and former Lyons resident, was named Mother of the Year. Hearing of the 1972-73 Mari-Linn school budget was held April 8. March was warmer and wetter than usual. Total rainfall was 4.96 inches. There were three clear days, four fair days and 24 cloudy days.

April—Lyons 4-H club wins six awards in the county 4-H baking contest April 1. Thirty-five year old Wesley Ringenberg lost his arm in an accident at Mt. Jefferson plywood mill. A \$21,711 budget was proposed for the city of Lyons. Lyons-Mehama water district raised fees. April was

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May—Voters approved the new budget at the Mari-Linn school, also the 1972-73 city budget was approved. The annual pet parade sponsored by the Mari-Linn school was held May 13. The new Oregon Fir Supply Company, a new dryer and planing mill, began operation late in April.

June—Garbage collection fees were increased in Lyons. Clifford Babbitt was the new principal at Mari-Linn school. The United Methodist church held a homecoming June 6 with approximately 100 in attendance. New Methodist pastor was appointed and Lyons Memorial Park was dedicated. The Lyons 4-H club fair was held the 23rd and 24th at Santiam Valley Grange hall.

July—The new Bankmobile opened July 10. Lyons awards paving contract for repairs on 7th street and blacktopping of 20th street. Grange sets date for annual fair. Special services were slated at Santiam chapel.

August—August seemed to be a hot month with 104 degrees setting a seven-year record. All teachers were to return to Mari-Linn school. Peoples Telephone company was installing more private lines. Seven brothers of the Spellmeyers attended a reunion at Cascade Gateway Park in Salem.

September—The annual Santiam Valley Grange Harvest Festival and Fair was held. Filing deadline for Lyons city officers was set for October 7 with three filing. Mrs. John McPheeters, Donald Huber and Mayor Dennis Clippell. Enrollment at Mari-Linn school was up. Robert Walton was picked to serve the unexpired term of Ray Roberts on the Peoples Telephone Company board.

October—The past month, September, was the coldest on record since 1911 and fourth coldest since records began in 1893. Election of officers was held at Santiam Valley Grange. Joseph McDougall was the successful elk hunter in Lyons, coming home with a seven-point buck. Peoples Telephone company, through the summer, making more private lines, placing underground cables, from First street and Main and to the new bridge, making available 550 lines and 900 numbers. The company is now serving 800 telephones. The new Lyons-Mehama bridge opened for traffic the first of October.

November—A dry, chilly October was recorded. A Memorial Archway was discussed for the Fox Valley cemetery. Stewart Mayo presented plans for the memorial of the Mayo family. November rainfall on the light side and much drier than normal. Plans were made for another Christmas lighting and display contest.

December—December came in cold and wet, with snow on the 6th followed by very cold, freezing weather which lasted for two weeks, setting an all-time record. Lighting contest and display were won by Kenneth Namitz, Knute Nass, D. M. Morman and Mrs. Marcelle Nydegger, with honorable mention going to Walter Cooper and Bill Kinzer. The annual Christmas programs were held at all churches and Mari-Linn school.

All in all, Lyons was a busy place with 25 building permits issued, there were 16 marriages, one 50th wedding anniversary, one 60th wedding anniversary, three 25th wedding anniversaries, and ten deaths through the year.

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Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimes were Mrs. Effie Nydegger of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Hunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Barrow and family of Stayton, Mrs. Marcelle Nydegger, Cindy and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Grimes of Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Silbernagel of Scio, and Christmas eve guests at the Grimes home were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grimes and family of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mentze had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mentze from Sacramento, Calif., Rick Mentze, a student at the Northwest Bible College in Seattle, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wyatt of Lyons.

Guests at the Elmer Culwell home were Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Culwell, Mrs. Jessie Short of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Naue, Mrs. Lydia Culwell, Harlin Gibson of Lyons, Miss Donna Culwell and Delmer Culwell, both students at Oregon State University in Corvallis, and Steve Olson of Mehama.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bassett spent several days over the Christmas holiday at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bassett and family at Longview, Wash.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lewis and Lisa were Mrs. Hazel Lewis of Stayton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Porter of Aumsville, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tufteskog, and Mrs. Michael Murphy of Salem.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben IntVeld were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Teel and children Connie, Ranece and Leland of Dallas. Additional dinner guest was Jim Hollingshead of Salem, a former longtime resident of Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutherland and family of Corvallis, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnston of Monmouth were Christmas day dinner guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston, Bob and Kenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Silbernagel and family were Christmas eve guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Silbernagel, at Scio, and Christmas day guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sophia Yeager at Mt. Angel.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Landers and family were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hammelman of Independence, Kathryn Landers of Portland, Lynda Landers of Eugene and Mary Jones and Toni Newberg of Gates.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jobe spent several days in Portland over the Christmas day holiday. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Williams and family. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and family of Portland. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard and family had as their guest her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Young from Crescent, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell and family are spending the holidays in Los Angeles with relatives and will return January 5. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell own and operate Jay-May

Enterprises in Lyons.

Mrs. Laura Neal was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Stever and Christmas day dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holly Westenhouse in Scio. Christmas night guests at the Neal home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Silbernagel and family.

Mrs. Melvina Franklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Franklin and family of Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Peck and family of Stayton were Christmas eve guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Garrison at Mill City. Additional guests at the Garrison home were their first grandchild, a daughter born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Worley of Seattle, born December 27. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shepherd of Mill City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morley of Sublimity.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Roten are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of their first grandchild, a daughter born to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Worley of Seattle, born December 27. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shepherd of Mill City and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morley of Sublimity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walz and Mike were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Keasey of Corvallis, and daughters Joanne and Carol Walz, both of Salem.

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The Old Timer



"Good gardening is a matter of taking pains—mostly in the small of the back."

MEHAMA

By Meral Teeters

Present for a dinner at the Mehama Fire hall Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thompson of Lincoln City, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Loree and boys of Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Wilson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ringenborg and family and Mrs. Vivian Clason.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fief and children were Christmas eve guests in Albany at the home of her parents and spent Christmas Day with his parents in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Golliet came Saturday, December 23, from Tumwater, Wash. to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. K. J. Golliet.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hughes, Cindy, Sheryl, Bill and Lourie arrived Sunday, December 24, from the Big Creek fish hatchery near Knappa to spend Christmas at the home of his mother and aunt, Mrs. E. J. Hughes and Mrs. M. V. Frame.

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