

A Half Century Of Letter Writing

Fifty years ago this spring nine George Fox College coeds gathered secretly in the basement wood room of Canyon Hall. There they dug into the dirt floor and in a short ceremony buried a small box with the names of each.

That room and dirt floor no longer exist although the 92-year old building still stands. But the pact they buried there still continues a half century later.

Each of the signers, members of the classes of 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929, agreed to start a round robin letter, writing about her "milestones." And each year the signers, who call themselves the "Pal-O-Niners," have faithfully carried out that agreement with the now traditional letters making the rounds two or three times each year.

Because of the golden anniversary of that agreement the women, all now grandmothers, gathered in Newberg on the college campus last week to revisit Canyon Hall now renamed Minthorn in honor of the aunt and uncle of Herbert Hoover.

The group is a little smaller now. Two of the signers have passed away, but one new member was added in 1967. Dilla Tucker Winslow, a matron of the dormitory in 1925 replaced Mildred Tucker Farmer after her death. Also now deceased is Leela Pearson Street.

Gathering in Newberg for the special anniversary were Olive Terrell Norris, Vancouver, Wn.; May Pearson Nordyke, Lyons; Rachel Lundquist Huntington, Lake Oswego; Hilma Hendrickson Winslow, King City; Mildred

Rebekah Lodge 166 Drapes Charter For Ruby Brisbin

Santiam Rebekah Lodge No. 166 met in regular session with Noble Grand Mrs. Dave Barnhardt presiding.

The charter was draped for Ruby Brisbin, musician emeritus. Mrs. Brisbin had been musician for nearly 20 years before retiring. She was a past noble grand, received the Assembly Degree and held the Decoration of Chivalry.

Mrs. Irl Plymale, Three Links chairman, announced that there will be a reception honoring Lisa Barnhardt, United Nations tour student, and Linda Rahm, the Odd Fellow Rebekah July 4th princess, on June 26th following the Odd Fellow meeting at the hall. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Mrs. Margaret Snow gave the Steering Committee report.

Mrs. Luther Yates assisted by Mrs. Charles Dolezal and Mrs. John Childress will serve free coffee on the morning of July 4th through parade time at the lodge vestibule.

It was voted to enter a float in the Lyons Bicentennial parade on August 2. The first committees were named for the date of the teacher's reception.

September 4th has been set for the official visit of Pres. Leigh Wilkens on August 20.

The hostess committee for July 2nd will be Mrs. Everett Hamilton and Mrs. Walter Thomas.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Mrs. Tom Daugherty and Mrs. Lang Stafford.

Choate Beals, Newberg; Lolita Hinshaw Gundry, Newhall, Calif.; and Ruth Campbell Allison-Smith, Chapleau, Ontario, Canada.

Woman's Page

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McDonald's Observe 50th Anniversary

The 50th anniversary of the marriage of Grace Bennett and Paul McDonald was observed Sunday afternoon, June 15, at a reception in their honor at their country home on "The Prairie" south of Gates. The affair was hosted by the couple's son, Mike McDonald, his wife, Barbara, and their son, Kelly, of Auburn, Wn.

The three-tiered anniversary cake was made by a friend of the young McDonalds at Auburn and accompanied by punch, tea, and coffee. The house was filled with friends and relatives and with the beauty and fragrance of the many large bouquets of roses from the garden of Mrs. Alma Locke of Mill City.

Coming from Alliance, Neb., were Mr. McDonald's brother Charles and wife, Eleanor, and from Fallon, Nev., were his sister, Peggy, and her husband, A. J. Durbin.

Many congratulatory cards and gifts were received from friends and relatives who were unable to attend, as well as from friends who called to congratulate the McDonalds who were married at Alliance, Neb. in 1925.

Sheythes Observe 40th Wedding Anniv.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheythe had a series of misfortunes during the past week, but are over-coming them. A week ago Sunday, Doris suffered an attack of kidney stones very early in the morning and was rushed into emergency at the Salem hospital where she spent a day and a half before being released.

Last Friday, Don suffered a broken and crushed big toe when a large chunk of wood fell on it while he was loading his pickup at a mill in Idanha. He drove home before going into emergency at Santiam Memorial at Stayton where repairs were made and he was put on crutches.

During the weekend, the Sheythes' son, Frank, and family from Seattle drove down preparatory to observing their parents' 40th wedding anniversary, but it turned into a very quiet occasion rather than the celebration at church they had planned.

If the number following your name on The Enterprise label reads 6-75 it's time to send a check for renewal.

Engagement Revealed



The engagement of Steve J. Mack to Miss Mary Mann has been revealed by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mann of Mill City.

Mr. Mack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Mack of Stayton. He is a graduate of Regis High School and is employed at Emery & Sons Construction Co.

Miss Mann, a graduate of Santiam High School, is employed at the Coast to Coast store in Stayton.

The couple is planning an August wedding.

BLM Campground Fees Begin June 21

Overnight charge fees will be initiated at four Bureau of Land Management Salem District campgrounds and they went into effect June 21. The charge areas, according to B. T. Vladimiroff, District Manager, will be Fishermen's Bend, \$2; and Elkhorn Valley, Yellowbottom and North Fork Eagle Creek, \$1 each. These and other Salem District BLM recreational facilities are currently open for public use, Vladimiroff said.

Group day use charges are in effect at two of the BLM recreational sites. These are: Wildwood; shelter, \$50; half shelter, \$25, and picnic kitchen, \$10.

Fishermen's Bend; shelter, \$35. Reservations for group day use facilities may be made by calling the Salem District BLM office, 399-5692, or writing the District Manager, 3550 Liberty Road, S., P. O. Box 3227, Salem 97302.

The Golden Age Passport, for persons over 62 years of age will be honored at all district recreation sites where overnight camping fees are charged. This free passport entitles the holder to pay only half the required fee.

Guest Minister Fills Presbyterian Pulpit

Rev. Earnest Franklin, a retired minister of the Free Methodist church, filed the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church Sunday, as he has done on several previous occasions. The regular pastor, John Heidbrink, was reported as still at the bedside of his father in Missouri who has been in a semi-coma the past few weeks.

The new addition to the manse is coming along in good shape, with the dry-wall to be placed inside soon. Doors and windows have been installed, and the wiring virtually completed, thanks to volunteer labor. Any pledges toward completion of the project are welcome, with the regular pledge cards due to be turned in next Sunday, June 29.

Cottage meetings were held at the homes of four members last week to discuss the church budget for July 1 to June 30 next year, as well as programs and church activities.

Queeners Homecoming Held Sunday, June 22

The homecoming potluck dinner for Queeners School, located on Scio Hill Road, was held on June 22 with 20 people attending. Included in the group were three former pupils and one former teacher. The oldest pupil being 80-year-old, Hubert Crane of Lebanon, who attended this school in 1909-1910.

Due to summer vacations and a small turnout, election of officers was postponed until September 7 when another potluck is being planned.

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Returning on June 16 from a three-plus week of traveling were G. J. and Myrtle Geston. They left on May 28 and traveled through Idaho, where they visited with Emma Crucher in Yukon, and then made stops in Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin where they visited with various relatives.

Enjoying a trip to Maryhill Museum with the Senior Citizens bus tour on Monday, June 23, were Hattie Cole and Myrtle Bates of Mill City and Margaret Rush.

Arriving Monday, June 23, to spend the week with Harold and Mary Wilson is Mrs. Helen Watson of Portland.

Luther and Ethelne Yates received word that their grandson, Mark Clarke, is scheduled for surgery on June 24. They hope to visit him at the Columbia Memorial hospital in Astoria towards the end of the week.

Dropping in for a surprise visit at the Preslers on Sunday, June 22, were Joyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Porter from Salem. They brought a cake to celebrate the couples seventh wedding anniversary. Luther and Ethelne Yates received a call from their son, Richard Yates in North Glen, Colo., on Sunday evening, June 22.

Arriving on Monday, June 9, to spend two weeks with Bill and Carol Dunn was Carol's daughter and grandson, Mrs. Carol Meier and Keith from San Manuel, Ariz. Mrs. Meier flew on to Alaska on Saturday, June 21, and grandson Keith will be staying the summer.

Mary Stafford and Pearl Oliver enjoyed a shopping trip to Mill City Thursday, June 19.

Visiting for several days last week with Bill and Carol Dunn was Carol's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Woods, Scott, Suzie and their cousin Jane from Coquille.

Bill and Carol Dunn celebrated their second Wedding Anniversary with a dinner at the Frontier Inn on Saturday, June 14. Their anniversary is the 15th of June. Helping them to celebrate was Carol's daughter, Carol Meier, and their grandson, Keith. Carol's daughter made them an anniversary cake. She decorates cakes in Arizona where she lives.

Mary Stafford went with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cade to Scio on Sunday afternoon, June 22, to the celebration of the 121st year of the Scio Christian church. The address was given by the President of NCC, Dr. Barton Dowdy, and

the dedication prayer was given by past president, Dr. Ross Griffith. A large crowd attended the celebration and enjoyed the program.

Visiting with Bill and Carol Dunn the weekend of June 14-15 was Carol's sister, Mrs. William Bryant from Kennewick, Wn.

Mill City School Board will hold a special board meeting on Thursday, June 26, to close out the financial year. It will be at 8 p. m. at the Santiam High school.

Gates will have their budget hearing Thursday, July 3, 7:30 p. m. at the Gates City hall. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Gates City Recorder will be at the Gates City hall on Tuesday, July 1, and on Monday, July 7, from 10 a. m. until noon for business.

The WWI and Auxiliary will have their fried chicken potluck dinner Saturday, July 12, at Neal Park in Lyons.

The Gates Community church holds church services each Sunday at 10 a. m. and Sunday school at 11 a. m. Dean Cade is minister. Everyone is invited to come.

Thought for the Day: "Tis easier to prevent bad habits than to break them."

Calendar Of Events

Thursday, June 26—
Card party, Eagles Hall, 1:00 p. m.

IOOF #144 meets at Lodge 8:00 p. m.

Friday, June 27—
Mill City-Gates Legion Post #159 and Auxiliary meets at Legion Hall, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, July 2—
Rebekah Lodge meeting, 8:00 p. m. at IOOF hall.

Thursday, July 3—
Street Dance, Grade School Parking Lot, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, July 4—
Lions Club Breakfast, 6:30 to 10:00 a. m. High School Cafeteria.

Grand Parade, 12:00 noon.
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