

TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Miss Marjorie Munroe, R.N., arrived on Saturday from Winnipeg, Canada, for an extended visit with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Remnant.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carmichael, Mrs. Victor Berg and daughters, Mrs. Marion Steers and daughter drove to Fall City, Washington last week to attend the golden anniversary celebration of Mr. Carmichael's brother, Walter, and wife.

Mrs. Ray East and children of Coos Bay visited at the Ernest East home the week end of March 20. Mr. and Mrs. Otis East from Prineville were also recent visitors at the East home.

Mrs. Grace Currie's daughter, Mrs. Quedens, left Tuesday for her home in Granite City, Illinois after visiting here for five weeks.

Those holding winning tickets for last Saturday's profit-sharing drawing were R. A. Williams, Verne Hobson, A. L. Kullander and Robert Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Weed and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Weed paid a recent visit to the Knights of Pythias home at Vancouver and found Mr. Clarence Piper ill and confined to bed. Friends wishing to write him may send letters in care of the K. of P. Home. The Weeds also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Steele and found them both well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred May are the parents of a son born last Thursday, March 25, at the Jones hospital in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Garner were in Longview last Saturday evening to attend the installation of Marjorie Cole as Worthy Master of Eastern Star. Joining them there for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dewey from Portland, and Mrs. Corinne Wall

of Salem. Others from here who attended were Mrs. Paul Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brunson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Culbertson and children of Roseburg were guests here last week end at the Elmore Knight and Harry Culbertson homes.

Bids Asked for Two County Jobs

On April 1 the state highway commission will receive bids on two projects in Columbia county as part of 39 highway, bridge, fencing, tunnel lighting, traffic signal installation and building projects estimated to cost \$4,800,000.

The major project in this county calls for the grading and paving of 6.36 miles of the Columbia river highway between Tide Creek and St. Helens.

The plans in general call for the construction of a 24-foot asphaltic concrete pavement, 3 1/2 inches thick, flanked by 8-ft. shoulders, with an additional 24 feet of pavement provided over the summit between Columbia City and St. Helens.

In line with the department's policy of protecting pavement edges from breaking up due to the infiltration of water at pavement edges, it is planned to oil four feet of the rock shoulders adjoining the new pavement. This work is scheduled to be completed by November 15, 1954, and will provide a safe all-weather roadway of latest design.

The second project calls for widening and resurfacing the St. Helens-McNulty Creek section of the old Portland county road and also the Goble road connection to the Columbia river highway. The project is located west and south of St. Helens.

The plans call for 1.52 miles of grading and pavement widening resulting in 20-foot wide asphaltic concrete pavement flanked by three-foot rock shoulders. Also under this contract it is proposed to replace the obsolete narrow bridge over McNulty Creek with a reinforced concrete box culvert. The project is to be financed by federal, state and county funds and is scheduled for completion by August 31, 1954.

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Early Day History Outlined at March Meeting of Historical Group

The Beaver Valley grange hall at Hudson was filled to capacity by those attending the monthly meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society Tuesday, March 23, and several interesting accounts of former days were given by early settlers or their descendants, from ox-team days to the present time.

After a bountiful meal served at noon, the members of the county court were introduced and County Judge Whipple commended the society for its efforts in preserving records and in commemorating the 100 years of progress in the county's development.

Mrs. Selma Richardson told of early families who settled on pioneer farms. These date back to before 1880. The district was named for the Hudson family, one of the first comers. The post office and school were near the present grange hall, but nearer the Columbia highway.

Mrs. Dibble showed several old deeds conveying land to John Dibble in 1872, 1878, etc. Some papers were signed by Governor Grover, who was in office at that time, regarding title to school lands.

Tracy Parcher told of logging by John B. Yeon south and west of the present Dr. Kenny home. Simon Benson's father logged with oxen earlier. Early settlers made shingles from the best of cedar which was found in abundance at that time. A price of

\$1.50 per thousand was realized from hand-split shingles. A good man could cut 1000 shingles in a day this way. It was explained that money was necessary to buy the needed supplies for existence, but these were simple compared with our requirements at the present time. Later during the Cleveland hard times, 60c per M was the price of hand-shaved shingles.

Other speakers were Mrs. Joe Schrieber and her brother, Lee Johnson. He stated he was glad to have been born when he was, since he is able to appreciate the present improvements after the early days of harder times. He also told of logging on side hills with little equipment except saw, ax, etc. Logs were lowered by a mile long inclined grade, towed to Portland, where sometimes the price was low, since buyers found fault with the best of them, giving only a small price.

Charcoal pits were described where logs were turned into charcoal, most of it finding a market in Astoria where it was used for cooking or heating.

Mrs. Beryl Brakke told of her memories of John B. Yeon when he first came to Rainier to her father's home (Wm. Muckie). They had come from the same town in Canada and Mr. Muckie acted as interpreter for Mr. Yeon, who was French. He began logging in this county in 1902.

6th Deaf Clinic Scheduled Soon

The Oregon State School for the Deaf will hold its sixth annual pre-school clinic for parents of young deaf and hard of hearing children on April 12, 13 and 14. Superintendent M. B. Clatterbuck announces.

The purpose of this clinic is to assist parents in working with their deaf children and to acquaint them with the educational facilities for the deaf in the state of Oregon.

Parents will have an opportunity to observe classes from the kindergarten level through high school work. Various members of the staff of the Oregon State School for the Deaf will discuss problems of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Parents are asked to bring their deaf or hard of hearing child with them, and living accommodations will be furnished by the school during the clinic without cost to the parents.

Anyone who is interested in attending should contact their local county health department or write directly to M. B. Clatterbuck, Superintendent, Oregon State School for the Deaf, Salem.

5-Week Trip to South Ended

RIVerview — Mrs. Olin Robbins returned home Tuesday after spending five weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Cockrell, at McClain, Mississippi. The first Sunday she was there her son, M. C. Brewer, and Pat Sauer of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, drove down and spent the day visiting with M.C.'s mother and grandmother.

Darlene Spangler of Sweet Home spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wood. Mrs. W. J. Lindsley, Mrs. Rex Normand, Mrs. Dewey Hunt and sons visited Mrs. James Walters at Cedar Mills and Mrs. Dick Sanford at North Plains Wednesday.

Grange Council Sets Next Meeting Date

The regular meeting of the grange council will be held Sunday, April 4, at the Clatskanie Grange hall. Potluck will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the business session will open at 2:00 p.m. All grange officers are urged to attend and all grangers are welcome.

Change Made of Residence Place

RIVerview — Mr. and Mrs. John Normand moved from 10th street to the Claude Knapp house at Treharne Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mead of West Union spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Callister, son Ronnie, and Mrs. Clara Hill visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gibby at Dallas Sunday.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Normand were Ralph Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Goodrich, Mrs. Mary Dutton, Miss Lorraine Travis, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Ralph all of Portland.

Gardeners Attend Club Meeting at Hillsboro

BIRKENFELD — Several members of the Nehalem Valley Garden club attended a garden club meeting at Hillsboro Monday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starr of Portland.

Mrs. Guy Bellingham was honor guest at a birthday dinner Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Udey. Other guests were Claire and George Bellingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jenson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham went to a dance at Quincy Saturday.

Circle Entertained At Mathews Home

NATAL — Bessie Hershey of Portland spent Sunday at the home of her brother and family, the Devere Hersheys.

Mrs. Robert Mathews entertained the Mist Helping Circle last Thursday with nine members and two visitors attending. A delicious dinner was enjoyed. Mrs. Reed Holding was given the hostess box. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chas. Sundland.

Mrs. Clarence Lindsay returned to her home at Redmond after having cared for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay who are now convalescing after recent illness.

Callers Friday evening at the Devine home were Bill and Victor Devine, John Thornton of O.T.I., and Delphine and Lily Bell Swatman of Portland.

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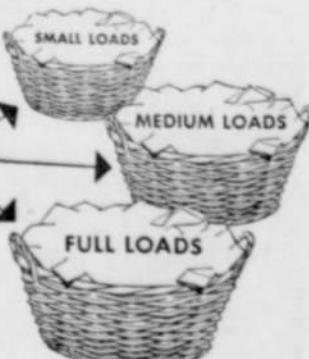
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