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This Is a Farmer

This is not the first time this column has appeared in print and it probably won't be the last, either. The author is unknown, but apparently he knew his subject well.

Farmers are found in fields plowing up, seeding down, returning from, planting to, fertilizing with, spraying for and harvesting it. Wives help them, little boys follow them, the Agriculture Department confuses them, city relatives visit them, salesmen detain them, meals wait for them, weather can delay them but it takes Heaven to stop them.

When your car stalls along the way, a farmer is a considerate, courteous, inexpensive road service. When a farmer's wife suggests he buy a new suit, he can quote from memory every expense involved in operating the farm last year, plus the added expense he is certain will crop up this year. Or else he assumes the role of the indignant shopper, impressing upon everyone within earshot the pounds of pork he must produce in order to pay for a suit at today's prices.

A farmer is a paradox — he is an "overallled" executive with his home his office; a scientist using fertilizer attachments; a purchasing agent in an old straw hat; a personnel director with grease under his finger nails; a dietician with a passion for alfalfa, animals and antibiotics; a production expert faced with a surplus; and a manager battling a price-cost squeeze. He manages more capital than most of the businessmen in town. Noon auctions, his neighbors, Saturday nights in town, his shirt collar unbuttoned, and above all a good soaking rain in August.

He is not much for droughts, ditches, throughways, experts, weeds, the eight-hour day, helping with the housework, or grasshoppers.

Nobody else is so far from the telephone or so close to God. Nobody else gets so much satisfaction out of modern plumbing, favorable weather and good ice cream.

Nobody else can remove all those things from his pockets and on washday still have overlooked: five "steeplees," one cotter key, a rusty spike, three grains of corn, the stub end of a lead pencil, a square tape, a \$4.98 pocket watch, and a cupful of chaff in each trouser cuff.

A farmer is both Faith and Fatalist — he must have faith to continually meet the challenges of his capacities amid an ever-present possibility than an act of God (a late spring, an early frost, tornado, flood, drought) can bring his business to a standstill. You can reduce his acreage but you can't restrain his ambition.

Might as well put up with him — he is your friend, your competitor, your customer, your source of food and fiber, and self-reliant young citizens to help replenish your cities.

He is your countryman — a denim-dressed, business-wise, fast-growing statesman of stature. And when he comes in at noon having spent the energy of his hopes and dreams, he can be recharged anew with the magic words: "The Market's Up."

Weiser American

Roberts In Alaska On Air Force Duty

Staff Sgt. Royce Roberts left home recently to spend one year on an isolated tour to Shemya, Alaska. He is with the Security Service of the Air Force.

Roberts, his wife, Gloria, and children, Melanie and Rickie, have spent the past 50 days in Nyssa where they visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jenkins.

Mrs. Roberts and children plan to remain in Nyssa while he is in Alaska. The Roberts were at the Misawa Air Base, Japan, before they returned to Nyssa.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Members of the Fellowship Group of the First United Methodist Church held their February potluck dinner in the church following services. Birthdays and anniversaries were observed and the fun part of the program was when the husbands told how they met their wives.

The Ruth Robinson Circle of the Methodist Church will hold their next meeting February 18 at the home of Mrs. David Beers on Columbia Ave.

The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck dinner, followed by an all day quilting party and program.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

The Golden Hour Missionary Chapter of the Nazarene Church sponsored a Sweetheart banquet February 4, at the Eastside Cafe in Ontario, there were 49 present.

A special feature was pictures shown by Nancy Wilson, taken last July, on a six week tour of Europe with the Foreign Study League. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Nyssa.

St. Bridget's News

At the recent Altar Society meeting of St. Bridget's Church it was definitely decided to have future meetings on an Executive Committee basis with only two general meetings during the year. These will be the luncheon meetings in December and May. It was also decided later in the week to go ahead with hanging drapes in the Christian Education Building. This will provide better decor for the social activities in the building, and also allow for darkening of the class rooms for the showing of films in the Christian Education Classes.

Father William Mangan will conduct a Mission at St. Bridget's Church in the absence of Father Young. He will present themes for The Mission on Sunday, February 14 and 21, and conclude with evening services on February 22, 23, and 24th. He will conduct a special class for high school students on Wednesday evening February 10 and 17th.

High School Christian Education Program ended its winter semester Wednesday, February 3, and will have two special classes conducted by Father William Mangan on Wednesday February 10 and 17th. February 24, Ash Wednesday, will be a free evening.

The spring session of classes will begin Wednesday, March 3. There will be three courses offered for this eight-week semester. They are: The Eucharist, Christ As A Model For The Spiritual Life, and Marriage, reserved for seniors only.

FIRST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

Nyssa LDS First Ward Relief Society will hold a social relations lesson, February 17 at 10 a.m.

The lesson will be given by La Raine Thompson entitled "Morality Makes Sense".

OBITUARIES

John Wall



Graveside services for John Wall, 100, Medford, Oregon, a recent resident of Boise who died January 31, 1971 in a Medford nursing home, were conducted at 11 a.m. February 3 at Evergreen in Ontario. Arrangements were under the direction of Bertelson-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Wall was born on an Easter Sunday, April 17, 1870 at Godridge, Canada. At the age of 17, he started to work in the Michigan woods in the lumber industry. From there he traveled in 1892 to Rimini, S.C., which was during President Grover Cleveland's 'hard times'. He was employed as a cook for a lumber firm and received \$35 a month, including room and board.

When President William McKinley was elected, Mr. Wall was in Sanford, Fla., and it was during this time that the Spanish-American War was declared, in April 1898. He saw three tubboats used in the war, "The Three Friends", "The Dauntless" and "The Commodore."

After traveling through the eastern states and working as a cook, he came in 1901 to Bellingham, Wash., and again was employed in lumber camps as a cook. His wages had increased to \$50 a month with room and board.

In 1909, Mr. Wall and T.R. Beers, a lifetime friend, took up a homestead at Creston, 75 miles from the railroad between Vale and Burns, Oregon. The two, realizing that a school was needed for new families moving into the area, were instrumental in organizing the first one.

It was through the school that he met Miss Delva Lacy St. Clair, a teacher, and they were married Sept. 23, 1913 in the Owyhee Community.

Mr. Wall spent most of his time since coming to Oregon in farming. During the war he worked at the shipyards in Portland. After his retirement he spent five years in San Salvador, Central America with his eldest son, Clayton. In recent years he had lived in Boise, Lake Oswego and Medford, Oregon. Wherever he went he made a host of friends.

Survivors include three sons, John S. Wall, Tampa, Florida, James M. Wall, Bremerton, Wash., and Robert K. Wall, Lake Oswego, Ore.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Delva Lacy Wall in 1965 and a son, Clayton Kenneth Wall.



Harold Marcum

Services for Chester Harold Marcum, 53, Stanfield, Oregon, who died February 4, at a Pendleton hospital were conducted February 8, at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston by the Rev. S. D. Crothers. Interment was at Stanfield.

Born Sept. 9, 1917, at Meridian Mr. Marcum had been a resident of Stanfield since 1955. He was a veteran of World War II and served with the U.S. Navy.

Surviving besides his wife, Thelma, are 10 sons, Dennis of La Grande, Eldon, Mike, Gary, Kirk, John, Dean, Lloyd, Wesley and Phillip, all of Stanfield; six daughters, Mrs. Donna Kennedy, Hermiston, Judy, Kathy, Maxine, Jennie and Nora, all of Stanfield.

Also surviving are two brothers, Andy of Salisaw, Okla., and Howard of Monticello, Ga.; eight sisters, Mrs. Lucy Parker of Hometown, Mrs. Laura Arnold, Adrian, Mrs. Hattie Bowers and Mrs. Mabel Warren, both of Ontario, Mrs. Sadie Montgomery, Coquille, Mrs. Elda Norris, Sutherlin, Mrs. Evelyn Richardson, Nampa, and Mrs. Robert Wohlke, Pendleton.

Graveside services for Ray H. Frahm, 79, Star, who died February 7 at Pendleton, were conducted February 10 at Star Cemetery by the Rev. Kenneth Pitts of the Star Friends Church.

Mr. Frahm was born in Mapleton, Iowa, September 3, 1892, and lived in the area most of his life.

Survivors include two brothers, Ted Frahm of Ontario and William Frahm; and three sisters, Mrs. Lena McGrath of Star and Ida Frahm and Florence Frahm, both of Gooding, Idaho. Folsom's Funeral Chapel, Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ, corner of 7th and Emission announces special services with the Rev. Dick Carter, a Baptist from Decatur, Georgia. He is an outstanding speaker and will be ministering February 14 to 21 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Final afternoon service will be held on the 21st. Everyone is welcome.

MERRY WIDOWS

Mrs. Tom Johnson entertained members of the Merry Widows Club at her home for 6 o'clock dinner Saturday, February 6. Mrs. Mary McConnell was a guest and the 12 attending enjoyed an evening of pinocle after the dinner was served.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 13, immediately following church services at the Christian Church, a family potluck dinner will be served.

Special "Sweetheart Honors" will be given the sweethearts married the shortest time, those married the longest time, those with the largest number of children present, sweethearts with the youngest child and those with the greatest number of grandchildren present.

Mrs. Tom Johnson entertained Christian Womens Fellowship Group of the First Christian Church in Nyssa Thursday afternoon at her home.

There were 12 members present. Mrs. Ralph Curry gave devotionals and the afternoon was spent working on bazaar items.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

A youth class in preparation for church membership will begin on February 15 after school, and continue thru reception on Palm Sunday, April 4.

The Fellowship dinner will be held on February 17 in the school cafeteria at 6:30.

APOSTOLIC FAITH

Que es el engano? El engano es algo falso, es una mentira, es lo que el mundo ofrece un espejismo en la vida. Querido lector, Jesucristo dijo: "Yo soy el camino de la verdad y la vida". No este usted en un engano! La paga del pecado es muerte mas la dadia de Dios es vida eterna en Cristo Jesus. Le invitamos a usted y a su apreciable familia a la 'Asamblea Apostolica De La Fe en Cristo Jesus'.

Do mingo-por-la-noche 7 p.m. LE ESPERAMOS! Escuela Dominical... 10 a.m. Miercoles Clase Biblica, 7 p.m. Viernes Predicacion... 7 p.m. Pastor: Mike Valverde, Jr.

MERRY WIDOWS

Mrs. Tom Johnson entertained members of the Merry Widows Club at her home for 6 o'clock dinner Saturday, February 6. Mrs. Mary McConnell was a guest and the 12 attending enjoyed an evening of pinocle after the dinner was served.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Rep. and Mrs. Emil Stunz were on hand to welcome Malheur County 4-H members to Salem. Visiting the capital city during the recent 4-H government conference were Sally Griffin of Vale and John Jones of Jordan Valley. The Stunz' gave the 4-H'ers special attention and showed them inside glimpses of house proceedings.

Appointment of Norman F. Hipp, Malheur County farmer, as agricultural representative of First National Bank of Oregon in the Ontario-Nyssa district has been announced by Leonard Hewett, manager of the bank's Nyssa Branch.

20 YEARS AGO

The newly-decorated and renovated St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be rededicated January 29 at 8 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Lane W. Barton, Bishop of the Missionary District of Eastern Oregon will officiate.

The new interior of the building will be dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the late Mrs. J.J. Sarazin. Mrs. Sarazin was a devoted member of the church for many years, and was instrumental in keeping the congregation together. It was one of her dreams that the interior of the church be improved and she began a fund raising project.

The most interesting interior of the building was conceived and planned by members of the parish, and all labor was donated by members and friends of the congregation. The idea was a "brain child" of Grant Rinehart and the result has been dubbed the "Rinehart Original."

30 YEARS AGO

Eighteen men from Malheur County have been called to serve in the army. Those who have been called will report to the Multnomah County Library in Portland, according to Robert O. Lytle, Malheur County Local Board Chairman.

Men from Nyssa are Harold W. Elliott, Raymond E. Hines, Merl W. Kygar, Louie B. Marostica, Lawrence J. Marostica, Quinsee E. Pfaff, Howard D. Boor. Already enlisted are Harold T. Strom, and Theodora R. Baird.

A dance sponsored by the Nyssa Civic Organizations and

headed by the Lions Club has been planned March 1, for the benefit of the Nyssa and surrounding territory victims of infantile paralysis. All money raised over and above the expenses will go to finance medical care for the victims. Fred Burgesser and Heinz Sonnekes are the committee in charge of arrangements. Mae Russell and her seven piece orchestra have been engaged to furnish the music.

A shower for the Cummings family whose house burned last Sunday morning was held at the school house in District 47 Sunday afternoon. The Jolly Janes were hostesses.

Mr. Manley of the Chet Sage place has his car parked out by the highway. He has had a gift bestowed upon him by the creek. A gift of from six to eighteen inches of fine mud on almost a quarter mile of his private road, the only outlet for him to the highway.

50 YEARS AGO

The 16th birthday anniversary of Miss Ruth Servoss occurred on February 4, and the event was celebrated by the young lady giving her a surprise party. The evening was pleasantly spent playing games, pulling taffy and doing justice to a delicious luncheon.

Those present were Mrs. Servoss, Mrs. H. D. Holmes, Cherald Green, Annette Blodgett, Edith and Lenora Robesor, Edna Dennis, Fay Dunn, Sue Bunch, Pauline and Mildred Forbes, Myrtle Fields, Jenny Newby, Julia Clore, Margaret Crockett, Madeline Claiborn, Bessie Anderson, Grace Warren, Ruth and Nina Servoss, Robert Long, Arthur Servoss, William McDonald, William Toombs, William Klinkenberg, Bert Davis, Bert Shelton, Lawrence Blodgett, Warren Blodgett, James Duncan, Charley Peck, George Link, John Zittercob, John Coopman, Frank and John Leuck, Earl Davis, Earl Ward, Ralph Reberger, Frank Reberger, Lloyd Hoxie, Charley Newbill, Harold Lucas, Arthur Ballinger, Bruce and Dave Walters.

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 I wish to thank my many friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses shown me during my recent stay in the Caldwell Memorial Hospital.
 Agnes F. Butler

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