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WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Ninth Wedding Anniversary

August 2nd was the ninth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sinsiek which they celebrated with a party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, Robert Wheeler, and George Dorward were present. Ice cream and cake was served.

Rainbow Initiates One Candidate

Margaret Ann Jenkins was initiated into the Order of Rainbow for Girls, August 4. She made a pretty picture in white rustling taffeta.

Initiates for the degrees August 18 are Mary Lou Bowers of Coupeville, and Geraldine and Amy Terry of Oak Harbor.

Refreshments of cookies and kool-aid were served immediately following the meeting.

A stork shower was given in the Lester home August 5th, for Yvonne Cook Church by Mrs. Lester.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arlien Holt invited her little friends to help her celebrate her sixth birthday anniversary last Wednesday.

On Thursday, Janice Hallberg entertained on her sixth birthday anniversary.

Elizabeth Steinsiek enjoyed a birthday dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, on Friday.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean have just returned from a flying trip to Alaska to visit their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherman of Pasco were visiting in Coupeville over the week end.

Vern Coates is now home after two weeks visit with the Carl Jennings family of Silverdale. He enjoyed a camping trip at Mt. Baker during his visit.

A cable boat was working in the bay last Friday.

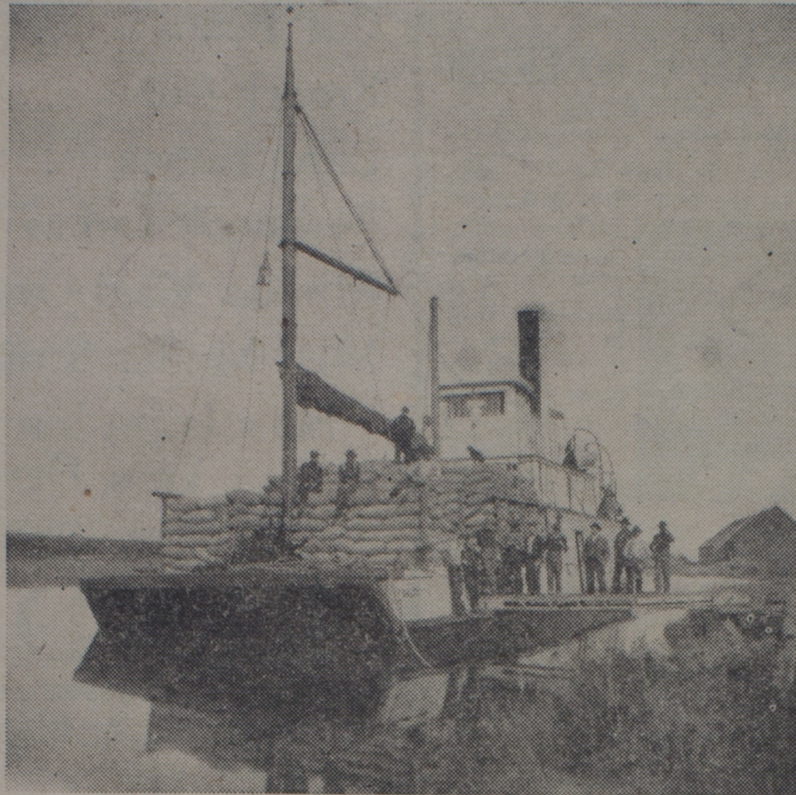
Warren Kincaid has been refurbishing his building on Main Street, once occupied by Lindsay's grocery.

An elderly lady broke her ankle on the beach at Harry Josephson's, the other day. Deputy Art Burke took a stretcher out there, to help get her up the bank. She was taken to a Seattle hospital.

The Roy Hoffmans, the George DeVries family, and Eddie Hallberg picnicked and swam at West Beach Sunday.

Art Kennedy was a recent business visitor in Spokane.

FIDALGO VISITED COUPEVILLE AT TURN OF THE CENTURY



Pictured is the S. S. Fidalgo, captained by C. J. Sewell, loading oats for John Peth on Higgins' Slough, near LaConner. The slough was used for such transportation purposes until around 1905. Now it has been dammed, and such a slough as is left in the field is only used as a drainage reservoir.

Cut courtesy of "Puget Sound Mail," Washington's oldest newspaper, published by Pat O'Leary at LaConner, where the Skagit County Pioneers Picnic was held today.

Beards

Men Forbidden to Shave

RAVENSWOOD, W.Va.—As a part of its centennial celebration during early July, Ravenswood men were forbidden to shave for a period of two weeks.

A whisker contest was one of the main events of the celebrations.

There was one loophole in the shaving order. The men who wanted to shave during the two-week period could do so if they obtained a razor permit, which cost \$2.

The money derived from the sale of shaving permits went into the centennial fund and was used to help defray the expense of the celebration.

The centennial celebration was scheduled for a three-day period, but was received with such enthusiasm that it was extended for a week.

First Civilian Jeep

Is Now in Retirement

LUCAS, Kan.—The first Army Jeep converted to civilian use now rests in honorable retirement in the barn of a ranch near here.

Awaiting eventual shipment to a place of honor in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, the historical little vehicle is being carefully preserved by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heine, prominent local ranchers who bought it from Jeep-maker Willys-Overland after it and several dozen others were made available for sale to civilians.

The first of the versatile little vehicular heroes of World War II to be discharged into civilian life was used by the Heine as an all-purpose vehicle on their 10,000-acre ranch near here.

Because they were the first civilians to own a converted army Jeep, the Heines also got the privilege of buying the first Jeep built specifically for civilian use after V-J day.

WEEKLY EATING CLUB

By Jim Barstow



Al Sherman On Austrian 75 A. Ranch

Following is a letter from Al Sherman, 20-year-old Coupeville boy, who is spending the summer in Judenburg, Austria, through the International Farm Youth Exchange program which originally appeared in *The Seattle Times*, July 29th:

Austrian farmers work hard on weekdays, arising at 5:30 o'clock and retiring at 7 or 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Only on Sunday do they don native costumes for dancing and merriment.

When I go into the village, the people always accept me into their homes as a member of the family. They eat five times a day and offer me food each time.

I live on a 75-acre farm near Judenburg in the Styria section of Austria. The farm, in a valley surrounded by high hills, is typical of Austria and reminiscent of Western Washington. The countryside is green, with some grain crops starting to turn brown.

The Karners, my family, have ten milk cows here and 40 in the mountains, 25 pigs and two horses. The Karners are proud of their German-made tractor and their crops of wheat, flax, oats and potatoes.

Scientific farming is responsible for the Karners' good crops. A son, Friedrich, studied agriculture in school here before being forced into Hitler's army in 1938. He learned American farm methods during three years in the United States as an American prisoner during the Second World War.

Friedrich is proud of his 4-H medal, an honor awarded to only eight Austrians annually. Austrian 4-H, called Land Organization, is made up of older members than ours at home. Although started after the war, it is already the strongest farm club in Austria with 100,000 members.

Our farm home is old and large. It is not unusual to see birds flying inside the house. The swallow is considered a goodluck sign and its nests are never torn down.

Weeklies Spent Millions On Postal Services in '51

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Post Office department reports newspapers other than dailies—primarily the weekly newspapers in the home towns of the nation—spent \$2,543,742 during the fiscal year 1951 for postal services.

For this revenue, the government spent \$20,829,000, the report says.

That leaves weeklies accounting for \$17,681,814 of the department's total second class deficit of \$188,567,349, according to the report. These figures attribute \$47,826,945 of the deficit to dailies.

Free-in-county for the year showed expenditures of \$11,952,270, a decrease of \$386,247 from the previous report.

Second to dailies in the amount of deficit attributed to them are magazines and periodicals of general interest, \$43,058,130. Exempt publications cost the taxpayer \$42,625,475 in postage, according to the figures.

Weeklies were fourth from the bottom in the list which included deficits caused by publications carrying less than 5 per cent advertising, \$18,758,474; agricultural, business, professional, etc. publications, \$16,298,446; religious, educational, welfare publications, \$2,483,658, and others, \$334,091.

Transients' costs added another \$972,905 to the reported deficit as did publishers' forwards or returns, \$608,405. From these deficits was subtracted revenue from domestic mail fees and box rent for second class, estimated at \$2,030,994.

Deficits for penalty, franked, free for blind, free registry and non-postal services totaled more than \$59,000,000.

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COURT HOUSE

Permits To Wed

August 1: Theodore H. Marcott of VP2 NAS Whidbey and Betty E. Gorsline of Dearborn, Michigan.

August 4: C. L. Parker of Burlington and Gladys Cathcart of Mt. Vernon.

COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS

Recent instruments filed for probate in the office of the County Clerk:

June 26: Estate of Stella May Jones. Last Will and Testament.

July 8: Estate of Richard S. Trumbull. Last Will and Testament.

July 15: Estate of Donald LeRoy. Preliminary Statement.

July 18: Estate of Antone W. Muller. Petition to Admit Will, and Certificate

"COULD THIS BE YOU?"

M. V. Wallace appeared in Lynn P. Vane's Justice Court Tuesday evening, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$50 and costs, and had his driver's license revoked for a year.

Chief Bob Schreiber arrested Paul A. Nicholas in Oak Harbor this afternoon, for driving a car while under the influence of strong drink.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUSY

Wallace Davis was arrested Tuesday at Langley, on a Superior Court warrant.

Jerome Heath was arrested at Ault Field Wednesday by Sheriff's Deputies Burke and Kottke, on a non-support charge lodged by Tillamook, Oregon, officials. Heath waived extradition, and Deputies Struck and Ireland returned Heath to their Oregon bailiwick.

17-Yr. Locust Swarm Visits Virginia Town

GALAX, Va.—Farmers in this vicinity are keeping an anxious eye on their orchards during the plague of 17-year-locusts which has beset this area.

Local orchardists report the insects have done little damage so far but damage is not always immediately apparent. Swarms of the locusts have been reported in the Roanoke area to the north and in the Elkin, N.C., area to the south. Many have been seen in the air in the Mount Airy, N.C., vicinity.

There are some locusts on the Walter Russell farm on the Hillsville highway but they have not become a problem yet, according to reports. Mr. Russell farms more than 10 acres of apple trees.

Charlie Muse, West Center street, reports there are swarms of the insects in his apple orchard but there are no signs of serious damage as yet. Blades of grass growing beneath the trees are bent over from the weight of the locusts.

Births

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kottke at the Harpole home this morning. The little lady has been named Vicky Marie.

After you have read this paper ... pass it on.

SCANNING THE WEEK'S NEWS
of Main Street and the WorldNation's Costliest Steel Strike Settled;
Air Force Spots 'Saucers' with Radar

The nation's longest and costliest steel strike, which had idled more than 2,000,000 workers in steel and allied industries, was settled while the Democratic national convention was in full swing.

Terms of the settlement had not been announced as was written. The steelworkers' union officials had insisted that the industry must agree to full compulsory union membership as the price for peace.

The Wage Stabilization Board had recommended that the dispute be settled along these lines:

The companies should give the workers an hourly pay-increase amounting to some 26 cents an hour with fringe benefits. In addition, the industry should grant a union shop.

The companies offered a wage package of 24.6 cents an hour, but proposed a watered-down version of the union shop.

The union made terms with several small steel companies on a modified union shop that makes union membership compulsory but which allows workers to withdraw between the 20th and 30th day of employment.

Union President Philip Murray declared any further agreements on that pattern were out.

President Truman intervened in the steel strike by calling President Benjamin Fairless of United States Steel and Mr. Murray to a conference at the White House after Defense Secretary Lovett indicated that the walkout was about to force rationing of ammunition in Korea.

Lovett told a news conference the strike had damaged the defense program more than any bombing raid could. Asked if ammunition might be rationed if the strike continued, he said:

"It is perfectly apparent that if this strike goes on, standby stocks won't be sufficient.

"You and I will be over there with a bow and arrow."

Lovett said no enemy nation could have inflicted more damage on the defense program than the strike. He estimated the loss of defense production in dollars at somewhere between \$2,500,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000.

Iron Age, a national metalworking magazine, estimated the number idled by the strike at its peak at 2,000,000 workers. The estimated included 600,000 striking steelworkers. The remainder were in allied industries.

The publication also said the raw-steel production loss by the end of the week that the strike was settled totaled 17,000,000 tons.

EARTHQUAKE

Moves Mountains, Kills 11

The most severe — but not most disastrous — earthquake to rock California since the San Francisco shock of 1906 centered around the little town of Tehachapi. The quake literally moved mountains, killed 11 persons, and injured a score of others.

The shock sent walls of every major building in the town tumbling. All highways in the area were damaged by huge slides and buckled pavement. At least four railroad tunnels were extensively damaged.

Tehachapi was the hardest hit by the quake although damage extended to a radius of nearly 100 miles. Bakerfield, a city of 35,000, was hard hit, but no one was killed. Arvin, a town of 8,000, was a scene of desolation. The shock knocked the fronts out of almost all buildings in the business area.

Millions of Californians from San Francisco to the Mexican border felt the shock which hit at 4:52 a.m. Los Angeles and Fresno suffered considerable damage.

When finally tabulated the damage will run into the millions.

FLYING SAUCERS

Now It's Anybody's Guess

Mr. and Mrs. Average American took one look at the headlines last week and experienced that tingling sensation at the base of the skull that indicates excitement or fear of the unusual or supernatural. This reaction was caused by the headlines that read: "Air Force Spots 'Saucers' on Radar".

Thus the much discussed topic of flying saucers, which first hit the headlines in 1947, jumped back into the news. Until the latest head-

line appeared, the Air Force, which has conducted extensive investigations of every report of flying saucers, has denied that such things existed.

As every American school boy knows, radar does not pick up optical illusions or imaginations of crack-pots. Now, the Air Force announces that the latest appearance of "saucers" in the vicinity of the nation's capital, appeared on radar — indicating actual substance rather than mere light. In addition, a pilot of an airliner, asked by the Air Force to keep a lookout for the saucers, reported he too saw the objects.

The report has caused considerable speculation in the nation and, naturally, raised the question: Did the Air Force release all information on the subject gathered in recent investigations?

An Air Force spokesman has announced that while 1947 was the big year for "saucer" reports, the current average of 100 sightings a month is the largest since then, with the November-December period of 1948 next.

FARM BILL

Support Bill Signed

The new farm price parity bill, which may represent one of the administration's strongest bids for farm support in the November election, has been signed by President Truman.

The bill guarantees support of cotton, wheat, corn, rice, tobacco, and peanuts at 90 per cent of parity through 1954.

Parity is a price for farm products determined by a legal formula to be fair to farmers in relation to prices of things they buy.

The President called the bill "a valuable addition to the agricultural legislation which has been so important in maintaining a strong and stable farm economy and which has contributed so markedly to a much-needed increase in the American standard of rural living."

ECONOMY

Great Future Seen

Shortly after signing the farm price parity bill, President Truman made public his mid-year economic report to congress, in which he predicted this country's expanding would achieve a total annual output of nearly \$440 million by 1960, a gain of \$100 million compared to current output.

The President said that a comparison of our total output in 1939 with the annual rate indicated for the first six months of this year show that the country's total output has increased almost 90 per cent.

Industrial output, he said, has approximately doubled. The output of farms has increased about one-third, business investment in construction and equipment measured in 1951 prices, has risen from an annual rate of \$14 billion to an annual rate of almost \$38 billion. Civilian employment is up from less than 46 million to an average of about 61 million.

Per capita income of the people, even after adjustments for price changes and computed after taxes has risen about 40 per cent, he said.

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By L. N. HALLBERG

With this issue we are combining the Oak Harbor Beacon with the county seat paper. This will give our Oak Harbor friends more county news, and our advertisers a wider readership. This does not mean any change in our overall policy. We shall continue to print all the news available and pertinent to Whidbey Island, with an accent on the territory we serve.



North Whidbey has much in common. The Naval Air Station is of interest to all of us Coupeville and Oak Harbor are both growing with NAS Whidbey. Let's accept this growth, and not try to retain outmoded habits and methods.

There are several shopping sheets and other outside advertising mediums, making bids for Whidbey Island business. Advertisers would do well to support their own county seat paper, and incidentally "fight fire with fire" The COURIER is here. If you don't use it, you are missing something!

Heard at the Kirkland games: "We won't have a boy in Little League next year, but we'll be here, just the same!"

Kirkland really has a nice set-up for their youth program. After the games, players and managers were royally treated at the Teen-Age canteen, which in itself it worthy to be patterned after.

Something new has been added, in girls fastball. We had the pleasure of seeing the Seattle Epicures and the team of Erv Lind Florist, from Portland, in action Saturday night. The little gal in the Portland hot corner really had a wing on her!

Some young ladies in Oak Harbor are showing good fastball form in their work-outs on the school diamond

We visited our old friend, Carl Jorgensen, in Kirkland, over the week end. Carl has a collection of blue spruce representing several western states. He gave us some tips on spruce and rose culture we never even suspected before.

In company with the Jorgensens, we also viewed the Navy games and ships, Sunday afternoon.

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CARRIER

Will Be Built in East

The Forrestal, the Navy's second super aircraft carrier, will be built at the Brooklyn navy yard. The ship will be 1,040 feet long and will cost an estimated \$218 million.

During the coming fiscal year the Navy will build or start building 40 new ships and 350 small landing craft and convert four vessels.

Meanwhile, the Navy has announced a contract for the second atom powered submarine has been let to the company already working on the first of the type. This vessel is expected to cost about \$42,700,000.

FAIR TRADE

What Will Be Results?

Small business is wondering what will be the final result on the nation's economy of the "fair trade" law which President Truman signed recently.

The law lifts application of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act to permit private price-fixing in interstate commerce by manufacturers of name-brand and trade-mark articles at the distributor, wholesaler, jobber and retailer levels.

The bill was pushed through congress by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers led by a powerful drug lobby over the protest of organized labor, farm and consumer groups.

The big argument for the law is that it averts price-cutting wars. The argument against it is that it means higher prices for the consumer. Only time will reveal which is correct.

Births

A son was born August 1st to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil N. Byford of Oak Harbor, and was named Thomas Alan.

August 2nd a girl, named LaVeta Rae, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Doratt of Langley.

A boy, Joseph Eber, was born August 4th to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simmons of Langley.

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**OAK HARBOR
SUPPLEMENT**

**At Little
League
Tourney**

Saturday morning, 14 boys on the Oak Harbor Little League All-Star baseball team were taken to Kirkland, to participate in the District 7-C tournament.

Players were: Dale Abrahamse, John Abrahamse, Edward Beeksma, Roderick Budd, Robert Buttram, Mack Freeman, Charles Geska, Jerry Hallberg, Leonard Heller, Donald Meyers, David Neinhuis, Jerry Smith, Jerry Storey, and Melvin Zylstra.

They were managed by Simon Heller and L. V. "Doan" Ely.

The first game of the tournament was between Kirkland and the Snohomish County Boys Club, and was an easy 23-0 victory for Kirkland, called at the end of the fifth inning.

The second game by innings:
Bellevue 0 0 0 7 2 0—9
North Everett 4 9 0 7 2 3—25

Oak Harbor crossed bats with Centralia at two o'clock in the afternoon. The starting line-up was: Meyers, 2b; J. Hallberg, ss; J. Abrahamse, 1b; Freeman, 3b; Geska, p; Buttram, c; Neinhuis, cf; Smith, rf; Storey, lf.

Meyers finished the game as pitcher, and Geska went to second base.

Oak Harbor made three scores in the fifth inning, taking the lead on Centralia, who put in two in the third.

In the sixth inning, John Abrahamse was walked, and Freeman's home run put Oak Harbor out in front, five to Centralia's two. In Centralia's last time up, three men were walked, and Lohr's hit and eventual score gave them four more runs and the game, 6-5.

Among those who were in the party of rooters were George Budd, Ralph Smith, Ken Jensen, Mrs. Si Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Nienhuis and Chuck, Mr. and Mrs. Eg Beeksma and Stan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Long and David, Nels Hallberg and Robert Hallberg.

South Kitsap beat Aberdeen in the last game of the day, 7-1.

Sunday morning, North Everett beat Kirkland, and at noon, Centralia won from South Kitsap.

Sunday afternoon, the losers of that morning's games played, with Kirkland winning third place from South Kitsap, 12-9.

North Everett had forged into the final game with Centralia, who so closely vanquished Oak Harbor. This game was a classic in good baseball.

Centralia led off, with two put-outs at first and one out on strikes. North Everett got on through an error, and made two hits, to work in two scores that first inning.

Centralia's center fielder, who finished the game as pitcher, Kenneth Fry, got a two base hit, but "died" on second when the next two men up fanned, and the first man up had flied out. Everett got a one-base hit, two fanned, and one out at first.

Centralia worked a one-base hit into a score in the third, and held North Everett scoreless that frame, with the score now 2-1. Nothing happened but tight baseball until the first of the sixth and last inning, when Centralia put in the tying run.

North Everett proceeding to do something about that. Left fielder Jerry Toon got on first with a hit, and pitcher Dick Haug drove Toon in with a home run—to win his own ball game, 4-2!

North Everett's Little Leaguers will go to the play-offs in Richland, August 9th and 10th, along with the victor in the Seattle tournament, the winner of the Vancouver, B. C. tourney, and the eastern Washington and Montana champions.

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SUPPLEMENT

Wally Mauden, of San de Fuca, and Jack Buttram, of Oak Harbor, have gone to Seattle to join the Air Force.

Jim Adamson and Wayne Fox are on a trip to southern Washington and points South.

Island Motor Co. is remodeling the front of their building.

Wednesday the Yanks and Giants played a Little League game. The score was 6-5 in favor of the Giants. Tuesday the Giants beat the Cubs 5-3.

Chief Charles Bennett and family are on a trip to Pensacola, Florida. When they return they will occupy the Paul house, which they recently purchased.

Births

A son, named Richard Yorke, was born Aug. 1 to Mr. and Mrs. George "Joe" Dyer of San Pedro, California. The Dyers were formerly from Oak Harbor.

Town's Hospitality
To GIs Spreads Its
Name Across Nation

WATERTOWN, N.Y.—Many former servicemen remember the small towns near their camps with dislike and, often, hate.

Some remember that many towns had a two-price system, one for the civilians and a higher one for GIs. They were not welcome in the homes, churches and restaurants. The towns were only interested in the GIs' dollar and the quickest way to get it.

This doesn't hold true for Watertown, however. The town is an outstanding example of a community which wants the GIs at nearby Camp Drum to feel welcome. And as a result, its fame is spreading across the nation.

The Watertown YMCA displays an 80-foot banner "Welcome Servicemen," and encourages GIs to use its pool. Citizens invite soldiers to dinner, or to week ends at summer cottages. "Open houses" at churches, too, provide wholesome entertainment and home-cooked food. The USO is active and a popular gathering place for soldiers.

Watertown has a two-price system, but it works in favor of the soldier. For example, a \$1.45 turkey dinner at Gregory Gasas's restaurant costs the soldier only \$1. A room which costs the tourist \$5 often costs the GI only \$3.

And the merchants offer as many as 15 gifts a week to servicemen with "lucky serial numbers". The Star Taxi company hauls GI hitchhikers to town—free.

This Golden Rule policy has brought rich dividends to the community. For instance, when Watertown sheltered blizzard-bound GIs in theaters and hotels last winter, Camp Drum promptly reciprocated by offering its equipment for street cleaning. GIs gave 1,500 pints of blood to Watertown's blood bank and last Christmas collected two truckloads of toys for the local orphanage.

The soldiers from Camp Drum and Watertown have no conflict. Explained the mayor, "We give the serviceman so much to do and try so hard to show him we're his friends that—if he has any decency at all—he'll behave."

"A Home Away from Home"

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OAK HARBOR, WASH.Cornish Homes Restored
In Wisconsin Village

MINERAL POINT, Wis.—Mineral Point, population 2,234, in the rolling hills of southwest Wisconsin, was once the most important town in the state. Right there was the heart of the old lead and zinc mining region, an Eldorado of the early 1830's for the miners of Cornwall who settled it.

The homes of the miners were built exactly as those the Cornish left behind in Cornwall.

The rich surface deposits of lead played out and the Cornish didn't get rich quick and home again as they had planned. They stayed until the mines were worked out, then some turned to farming; others moved on to the gold fields of the west.

The little stone houses on Shake Rag's street were left to decay.

Then in 1935, Robert Neal, of Cornish ancestry, born in Mineral Point, returned to the community and purchased one of the houses for \$10. Later, with a partner, Edgar Hellum, they purchased two more.

The men are now restoring their houses to form a typical Cornish historical grouping, comparable, in a small way, to the restoration of Williamsburg, Va.

In one of the cottages they serve meals of real old Cornish pastries to help finance the project. The houses are attracting many tourists to the little community.

Vacationers Should Plan
To Thief-Proof Homes

NEW YORK, N.Y.—People in the small towns of the nation should thief-proof their homes before going on vacation as well as the city dweller, a crime expert says.

Thieves work overtime during the summer when millions of American families leave their homes for vacations. To thief-proof their homes, homeowners should take six simple precautions:

1. Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries until your return.

2. Tell your postman about the temporary change in address. A collection of unopened milk bottles, a stuffed mail box, or a pile of newspaper on your front porch is an open invitation to burglars who constantly watch for such tell-tale signals.

3. Notify your local police and tell them how long you will be away. The policeman in your neighborhood will keep an eye open for any signs of strange activity at your home.

4. Inform a trustworthy neighbor of your vacation plans and give him your vacation address and phone number. Ask them to call the police if they note anything suspicious.

5. Don't have any cash, gems, or valuables in the house unless protected in an approved burglary-resistant money chest, or visit your local bank and place your valuables in a safe deposit box.

6. Securely lock all windows and doors. Don't just slam the door. Lock it with a key so that the bolt provides added security.

BENNETT GIVEN TROPHY
FOR WORK WITH SCOUTS

The Cub Scouts and their families enjoyed a picnic supper and weiner roast at West Beach Friday evening.

Mr. Paul presented Mr. Bennett with a trophy for his outstanding work with the Cubs.

KOREA

No Break in Sight

The news in Korea the past week or so has been confined to action around a hill called Old Baldy which Allied troops recaptured after hard, bloody fighting. Planes, tanks, artillery and flaming bombs were used in the assault.

As for the so-called peace talks at Panmunjom, words of President Truman, spoken over a year ago, would seem to describe the situation: "We do not yet know whether the Communists really desire peace in Korea."

The question of peace in Korea has been stalled for over three months on this issue: repatriation of prisoners of war. The U.N., which has 170,000 prisoners, has refused to send back any who do not want to return. The Communists, with 12,000 prisoners, have insisted on return of all prisoners, except South Koreans, whose names appeared on the official prisoner list handed over by the U.N. last winter.

Motor Tips Can Save
Delays on Summer Trips

AKRON, O.—Some simple precautions now may save vacation-bound home towners from needless headaches and delays this summer.

A complete pre-vacation check-up of the family car by a competent mechanic is a "must" for a trouble-free trip.

Of course, brakes, lights and ignition should be inspected, and tires carefully examined for cuts or breaks in the sidewalls and tread.

Put an extra fuse in the glove compartment. Carry a spare ignition key. Get a first aid kit and small fire extinguisher. Have the car lubricated and battery checked. Write or wire in advance for reservations. Make sure the tool kit is in the trunk and that the jack is in working condition. Don't carry too much cash—use travelers' checks.

And it's wise to check possible detours with local gas stations or tire dealers and plan reasonable daily mileage.

Larry Seehorn, of Spokane, is visiting his brother, Glen Seehorn.

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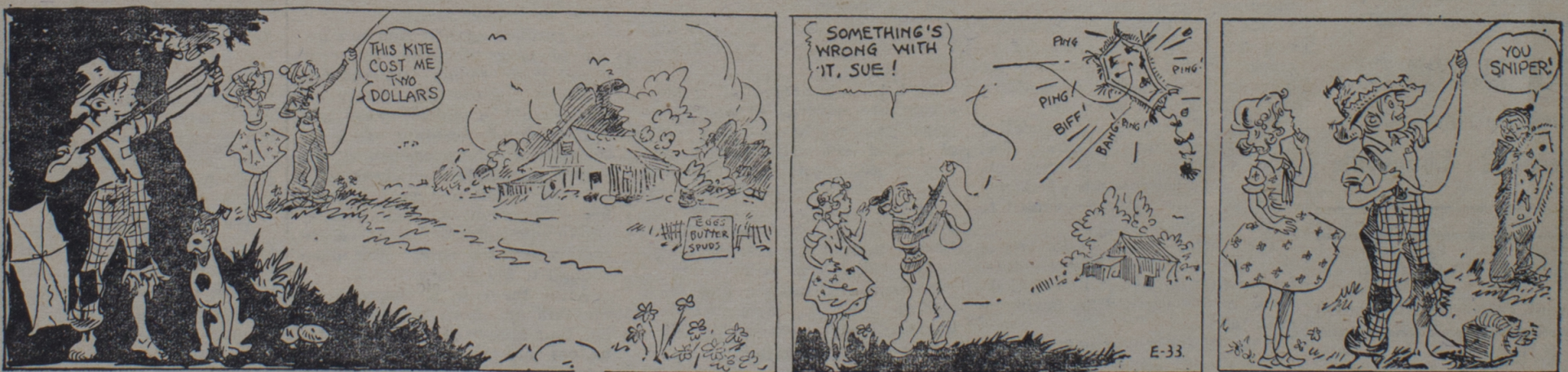
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GOLD-RUSH TOWN

Western Town Snoozes Away Its Last Days

KERNVILLE, Calif.—Sometime during the summer months of 1953 this small town will be covered with water. Thus will end the community that became famous as a gold rush town, and famed in song and story as "Whisky Flat".

Five miles downstream contractors for the Army Corps of Engineers are at work on the Isabella dam, designed to impound the periodic flood waters of the river between confining walls of Sierra Nevada foothills in a lake that will stretch back more than a mile above the town.

It was just a century ago, on the heels of the discovery of gold in northern California, that a prospector named Lovely Rogers, hunting his errant mule along the banks of the Kern, stumbled upon a piece of quartz richly creased with gold. Actually, it turned out, the discovery was small potatoes compared to that of James Marshall's at Sutter's Mill some five years before, which had opened up a whole new chapter of American history.

Promoters Busy

However, it was seized upon by unscrupulous promoters, who wrote a series of letters to San Francisco newspapers reporting a new bonanza. This came at a psychological moment when there were many disappointed latecomers in the Mother Lode country to the north. They promptly swarmed south, touching off a new gold rush.

The vanguard was met by a promoter whose establishment consisted of two kegs of whisky with a plank across them, and the boom town acquired the name of Whisky Flat.

There was gold there, but it was marginal; and it was not until a decade later, when the northern lodes began to run thin, that Kernville, as it eventually became known, began humming. Then, as a visitor of 1865 described it:

"Stock-brokers, surveyors, lawyers, gamblers, dentists, prospectors, teamsters, French, Italian and all kinds of characters of men through the streets from morning until night, and through the night until morning again, buying, selling, gambling and drinking—a perfect facsimile of Virginia City (Nevada) in 1861 and 1862."

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But as the gold rush subsided and boom towns faded away throughout California, Kernville ironically survived, deriving a new livelihood from the river through the water it provided for cattle raising and fruit ranching. So it persisted up to the present era, when the accoutrements of its boom days yielded a new and unexpected source of income: serving as background for horse-opera companies from Hollywood, 125 miles to the south.

Today, Kernville, its population now reduced to less than 300, snoozes away its final moments under the cottonwoods and eucalyptus that settlers planted to shade its streets.

The closing a few weeks ago of the Andrew Brown general store, for the first time since its establishment in 1854, marked the beginning of the end.

Many of the community's portable features, along with those of the hamlet of Isabella at the dam site, will be re-established in three new communities, New Kernville, River-Kern, and Woodford Heights, all within a few miles of each other in the little river valley where the vagaries of one mule and many humans made history.

Americans Predominately Small Town, Rural People

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Americans are still predominately a small town and rural people despite the rapid growth in city population, statisticians of an insurance company report after a study of population trends as shown by the 1950 census.

Three fifths of the American people live in places with fewer than 25,000 residents, the statisticians said. Less than one quarter of the people live in cities with populations as large as 250,000. In fact, 25 states have no cities as large as 250,000, and 13 have no cities above

100,000.

In general, the south has the largest proportion of people living in small towns and rural areas, while the northeast has the lowest per cent in such places.

The movement of the population into cities has been steadily browsing over the last 50 years, the statisticians pointed out. In 1900, three fourths of the population lived in places under 25,000, and well over half the population lived in rural areas. At that time, 37 states did not have a single city with as many as 250,000 residents, and 11 states had no cities larger than 25,000.

"The preference of many families for life in small towns and the countryside is also evidenced by the rapid expansion of suburban areas," the statisticians added.

"In the past decade, the communities clustering around the larger cities have experienced the highest rates of growth. Through the development of suburban areas, large numbers of people are able to enjoy the advantages that small towns offer while they share in the economic life of the near-by cities."

Rat Control

Town Wages Campaign

LARIMORE, N.D. — The village of Larimore recently waged a highly successful five-day rat extermination program in an effort to clean up the community and reduce the dangers of disease.

An exterminator was hired by the community to help in the program. He was given the authority to work anywhere in the town, including around the grain elevators.

During the five-day period owners of pets kept their animals tied up to keep them from getting the poison planted by the exterminator.

An organized clean-up campaign, to clear alleys and backyards of rubbish, thus removing breeding places and havens for the pests, was carried out by local citizens.

Unusual College Is Located in Small Kentucky Community

MT. STERLING, Ky.—The little town of Mt. Sterling is the location of one of the most unusual colleges in the nation—the Kentucky Auctioneering College. It is the only one of its kind in Kentucky. There are only two others in the nation.

Col. Walter J. Fritts is president of KAC. He located the college in the small town because it is one of Kentucky's best tobacco markets, although not the largest. Four auction warehouses in the town annually sell approximately 12,000,000 pounds of tobacco for about \$6,000,000.

At KAC, all phases of auctioneering are covered in a 100-hour course that teaches the fine points of selling not only tobacco, but real estate, livestock, automobiles, furniture, implements, and a variety of other items. The fundamental aim of any auctioneer, Colonel Fritts says, is to get the "high dollar". It's done of the good of the client, of course, and it is also the best way for an auctioneer to make a reputation for himself.

Skill in auctioneering, naturally, must be learned from qualified instructors, men of experience, and the staff of Kentucky Auction College includes "professors" of voice and law. Students are taken to "live" auctions and recordings are made of their work. They are taught the proper use of the microphone and the public address system. Care of the voice, too, is important and the voice instructor, by means of charts and exercises coaches students in the prevention of strain and throat irritation, occupational hazards for an auctioneer.

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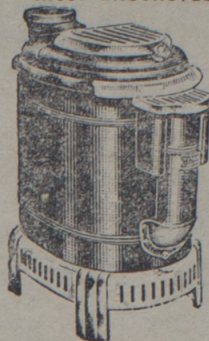
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Regardless of how you are going to pack tomatoes, use only clean, fresh, sound, firm, red-ripe tomatoes for canning. Every tomato should be washed, rinsed, and drained before scalding. To scald tomatoes without over-cooking, put 6 to 8 in a square of cheesecloth or wire basket and hold in boiling water about one-half minute. Dip in cold water and drain before cutting out the core. (Cut deep enough to get it all.)

After the core is out, slip off the skin and drop tomato into a hot Ball Mason Jar. If whole tomatoes are wanted, pack them

closely without crushing and add hot tomato juice or water to cover. If using utility pack, press the tomatoes down tight until juice runs from them. One teaspoon salt is usually added to each quart of tomatoes, although tomatoes keep as well without salt.

Don't forget to leave almost ½ inch of headspace when filling the jar. Run a knife down between the tomatoes and the jar to bring up air bubbles. More liquid may be needed to fill space left when the bubbles are removed from jars of whole packed tomatoes. Don't bother to add more to the utility pack.

Wipe tops and threads of jars clean. Then apply your Ball Dome Caps according to instructions printed on the box. Process tomatoes in a boiling water bath, 35 minutes for whole tomatoes and 45 minutes for a utility pack.

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