

CFR 1182

James & Barbara Jo Sly

A program of the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date May 1, 2012

Type of designation (*please check*)

☒ Century Farm

☐ Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name; James R. & Barbara Jo Sly

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant ; **Redacted for Privacy**

Telephone; **Redacted for** E-mail address; **Redacted for**

Contact name (if different than legal owner) _____

Mailing address of contact _____

Contact telephone **Redacted for** Contact E-mail address **Redacted for Privacy**

Location of farm or ranch (which is the subject of this application):

County; Lane County

Distance 2 ½ miles NE from nearest town; Creswell, Oregon

Township 19S Range 3 West Section 1

Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application):

GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known: The farm is located on Dale Kuni Road and extends from Old Hwy 99 to Coast Fork of the Willamette River. I-5 bisects the farm and it is just recently that we purchased property west of the freeway.

Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Frank E. Sly purchaser, Verne Sly 1st resident

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) October 24, 1908 Court House Steps Auction.
We attach a copy of the first deed that came from that auction.
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? James & Barbara Sly

Relationship of applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)
Frank E. Sly was the Great Grand Father for James Sly. Frank E. Sly's son was Verne R. Sly. Verne's son was Robert E. Sly and Robert's son is James Sly.

History of buildings:

Are any of the original buildings still in use? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe the buildings and their former and current use:

Are any of the buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places No

If, "yes", please describe:

We have a classic cattle barn built in 1928/32 in the location of the original barn. The front part was a milk barn with stanchions and gutters. The barn was lined with painted boards, many of which are still present. The barn has been restored in multiple year process. Portions of the barn still have cattle on wood floors and need be cleaned by hand. There is a two room "milk shed" next door, likewise lined with painted boards.

Several buildings from the 1930's & 1940's still exist.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:

What were the early crops or livestock?

Verne raised grain and milked a string of milking shorthorns.

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch.

The original farm was 140 acres.

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years;

Grain farming continued until the early 1960's

In the 1960's the sale of grass hay became a crop with land dedicated to hay production.

Following Robert's return from WWII he started running beef cattle on pasture land. He started out with a cow herd, then moved in a stockers operation and then back into a cow herd. The area near the River became useable for grazing with the opening of the upstream dams on the Coast Fork and Row River. This became the wintering site for the cow herd.

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History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch – Cont'd:

Cattle raising has continued to be the primary commodity. We keep an 80 cow herd based on the lower feed barn and lower pastures. We also run a stocker operation based on the upper barns and grazing the upper pastures.

We cut hay on about 175 acres of mostly rented ground. We make three types of hay. First, we make the traditional 60 lb, two tie bales primarily as horse hay for sale. Second, we make round bales for our feeding and sale. Third, we make round “haylage” bales, primarily used for feeding our livestock.

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today?

The current farm is 237 acres.

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

We rent another 120 acres plus we use almost the entire main farm for agriculture.

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

Two

Please list names and birth years:

James R. Sly 5/9/1950

Barbara Jo Sly 5/17/1949

Dawn T. Sly 12/7/1970

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, if available. Digital format photos (at highest resolution [300 dpi]) are particularly desirable, so that they may be used in publications, the CF&R Program Database or the web site. Submitted information, including photos, will be deposited in the OHS Library for future reference.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved to farm or ranch from
- Significant events in the family (births, deaths, marriages, etc)
- Any major changes to operations (methods of production, etc.)
- Additional information on crops, buildings, other changes from the original farm or ranch

(Please continue application on next page)

Statement of Affirmation

I, James R. Sly,

Here by affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at

Redacted for Privacy

Oregon, in the County of Lane has been owned by my family for at least 100 continuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century Farm & Ranch Program, on or before December 31 of the current calendar year. Further, I hereby affirm that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm or Ranch honors, including that the farm or ranch has a gross income from farming or ranching activities of not less than \$1,000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding making this statement. I understand that the application materials will become property of the Oregon Historical Society Library and be made available for public use. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both information and photographs.

Signature of Owner

Date

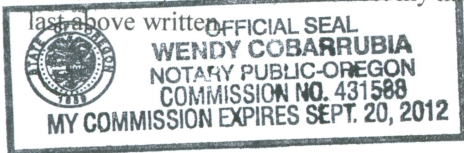
Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Lane

Be it remembered, that on this 27th day of March, 2012, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named James R. Sly, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year



Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 9/20/12

Fees

Application Fee

(includes one certificate)

\$ 65.00

Additional Certificates (\$20 each)

\$ 80

Total enclosed

\$ 145

Make checks payable to:

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization _____

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

Sly Farms

Century Farm Designation, List of Documents Presented

1. Completed Century Farm Application with Notary Complete
2. \$ 145 check payable to OAEF
3. Sly Farms History document written by Jim Sly 2012
4. Two page Buoy- Sly deed dated November 1908
5. Verne & Mabel Sly Wedding 1909 with reference to move to the Sly Farm
6. Frank E. Sly's death in 1915 in car/train wreck.
7. Picture albums from 1920's & 1930's
8. 1942 Robert Sly Silver Star Army award
9. 1944 Post Cards from Robert to Mabel from Japanese POW camp
10. Pictures fm 1946 to 1949 when Robert transitioned from Army to Farm
11. 1950 Certificate of Farm Name "Cedar Hurst Farm"
12. Farming pictures from early 1950's
13. Early 1950's Shop & House Construction
14. Current Farm pictures

Sly Farms, 20th Century History

Jim Sly 2012

This document is written in support of our application to the Century Farm Program in Oregon. My name is Jim Sly, I'm the fourth Sly to be involved in the farm and the author of this paper. I start with some history of farms in our area as a back ground.

Willamette Valley farms were originally laid out and occupied under the Donation Land Claim acts as variously modified by Congress.

In our location, northeast of the town of Creswell, two brothers in 1867 took 160-acre farms adjacent to each other and then one promptly sold the south 32 acres to his brother. The Sly family ended up with the 128-acre farm that was created from this exchange. Soon after several government lots were added to the farm.

The farms were established out some distance from the rivers, to avoid flooding and heavy clearing needed along the river. That left a number of "government lots" between the property line of the Land Claim farms and the river. Over the last 140 years, the farm acquired the lots between the farm and the Coast Fork of the Willamette River.

The 1950's construction of Interstate 5 cut a number of properties in two and my parents acquired property between the farm and the interstate. With the original 128 acres, some government lots near the river and the 60 acres to the west the farm has generally been about 210 to 240 acres for the past sixty years.

In the American migration west a number of families first settled in the plains states and then picked up and moved to the far west. Frank E. Sly was a successful blacksmith who moved his family from South Dakota to Oregon about 1900. He moved to Creswell and established a blacksmith shop on the east side of the tracks. Frank E. Sly had families from two different wives, as was common in that time. In the early 1900s he purchased two farms in the Creswell area. His son from the first marriage, Frank J. Sly, moved on to the property south of Creswell.

In April 1908 Frank E. Sly purchased the Dale Kuni Road farm at auction on the court house steps. His son from the second marriage, Verne Sly, moved onto the Dale Kuni property. Frank E. Sly was killed a tragic car vs. train accident in 1915 and his funeral was a major news item in the local newspaper.

Verne R. Sly married Mabel Thompson and moved onto the Dale Kuni Road farm in 1909. The Thompson family also had come from South Dakota, although Verne and Mabel didn't know each other there. Verne and Mabel had two children, Estol and Robert. Both children were educated in the Creswell schools and went to college. Estol married and moved :

away to eastern Oregon. Robert graduated from Oregon State in 1940 and was in Army ROTC. He went into the service and was sent to the Philippines prior to World War II. This fact affects the farm legacy as explained below.

A favorite story of mine involved one of Dad's uncles as told to me by that uncle. Jay Hewitt rode his horse out to the farm to visit his girlfriend. He tied his horse at the cedar tree. The girlfriend, Erva Thompson, came out and shooed him away, saying that her sister (my grandmother, Mabel) was in the house giving birth to my father. Jay and Erva later married and were regular visitors to the farm through my childhood.

Verne farmed the 140 acres as a grain farm with a dairy herd. They developed a herd of milking Shorthorns and took milk to the Eugene Creamery. Verne oversaw the transition from work horses to tractors and from horse-pulled wagons to trucks and cars.

Verne had a threshing machine that he pulled around the area threshing grain. We have a couple pictures of that machine being pulled with a tractor. My father spoke of that work. He was assigned to sew the grain-filled sacks. I have spoken with people who were around the threshing machine. We have pictures of hay being unloaded at the barn with the wagon hitched to horses.

Verne replaced the original barn with a traditional barn built in two phases, in 1928 and 1932. The barn was set up as dairy barn with concrete floor stanchions, gutters and so forth. He built a milk storage building next door that still stands and is used for miscellaneous storage. The 1928-32 barn also remains today. It is one of three large barns just north of our home.

There were four red cedar trees along the driveway. Photos from Verne and Mabel's time show them as young trees. Those cedars provided shade for the farmhouse for decades, but windstorms took their toll over the years. We are down to one old cedar tree that still has a ring in it for tying your horse.

Verne was financially successful as a farmer. He purchased and sold farm property and privately lent money to people. He was involved in the local bank and the family had a significant setback when the bank failed in the crash of 1929. Dad spoke of the hard times during the Depression. We have diaries from Verne's time and they reveal day after day after day of "ploughing" the fields.

The early 1940s were a disaster for the Sly family. Verne was diagnosed with cancer and died in 1940. He left the property to his widow, Mabel, and either gave or sold his farming machinery to a young neighbor.

My father, Robert E. Sly, was in the army when WWII started and he was captured by the Japanese very early. He was badly burned while destroying aviation gasoline while retreating prior to capture. He earned a Silver Star citation for actions to blow up a bridge during the retreat and we include that citation.

Mabel kept the cows and the farm going for awhile but at some point it was too much for her alone and she moved to a duplex the family owned in Eugene. I have spoken to two separate people who farmed our place as tenants, including keeping the cows milking. It is my estimate that the cows and milking probably survived halfway between 1940 and 1946.

My Dad was among the American prisoners of war rescued by the Army Rangers in 1945. He medically retired from the Army in 1946. He moved back to the family farm and ran it from 1946 until his death in 1978.

In retrospect, Dad probably suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, but that wasn't a recognized illness at that time. He came home to a farm that had been abused and rented out.

He married Virginia Hammond in 1949 and they had two children, Jim and Judy. Although he had a civil engineering degree, Robert initially tried full-time farming after the war, but the combination of grain farming and raising beef cattle wasn't enough to support his family so he went to work, holding a day job as a civil engineer for the Bonneville Power Administration and doing the farm work on nights and weekends. Suffice to say, he was almost never idle and we had few vacations.

Dad phased out the grain farming in the 1960s. He changed the cattle operation to "stockers" in the 1950s and for about 15 years he would buy small calves at auction in the fall, winter them and graze them in the spring and then sell the yearlings in the summer. For years when I was growing up there would be no cattle on the place Labor Day weekend.

As a civil engineer, Dad realized that the dams were controlling river floods, meaning that the pastures near the river were available for wintering the cattle. He built his first barn "at the bottom" in 1949 and was proud of the fact that it had one new board in it with most of the structure consisting of used materials.

He then built a big barn and hay manger in the bottom. The set-up also featured giant grain bins. Unfortunately, that new barn, filled with hay, was destroyed by fire in 1964. The volunteer firefighters from nearby Creswell were only able to save a portion of the long manger, with one end burned black. The blacken end of the manger and manger survived and was used as part of a new barn. In 2010 that manger was finally removed.

Dad arranged for and built dikes the full length of our river frontage. He spent his life worrying about the river and his dikes. He ditched and built the center access lane/ditches that currently define the layout of the place. He completed the purchases and then clearing of government lots between our place and river. He purchased the land between the main place and freeway. In 1969 he bought an adjoining 50-acre orchard and farm to the south.

Dad's hand is evident in so many ways on the farm today. He built a big machine shop with concrete floor and large storage area. In the wet Willamette Valley, he wanted to keep as much equipment as possible dry.

He also used his engineering skills to design and do most of the construction on a new two-story farm house. The first floor of the original farmhouse was moved a few hundred feet and became a resident for hired help.

Dad also modified the old barn so that one side could be cleaned with a tractor. He put a new roof on the barn. He dug a small pond about 200 yards from the house and launched what today we would see as a dual water system. Water for household use came from the well; the water for the lawn, garden and water troughs for the animals came from the pond. When the pond level got too low in the summer, Dad refilled it using irrigation pipes from the river.

He purchased a used cattle scale and put it on a concrete foundation and under good roof. Dad kept the scale licensed and other cattlemen could weigh cattle there for \$1 a head. Members of 4-H and FFA groups were allowed to weigh their animals – cows and sheep – for free. The scale is still licensed and used to weigh cattle.

He acquired the basic equipment fleet and loader tractor philosophy that we still use. While Dad was a farmer at heart, his real strong suit was building. His legacy remains.

Virginia Sly, my mother, was a school teacher and very involved in the cow herd. She also loved horses and arranged for the care of the four or five horses on the farm. Mom had a key role in the record keeping and decisions involving the herd. When a cow had foot rot or another ailment, Dad gave the injections while Mom refilled the syringes. It was a dual effort. By the time we were 9 or 10, my sister and I had our regular duties on the farm.

Like my father, I went through Creswell schools and then on to Oregon State University, also graduating in civil engineering. I was in Navy ROTC and in 1973, I was deployed to Italy. I put up the hay in the summer of 1973, before leaving, and then Dad retired from his Bonneville job and took over the haying in 1974, 1975 and 1976.

I got home from the Navy in early summer 1977 – in time to do the haying. Robert and Virginia gave the homestead to my wife, Barbara, and me. They built a small home on the farm, overlooking the river bottom. By that time, Dad was ill with emphysema and died in 1978.

I knew that outside employment was the key to keeping the farm. I went to work in July of 1977 and worked for the same heavy construction firm for 32 years, retiring just a few years ago. Like my Dad, I had a long career of 60-hour weeks and heavy travel.

A key farm event early in my time was the hiring of splendid old cattleman as the hired man in 1977. Mike Williams had made more money cattle and lost more money with cattle than anyone around. He was wonderful substitute grandfather for our three daughters while I traveled. Mike also passed a great deal of his cattle knowledge on to me. We kept the farm going with about 60 mother cows and the annual harvesting of about 200 tons of hay into the early 1990s.

While a constructor by profession I think my emphasis for the past 20 years has been in the processes of farming. We automated the haying system. We have soil tested, limed and farmed the pasture ground. We established cross fencing and a rotational grazing. We improved the irrigation system. We buy and sell cattle by the truckload with alternative marketing.

In 1986 I was running without hired help and keeping the operation going when my employer, Hamilton Construction, announced it was sending me to Yuma, Arizona, to build a bridge. We stopped the hay sales and thinned the cow herd down to 45 cows. We did not put up hay in the summer of 1987 and Barbara fed the cows. Hamilton flew me home about every third weekend. We took care of key cattle activities on those weekends.

From that year came a new philosophy on how we would run the farm vs. my employment. We could push along and if the crunch came we could readily sell the cattle and park the machinery. From then on we kept some hired help on and kept our plans flexible.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s we put significant money in the operation, preparing for the day when I could retire. We built the third barn at the house purely for hay storage. We finished the restoration of the 1928 barn. We replaced the barns in the bottom with a big new feed barn. We upgraded all the tractors and haying equipment. We invested in a round bale/haylage system. We upgraded the transportation equipment, pickups and trailers. During that time, with automation, we went from harvesting 200 tons of hay to about 400 tons of hay per year with a corresponding increase in hay sales.

In 2010 I retired from heavy construction and began full time farming. We hope to farm full time for the next 20 years. Our current emphasis is cattle. We have 90 cows and we are moving 200 plus yearlings through the place each year. We continue to sell hay. The farm has run for several years with \$150,000 of gross sales and we hope to get it up to \$300,000.

We have known for several years that the World War II years could be problematic for our century farm designation. That is one reason we delayed our Century Farm application for four years. I decided to make it as accurate as possible and see what happens. We have an extremely clean record of family owners, we had the perfect measure 37 claim if we had gone ahead on that route. The writing of this application will also provide a historical document for the family.

A byproduct of preparing this application is the renewed pride that I have in the Sly family members who have managed this farm for the last 104 years.

DEED OF REFEREE

John Buoy, Referee

to

Frank E. Sly

Dated Nov. 19, 1908
Filed Nov. 21, 1908
Vol. 79 page 259
Deed Records, Lane
County, Oregon.

This Indenture Witnesseth: That whereas on the 30th day of April, 1908 there was duly instituted in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane, a suit for the partition or sale of the hereinafter described real property, and in said suit Ella Jones, James A. Jones, Jane Campfield, W. M. Campfield, Ina Burke James L. Burke, Everett D. Landingham, Mary E. Landingham, Lester Landingham and Rossie Landingham, were plaintiffs and Dora Helms, Guy Buoy, Delbert Buoy, Ora Buoy, Nora Buoy, Roy Buoy, Herbert Buoy, Mark Buoy, Clarence Buoy, Mattie Buoy, and Lulla A. Landingham were defendants.

And whereas the aforesaid Guy Buoy after service in said suit died, and James Helms was made a defendant in said suit as having an interest in said premises as a successor of the said Guy Buoy.

And Whereas on the twenty third day of September, 1908, in the aforesaid suit, an order was made and entered by the aforesaid Court ordering that the hereinafter described premises be sold as by law required, and appointing John Buoy sole Referee to sell the hereinafter described premises as by law required, which said order was entered on page 135 of volume thirteen of the Journal of the said Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane;

And Whereas the said John Buoy after giving due notice as by law required of the sale of the said premises did in conformity with the said notices on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1908 sell the hereinafter described premises at public auction at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House door, to Frank E. Sly, for the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, he the said Frank E. Sly being the highest and best bidder, for cash;

And whereas on the eleventh day of November, 1908, at the November term of Court, and order was made in the above entitled cause, and court approving confirming and ratifying the said sale of the said premises unto Frank E. Sly, which said order was entered on pages 205, 206 and 207 of the Journal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County; and which said order directed that John Buoy, referee execute and delivered unto the said Frank E. Sly, a conveyance in due form of law of the said premises;

Now therefore, in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, so bid and paid by the said Frank E. Sly, in conformity with the law and in obedience to the order of the Court, I, John Buoy, Referee as aforesaid, have bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto Frank E. Sly, the aforesaid premises, being described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of the Donation Land Claim of John M. Morss Not. No. 6568, and being claim No. 38 being parts of sections 1 and 12, in Tp. No. 19 S. of R. 3 West and claim No. 68, being part of sections 6 and 7 in Tp. 19 S. of R. 2 West which said corner is 15.89 chains north and 4.68 chains east from the southwest corner of section 6, aforesaid running thence west 59.90 chains thence south 21.25 chains, thence east 60.03 chains to the east line of said donation claim; thence north 21.26 chains to the place of beginning, containing 126 acres, more or less, in Lane County, Oregon.

Also commencing 11 rods east of the northeast corner of Donation Claim of John M. Morss Not. No. 6568, in section 6, Tp. 19 S. of R. 2 West; thence west 11 rods; thence south 15.89 chains; thence east 9.36 chains, thence north 9.08 chains to northwest corner of E.L. Bristow Donation Land Claim, thence meandering Coast Fork to the place of beginning. Also lots 4, 6 and 7 in Section 6 Tp. 19 S. of R. 2 West, containing 42 acres of land, in Lane County, Oregon. All which said land is one piece or parcel.

Also beginning at southwest corner of the L of Caswell Hendricks Donation Claim No. 60, in Tp. 19 S. of R. 2 West being east corner of County Survey No. 155 in section 20; thence north 50° west 21.95 chains to west corner of said County Survey No. 155, in Section 17, thence east 28.65 chains to west boundary of aforesaid L; thence south 40° west 18.42 chains to place of beginning, containing 20.21 acres, all in Lane County, Oregon.

To have and to hold the said premises with their appurtenances, unto the said Frank E. Sly, his heirs and assigns forever.

Witnesses:

C. A. Wintermeier
J. M. Howe

John Buoy as Referee Seal-rolled

Duly acknowledged.

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FILED

State of Oregon

Certificate of Farm Name

County No. 419

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Lane

I, HARRY L. CHASE, Clerk of the County Court in and for said State and County, do hereby certify that the name "CEDAR HURST" is on this date duly registered as the lawful name of that certain farm in the County of Lane, State of Oregon, owned by Robert E. Sly located and described as follows:
150 Acres situated about 2½ miles N. E. of Creswell - Lane County, Oregon
in Section 1 Tp 19 - 3 W.
Registered and recorded under the provisions of "An Act relating to the naming of farms in the State of Oregon," Chapter 7, Laws of 1911.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 7th

day of December 1950

HARRY L. CHASE

County Clerk of Lane County

By Mafine Biggs Deputy.



Marriage Certificate

COUNTY OF LANE,
STATE OF OREGON, } ss

This is to Certify, That the undersigned, *Minister of the Gospel*
of the *M.E. Church*, by authority of a license bearing date the *4th*
day of *December*, A. D. 190*7*, and issued by the County Clerk of the
County of Lane, did on the *5th* day of *December*, A. D. 190*7*
at the house of *L. R. Thompson*, in the County and State aforesaid, join in lawful
wedlock *Vernon Ray Sly*
of the County of *Lane* and State of *Oregon*
and *Mabel Thompson*, of the County of Lane and State of
Oregon, with their mutual assent.

In the Presence of

Frank J. Sly
L. R. Thompson } Witnesses.

N. B. The officiating officer must, within thirty days from the date of ~~the~~ performing the ceremony, return a
certificate of marriage to the County Clerk issuing the license and a certificate of marriage to the County Clerk of the
county in which the ceremony is performed.



POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRY.

Last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. Vernon Sly to Miss Mabel Thompson at the home of the bride's parents in Cloverdale. It was a very pretty home wedding and only relatives of the estimable young couple witnessed Rev. Stratford perform the ceremony which united them.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sly of this place, and is a popular young man. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson and is one of the most estimable young ladies in this community. She held a position as clerk in C. L. Weber's store until recently and has a host of friends.

The newly married couple will reside on the Sly farm two and one-half miles north of town.

From the Creswell Chronicle
December 9, 1909

Chronicle

EGON, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1915.

NO. 30

AUTOMOBILE SUNDAY,
MAN.

FIVE LIVES LOST WHEN TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

F. E. Sly, Beulah Morss, George Robinett, Vincent and Doris Treanor Killed by Shasta Limited--Accident Occurred Sunday Morning in Front of the Sly Home.



The most disastrous accident in the history of Creswell occurred Sunday morning when the Shasta Limited of the Southern Pacific company struck an automobile in front of the F. E. Sly home just south of town and killed outright four occupants of the machine and injured a fifth who died Monday morning at 1 o'clock.

Those killed were Beulah Morss, aged 12; George Robinett, aged 8; Vincent Treanor, aged 8; and Dorothy Treanor, aged 6.

The children were on their way to Sunday School when in passing the Sly home they were evidently asked by Mr. Sly to get in the machine and ride to town. Mr. Sly had just brought his machine from the garage and had gotten out to open a gate to cross the railroad track which runs in front of his home. It is thought that while he was closing the gate the children

Mr. Howell, the fireman, stated that he was looking out the engineer's side of the engine trying to locate a hot box when the engine was in front of the Sly home. The train crew all testified that they knew nothing about it until the mail clerk told the dynamo man in the car at the rear of the mail car that the train had struck an automobile loaded with people. The dynamo man sent word to the conductor at the rear of the train to that effect and by this time the train had reached a point in the swale about three miles north of town. Here the train was brought to a standstill and the engineer and fireman got out to ascertain where the hot box was, and it was not until then that they knew they had struck anything. In going to the front of the engine to find the hot box they discovered glass from the windshield of the automobile on the pilot of the engine, also pieces of flesh, and the conductor as he came forward to see

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CRESWELL, LANE COUNTY, O

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING LARGE

**Stockholders in Creswell Fruit
& Vegetable Growers Assn.
Talk Over Plans for Oper-
ating Cannery This Season**

A large number of stockholders of the Creswell Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association were present at the stockholders' meeting held in the Commercial club rooms Saturday, and there was a great amount of interest manifested in the affairs of the cannery. The meeting was opened by the president after which A. C. Chase made a report of the financial condition of the institution.

A general discussion followed Mr. Chase. Growers and stockholders expressed their views as to the best method of raising money to conduct the plant during the present year. There is an indebtedness of practically \$4500 against the cannery with very little ready cash to operate on. Various plans were suggested for raising the money and a number of those who own products which are now in the cannery awaiting sale volunteered to take in stock all or half the returns due them when the canned stock is sold.

Another subscription for stock

**SCENES AT PLACE WHERE SHASTA LIMITED STRUCK
KILLING FOUR CHILDREN AND ON**











Col Vanhook

UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS VISAYAN-MINDANAO FORCE IN THE FIELD
- C P R -

C-WFS-AO.

May 11, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER . . . 9)

SECTION V
CITATION AND AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

The following-named officers, Army of the United States, are cited for gallantry in action in the Philippines on dates indicated and awarded the SILVER STAR:-

Lieut-Colonel WILLIAM L. ROBINSON, O-20772, Infantry.-

For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Dilirig and Maluko, Bukidnon, Mindanao, Philippines, on May 9, 1942.

With utter disregard of danger and under heavy artillery and machine gun fire, Colonel Robinson visited the front lines near Dilirig, rallied the badly disorganized troops and gave direction which prevented a total rout. Later that night he personally supervised the withdrawal and occupation of the last line of resistance to Japanese advance near Maluko, which held through the night and prevented the enemy from making any further advance.

from Capt Sly
Captain ROBERT E. SLY, O-386320, Corps of Engineers.-

For gallantry in action near Maluko, Bukidnon, Mindanao, while serving as Acting Force Engineer, Officer, Headquarters Visayan-Mindanao Force in the Philippines.

Purple Heart also
On the afternoon of May 9, 1942, Captain Sly, without cover of supporting troops and after having sustained severe burns from valorous action in Maluko, personally executed a bridge demolition in the face of intense artillery fire and air activity with utter disregard of personal danger. This fearless act effectively stopped the advance of enemy tanks, cavalry, and mechanized units, thereby permitting the reforming of our badly shattered lines and preventing a break-through and rout of our forces.

SECTION VI
AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 11, AR 15-1, and by authority granted this headquarters in letter, Hq USAMF, Manila, P. I., file 220.5-Misc-AG-o, subject: "Award of Decorations", dated December 14, 1941, announcement of award of 'The Purple Heart' by the Commanding General, Visayan-Mindanao Force, United States Forces in the Philippines, for Meritorious acts of Essential Service and wounds received in defensive action in the Philippines, at places and on dates indicated, is made:

Private THOMAS F. GORMAN, Jr., 19003065, 701st Ordnance Company Avn (AB).- At Lake Pinamalayan, Philippines, on May 5, 1942.

Private LEO B. PENTECOST, 6750169, 2nd Platoon, Company "C", 89th Quartermaster Battalion (LM).- At Marang, Philippines, on May 5, 1942.

(Section VI, G.O. No. 9-Cont'd)

By command of Major General SHARP:

W. T. HOLLOWAY-COOK,
Lieut-Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

W. T. Holloway-Cook
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Lieut-Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

Distribution: Each individual concerned (5) - C.O. American Camp
(5) - C.O. Hq Detachment (5) - File & Extra (5).

From: _____
Name _____

Robert E. Sly

Nationality American

Rank Captain

Camp Philippine Military Prison
Camp No. 2

To: Mrs. Mabel Sly
1275 Ferry Street,
Eugene, Oregon, USA

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SERVICE des PRISONNIERS de GUERRE

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IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

1. I am interned at Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 2
2. My health is — excellent; good; fair; poor.
3. I am — injured; sick in hospital; under treatment; not under treatment.
4. I am — improving; not improving; better; well.
5. Please see that my interest may be in the farm so see that it
is taken care of.
6. (Re: Family): Hope you, Estelle & Will Good health and that I will
see you in the near future
7. Please give my best regards to all

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1. I am interned at—Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 2
2. My health is—excellent; good; fair; poor.
3. Message (50 words limit)
Hope you all good Health & Spirits in 1944. Am spending another
birthday here working. Anticipating delivery of second Red
Cross packages in prison. Havent received mail since 1941, but
send my greetings to Barbara & Maxine. Have fond memories of
harvest & home. Love, your Son, Robert Sly
Signature









Cutting Hay 2009



Wrapping Haylage 2009



Loading Cattle Truck 2010



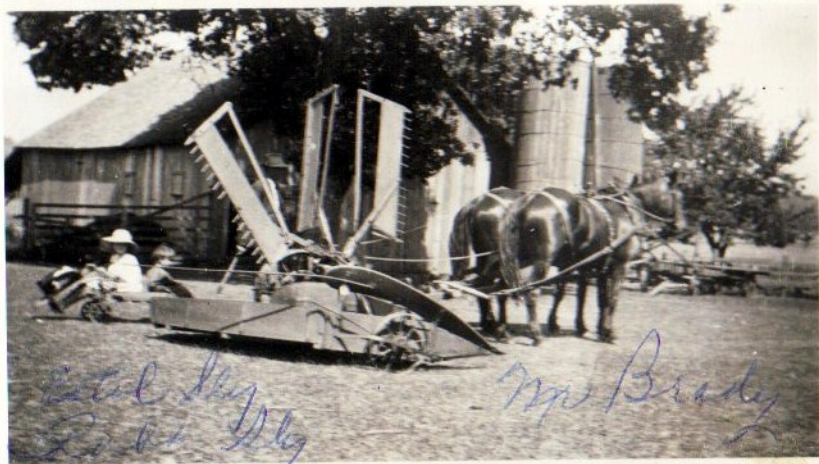
Cattle & Three Barns, 2011

(Fence line weaning, cows in pasture & their calves in corrals)









Estel May
Robt May

Mr Brady



