

IRVING BERLIN HAS MUSICAL JUBILEE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Irving Berlin's silver jubilee banquet was strictly musical. The veteran of Tin Pan alley was the honor guest at a party of 200, mostly song writers, celebrating his twenty-fifth year in the business of turning out hit tunes for the nation to whistle and hum. The party adjourned early today after Berlin had sung the first song he wrote, "Marie from Sunny Italy."

"It wasn't very good," said Berlin, as he sat down to the piano, "but I remember it well, and the society for the protection of song writers, assembled here, might as well hear it."

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STATE TITHING LAW OPINION RENDERED

SALEM, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The 1935 state tithing law will have no effect upon receipts from timber assessments of forest fire patrol, obligated by contracts prior to the passage of the act, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today.

The tithing act provides that 10 per cent of all gross receipts of state activities be transferred into the general fund of the state by the various departments. Assessments against timber lands after the earlier contracts have expired, would be affected by the law, the opinion held. John W. Ferguson, state forester requested the opinion.

GAS CO. WOULD ISSUE NEW NOTES

SALEM, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Application for permission to issue notes for \$1,750,000 to replace previous issues was made by the Northwest Cities Gas company of Walla Walla today. The request was under consideration by the public utilities commissioner.

The notes will be made out to the Lane Star Gas corporation of Texas for money previously advanced.

The Northwest Cities Gas company serves Eugene, Springfield, Pendleton and Astoria.

FRED ASTAIRE NOW IN "DADDY" ROLE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Fred Astaire, nimble-footed dancer, had something to kick his heels over today. A son was born to his wife, the former Phyllis Livingston Potter, New York society figure, this morning.

The boy weighed 6 1/2 pounds.

Dr. John Vrawink said mother and child were progressing satisfactorily.

News of Douglas County

GLENDALE

GLENDALE, Jan. 22.—Glendale's second new business of 1936 is the Central garage, which was opened Wednesday, January 15, by Scott Winchell. Mr. Winchell will handle Shell products and will manage repair jobs, give battery and lubrication service and have storage for cars and trucks. Glendale has had seven new businesses within one year, not including the two that have opened since the new year of 1936—the Domino Lunch being the first to open.

The Cow Creek Kid and Gun club will hold a business meeting at the city hall Wednesday evening, January 22. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers for the new year of 1936 and they will also count the points in last year's pest hunt. A dinner will be served to those present.

Mrs. L. E. McCorkle arrived Monday from Portland. Her husband came Wednesday from Portland to join her. They plan to make their permanent home on Mule creek soon.

Fred Taylor, of Portland, visited briefly with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Eberle, here Thursday.

OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Pearl Harvey returned home late Saturday from Portland where she had spent the week-end shopping and visiting with relatives.

Kenneth Miller and sister, Miss Marjorie, came down from Eugene and spent the week-end here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller.

Mrs. Sid Wagner spent Friday and Saturday in Oakland visiting and shopping, coming in town from her home at the Bonanza mines.

Miss Margaret Kincaid, Miss Elizabeth Smith and Miss Pauline Polz were week-end visitors in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blood and children of Dixonville were Sunday visitors here at the home of Mrs. Blood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMahon.

Jimmie Watson was able to return to school Monday after being confined to his home the past two weeks with measles.

Alice May Adams has returned to her studies in the Oakland high school after being absent for several weeks on account of being sick with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller had as their overnight guests Wednesday their cousins, Ernest and Merwin McKinney, of Jefferson. The McKinney brothers were on their way to Denver, Colo., to attend to some business affairs and visit relatives.

Frank Gorrell, of Calapooia, Hiram Powell, Tye, Walter Leatherwood, Umpqua, and Floyd Watson, of Shady Dell ranch, were transacting business in Oakland Monday.

J. W. Semmer, of Roseburg, was attending to business and visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lemmer here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bridges had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McCorkle and their three children, Richard, Patricia, and Nancy, of Roseburg.

Miss Pearl Mahie was taken to Roseburg Friday afternoon to receive medical treatment from the after-effects of measles.

Phil Pinkston returned to his home in Portland Saturday after visiting here for several days with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pinkston, who have been quite sick.

Mrs. Marget Cain, better known

as grandmother Cain is quite ill here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ella Truitt. Mrs. Cain is past 97 years of age and has been bedfast for the past six years.

Mrs. Harry Underwood is acting as a supply teacher this week in the second and third grades of the Oakland school, while the regular teacher, Miss Gretchen Movius has gone to her home in Ashland on account of illness.

Mrs. Walter Manning left Saturday afternoon for Klamath Falls to spend the week-end visiting with her husband, who is working there.

Mrs. Belle Bridges was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Thursday where she will receive medical attention.

Tommie Garrison, Peggy Joe and Ruthella Truitt, grade pupils of the Oakland school, are confined to their homes this week on account of being ill of the measles.

Some business visitors in Oakland Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harvey of Fair Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and uncle, Charlie Hall, of English Settlement, and Ray Clayton and son, of Tye.

Mrs. Mc Flannery returned home last week from Provo, Utah, where she had spent several weeks visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Broadbuss.

MELROSE

MELROSE, Jan. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parker and the former's mother of Baughman district, have been guests of George A. Crane for the past week. They were returning home from a visit in California and stopped to visit Mr. Crane.

On Wednesday of this week Mr. Parker was called back to California on business and left that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cederstrom returned to their home at Marshfield Tuesday after spending several days at Melrose.

Mrs. Amy Critser returned last week from several days spent in Portland visiting her sister, Mrs. Etta Ward, and other relatives.

Patricia Holmquist visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, over the week-end while her parents were in Eugene.

E. L. Cooper is building a new garage on his place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmquist and son, Bobbie, left Friday afternoon for Eugene where they will spend the week-end visiting and attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wheeler of Riverdale and John Jones of Roseburg visited and attended to business at Melrose Thursday. They are all former Melrose residents.

J. E. Conn and his brother, Woodrow, and Kilane Matthews returned home early Friday morning from several days spent at Klamath Falls where the former attended to business. They made the trip on the train by way of Eugene.

Word was recently received by Melrose people that Mrs. Paul Bruckner of California was recently injured by someone running into her with a bicycle and knocking her down. She received a fractured leg and wrist in the fall. Mrs. Bruckner is a sister of Mrs. Minnie Becker and resided at Melrose for many years on the place now owned by E. R. Fourn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Conn went to Canyonville the first of the week and took their small granddaughter, Beverly Worthington, home. She had visited her grandparents for several days.

The Elgarose school teacher, Miss Lois Ford, and her pupils and several of the parents attended the show "Little America" at the Rose

Flying Mercy Priest



After 50,000 miles of plane travel as passenger and co-pilot, the Rev. Father J. M. Couture, 50, jovial Jesuit missionary, flew out of the Canadian north woods to qualify for pilot's license at Toronto. He'll use plane on errands of mercy.

theater in Roseburg Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Freeman Williams was injured quite badly last Wednesday night when she fell down the stairs at her home.

Mrs. J. S. Inacio returned to her home at Drain Wednesday, after visiting the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Art Andrews.

George A. Crane, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is reported to be much improved. He is receiving medical care from four doctors at Eugene.

The road leading from Melrose over the mountain to the Baughman settlement was badly damaged by the recent rain and hard winds, causing several bad slides and blew down a number of trees across the road, blocking all traffic except to come out on foot.

George Faris, Jr., who is attending school in Roseburg, is spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Faris.

AZALEA

AZALEA, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Ethel Hale left Friday afternoon for Myrtle Creek where she visited friends over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Jenks left Friday for Myrtle Point where they spent several days visiting their son, J. H. Jenks.

Mr. Stanley of the Consolidated Mills at Eugene spent Wednesday here attending to lumber business.

Harry Cooke spent Friday visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Howard of Glendale. Rev. Howard is reported to be seriously ill at his home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Curtis and son Lee spent Friday afternoon in Grants Pass. Mrs. Curtis remained

EDDIE CANTOR SAID EXTORTION TARGET

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Examiner said today it has learned Eddie Cantor, millionaire comedian, was the target of an extortion plot recently which threatened his five daughters with harm unless he paid \$5,000.

The Examiner said two extortion letters were received at the Cantor home in Beverly Hills on successive days several weeks ago. The first demanded, "\$5,000 or else." The second contained directions for making contact with the extortionists.

Cantor turned the letters over to federal agents and local authorities, the Examiner said. The second letter instructed the singing fun-maker to enclose \$5,000 in an old shoe box and personally place it beside a large mail box at the corner of Third and Vermont in Los Angeles, the Examiner related.

Cantor volunteered to act as his own courier and take the money to the designated spot, but was dissuaded by authorities, the Examiner said. Cantor's limousine, driven by his chauffeur, was used to transport the cash, but the extortionists did not establish a contact, the Examiner stated.

The Examiner said Cantor's daughters are reported under guard in the east. The comedian left recently for New York after completing a starring picture, now being released.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—"There's nothing to it," was Eddie

there for medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellingsworth of Portland spent a short time here Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lubbe, William Lubbe and Mr. and Mrs. McDougal left Friday for their home at McMinnville after spending the past week here attending to business.

DRAIN

DRAIN, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Ham Butler of Scottsburg visited last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Merle Monson.

Miss Mildred Wilcox spent the week-end with relatives at Oakland.

Harry Cool and Rufus Pfister were in Eugene Friday attending to business.

R. H. Wilson of Roseburg was a business visitor in town Monday. Blaine McCormack of Sutherlin arrived Thursday and is visiting at the home of his brother, Grant McCormack.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderer of Elkton were in town Friday transacting business.

Miss Venora Bates, local primary teacher, spent the week-end with relatives in Myrtle Creek.

Robert Kirtly was taken to Eugene Wednesday where he submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the Pacific hospital. It is reported that he is improving nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Philip Brookhart of Black Butte is visiting several days at the home of her father and sister, L. J. Ritchey and Mrs. Lee Loken.

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