

# Local News

**Here From Coquille**—William H. F. Ziedrich of Coquille spent Monday in Roseburg attending to business.

**Shops and Visits**—Mrs. Stella LaFever of Carnas Valley was in Roseburg shopping and visiting friends Monday.

**Here On Business**—Frank Critcher, of Campbell's ranch, west of Roseburg, was a business visitor in Roseburg Monday.

**Visit in Eugene**—Bill Miller, who is home on furlough, and his wife spent the weekend visiting in Eugene. Mr. Miller is a son of James Miller of Roseburg.

**Resigns**—Mrs. Edna Pratt has resigned her position as interior decorator at the Josse furniture company. Her future location will be announced at a later date.

**R. A. E. Club to Meet**—The Roseburg Art and Embroidery club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. G. Stephenson at 209 S. Flint street.

**Pledges Sorority**—Miss Ella Mae Cloake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cloake of Roseburg, was pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority at Oregon State college this weekend.

**Auxiliary to Sew**—The Geo. Sturmer auxiliary sewing club will meet Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. W. Shugart on Cobb street. All auxiliary members are invited.

**Reported Better**—Mrs. Frank Poole, nee Lena Porter, Roseburg, is reported to be improved in health at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene, where she recently underwent a major operation.

**F. S. Club to Meet**—The F. S. club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. H. Laird. The annual Christmas party will be held, which had previously been postponed, and gifts will be exchanged.

**Leaves For Portland**—Leon Hyde, of the merchant marine, has left for Portland to receive a new assignment, following a visit in Roseburg with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hyde, on East Commercial avenue.

**Home On Furlough**—Private James A. Furlough, of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, is spending his 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Stephens, Sutherlin; his brother, Herbert, and his sister, Wanda, in Eugene; his father, Walter, in Eugene; and with friends in Roseburg.

**Son is Born**—A seven-pound son was born this morning, January 23, to Captain and Mrs. C. H. Kooz at the Walter Reid hospital in Washington D. C., according to a telegram received by the father's mother, Mrs. Fred Fisher, in Roseburg. Mrs. Kooz was formerly Miss Annabelle Fisher of Roseburg.

**Study Group to Meet**—The study group of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet Thursday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. J. Geddes at 302 East Washington street. The study will be "West of the Date Line," an imaginary cruise to the South Pacific.

**Back From California**—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meredith, who have been visiting the W. E. Stephenson family at Palo Alto, Calif., and with relatives and friends in Long Beach, Pasadena and other southern California cities, have returned to Roseburg to make their home at 209 Brown street.

**Enjoying Furlough**—Corporal James J. Reno, of the U. S. Army, is spending his 21-day furlough in Oakland, visiting at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Westman, and family, following two and one half years service overseas. It has been 11 years since Corporal Reno has seen his sister. Following his furlough, he will report for duty at Camp Swift, Texas.

**Reported Better**—H. B. Church, Roseburg, is reported to be much improved in health at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene, where he underwent a major operation last Wednesday. Saturday, his wife, Mrs. H. B. Church; his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Church, and Mrs. Charles V. Stanton, went to Eugene to spend the weekend with him. Yesterday, Mrs. H. B. Church accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wimer, back to Eugene, where she was joined by her son, Floyd Church, of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Wimer returned to their home here last night. While in Eugene, Mrs. Church and her son, Floyd, are staying at the home of Mrs. R. M. Day, aunt of Mrs. Charles V. Stanton.

## Jap's Lingayen Airstrip Knocked Out



Curious doughboys scramble over the wreckage of this Jap plane, one of scores knocked out on the ground of the Nips' airstrip near Lingayen, Luzon. Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for War Picture Pool.

## Star Theater This Week



Scene from the comedy-action thriller "Code of the Prairie," starring Smiley Burnette, with Sunset Carson, Peggy Stewart.

## Star Theater Opening in Early-Day Roseburg Building Recalls Period Of Pioneer Merchandising Service

By FRED M. WRIGHT  
News-Review Reedsport Reporter

The announcement in the News-Review of the opening of the Star theater in Roseburg turns back the pages of memory to history of my early days in Roseburg when the building now occupied by this theater was one of the busy trading centers of southern Oregon; days when S. Marks & Co.—Sam and Asher Marks—along with Sol Abraham and Caro brothers—Simon and Isadore—were merchant tycoons of the southern Oregon country.

A counterpart of the Marks building, the former built in 1879, was the Abraham building, which stood on the site of the present Hotel Umpqua. Both were beehives of industry, buying county produce, wool and grain while dispensing general merchandise from carpet tacks or a yard of calico to a threshing machine or a full outfit of clothes. Groceries and meat went over the counters along with well-oiled, gleaming harness.

Both of these fine large brick buildings were of two-story construction, covering 50 by 100 foot lots. They had basements, family living quarters upstairs and a few office rooms which were rented to doctors and lawyers. Both buildings had large heavy steel doors covering lower floor entrances, and these doors were closed tight at night and locked with massive steel keys.

**Poker Game Ends Venture**  
After the retirement of the Marks brothers from business, a nephew, Herman Marks, took over the business and operated it until 1908 or 1909 after which the lower floor remained temporarily unoccupied for a short time, later yielding to a second hand store.  
An adventurous soul from Albany, whose name is not recalled at the moment, came to Roseburg in the early days of the motion picture industry and rented the building for a theater. He stripped the interior and began construction of a stage and sloping floor. Then he entered into a poker game with some Roseburg residents—and thus ended his business venture. The winners supplied the would-be theater operator and his wife with railroad fare back to Albany.

But Herman Marks became convinced of the advantages of the location for a theater and in 1912 the constitution was amended to correct a conflict between the state laws and state constitution which has existed since the state supreme court ruled in 1912 that justices of the peace are judges.

The constitution says judges shall serve six-year terms, and justices of the peace have been elected for that period since 1912. But in 1864 law fixing these terms at two years has continued on the books. The bill passed today changes this law to conform with the constitution.

**Tax Bills Offered**  
A bill to tax pleasure craft and other small boats on a fee basis, instead of as personal property, will be introduced by the house assessment and taxation committee, it was announced today. It was requested by the Portland Yacht club.

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The application to federal property, however, would depend on passage of a similar measure now in congress. The bill would affect such state-owned property as the Minor Building in Eugene.

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## Bigger Share of Gas Taxes Sought in Bill

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department of agriculture.  
A bill to put the state fish commission on an appropriation basis was introduced by Senator Chessman, Astoria. The commission now depends on poundage fees, and doesn't have enough money to operate when fish runs are small, as occurred last year.

**Top Schools Ask Funds**  
The Lane and Benton county delegations introduced bills to pave the way for construction of dormitories at the University of Oregon and Oregon State college, the \$250,000 Memorial Union building at the university, and the \$250,000 addition to the physical education building at the college.

The bills would allow 30-year maturity on bonds for the two new buildings, and let the board of higher education use income from existing dormitories as security for bonds to erect the new dormitories. The delegation said the dormitory capacity would have to be doubled after the war.

**Law Correction Voted**  
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## Demo Heads, CIO Not to Conduct Joint Campaigns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—(AP)—The democratic national committee and the CIO political action committee will probably carry on independent campaigns in the 1946 congressional elections.

This was indicated today by Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannagan as he laid plans for an early swing across the country. On this trip he plans to discuss mutual assistance pacts with democratic state chairmen, looking to united action in the elections two years hence.

Hannagan announced plans for year-round education and money-raising activity yesterday without waiting until just before the elections, as is usually the case. He will stay on as national chairman at \$20,000 a year and not go in the postmaster generalship as had been rumored.

Smiling as he reported a \$400,000 balance in the party treasury "with no bill collectors hanging around at inauguration time," Hannagan announced plans for Jefferson day dinners in the states April 13 to take the place of the customary Jackson day fundraising banquets.

**Riversdale Grange Pest Hunt Winner**  
Riversdale grange was declared winner of the annual Douglas county pest hunt, sponsored by Pomona grange, according to the report made by Fred A. Goff, agricultural committee chairman. The pest hunt activity has dropped in interest since the beginning of the war, due to the absence of many young members, the shortage of ammunition and the pressure of farm work.

Only two granges, Riversdale and Camas Valley, made regular reports.

Riversdale grange reported destruction of 5 coyotes, 1700 rats, 80 hawks, 67 crows, 40 gophers, 1208 digger squirrels, 274 rabbits, 56 moles, 25 bluejays, 16 rattlesnakes and 4,334 mice, making a total of 753,900 points.

Camas Valley grange reported destruction of 9 coyotes, 5 cougar and bobcats, 2 weasels, 14 rats, 20 hawks and owls, 1 crow, 6 gophers, 89 digger squirrels, 20 rabbits, 70 moles, 86 bluejays, 391 mice, making a total of 677 pest and 78,425 points.

Melrose grange sent in only one quarterly report and no other granges qualified for prizes.

Riversdale and Camas Valley granges will receive cash prizes of \$5 and \$3, respectively.

In Portland to get war workers to register.

The senate roads and highways committee will hold a hearing Wednesday afternoon on measures to extend the war order allowing big trucks on state highways. On Thursday afternoon, the committee will hear arguments on the "freeway" bill, which would give the highway commission the right to restrict access to highways.

## Cigaretts via Punchboard Legal, Court Decides

PORTLAND, Jan. 23—(AP)—Presiding Circuit Judge Toozie has ruled that it is not a violation of the OPA price regulation act to give cigarettes as punchboard prizes.

The court sustained a demurrer to a complaint brought by the OPA against Emma Anderson, Market Tobacco Shop. The OPA contended punchboards increased prices on the cigarettes. Judge Toozie ruled that punchboard chances, rather than cigarettes, were actually sold.

Judge Toozie said he was not ruling on the status of punchboards as possible gambling devices.

## Elkton Teams Defeat Camas Valley, Oakland

Elkton high school boys and girls made a clean sweep of games played last week at Elkton and Oakland. In basketball and volleyball games played by Camas Valley at Elkton Tuesday, the Elkton boys won the basketball contest 27 to 25 in an overtime contest. The score was tied at 25-all at the close of regular playing time. The Elkton girls took the volleyball game 32 to 13.

Journeying to Oakland Friday, the boys won their basketball game 34 to 26 while the girls took the volleyball contest 50 to 8.

## Capt. Ivan Weikel, Japs' Prisoner, Heard From

Captain Ivan Weikel, son of Mrs. D. O. Traver, Coos Junction, now a prisoner of war in Japan, asks in a card received by his mother that his greetings be conveyed to all of his friends. He reports he is well and receiving good treatment. Captain Weikel was captured in the Philippine islands.

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Mrs. Parkington  
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