

### Awards Made At Douglas District Court of Honor

The Douglas District Court of Honor was held Monday evening, February 12, in the Christian church basement, under the direction of W. H. Gerretsen, chairman of the District Advancement committee, with the assistance of Bruce Elliott, Erwin Short and Rev. Len B. Fishback.

The following awards were made: Tenderfoot rank, Richard Hoskins, troop 4, Roseburg; second class, Larry Henninger, Richard John and Norman Smith, Troop 4, Roseburg; Ronald Strickling, Troop 7, Roseburg; Donald Bowman and Jerry Kent, Troop 78, Drain; and Victor Monger, Lone Scout from Lookingglass.

Merit badges received were: Jerry Brown, Troop 4, "Scholarship"; Dick Primrose, Troop 7, "Swimming"; Donald McLain, Troop 7, "Music"; and Daniel Olson, Troop 78, Drain, "Public Health, Aeronautics and Civics."

Star Scout, Jerry Brown, Troop 4 and Gold Palm, Elliott Motchenbacher, Troop 7.

Out of town guests included the delegation from Drain and Scout Master Lewis of Reedsport, who is also the logging superintendent of E. K. Kood Lumber company. Another Advancement Court will be held in two months. A camporee was also announced for the month of May.

### Community Tax Changes Get Senate Approval

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of the motor vehicle financial responsibility law.

The bill now goes to the governor.

The senate passed and sent to the house a bill forbidding transfer of property while divorce proceedings are under way.

Salary Boosts Voted

The senate began work today on salary increase proposals after house approval of the last of a series of five measures to grant raises to top state officials of from \$500 to \$1500 a year.

The house voted 45 to 8 to raise the governor from \$7500 to \$9000 a year, the secretary of state and state treasurer from \$5400 to \$6000, and the attorney general from \$5000 to \$5750.

This action was taken after a 41 to 14 vote for increases for the seven supreme court justices from \$7500 to \$8000.

Several days ago, the house passed three bills to raise the labor commissioner from \$4000 to \$5000, the superintendent of public instruction from \$4000 to \$5400, and the deputy secretary of

### Japanese Shrapnel Wounds Send Former Roseburg Boy to Hospital

"I got 13 shrapnel holes in my left arm, shoulder and legs from Jap anti-aircraft fire, but believe it or not, I never felt any pain, though I remained conscious," Merton Cole, aviation radioman second class USNR, Portland, said in describing his experience when his carrier-based Grumman Avenger was making torpedo runs on Jap ships near Leyte. The pilot was able to bring the damaged plane to a safe landing.

Covered by a plaster cast on his arm and shoulder, but looking comfortable, Cole was assigned to the fleet hospital, 113, San Francisco, upon his return to the United States a short time ago. He was just recently transferred to the Seattle naval hospital, and as the train stopped in Portland three hours en route north, he was allowed to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cole, and his sister, Miss Carmen Cole, before going to Seattle to enter the hospital, where he underwent an operation on his wrist and arm a couple of days ago.

Cole was graduated from Roseburg high school in June, 1942, and then went to Portland to be a welder in the Oregon shipyards, where he worked until September, 1942, when he joined the navy. He had been on duty at air stations in the United States before seeing action in the Philippines. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Eastlin, who reside on East Lane street in Roseburg. His parents made their home here until the war, when they moved to Portland, where Mr. Cole entered war defense work.

Cole received the purple heart and citation at the Flight hospital on New Caledonia, following his removal there from the war area.



**WOUNDED BY JAPS**—Merton Cole, above, aviation radioman, second class USNR, 601 N. E. San Rafael, Portland, formerly of Roseburg, now convalescing from shrapnel wounds inflicted during the invasion of Leyte, at the Seattle naval hospital in ward 21.

### Tornadoes Rip Two States; 42 Dead, 200 Hurt

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two sides, before turning eastward into Alabama. The dead in the Meridian area were placed unofficially at seven. More than fifty persons were injured there.

Between 30 and 40 houses were destroyed in the Meridian area and the official rains hampered search for the injured and the dead.

**Troops Ordered Out**

After a tour of the Montgomery area, Gov. Chauncey Sparks of Alabama ordered three companies of the state guard into action to prevent looting.

Montgomery hospitals, jammed with the injured, were handicapped by a lack of lighting. The entire capital city was without electricity for several hours and telephone service was disrupted.

A baby was born at one hospital only a few minutes before the lights came back on.

One of the Montgomery dead was Mrs. Edgar Brown, a resident of Chisholm community, whose husband had just arrived home on furlough from the army.

Maxwell field at Montgomery escaped damage but was plunged into darkness for several hours.

Fifteen of the Montgomery dead were Negroes. State patrolmen removed the bodies of six Negroes from one house. Six of the nine dead at Livingston were also Negroes.

**School Board Acts To Ease Jam of Jupils**

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construction and other mutual problems.

Full cooperation in the Roseburg recreational program was pledged, following a report of activities to date, approval of the program being expressed by the directors.

**Parents Approve Dances**

A report was received concerning a recent survey among parents of Junior High school students concerning a project for supervised school dances. The survey showed a high percentage of the parents favoring the project. It was stated, more than one-half of the parents making favorable replies volunteered to assist in the work of sponsoring and supervising.

Plans and specifications for the proposed new building at the Riverside site were reviewed. Instructions were given to proceed as rapidly as possible with all preliminary work. Application is being made for a federal grant to aid in construction costs.

Monthly bills, amounting to \$2,399.70 were audited and ordered paid.

A meeting to consider the 1945-46 salary schedule and reelection of teachers will be held at a later date, the board announced.

**Allies Capture Pruem, Lunge Toward Rhine Area**

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Canadians took Gennep on the Maas, and to the east drove across the Niers river to Kessel, four miles from Goch.

Patton's forces have gained control of a highway network consisting of their 10-mile breach in the Siegfried line, but heavy enemy fire east of the Pruem river indicated the enemy planned stiff resistance. On the German-Luxembourg frontier, fighting continued in the border town of Vlandon. Armored forces crossed the Our and Sauer rivers.

RAF Mosquito bombers attacked the vital rail center of Stuttgart and other western German targets during the night.

**Berlin Faces Flanking Threat in Red Maneuvers**

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through the Russian encirclement which it said had cracked "the deepest ring." Budapest will have cost the Germans 100,000 prisoners and thousands of dead and wounded when the toll is tabulated, it has been estimated.

Konev's troops have all but encircled Breslau. A 15-mile escape route remained open but the Germans were expected to put up a last-ditch stand inside the city.

Meanwhile, the Germans said Konev had developed a new threat to Berlin in the Naumburg district, 40 miles northwest of Banzlau and 78 from the capital. This would put the Russians only 27 miles from Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian army on the north bank of the Oder. Forcing the Bober and the Nesse rivers from the Naumburg region would place the Russians around the southern flank of massed Germans retarding Zhukov due east of Berlin.

In Czechoslovakia, the Fourth Ukraine army has cleared within 20 miles of Moravskya Ostrava, the country's third city. The Germans said other red army men attacked Ratibor in Silesia, 16 miles to the north. In the Polish corridor far to the north, the Russians pushed ahead on Danzig on a 45-mile front. In Pomerania the Germans said the Russians were 15 miles from Stettin.

Fall of Budapest (pop. 1,217,000) freed the Second and Third Ukrainian armies for drives on Vienna and Prague in concert with the First Ukrainian army in Silesia sweeping toward central Germany and along the Czechoslovak border.

Stalin declared that the red

**Yoncalla**

YONCALLA — Mrs. Bessie Record of Riverside, Calif., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Parsons and two children and Miss Joan Parsons of Vancouver, Wash., spent the weekend here visiting at the parental Parsons home.

Mrs. Tom Wallace left Tuesday for a two-weeks visit with her daughters in Willamina and Portland.

Canyonville Visitor—A. F. Gibbons was a Canyonville business visitor in Roseburg Monday.

**Silverton Dates Tax Vote for School Funds**

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 13—(AP)—The Silverton school district will hold a special election March 3 to add \$19,976 in taxes outside the six per cent limitation.

The crowded grade school needs three more teachers, and the board also wants to increase salaries of present teachers, explained Chairman W. R. Tomison.

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**AWARDED WINGS**—Leland K. Wimberly, above, son of Circuit Judge and Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly, 621 E. Lane St., Roseburg, was awarded his wings recently at Harlingen, Tex., army air field. He has completed his course as an aerial gunner. PFC Wimberly is a former star athlete at Roseburg high school. He attended University of Oregon prior to entering military service.

army men today "completed the routing" of the encircled enemy, and that more than 110,000 defenders headed by the German commander, Col. Gen. Peter Wilhelmbrucht and his staff, were captured, along with large stores of arms and booty.

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### Japanese in Manila Being Slowly Erased

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ly, machinegun fire and mined streets in their drive to finish off the enemy garrison now confined to less than five square miles.

The hazard of any Japanese flight across the bay was reflected in Gen. MacArthur's communique reporting that American planes sank 35 barges loaded with 2,500 enemy troops, off Bataan on Sunday.

MacArthur said every care was being taken to keep American casualties at a minimum and preserve city property. For that reason, the fanics were not using costly assault methods but rather the slower but safer processes of mine-sweeping, envelopment and infiltration.

**Japs Making Conquest Costly**

Associated Press Correspondent C. Yates McDaniel reported the Japanese defenders "have never had any hope of escaping from their self-aided trap." He wrote:

"Their's is not a last-minute fight of desperation, but apparently a carefully-calculated plan to set the price of the capture of Manila as high in lives and property as their destructive ingenuity can raise it."

The trapped Japanese have turned buildings with the thickest walls into fortresses and have strewn the path of the oncoming Americans with almost every known type of mine and explosive trap. A large enemy gun even fired a few rounds from the tower of the city hall before it was knocked out.

Rockets, some eight to 10 inches in caliber, are the latest missiles hurled from the enemy pockets, which is chiefly in the ancient Intramuros (walled city) near the Pasig river mouth. The Japanese still poured artillery shells on the vital pontoon bridges, used by the Americans in moving tanks and guns across the Pasig, and tried to wreck Manila's big water supply reservoir.

Key anti-aircraft positions and four coastal guns on Corregidor were knocked out in the 200-ton bombing. All the island fortress gun batteries have been silent for more than a week, testifying to the effectiveness of sustained American raids.

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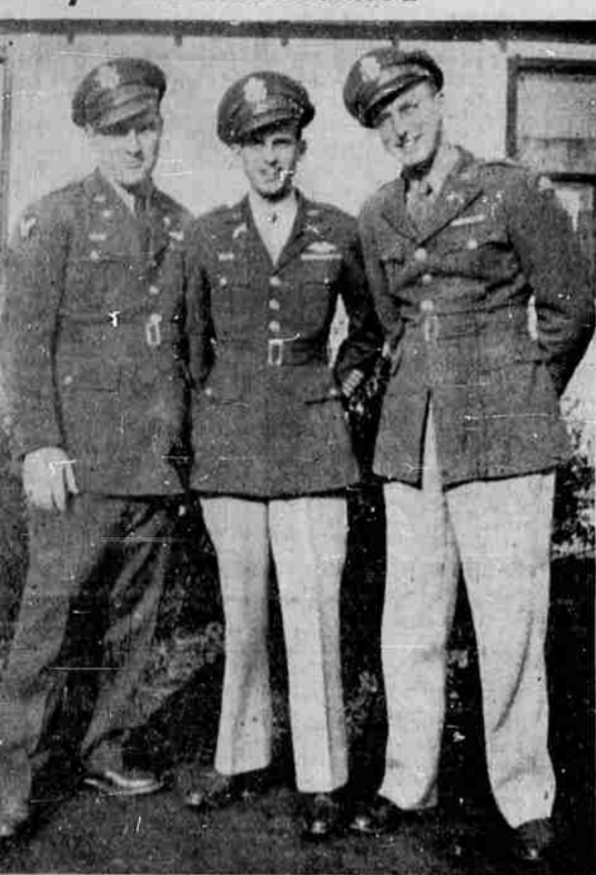
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### Canyonville Men Reunited



Captain James C. Manley, left, Lieutenant Marden W. Shaw, Lieutenant Glenn Gilmore, pictured above, all residents of Canyonville, were reunited at Portland recently for the first time in three years. They met, while on leave, at the Portland home of Mrs. Alice Manley, mother of Captain Manley. All were members of the 41st division in 1939. Manley serving with the Eugene company of the Oregon national guard, while Shaw and Gilmore were with the Roseburg company. Manley was transferred to the air forces and was recently returned home from the China-India-Burma theater. Shaw and Gilmore were with the 41st division in the south Pacific and were recently returned home from New Guinea. All wear the presidential unit citation for particularly meritorious service.

**Liquor Buy Profitable**

The legislative liquor investigation committee heard State Liquor Commissioners Paul Crooks and Hugh Kirkpatrick testify that the commission's 1943 purchases of two distilleries would net the state a profit of about \$4,500,000.

They said they didn't know the profit of Harry Collins, Toledo, Ohio, who promoted the deal.

They pointed out that the deal was approved by the state board of control, attorney general, OPA and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

A movement was growing in the senate to transfer enforcement of liquor laws from the liquor commission's enforcement division to the state police, proponents arguing that stricter enforcement would be the result.

**Two Term Limit Asked**

A memorial asking congress to pass a proposed constitutional amendment limiting the president of the United States to two terms was introduced in the senate by President Belton, Canby, and Sens. Cornett, Klamath Falls, and Booth, Lebanon. All are republicans.

**Big Three Plans Doom Of Nazi War Machine**

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take on new life.

But it provides also for the growth of France as a fourth great power in Europe and recognizes, through the agreement on Dumbarton Oaks, the potential power of China in the Orient.

The plans for joint military action to "shorten the war" against Germany also are unrevealed and there is no mention whatever of the war against Japan, which leaves unchallenged the mounting predictions that after the European war Russia will become an ally in the closing phases of the Pacific struggle.

**San Francisco Well Sailed.**

San Francisco is especially convenient to Russian delegates, who can fly across Russia all the way to the Pacific, traverse the allied-protected northern Pacific, and whip down the coast via Alaska and Seattle.

Leaders from Australia, New Zealand and parts of South America can also get to the California port more easily than they could to an eastern city.

Opinion on the west coast is strong for a chain of permanent American bases across the Pacific to balk any future wars. Any doubtful Europeans might take heart at this determination to keep America prepared to maintain peace in the west.

This it is felt, would help considerably to bolster national unity in this country beyond a plan for organized peace with front-line American participation.

**Visits in Salem**—Mrs. Flossie Virden of Roseburg spent Monday visiting and attending to business matters. She attended a session of the state legislature and, as a guest of Senator Thomas Parkinson, witnessed the impressive Lincoln day program.

**France, China Recognized**

The Crimean agreement pledges the greatest alliance of military and political power in history to support the ideal of a peace based on the Atlantic charter, which thereby appears to

consider these problems as they arise British, Russian and American foreign secretaries are to meet every three or four months, beginning after the San Francisco conference.

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