

Local News

Meet Tonight—Alpha Theta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet tonight at 444 South Jackson street at 8 o'clock.

To Return—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Metzger are expected to return to Roseburg today after a visit in Seattle and Portland.

Bazaar—Fair Oaks Industrial Club will hold a bazaar in the Goettel building, former location of Powell's Hardware store, Saturday.

Visiting—Lester Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Baird of this city, is home on a week's leave from the U. S. Navy. He will report for duty again Dec. 21.

Accepts Work—Miss Betty Crocker has returned to her home at 1212 Chatham street from Oregon State college and has accepted employment at radio station KRNR.

Home From Navy—R. R. Gross son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gross arrived home Sunday for a 10-day leave from the U. S. Navy. He will return Dec. 24 to his duties.

To Sack Candy—Lady Elks, who volunteered to sack candy and nuts for the Elks Children's Christmas party, are asked to meet at the Elks Temple Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. All Lady Elks are welcome.

To Coquette—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ruble of Idleyd Park were in Roseburg Monday en route to Coquette to spend the Christmas holidays. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Hartley of Murtaugh, Idaho. Mrs. Hartley is a sister of Mrs. Ruble.

Noted Impresario of Los Angeles Passes On

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—L. E. Behrmer, 85, a leading figure in the city's cultural development for 40 years, died in a hospital today after a three-week illness.

An internationally-known impresario, decorated by a dozen countries for his musical activities, Behrmer grew up with the city. His enterprises included the old Grand Opera House, the Mason Opera House and, later, Trinity and Philharmonic auditoriums. He also formed the Los

Angeles Symphony Orchestra. Sarah Bernhardt, Edwin Booth, Joseph Jefferson, Diva Adelina Patti, Mark Twain and James Whitcomb Riley were among the theatrical and literary stars presented under his direction.

Rent Controls In County Should Stand, Board Says

That rent controls in the Douglas Defense Rental Area should be continued until expiration of the Housing and Rent Act on Feb. 29, was the opinion of the Douglas County Rent Advisory Board, which met Monday night. It was announced by J. E. Dent chairman.

It was pointed out that the present act has only a short period to run; that few persons have sought the 15 per cent allowable increase in rents under lease conditions which must be entered into before Dec. 31, 1947; and that provisions exist under the present act for relief of hardship cases and certain inequitable cases.

Lacking a sufficiently large cross section of information from the county at large, the members "did not feel warranted" in advising any change in the Housing and Rent Act in its remaining days, Dent said.

Following is the recommendation sent to Tighe E. Woods, federal housing expediter:

"Due to the housing shortage which exists in the Douglas County Defense Rental Area, we, the members of the Douglas County Rent Advisory Board, having invited public opinions through the local newspapers, and considered the response received, recommend that no change be made in rent controls in this area under the present law. We reserve our recommendations on the general rent level pending our further investigation."

Members present at the meeting were Dent, Robert L. Helliwell, R. L. Whipple, L. K. Wade and J. J. Newland.

Mother, Three Children Die in Burning Home

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Martha Ealy, 40, and three of her six children burned to death as flames swept through their frame farmhouse in nearby East Finley Township.

Killed with Mrs. Ealy were two sons, George, 15, and Wright, 13, and a daughter, Getrude, eight.

Mrs. Ealy's husband, Wayne, carried another child, Elmer, three, and led Ellen, 10, to safety while a sixth child, Wilma, 16, escaped from the burning building by leaping from a second story window.



SANTA'S HERE AGAIN—Santa's head is hardly visible above the throng of children who crowded Montgomery Ward's Saturday to see him. He's sitting in the doorway, however. That's Ed Nolte, store manager, who is visible in the doorway and Leroy Hiatt, KRNR chief engineer, at the radio controls at the left.



AID FOR THE NEEDY—The tinkle of bells rung by Salvation Army lassies may be heard on Roseburg streets again, as donations are received in the traditional Salvation Army kettles. This is a scene on Roseburg streets this year.

Immediate Freeze of Commodity Prices Asked

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Senator Capehart (R-Ind.) yesterday introduced a bill to "freeze" prices of all commodities at levels which prevailed at the close of business last Saturday.

This legislation, if enacted, Capehart told the senate, would remain on the statute books through May 1, but President Truman could lift the freeze whenever he found such action warranted.

Noting that congress has acted to give Europe stop-gap aid while it debates the Marshall plan for long range assistance abroad, Capehart added:

"Now let us give interim aid to the United States while we consider carefully the long range needs of our economic system." The bill also would prohibit sale of used cars at prices in excess of those for new automobiles. Violators would be subject to a \$5,000 fine and a two-year jail term.

Lady Elks Aid in Fixing Gifts for Vets Hospital

A group of Lady Elks met at the Elks temple Monday night and wrapped more than 600 packages to be distributed at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital at Christmas. The Christmas gifts, sent to the hospital Tuesday afternoon, included ties, bedroom slippers, pipes, tobacco, candy, gum, stockings and handkerchiefs. Two hundred of the packages contained bedroom slippers.

Johnson was in charge of the Christmas gift project for the local temple and Lady Elks volunteered their time for the wrapping. This is a national project of the Elks lodges and is carried on in Oregon through the Portland and Roseburg temples, as veterans' hospitals are located adjacent to these two cities.

In the Yarkona fight, which

opened the 17th consecutive day of Arab-Jewish blood-letting, Hagana said the "larger part" of the Arab band had been "destroyed."

Other Jewish sources said the oil-broken water pipeline to the Negev (southern desert) had been sabotaged again during the night.

TANKER IN DISTRESS

HONOLULU, Dec. 16.—(UP)—The army tanker El Caney—her rudder ripped loose and propeller damaged by heavy seas—was in peril early today in the stormy north Pacific, south of the Aleutians.

Ships in the area were going to her aid.

Highway Assn. to Ask Continuance Of U. S. Road Aid

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The American Association of State Highway Officials will ask Congress to continue the federal aid highway program on the same basis as has been in effect the past three years, state highway Engineer Baldock, president of the Association, said today on his return from Washington, D. C., where he conferred with congressional leaders.

Baldock said the association also recommends that the forest highway authorizations be continued on the same basis.

The federal-aid program provides \$300,000,000 a year for the states.

"It is necessary for the next Congress to enact road legislation," Baldock said, "as otherwise the states will soon have no funds available for new road contracts. There also is the need for providing for the continuous authorization of \$300,000,000 per year to enable the states to carry on long-range planning which would place the entire federal-aid highway program on a more orderly basis."

Baldock said that continuance of the federal-aid program is necessary "because modern highways are a vital need in our economy."

Under the current federal-aid act, Oregon ranks second in getting its highway work under contract, California first and Texas third, he said.

Blast in Building Kills One Man, Injures Eleven

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 16.—One man was fatally hurt and eleven others injured yesterday in an explosion that wrecked a building of the Celanese corporation of America, hurling bricks and rubble to the street.

The heavily populated section of the city was shaken and many windows in homes, some of them blocks away, were broken.

New Fishing Fight Heads For Ballot in Oregon

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The warfare between commercial fishermen of the upper Columbia and the lower Columbia river broke into the open here today after filing of a preliminary initiative petition to abolish traps, seines and other fixed fishing gear from the river.

Sponsors are the lower river fishermen. The petition bears the names of J. Henry Niemela, Astoria, and Charles F. Henne, Tidewater.

If 19,699 signatures of registered voters are obtained by next July 1, the measure would appear on the general election ballot next November.

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