

Local News

Visits Parents—Miss Jeri Johnson of Billings, Mont., spent the holiday weekend in Roseburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Johnson.

Back From Eugene—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Patterson and daughter, Lois, have returned to Roseburg after spending the holiday weekend in Eugene with relatives.

Back From Corvallis—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips and family have returned to their home on Winchester street, following a visit over the holiday weekend in Corvallis with Mrs. Phillips' relatives.

Local Visitors—Mrs. Irvin T. Whitney and Jean Whitney of Portland are visitors in Roseburg with Mrs. Roy Hufham and Mrs. Walter Kurtz. This is Mrs. Whitney's first visit to Roseburg in 12 years.

To Monmouth—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thiele and children left today for Monmouth to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stolkholm. They will spend the weekend in Eugene before returning to Roseburg.

Visits Here—Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reymann of Corvallis were visitors in Roseburg over the weekend. Mr. Reymann was with the state police force and Mrs. Reymann on the faculty at Junior high school last year.

Visit Parents—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Elkins and children of Sisters, Ore., are guests at the home of Mrs. Elkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Powell, at Tyee. She is a sister of Mrs. Perry Thiele of this city.

At Berg Home—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Knauss of Portland are spending the remainder of the week in Roseburg as guests of the week in Roseburg at Mrs. Horace C. Berg in Laurelwood. They formerly made their home here.

Visitors Leave—Mr. and Mrs. William Davis of Tacoma, Mrs. Waldo Campbell and children, Danny and Sharon, of Oakridge, and Melvin Ellison of Taft have returned to their homes, following a visit in Roseburg with Mrs. Davis' and Mr. Ellison's mother, Mrs. Lou Ellison. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Irene Cooney of this city.

Leave For Game—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellison and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Motschenbacher of Roseburg left Thursday for San Francisco to attend the East-West football game Saturday. They will return here next week. While in California, they will visit Mrs. Ellison's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Butner.

Baby Born—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Baker of this city have received word of the birth of a daughter to their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Varney Baker, in Seattle, Wash. The baby, named Patti-Jo, weighed

Both Christmas Presents, Bills Reach Record Peak This Year, Says Writer

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK—(AP)—This is the time to clear the Christmas presents out of the living room and start worrying about the bills. Both presents and bills are apparently at a record high this year. Merchants report they sold more presents than ever before. Even with the lower prices most customers favored, the total dollar sales appear, in preliminary reports, to be higher than last year.

But the Federal Reserve board reports that more people put more things on the cuff this year than ever before. Even before the Christmas buying rush, installment credit was at record peaks. And the large sales which stores report for home appliances, television sets, refrigerators, washers, radios, this month forecast another sharp rise in the total of buying on time, when the final pre-Christmas sales figures are gathered and analyzed.

Flying Saucers? Aren't Any, Navy Probe Discloses

WASHINGTON—(AP)—After checking up on 375 rumors of weird and wondrous sights in the sky, the Air Force has concluded that there aren't any "flying saucers."

It took two years, a special team from the USAF's science staff and help from university consultants to trace down the rumors of strange discs whizzing through the air.

The Air Force says "project flying saucer"—the investigation started by the air material command at Wright base, Dayton, Ohio, on January 22, 1948—has been ordered ended because there is nothing to show that the reports were "the results of natural phenomena."

All evidence, it added, points to three factors—"misinterpretation of various conventional objects; a mild form of mass hysteria; or hoaxes"—as the origin of the flying saucer reports. "Under air force definition, 'various conventional objects' include such things as meteors, balloons, birds in flight or just ordinary optical illusions."

The effect of the Air Force announcement was to deny a story appearing in the current edition of the magazine "True." The magazine said it had learned that "a rocket authority stationed at Wright field has told 'project saucer' personnel flatly that the saucers are interplanetary and that no other conclusion is possible."

Old Ft. Stevens Now Owned By City Of Hammond

ASTORIA—(AP)—Historic Fort Stevens, whose parade ground echoed to the tread of soldiers in the days of the Indian wars and along whose beach Japanese shells burst in 1942, belongs to the city of Hammond and the school district.

Formal transfer papers have been received, Mayor Merton Orrey of Hammond said.

The two local governments get the 155-acre hub of the old fort whose greatest claim to fame was the firing incident in 1942 when a Japanese sub surfaced and turned its guns on the fort. There was no damage, but since it was the first continental army post brought under enemy fire since the war of 1812, it created intense excitement.

The fort's old guns did not fire back. Sen. Rufus Holman said it was because they wouldn't shoot far enough—and that, in the security-conscious days of the war, stirred up more talk on coastal defenses.

The city has 10 years in which to pay the federal government \$51,000 for its property. The school district pays only \$308 and gets the parade ground, ball park, barracks, nurses' quarters, an old officers' club and one du-



OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams

Deficit Spending Major Issue For Congress Session

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Returning lawmakers have chalked up red ink spending as the top domestic issue in the new session of Congress opening next week. Democrats joined Republicans in deploring a state of financial affairs in which the government will have to go on borrowing from the people because its outgo is bigger than its income from taxes.

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Over many Democratic protests, Republicans put the finger on the Truman administration's "fair deal" program as the cause of the treasury's present financial woes.

Senator Taft of Ohio, who heads the Senate GOP Policy committee, said even worse troubles are ahead if the Democrats can push the Brannan farm subsidy payment through Congress.

In a weekly report to Ohio voters, he estimated that subsidies under such a plan would run to \$6,000,000,000 yearly.

The scheme would guarantee the farmer's income on some perishable products, letting those products reach their own price level on the market. Under the plan the consumer would benefit from the lower prices.

"Since the farmer and the consumers are the taxpayers, they would simply get a bill from the government for the benefits they are supposed to receive, plus a sum added in to pay salaries to several hundred thousand employees required to administer the plan," Taft said.

Some Democrats, including Senate majority leader Lucas of Illinois, defended red ink spending as a necessary measure to insure world peace.

Lucas said the country is prosperous and ridiculed Republican leaders "who tell us we are on the way to the poorhouse."

He predicted, however, military outlays will be cut \$2,000,000,000 in the next year—that a \$1,000,000,000 cut can be made in Marshall Plan economic aid to western Europe.

NEW CHEVROLET MODEL DETROIT, Dec. 29—(AP)—Chevrolet will introduce its new 1950 model automobiles publicly on Jan. 7 with automatic transmissions as optional equipment.

Announcing this, W. E. Fish, general sales manager, said promotion of the new models will be the most widespread in Chevrolet history.

LEGAL
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY ORDER FOR SETTING TIME FOR HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES WILLIAM MILNE, deceased. Bert McCoy, Administrator of the estate of Charles William Milne, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the estate of Frances C. Berg, deceased, now pending in the County Court of Douglas County, Oregon, are hereby notified to present the same, verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of Gordon & Palmer, Attorneys, Roseburg, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published this 15th day of December, 1949.
ESTHER M. ANDERSON, Administrator of the Estate of Frances C. Berg, Deceased.

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