

### Local News

**Parents Club To Meet**—The St. Joseph's Parents Club will meet Wednesday evening, Jan. 19, at 8 o'clock at the new school at Harvard and Stanton streets.

**Pythian Sisters To Meet**—The Pythian Sisters will hold a Friendship Club meeting at the Knights of Pythias Hall at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20. Miss Lois Hess will be honored at a kitchen shower. Hostesses for the evening are Doris Lauer and Minnie South.

### Mayor Barker Names Council Committee Heads

At least two of the Roseburg bureaus have a new look today after the city council Monday night confirmed Mayor Ernest Barker's appointments of new members to boards and commissions.

The changes include a completely new membership on the library board. Barker named Mrs. Robert Kenney, Mrs. William R. Hirt and Councilman James Knudson to succeed Mrs. O. J. Pett, Mrs. C. E. Roberts and ex-Councilman Cecil Hugh. All the latter's terms expired.

Three new names appeared on the boxing commission. They are Crady Minkah, H. H. Turner and Dr. Louis Michalek. They replace Dick Gilman, Al Flegel and Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, all of whom had ended their terms. Holdover members are John Horn and L. E. Henninger.

Legal continues on the park and playground committee. Councilman Robert Harris, however, was named to replace Councilman Rudy Ritzman.

On the finance committee are Councilmen George Luoma, chairman; William Adair and Kenneth Ellison. Completing the appointments was the membership of the board of appeals: L. K. Cornwall, Benjamin DuFresne, E. A. Helmholdt, James Stovall and Wayne Crooch.

Barker explained that his appointments to succeed incumbent board members was meant as no reflection on the retiring persons. Rather, he said, he meant to give new people a chance to serve on the committees.

All appointments were effective with the council's confirming action.

### Chinese Forces Take Strategic Yikiangshan

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afternoon but made no attempt to land there.

Nationalist reports said the assault on Yikiangshan was delivered by 70 ships, including 20 warships, among them gunboats and torpedo boats.

Huge fires started on the island were clearly visible from the Tachens.

The U. S. 7th Fleet patrols the waters of the Formosa Strait, but there was no indication what steps—if any—the U. S. might take. The United States is committed to the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores, but has never said what it would do if any of the Nationalist offshore islands were invaded.

Yikiangshan is eight miles north of the Tachens and five miles south of Red-held Tomen Island. From Yikiangshan the Reds could hammer the Tachens with 155 mm guns, just as they have bombarded Yikiangshan from Tomen.

There are reported to be about 20,000 Nationalist troops and guerrillas on the Tachens, an important link in Chiang Kai-Shek's chain of offshore islands.

### John H. Miller Passes Away In St. Cloud, Minn.

John H. Miller, father of Mrs. Edith Pickens of Roseburg, died January 16 at St. Cloud, Minn., following a stroke suffered the week before. He was 89.

Mr. Miller was a retired operator of flour mills. He engaged in that business successfully in Mapleton, Minn.; Havans, N. Dak., and Britton, S. Dak. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. The funeral was held today in St. Cloud, with interment beside the grave of Mr. Miller's wife, who died in 1935. Also preceding Mr. Miller in death was a daughter, Alma Miller, who passed away seven years ago.

Surviving besides Mrs. Pickens are two other daughters, also a son—Mrs. Laura Shields of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Amanda Pitkin and John D. Miller, both of Britton. He also leaves five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Miller spent a year and a half at the home of Mrs. Pickens and her husband, Ivan, on Fowler Street, leaving for St. Cloud in July of last year.

### Tenmile Resident Dies After Brief Illness

William Arnold, well-known resident of Tenmile, died Monday following a brief illness. His body has been removed to Long & Orr Mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### KIWANIS INSTALL

The Kiwanis Club of Glide is holding a 7:30 dinner meeting at the Red Barn tonight for the installation of the 1935 officers by George Neuner, a past president of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club. Wives of Glide Kiwanians will be guests at the affair.

### FIREMEN CALLED

Roseburg firemen were called Monday at 7:35 p.m. to the home of Mrs. Walter Good, 505 Court St., where a furnace overheated. There was no resulting fire and no damage.

### Judge Declares Condemnation Suit Mistrial

A circuit court trial which began last Wednesday afternoon ended suddenly Monday when Judge Carl E. Wimberly declared a mistrial and dismissed the jury.

The case is one involving compensation for property condemned for public purposes. Plaintiff is the State Highway Dept., and the defendants are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Housley.

The judge, noting in his order that he is "unable to continue," set the case over to the February term.

Despite the 2 1/2 days in which the trial was under way, jurors had heard only a part of the testimony. Much of the time the jury was ushered out of the courtroom while attorneys argued points of law. Various rulings, motions and objections cropped up, and there were sharp exchanges between the judge and the defense attorneys.

The judge's action ended on another bitter note when defense attorneys Dwight L. Schawb and Jonathan U. Newman of Portland filed written objections to the mistrial order. They claim the judge refused to allow oral objections in the courtroom.

The property involved in the case lies near the Roseburg airport. About 13 acres of the Housley property was used for a section of relocated Highway 99. No agreement has been reached on what would be just compensation for the property. The defendants allege, among other things, that the property has been badly damaged because the nature of the highway construction limits access to the remaining property. The Housleys own about 322 acres in the same general area.

### Schmeer Advises Cautious Route For Businessmen

A local bank manager, forecasting the business year 1935 for Roseburg, advised businessmen to take a cautious route in explaining his views in the Civic Room of the Umpqua Hotel.

H. E. Schmeer, manager of the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National Bank, told members at a forum luncheon that it takes the attitude of "reserved optimism" in predicting a good year.

"Prices will remain stable," he said, adding that a person must watch his business closely because "a badly managed business may not be saved by runaway prices."

He said it's hard to compare what may come this year with what has happened in the years past. "It would be comparing it with some of the finest years we've ever seen. There's been nothing like it (the recent years) for income, yet we insist that next year be better in order for it to be good."

The recovery of business in the last six months of 1934 will carry over into this year. Schmeer cautioned businessmen to keep their inventories in line, ordering as they had during the last half of last year, when ordering increased after big inventory cuts during the first of the year.

As for Douglas County, the banker said that while deposits have increased in banking institutions here, much of the money is from the "outside"—from big building programs here, especially the highways, and not all from local business.

### City To Repeal RR Ordinances

Machinery to rescind two ordinances on the city books which regulate switching by Southern Pacific Co. at street crossings was started Monday night by the Roseburg City Council.

Each of the ordinances post a limit on the time that the railroad may block traffic at any crossing. One, passed Dec. 27, restricts the railroad to five minutes; the other, enacted years ago, puts the limit at 10 minutes.

Acting City Atty. James Richmond was instructed to draw up an ordinance repealing the two laws.

The action following Espee's promise of inactivity at Oak and Washington streets at three peak rush traffic hours during the day: 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; noon to 1 p.m.; and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

City Manager George Farrell said the times may have to be changed later when the State Highway Commission delivers its long-awaited study on Roseburg traffic. Farrell explained that traffic counts taken during the survey may show peak rushes at slightly different hours than those offered by the railroad.

A new ordinance to restrict switching during the peak hours may be enacted when the traffic report is received.

### Skating Party Proceeds Go To March Of Dimes

Junior high school students of Roseburg found a way to enjoy themselves and lend a hand in the March of Dimes campaign at the same time.

The boys and girls of Central and Joseph Lane junior high schools held a joint skating party and donated all proceeds to the drive. A total 171 admissions brought in \$59.85, according to Central Junior High Vice Principal Bruce Hamilton, with the amount being turned over to campaign headquarters in Roseburg Saturday.

Other events are being planned for the future, Hamilton said, although no concerted drive is planned by the students, such as the contest conducted by senior high school students.



**NATIONAL AWARD RECEIVED**—Robert Grant, former news editor with radio station KRNR, is pictured above with the Distinguished Achievement Award made to him at the national convention of the Radio-Television News Directors Assn. in Chicago last summer. Grant received one of the three national awards for his work in court-reporting. His written report is to be placed in the permanent files of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. The plaque, recently received by Grant, goes to Station KRNR. (Clark's Studio photo)

### Council Considers New Sewer For City Area

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ever had been filed in the city hall for construction of the new lines. He added, though, that one had been taken out some time ago for circulation.

A second public hearing on Feb. 21 will be on the rezoning of the district, at the west foot of the Oak Street Bridge from residential to business.

The rezoning move had been in the fire for nearly 2 1/2 years and was brought to a head only last week when the City Planning Commission okayed the petition of about 40 property owners in the district.

The properties involved all are on the river side of the relocated Pacific Highway roughly including Mercy Hospital and extending downriver along the old Fairgrounds Road to the point where the new highway is at riverside. Business frontage would extend mainly along Military Street and Corey and Harvard avenues. The north side of Harvard would remain residential.

The council also: 1. Refused to recommend Swede's Tavern, 117 N. Stephens St., for a liquor-by-the-drink license. A police investigation into the past record on the establishment brought a negative report to the council. Applicants were Charles E. Moore of Roseburg and Orie Boyer of Medford, the co-owners.

2. Bought an air compressor for \$335 from Specialized Parts & Equipment Co., Roseburg, in a bid opening. Three other bids were received.

3. Accepted the dedication of the street system of Rosewood Homes to the city by the Douglas County Housing Authority.

4. Approved three new business applications: (a) Triple C Woodwork Co., 509 Fullerton St., to manufacture trellises and do woodwork, applied for by Harvey and Ernest Couch and Carl Collier; (b) Beaver Food Service, 221 Spruce St., by Paul Amort; and (c) William A. Mardoff Plumbing, 630 Winchester St. The application of Leonard A. Patterson to do business as Television Sales & Service, 335 No. Main St., was continued for further information.

5. Held a public hearing to hear remonstrances on the Terrace Avenue street improvement. No one appeared.

6. Directed City Manager George Farrell to find out why the Oregon Motor Vehicle Division needs parking space two days a week for driver examination.

Two councilmen were absent from the meeting, Dr. Byron Woodruff and Ruty Titzman.

A special council meeting will be held Friday at 8 p.m. in the city hall for action on the ordinance.

### Funeral Services Held For Cooksey Infant

Gravestone funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Cooksey of 1148 Umpqua Ave., who died at a local hospital Monday, were held this morning at 11 in the IOOF Cemetery.

The Rev. Ellsworth Tilton of the First Methodist Church officiated. Arrangements were handled by Long & Orr Mortuary.

The child was born Jan. 16. Surviving beside the parents are two brothers, Robert Gene and William Edward, both of Roseburg; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooksey, Port Orchard, Wash.; and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Anderson, Roseburg; and paternal great-grandfather, J. T. Cooksey, Vancouver, Wash.

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### Camp Easter Seal Nearer To Being Free From Debt

Camp Easter Seal, crippled children's camp on North Lake, on the coast, is 85% nearer to being free of debt, according to Executive Director Nellie Swartz.

That amount was paid over to bills due on the camp, leaving a total indebtedness of \$13,000, \$2,761 of which comprises the mortgage on the property itself. Mrs. Swartz stated that \$292.05 of the sum came from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the balance from other sources.

An acknowledgment of payment came from James M. Torson, Portland, executive director of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children, who replaced Howard Feast Jan. 9 as head of the society. Feast has moved to Denver where he is engaged in business.

Mrs. Swartz states that several of the amounts due, for instance for blacktopping around the dormitories and construction of the road into the camp, are comparatively small and organizations or groups wishing to aid in dispensing with them may have information by calling her at 3-5132, or by writing 810 Nebo St. Donations may be made directly to her, she said.

The official Easter seal campaign will not be under way until March. Mrs. Swartz said, and no concerted drive for funds will be made until that time.

### School Housing Riddle Problem

A meeting is scheduled Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Riddle High School gym to discuss the housing of Riddle's school classes.

Three men from the State Dept. of Education will speak. They are: A. L. Beck, supervisor of school construction; Walter Shold, elementary supervisor of schools; and John Conway, supervisor of secondary education. Also on the program are Kenneth Barnes, county superintendent of schools, and the organization of 20 members into a school advisory committee of citizens, according to correspondent Mrs. Erma Best.

After the organization, a statement of the problems will be reported and means for procedure will be discussed.

The general public is invited to listen in on the session.

The meeting to form an advisory committee of citizens came about after a recent bond issue was defeated by voters.

### Martin Bros. Employee Dies

A trimmerman at Martin Bros. Box Co. in Oakland died on the job Monday afternoon, apparently as the result of a heart attack.

He was Albert Laverne Bassett, 61. He was born Nov. 1, 1889, at Haley, Idaho. He had lived for 37 years at Vernonia and had come to Sutherlin last year.

Surviving him are his wife, Birtle of Sutherlin; a son, Billie of Sherwood; two daughters, Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Lillian; and Mrs. Edward Prince of Fairbanks, Alaska; and six grandchildren.

Bassett was a member of Odd Fellows Lodge 246, Rebekah Lodge 243 and AF & AM 184, all of Vernonia.

The body will be shipped to Vernonia for Masonic ritualistic services and interment. Starns & Little Mortuary of Oakland is in charge of local arrangements.

Hassett was just returning to his position in the mill after a rest period when he was stricken, Rep. Coroner Vernon Little said.

### Winston Woman Shoots Finger Accidentally

A Winston woman who accidentally shot herself in the finger was reported in good condition at her home Tuesday by Mercy Hospital personnel.

Mrs. William Henry Wright was cleaning out her dresser when the 22 calibre high standard revolver discharged, according to state police. Mrs. Wright told police the gun went off as she took it from the dresser drawer.

Police said the gun's safety catch could have been pulled off when Mrs. Wright took it out. The bullet struck her on the ring finger of her left hand. Mrs. Wright was taken to the hospital by P & B Ambulance where she was treated for a small laceration. The accident occurred about 10:20 p.m. Monday.

### Rainy Weather Forces Mile Of Dollars Delay

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, which planned a mile of Dollars collection for the March of Dimes Saturday, was forced to postpone the drive because of rainy weather.

Bruce Hamilton, chairman of the drive in which Jaycees collect currency from pedestrians and motorists on Jackson Street, states however, the unique collection campaign will be held next Saturday, weather permitting.



**CONDUCTOR RETIRES**—Southern Pacific Co. employees paid honor to Conductor R. W. (Johnny) Meissner (center) Monday on his retirement after 37 years service. They also honored his wife for "40 years of married life" with Johnny. Mrs. Meissner received a corsage of roses, a "gold medal" and some perfume. Johnny got a \$100 bill and ringing applause. From left: Mrs. Meissner, Meissner and Trainmaster Ted Bernard. (Paul Jenkins photo.)

### Conductor Johnny Meissner Retires From SP Service

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Conductor R. W. (Johnny) Meissner retired Monday. He had been a Southern Pacific employee for 37 years.

The SP family in the Roseburg area gathered in the local depot at 1 p.m. to honor Johnny. They got him and his wife to come to the depot on the pretext that someone in San Francisco was calling. The ruse worked.

Meissner is a quiet, soft-spoken man of 65 years. The accolades of his bosses and fellow workers were accepted by him in a quiet manner. He didn't have much to say when calls came for "speech."

Johnny hired out as a student brakeman for the SP Dec. 4, 1917, in Roseburg. He worked his way up through the trainman ranks. At time of retirement, Meissner was conductor for Run 329, (329 is the passenger train which runs between Roseburg and Ashland). Because the train leaves Roseburg at 3 a.m. and returns the following midnight, most of Johnny's work was at night.

One thing he and his wife do look forward to is more time to travel during the day. Both said Monday they planned to do some of the travel "by car."

The former conductor witnessed the switchover when the Natron Cutoff over the Cascades curtailed passenger service through Douglas County. He recalled Monday, the time in 1918 when, as a young brakeman for Conductor Sam McConnell, he helped maintain order as a private railroad car burned near Turner while the train sped along. No one was hurt. He was conductor in December, 1949, when 17 cars were derailed into a ditch near Wibur "at 2 a.m. in the morning."

As a conductor it was Meissner's job to see to the safety of train passengers while the train was moving.

That Johnny Meissner successfully carried out his duties was evidenced in the remarks of Trainmaster Ted Bernard Monday.

"Men like you have made my work easy," Bernard said. "You've done us a swell job, Johnny. Thanks for your fine work as conductor."

The Meissners now plan to spend some time doing "as I'd—please," according to Johnny, at their home at 122 N. Parrott St. Mrs. Meissner looked like she might have a little rug beating stored up for him, instead.

### 3 Per Cent Sales Tax Measure Is Introduced

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Legislation, when the opposition was so heavy that the bill was defeated. The committee will hold another hearing Wednesday.

The bill, by Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland Republican, would change Portland State Extension Center into a downtown college, with authority to grant degrees. It would be effective next September.

Members of the State Board of Higher Education told the committee they would like some small changes in the bill, and Wilhelm agreed.

The only objection came from F. Ellis Johnson, Salem, who said the state should expand existing institutions instead of creating new ones.

Portland State now has 2,340 students. A single state liquor administrator, to replace the three-man liquor commission, will be asked in a bill prepared by Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart Democrat. The administrator would get \$12,000 a year.

The battle over power started in the House Committee on State and Federal Affairs, which met to consider a memorial to ask the federal government to build John Day Dam, either itself or through a partnership plan.

Democrats objected to this proposal, endorsed by Gov. Paul L. Patterson. They want the partnership part left out.

The committee will hold another hearing on the subject Wednesday. On Friday, it will consider memorials asking construction of Cougar and Green Peter dams in the Willamette Valley.

### Hospital News

**Douglas Community Hospital**  
**Admitted**  
Medical: Olive May Jones, Hattie May Johnson, Loureta Brown, Hattie C. Lindbloom, Mrs. Beas Richardson, Jack Lytle, Rosa Alice Hearn, Roseburg; George William Cooper, Dianne Rae Nicholas, Sutherlin.

**Surgery:** Frances M. Philes, Mrs. Stace B. Lorraine, Mrs. Russell Osborn, Roseburg.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Lila Marie Andrews, George Frances Chesley, Frances M. Philes, Roseburg; Dennis Lee Young, Brenda Kay Hosier, Glida, Mercy Hospital.

**Medical:** William Apperson, Roseburg.  
**Surgical:** Mrs. John Reese, Margaret Sherman, Roseburg; Mrs. William Adair, Brockway.

**Discharged**  
Mrs. Alvin Bosworth, Mrs. Joseph Boyer, Mrs. John Newton, J. Dean McFall, Mrs. Norman Webb, Roseburg; Mrs. Vernon Buck and son, David Wayne, Winston; Mrs. Leo Wilson and son, Gary Lynn, Myrtle Creek; Lee Sharman, Sutherlin.

### Wheels Of Legislature Start Rolling In Salem

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it will be used as political dynamite against the controlling party. On the other hand if more money is raised it is pretty likely that there will be widespread griping among the citizenry because no one likes to pay more taxes. And that griping is going to be skillfully directed against the party in power, if possible. So it looks as though there will be tough sledding in the near future for the unfortunate people who are responsible for trying to steer our state along a more troubled course.

The sentiment generally expressed around here is not against a sales tax. But it is against a legislatively sponsored sales tax. Mainly because the people have rejected one five times. It is pretty much the opinion of legislators that the people who stand to gain by a sound state budget are the ones who should sponsor a state sales tax and that therein lies the only chance for successfully promoting one in this state. Somehow it is always rather difficult to interest any one in the idea of paying more taxes sufficiently to raise him into collecting names on a petition on street corners.

Time will tell and I suppose someone may come along and pull a rabbit out of the hat and salvage Oregon and incidentally simplify the political future of a good many concerned people.

### Roseburg Elks Informed About Children's Clinic

Three Roseburg Elks returned from The Dalles over the weekend where they attended a meeting of the Oregon State Elks Assn.

The feature of the two-day conference was a report on the children's eye clinic at the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland. It was related that approximately 25,000 patient visits have been recorded by the clinic since it was founded five years ago by the Oregon State Elks Assn.

The three Roseburg men attending were: Arlo Jacklin, exalted ruler of the Roseburg lodge; A. E. Dalros, sergeant at arms for the Oregon State Elks Assn.; and George M. Brown, manager of the local club.

### Eugene Man Injured In Highway Mishap

Joseph C. Wilson of Eugene was treated at Forest Glen Hospital, Canyonville, Monday night after his car went off Highway 99 about a mile north of the Glendale junction.

He was taken to the hospital by National Hospital Ambulance, Glendale, but was not believed seriously injured.

According to reports gathered by Mrs. G. B. Ford, News-Review correspondent, the car apparently slid off the highway about 10 p.m. It was cold and snowing at the time. Other occupants of the car apparently were not injured, according to initial reports.

### First Things First

Procrastination and delay are the greatest enemies to your recovery when you are sick. At the first sign of illness consult your family physician, because time is worth more than money in the fight against disease. Don't wait!

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