

# Local News Briefs

**Accidents Reported**—Automobile accidents reported to the police Saturday included: Albert F. Buester, 888 North Commercial, and Ralph Collett, highway department, at Union and High streets; Elmer Lake, route 6, and Joe H. Uphoff, Woodburn, North Liberty, at Junction with High street; Lattie Chambers, route 3, and unidentified driver at Center and Capitol streets; L. M. Day, Silverton, and C. C. Colwell, route 7, on Marion near Commercial street; S. Heckman, 609 North Front, and Ethel Van Sickle, 1243 State street, on Liberty near State; J. J. Hurley, 1325 North 15th, and Elsie Lewis, 770 Chemeketa, at Cottage and Court.

**Legislator to Speak**—Daisy Bevens, representative from Clackamas county, will be the principal speaker Monday night for Townsend club No. 2. This club meets in the Leslie M. E. church hall at 7:30. Viva Anderson, Miss Bevens's secretary, will also address the club. J. H. Merryman, chairman of the program committee, gives assurance of some special entertainment numbers. There will be a "Dutch" auction. Members are requested to bring pies, cakes or anything else to be offered on the block. The public is invited.

**Chicken dinner**, American Lutheran church, T. B. and a. avenue, Feb. 23. Serving from 5 to 7:30. 25c and 50c.

**Gunners Want Culvert**—County Engineer N. C. Hubbs expects to recommend replacement of the present bridge across Turner road ditch, next to the Salem Gun club, rather than installation of a culvert, which had been asked for by members of the club. After investigating yesterday, Hubbs said he feared a culvert would not pass all the water that flows in the ditch.

**Relief Fund Sent**—The final draft for \$441.81 was sent by the Marion county Red Cross chapter to national headquarters in connection with the flood disaster relief campaign, bringing the county's total to \$4,191.81. Milton L. Meyers, chairman, said Saturday.

**Shafers in Crash**—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shaffer have been sent to a San Diego, Calif., hospital for treatment of injuries they suffered in a serious automobile accident there Friday morning, according to word received here. Their car went out of control after a tire blew out.

**Rev. Fox Ends Series**—Rev. Irving A. Fox of Freeport, Ill., will deliver the last message of his series at the First Baptist church today. At 11 a. m. his topic will be "The True Use of Life" and at 7:30 p. m., "The Thief on the Cross, or a Compendium of Complete Theology."

**McCullough Speaker**—C. B. McCullough, assistant state highway engineer who was loaned by the state highway department to several of the Central American countries to build bridges, will address the Monday noon chamber of commerce luncheon on "Highways in Central America."

**Mrs. Kelly Better**—Reports from the Salem General hospital show the condition of Mrs. Robert Kelly, injured in an auto accident here last Tuesday, still critical but slightly improved. She suffered fractures and other injuries.

**Reports Mishap**—R. H. Murphy, 540 North 15th street, notified the sheriff yesterday his automobile had been involved in an accident on the Turner cutoff at 7:30 p. m. Friday. No further details were given.

**WPA Takes Holiday**—All WPA projects in the Salem district will be idle and the district office here will be closed Monday on account of the Washington's birthday holiday.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and for the kindness and sympathy extended us in the loss of our beloved daughter and sister.—Mr. and Mrs. M. Holdredge, Althea Berg, Elma Burbee, LaVerne Merrick.

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# Court System To Be Revised

## Succession of Cases Will Inconvenience Bar, Is Complaint Heard

Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan's recent order setting but one date for a trial in department one and directing attorneys to be ready for succeeding cases as fast as juries could take preceding ones out will go into effect at 1 p. m. Tuesday with the case of Knittel vs. Industrial accident commission the first on the docket. The February jury will report at 10 a. m. for instructions.

Considerable complaint has been voiced by attorneys visiting the county clerk's office over Judge McMahan's new trial system. The order means that they will have to assemble their witnesses and be at the courthouse awaiting their turn for trial without knowledge of the exact hour at which their case will begin.

The cases of American Central Fire vs. Ball Bros., and Smith vs. Rostein were dropped from the docket upon reported out of court settlement. Following the Knittel case in the order established by Judge McMahan are scheduled:

Carroll vs. Great Northern Insurance company; Cadie vs. Crandall et al; Turner State bank vs. Davis; Ringwald vs. Douglas McKay; Freeman vs. Campbell; Snyder vs. Lee; City of Salem vs. Doughty; and City of Salem vs. Lightfoot.

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling will be in Albany this week but Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker is to return from McMinnville for resumption of the Woodburn Fruit Growers vs. Ray-Maling trial at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday.

The only new complaint filed in circuit court yesterday was a suit by Beatrice M. Whitted for divorce from Burton L. Whitted and for custody of their minor son. Cruel and inhuman treatment was alleged. The couple was married June 1, 1929, at LaGrande. Judge McMahan handed down a default divorce decree favoring Elizabeth Reinhart against Alvin Reinhart, permitting her to resume her maiden name, Elizabeth Layton, and awarding her \$75 attorney fees.

**— Circuit Court —**  
First National bank of Corvallis vs. W. G. Wildig; sheriff's return showing defendant's bank account with Ladd & Bush bank attached for \$500 judgment. Sheriff's returns on 42 judgments, attachments, garnishments and foreclosure sales dating as far back as 1927.

**— Probate Court —**  
Mary L. Skiff guardianship; writ of execution for \$24.30 costs, judgment in case of Mary L. Skiff and other objectors vs. Mark S. Skiff.

**Mrs. Ekman Gravely III**  
SILVERTON, Feb. 20.—Mrs. E. R. Ekman who was taken to a Portland hospital after suddenly being taken ill Friday, is in critical condition it was reported tonight. Physicians said she did not suffer a stroke as had been reported. Mrs. Ekman collapsed suddenly after being at work in the garden of her home.

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# Coming Events

Feb. 22—Willamette Valley Flood Control hearing, all day, chamber of commerce.  
Feb. 23—H. B. Clark, president Northern Baptist convention, speaks at Calvary Baptist church, 7:45 p. m.  
February 26—Salem Mission club, K. of P. hall, 246 1/2 N. Commercial St., 8 p. m.  
Feb. 26-27—Annual convention Marion county Sunday school council of Christian Education, Stayton M. E. church.

brakes; case continued February 26 for sentence.

Albert, Fried, plea of guilty, driving without operator's license; case continued to February 24.

**—Municipal Court—**  
Glenn O. Thomas, no chauffeur's license, \$1 fine. Chalmer H. Brown, failure to stop, \$2.50.

# Complain Dike Is Causing Flooding

## Farmers Living Upon East Side Suffer Now Says Report to Court

When the county diked a section of Mill creek between the penitentiary and the prison annex two years ago farmers west of the stream were freed from the trouble of winter overflows across their land but farmers to the east became the high water sufferers instead, a delegation of the latter complained to the county court yesterday. Heavy damage is being done by the new overflows, the group declared, because only the west side of the creek was diked.

The delegation, which included Tom Fitzpatrick, Gus Schlicker, Otto Hoven and Merle Holman, declared the only reason they had not instituted injunction proceedings against the diking project two years ago was that they had been assured the east bank also would be raised.

Fitzpatrick reported a fence which had stood 23 years on his place had been washed away during the last two years and Schlicker said the wash was so heavy on a 17-acre corn patch that the cornstalks left in the ground were washed away.

The county engineer was directed to inspect the district and see what remedy could be effected next summer. The farmers suggested a small creek which flows through the washed area might be cleared sufficiently to carry away the water and eliminate the erosion.

# Ten Schools Sign Scholarship Test

## Milk Sample Dates Given; Health Contest Also Set This Spring

Ten schools already have sent in entry notices for the Marion County Public Health association scholarship contest for 4-H clubs.

Wayne D. Harding, county club leader, announced yesterday. They are Talbot, Salem Heights, Crawford, Auburn, White View, Fairview, Mission Bottom, Aurora, Brush Creek and Parrish Gap.

Milk samples entered by the contestants will be picked up March 3 at Parrish Gap, West Stayton, Turner, Talbot, Crawford, Liberty and Salem Heights; March 10 at Valley View, Auburn, Bethel, Mt. Angel, McAlpin and Brush Creek; March 17 at Aurora, Mission Bottom and White.

Harding said that in the regular health contest to be held in connection with the annual spring 4-H club show to be held in Seaside April 23, 24 and 25, physical examinations would be given by a doctor probably April 23. The high scoring girl and boy will represent the county at the state fair.

Each health club member may make one entry, 23 by 24 inches, in the health poster contest, Harding said. They will be divided into five classes, food, safety, posture, cleanliness and exercise.

**George Rhoten to Build New 2-Story Residence**  
George A. Rhoten took out a permit Saturday at the city building inspector's office for construction of a two-story dwelling at 1845 South Church street, to cost \$5500. Another permit issued Saturday went to Mrs. Olive Reddaway, to re-roof a house at 1421 North Church street at a cost of \$400.



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