

### Local News Briefs

**Convention Stated**—When the sixth annual conference of city school superintendents meets in Salem on March 14 and 15 under the joint auspices of the department of superintendents of the Oregon State Teachers association and the state department of education, Salem will be well represented on the two-day program. Gov. Charles A. Sprague and State Supt. Rex Putnam will address the conference on its opening day. City Supt. Frank B. Bennett is chairman of the important committee on elementary teacher education and D. A. Emerson of the state department is a member of the executive board of the association. Walter E. Snyder, curriculum coordinator of the city schools, and Dr. V. D. Bain of the state department are members of the committee on the appraisal of the elementary schools. O. D. Adams, state director of vocational education, is a member of the committee on vocational education. Supt. Wilbur D. Rowe of the Milwaukee public schools as president of the department of superintendents will preside.

**Boy Apprehended**—Donald Manka, 11, held by city police Wednesday for Seattle police after he was apprehended at the Harbor service station, High and Chemeketa streets. He had earlier, police said, attempted to rifle the till at the service station at Highland avenue and Portland road. Seattle authorities, by phone, told the Salem officers the boy had been in California and is believed to be the one who escaped in Klamath Falls a few days ago while being returned to Seattle.

**Offers Gravel Rock**—E. A. Rigdon, Molalla, interviewed the Marion county court Wednesday relative to the purchase of from 3000 to 5000 yards of gravel for use on county roads. Rigdon indicated that the source of his supply was located near Monitor in Marion county, and that the rock itself would be readily adaptable for use on roads. Members of the court inspected the quarry Wednesday afternoon before deciding on his offer.

**Permits Issued**—Permission to erect a one-story dwelling and garage at 1155 Columbia street at a cost of \$3500 was granted Wednesday to J. Fred Pugh. Other permits were issued to S. W. Holmes to alter dwelling at 603 North Winter street, \$125; Lester Capps to erect one-story accessory building at 1720 South 12th street, \$47; Mrs. Lena Drechsel to re-roof garage at 652 North 14th street, \$15.

**Safety of your savings** is insured at Salem Federal, 130 S. Liberty.

**Dispatch Truck**—The Marion county court Wednesday ordered an extra truck into duty on the North Santiam highway to assist in hauling dirt from ditches near the Santiam bridge 16 miles east of Detroit. The ditches are filling up as earth moves into them as the result of rains and thawing, and the court was informed that prompt action is necessary to maintain proper drainage along the highway.

**Salem Boy Installed**—Kenneth McCoy of Salem, junior in science at Oregon State college, was formally installed as a councilman of Poling club at a banquet Monday night, February 24, in the Memorial Union tea room by D. D. Hill, professor of farm crops and adviser to the associated men's halls. Daniel W. Poling, assistant dean of men, was principal speaker at the banquet.

**Experienced fountainman wanted, The Spa.**

**Portland Pastor to Speak**—Dr. Weldon M. Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist church, Portland, will speak Friday night to the Men's Brotherhood of the Calvary Baptist church at the home of Dr. Kinley K. Adams on the Wallace road. A no-host dinner will precede the talk at 6:45. Information may be had by phoning the church offices, or by contacting J. F. Svinth, president of the Brotherhood.

**French Soldiers Come Home**



**Obituary**

**Nett**

Mrs. Jessie M. Nett, 56, at the residence, 2455 Walker street, March 4. Survived by widower, H. L. Nett; daughter of Mrs. William Gordon of Salem; mother of Mrs. J. C. Killian of Portland and Robert E. Nett of Salem. Private memorial services will be at the Walker & Howell funeral home chapel Friday, March 7. Rev. W. Harold Lyman will officiate. Interment at Belcrest Memorial park. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

**Births**

**Given**—To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Given, 1066 South 13th street, a daughter, Marian Sue, born February 19.

**Squire**—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Squire, Turner, a son, born February 17.

**Keith**—To Mr. and Mrs. Ernie M. Keith, West Stayton, a son, born February 21.

**Kelly**—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Kelly, Independence, a daughter, Veronica Dee, born March 2, Salem General hospital.

**Reed**—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Reed, 433 South Cottage street, a son, Donald Charles, II, born February 26, Deaconess hospital.

**Exams Announced**—Civil service examinations are being announced for aeronautical inspector for engineering materials, \$1820 to \$2800 per year; supervisor and assistant supervisor of Indian education in mural painting and fine arts, \$3800 and \$2900; instructor in mobile laundry, quartermaster corps, US army, \$2600 and \$2900; cement finisher and power lineman. Full information may be secured at the Salem postoffice.

**Indian Youth Injured**—Regional Tatshama, 18, student at Chemawa Indian school, has been unconscious in a Newberg hospital since Saturday, following a traffic accident near St. Paul. Young Tatshama was en route to Newberg with seven other youths, all of whom received minor injuries, but was the only one taken to the hospital. At present he is given a good chance for recovery.

**Name Certified**—A certificate of assumed business name for D. Arthur Lowe and Son was filed Wednesday with the Marion county clerk by Arthur and David A. Lowe. The business, which will include civil engineering, contracting and designing of new buildings, will be located in the Pioneer Trust building.

**Aid Related**—Included in work reported recently by the sight conservation committee of the Salem Lions club was the providing of glasses for a young girl to enable her to continue in school, and furnishing medical assistance to a blind man with a wife and three children in an effort to restore partial vision.

**Young at Realty**—F. H. Young, secretary-manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., will be the speaker at the Salem Realty board luncheon on Friday at the Quella, presenting an outsider's viewpoint on the legislative session.

**In Naval Reserve**—Raymond Lamka, Salem, was listed recently among 14 Oregon youths who have enrolled as apprentice seamen in the naval reserve and will leave March 14 for a 90-day training course in Chicago.

**Auto Returned**—City police returned to its owner Wednesday a car with void license plates found parked in the 400 block on Court street early Thursday morning. It was owned by James Neles, Portland.

**Enlists in Army**—Jack E. Zosel, son of F. E. Zosel of Harbor, Ore., was enlisted Wednesday in the US army by Sgt. Joseph W. Cushman and will be sent to Panama for duty with the infantry.

**Reported Recovering**—Rushed to the Deaconess hospital for an appendectomy Tuesday, Fred Finley, state director of the board of pardons and pardons was reported "resting easily" late Wednesday.

**Petition Filed**—Leo J. Lulay, salesman, Salem, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in Portland, listing liabilities of \$2785 and assets of \$2754.

**Army Man Visits**—William Strawn of the US army medical corps is a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Strawn of the Rickey district.

**Club to Meet**—Townsend club 16 will hold its regular meeting Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at 714 South 19th street, officers said Wednesday.

**US Table Reveals Oregon Land Buys**

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—A table which showed that the government acquired approximately 3,000,000 acres of land from 1933 to December 31, 1940, was inserted in the record of the hearing before the house appropriations committee by Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.).

The table showed Oregon purchases as 402,002 acres at a cost of \$4,234,000, with unliquidated contracts or commitments for 90,857 acres worth \$516,000.

### Tugboat Debbie and Her Count



From barge captain's daughter to countess—that's the story of Wilma Beard, 23, shown with her new husband, Count Charles Nava de Tajo, after their marriage in New York. Two years ago fourteen prominent men-about-town gave Wilma a coming-out party, a take-off on Brenda Frasier's \$50,000 debut.

### Searchers Fail to Find Trace Of Missing Boys in River

No traces of the bodies of Kenneth and Robert Case, Salem youths believed drowned in the Willamette river several weeks ago, were reported discovered Wednesday by Walter Gerth, veterinarian West Salem riverman, and Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith, after a day-long search of the river between Salem and Wheatland.

The two searchers, detailed by the Marion county court to follow up previous unavailing grappling on the river bottom, probed eddies and holes in the river bottom in an effort to find the bodies of the two youths.

They also searched overhanging trees and brush in the belief that the bodies, immersed over two weeks, might have floated of their own accord and have been caught in branches of trees.

The Case boys were believed drowned after they were last seen struggling in the water close to an overturned canoe. Further plans of search have not been announced.

### Oregon Farm Owners Gain

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Virgil D. Reed, acting director of the census, said Thursday that the 1940 tabulation showed Oregon had 61,829 farms, an increase of 12.1 per cent from the 55,153 of 1930.

Full owners operated 42,292 of the farms last year, against 38,674 a decade before; part owners handled 7841 against 7847; managers were in charge of 415 compared with 842 previously, and tenants occupied 11,277 compared with 9790 in 1930.

The total value of the farms, including lands and buildings, was \$476,817,354 a year ago and \$630,827,927 in 1930, with the average value per farm \$7,727 and \$11,438, respectively.

Oregon farm land according to use (figures in acres) in 1940 and 1930, respectively, included:

Crop land planted 2,824,316 and 2,906,324; crop failure 112,212 and 111,451; crop land, idle or fallow, 1,104,956 and 1,154,744; plowable pasture 1,213,983 and 816,803; woodland 2,081,907 and 3,122,215; all other land 10,650,933 and 8,437,141.

Total land available for crops was 5,255,467 in 1940 and 4,989,322 in 1930.

### Dallas Sawmill Dispute Ends

A 4 1/2-cent hourly wage increase for employees of the sawmill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company at Dallas was successfully negotiated Monday night by the local conference committee of the Industrial Employees' union, Edward M. Hayes, secretary of local No. 35, said Wednesday. Negotiations are still underway for a weeks' vacation with pay.

The increase boosts the hourly rate 7 1/2 above the wage paid prior to October 1, 1940.

Full operation of the plant is anticipated by April 1. Partial operations have been conducted since the major portion of the mill burned on the night of October 3, 1940.

### Officers Changed At Fort Stevens

FORT STEVENS, March 5.—Intra-battery switches in officer personnel of the 249th coast artillery, now stationed here, led to the reassignments of the following officers:

Second Lieutenant Roy R. Finster is relieved from assignment to headquarters battery and is assigned to headquarters battery, first battalion.

Second Lieutenant Thurlow V. Wauchope is relieved from headquarters battery, first battalion and is assigned to battery B.

Second Lieutenant Leon B. Van Nortwick is relieved from headquarters battery, second battalion and is assigned to battery D.

### Rose Festival Invites School Girl Editor

Dorothy Ann Hobson, school girl editor of the far-famed Valsetz Star, has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Portland Rose Festival association at the annual celebration, June 11 to 14.

### Farm Property Accounting Suit Continued in Circuit Court

**Irving Case Bound Over to Grand Jury; Held in Lieu of \$2000 Bail; Drunk Driver Fined, Jailed**

The accounting case of Mayro McKinney vs. Birdene Rawlings and Mary McKinney, on trial last week before Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling, will continue today. Control of farm property in eastern Marion county is involved.

In justice court Wednesday, Irving Case, charged with a statutory offense involving a member of his family, was bound over to the Marion county grand jury after preliminary hearing by Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton. He was held in the county jail in lieu of \$2000 bail.

Justice Felton assessed Burton E. Bertsch, Corvallis, \$100 fine and sentenced him to serve 90 days in the Marion county jail when he pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The jail sentence was suspended on payment of the fine.

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### Dr. Jones Busy On Faculty Play

Professor William C. Jones, producer of the faculty performance of "Dulcy" next Monday night, is a serious contender for

### Square Corners Set for Roads

**County Engineer Says New Policy to Change "Y" Intersections**

Substitution of square rather than "Y" corners at intersections of Marion county roads was announced as a county road-building policy for the future Wednesday by County Engineer N. C. Hubbs.

The engineer reported that long, open curves are more deceptive to motorists than are sharper, and relatively blinder, ones. On the former, he said, automobile drivers have a tendency to enter roads at high speeds without giving attention to cars at their rear on roads being entered.

When intersections are sharp, motorists have a greater tendency to proceed with caution, he indicated. The state highway commission for some time has had a policy of avoiding long, sweeping intersections.

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