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Navy raids on Wake and Marcus islands are now officially disclosed to have found both inadequately manned by the Jap-

That is perhaps the most significant aspect of those opera-

tions and similar previous raids in the Marshalls and Gilberts

although they also represent a start toward nullifying strategic

and tactical advantages Japan gained by her surprise attack in

The point that most impresses this observer is that Japan is too definitely feeling the strain of war on dir'ant fronts to be able to muster in the deep Pacific air or sea power adequate to guard outposts of high strategic importance. Her air, naval and shipping losses are begin-

Aside from that, the raids on Wake and Marcus clearly indicate that both have been wiped out as useful to Japan, perhaps for the duration of the war. Her front in the Pacific has been pushed back. And those or other Pacific islands might be wrested from her soon to become American ad-

Yet the primary purpose of

those American task force raids must be extending the protection

area for American-Australian communication sea lanes to the

The Japanese have been defi-

nitely pushed back in the north and central Pacific by progres-

tion, a next American target in the westward rolling sea-air ac-

tion could be Guam or more strongly manned Japanese bases

in the Ladrones or other Japanese

islands northward. Once that in-

ner line of enemy island outposts

screening the whole China sea and its approaches from the east was

widely breached, the road to a decisive victory that could strangle the Japanese conquest at its source

J. E. Fitzgerald, jr., former res-

ident of Salem, died unexpectedly

in San Jose, Calif., Monday while

ago. Funeral services were in San

Fitzgerald was an auto dealer

nected with the former Fitzger-

He is survived by his widow, Leah Fitzgerald; three daughters,

Ruth, Mary Leah and Jean: his

mother and father, Mr. and Mrs.

J. E. Fitzgerald, sr., Sioux City,

Time for Transfer

When the general revenues of

the state, including state income taxes, provide funds for appor-

superintendent to apportion them-

The opinion was requested by

Secretary of State Earl Snell. This

is the first year in the history of

been sufficient to wipe out the

Persons who inform on fishing

law violators are not entitled to

lected for such violations, Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle held

VanWinkle said a 1921 law giv-

ing informers one-third of the

fines was repealed by a 1931 act.

The amendment provides that

the counties turn over one half of the fines to the fish commission

The Sunnyside Community clui

will meet Friday night. A pro-

gram has been planned, to include a one-act comedy, and several other numbers. The Liberty tum-bling team will be featured. Re-freshments will be served and members are asked to bring cook-

and retain the other half for the

Informers Aren't

Entitled to 'Cut'

held here Wednesday.

elementary school tax.

here Wednesday.

county treasury.

Sunnyside Club

Texas, and a sister, Frances.

Iowa; two brothers, Kenneth,

Medford and Ronald, Stockton,

ald-Sherman Motor company.

would begin to open up.

Former Salem

Resident Dies

the Pacific last December.

ning to count.

vance bases of attack.

southward.

Ends Training



BYRON T. MENNIS

Trained for Air Service

pive steps. Not only has the MIAMI, Fla., March 25.-Byron threat of Nippon's closest bases T. Mennis, son of E. C. Mennis, to Hawaii been greatly relieved; route seven, Salem, who recentbut a pattern has been set for a ly completed his advanced aircontinuing American step-bystep, island-by-island advance craft carrier training course at the US naval air station here, has westward to within close air and submarine striking range of the been commissioned an ensign in the United States naval reserve. Japanese coast and the bottle-Before entering the service, neck of Japan's China sea war traffic. That is the Achilles heel Mennis attended the University of Oregon from 1937 to 1939. He of her whole conquest concept. was a member of the Phi Delta With Wake blasted out of ac-

His training finished, Ensign Mennis may expect active duty with the US fleet after returning home for a short leave of ab-

Theta social fraternity while

Service Men Where They Are What They're Doing

Jack Causey, ex-Salem athlete and high school student, now stationed with the 249th coast artillery at Fort Stevens, is in a critical condition at the post hospital as a result of an accidental shooting last Sunday.

According to unofficial reports apparently recovering satisfactorreceived here, Causey was shot by ily from an operation two weeks one of two fellow soldiers engaged in a quick drawing contest with Jose Wednesday. service pistols. One of the guns fired accidentally and the bullet and salesman in Salem, being conpassed through Causey, who was working nearby.

Causey participated in the 1941 state softball tournament at Oregon City as a member of the 149th coast artillery team. In local softball circles he was a star outfielder equipped with "one of the best" throwing arms in the league, playing then with Square Deal Radio team.

Don Blaisdell and P. D. Van Orsdol have left for Santa Ana, Calif., Of Funds Is Told for preliminary training after being accepted into the army air corps as aviation cadets.

Donald Clifford Davenport, Scio, tionment of the 2-mill elementary and Orville James Monroe, Sweet school tax to the counties, the Home, are among the seven men state treasurer shall transfer such sent from Portland to Seattle for funds to the county treasurer in enlistment in the US coast guard. time to permit the county school

to the school districts by May 1, Milton O. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bell, Stayton, has Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle been assigned to duty as an instructor at the air corps advanced flying school at Victorville, Calif., after being commissioned a the state that the revenues have second lieutenant in the army air

PORTLAND, March 25-(A) John E. Hall and Cyril W. Woolridge, both Salem, have enlisted in the navy, district recruiting headquarters here nanounced.

MT. ANGEL-The last contingent of Mt. Angel boys to be receive one-third of the fines coldrafted left here Monday for Portland. The group included Lawrence J. Gooley, Josef E. Dehler. Cletus May, Joseph Fessler and Tony Friesen. This brings the number of men of this community in service to 92.

GERVAIS—Daniel Bliven, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bliven, has enlisted in the navy and reported for duty Monday in Portland, Bliven taught school in Lincoln county the past seven years, the last year Plans Program

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40-Mile Speed Limit for Autos In Oregon Is Told by Sprague

Maximum motor vehicle speed limit of 40 miles an hour on public highways was proclaimed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague here Wednesday. Legality of the proclamation method of establishing the new limit had the approval of Attorney General I. H. Van Wikle.

The proclamation reads: Whereas, it has become necessary to conserve tires and gasoline used in the operation of motor vehicles; and

Whereas, it is a recognized fact that greater mileage is obtained are operated at speeds less than those customarily attained; and

Whereas, the president of the United States has called for the limitation of speed of all motor vehicles to a maximum of 40

miles per hour and the requirement that tires be checked at frequent intervals to make sure they are in good condition:

Now, therefore, I, Charles A. eral to Gov. Sprague, re Sprague, governor of the state of the proclamation, reads: Oregon, in compliance with the from tires and gasoline if vehicles request of the president and for the general interest of the motoring public, do proclaim that

1. The maximum speed for operating motor vehicles on the public highways of the state shall be 40 miles per hour.

2. Tires in use should be checked at frequent intervals

a given needed repaire
3. The motoring public is urged to conform with these regulations in their own interest and as a patriotic duty, and the state and local police are directed to curb all cars operating at illegal rates of speed and to admonish drivers to respect the limits herewith proclaimed. The statutory maximum speed limit in Oregon now is 55 miles

A letter from the attorney general to Gov. Sprague, relating to

"It is my conclusion from examination that the proclamation is entirely within your province to make, particularly since it is based upon the welfare of the motorists themselves and also of the general public within the conditions of the might not be capable of specific the program to control and sup-war emergency, and further that it enforcement." the program to control and sup-press venereal disease. tion will be announced within the

Supervisors **Elect Heads**

A. E. Hirschler, superintende of the Baker schools, was elected president of the department of superintendence, Oregon State Disease Fight ing session of its annual conference here Tuesday night.

Paul R. McCulloch, The Dalles was elected vice-president, while R. E. Renne, Newberg, chosen secretary-treasurer. J. W. Edwards, Portland, was elected member at large of the executive

War emergency activities top-

has not attempted to make the same compulsory or non-compliance therewith criminal, which

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ped this year's discussions at the Petitions Seek conference, and special commit-tees were authorized to act as liaison officers between the schools and government agencies

Pledges Aid in

Gov. Charles A. Sprague Wed-nesday advised Secretary of the Wednesday. Navy Frank Knox that he would support in every way possible the navy's program for suppression of venereal disease in the vicinity of naval establishments.

"I have already instructed our against commercialized vice," Governor Sprague wrote.

Knox, in a letter to Governor Sprague, pointed out that Oregon is one of 11 noteworthy states in to be regular the date of the elec-

Final petitions seeking an election in connection with the proposed creation of the Washington county rural peoples utility district, were received by the state hydro-electric commission here

The district would include virtually all of the populated sections of Washington county with the exception of the municipalities of Hillsboro, Beaverton, Sherwood police officers to wage a campaign and Forest Grove. The project has a population of 29,633 with assessed valuation of \$19,000,000. It

embraces 524 square railes. In event the petitions are found



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