

Truck Limit Extended; Vet Bill Amended

The bill (SB 42) to extend two more years (July 1, 1945, to July 1, 1947) the time when over-size trucks will be allowed to traverse Oregon highways was passed by the house Saturday and sent to the governor for signature.

The vote was 53 to 0, with eight representatives absent or excused (Allen, Bengtson, Chadwick, Dunaway, J. O. Johnson, Kimberling, Lindberg, Poole).

Favors Permanency

Only one person arose to explain his vote—Rep. J. S. Greenwood of Clackamas county who said he was voting "yes" but believed the extension should be made permanent instead of limited to two years.

Rep. Joseph Harvey of Portland in the brief argument on the measure said trucks had passed him at more than 35 miles an hour and asked what provision here was to enforce speed limits. He was informed by Rep. Phil Brady of Portland that each truck hauling critical, bad-needed materials from the Mare island navy yard northward was accompanied by a police officer.

No definite opposition to the bill was voiced.

814 Trucks Operating

Rep. Robert A. Bennett of Portland, in response to a question, said there were 1068 so-called big trucks operating in Oregon in 1944, and that 814 were listed so far in 1945.

The statutory limit of trucks is 80 feet and 54,000 pounds. The emergency limits, similar to those in Washington and California, are 90 feet and 71,250 pounds.

Proposals to extend the larger limits to four years or make them permanent were beaten in the senate.

The house also sent to the senate a bill to allow refunds for erroneous payments of taxes.

Vet Bill Amended

The bill to create a state veterans bureau, with new amendments, will be considered by the house Monday, when it also may take up the firemen's pension bill.

In regard to the bill which grew out of Gov. Earl Snell's request for department of veterans' welfare, amendments already have been printed to the original measure calling for an advisory committee of seven instead of three; providing that major veterans' organizations will be represented thereon; giving a \$5000 a year director the responsibility for seeing that veterans' matters are carried out satisfactorily by other departments having to do exclusively with veterans' affairs, and continuing the rights of veterans' service officers to act for organization members.

Salary Schedule Asked for Circuit Court Judges

A salary increase bill for circuit judges was introduced in the senate (SB 235) Saturday by Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Multnomah county.

Circuit judges of districts having 30,000 or more population would receive \$6000 a year. In districts of less than 30,000 population and more than 15,000 they would receive \$5500. Judges in districts of less than 15,000 would be paid \$5000.

In districts of more than 50,000, having two or more circuit judges, the counties would pay an additional salary of \$1000 annually. These counties now pay \$500.

Portland Editor Gets VFW Medal

PORTLAND, Feb. 17—(P)—The second citizenship medal ever awarded by the Oregon department, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was presented today to Marshall Dana, editor of the Oregon Journal's editorial page.

Dana received the medal especially for his editorials, also for his work in civic and state activities and efforts in behalf of servicemen and women. The first such medal was given to the late Mayor George Baker in 1938.

Traffic Death Rate in State Declines; 245 Killed in 1945

Oregon's traffic death rate in 1944 was 9.6 persons killed per 100,000,000 miles of travel, compared with a rate of 9.1 in 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., said Saturday.

The all-time high rate was 15.4 in 1936. There were 245 persons killed in Oregon traffic accidents in 1944, compared with 233 in 1943. The 1944 pedestrian toll was 79, compared to 86 in 1943. The 8 per cent reduction was identical with the national average.

Mrs. Kluthe Improving Following Operation

GATES—Mrs. Kate Kluthe who has been ill for some time is improving following an operation. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Marie McCoy in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moberg and son and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Weeks and two sons, who have resided in the Gates community for several years, have moved to Silverton where they purchased property.

Steel Workers Make Arbitration Agreement

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 17—(AP)—Completion of a new labor agreement, including the establishment of a three-man board of conciliation and arbitration to settle grievances, was announced today by the U. S. Steel Corporation and the CIO-United Steel workers of America.

Agricultural Census Two-thirds Ready

The department of commerce's bureau of census reported Saturday that the 1945 agricultural enumeration in districts 1 and 2 of western Oregon was two-thirds complete and that it should be finished not later than April 15. Inclement weather and a shortage of enumerators were declared to have retarded the census in eastern Oregon.

In the Senate

Passed Saturday:

SB 202—defines term used in narcotics control act.

HB 221—authorizes court reporter for Marion and Linn circuit courts.

SB 189—permits veterans' organization to draw on Josephine county court up to \$100 for indigent's funeral expenses.

SB 212—permits rightful owner of foreclosed property to reclaim it.

SB 178—corrective changes relative to authority of game commission.

SB 149—authorizes state board of education to give up to 16 scholarships annually to students of Latin-American countries.

HB 375—provides appropriations for institutions or departments with deficiencies.

HB 238—authorizes road assessment district in Malheur county.

SB 222—eliminates license and privilege tax on beer sold by non-profit voluntary organizations of army and navy.

HB 21—providing for \$500 fine for dealing in alcoholic liquor during voting hours.

HB 141—authorizes refunding bonds by board of higher education.

Calendared for Monday: SB 179, 204.

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Bills defeated: SB 169—would have restored interest charge on all taxes paid after 1947 in regard to delinquent ad valorem taxpayers.

"Do pass" committee reports adopted: HB 87, 256, 257; SB 216, 265, 192.

Referred to committees: SB 187, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232; HB 162, 182, 203, 204, 242, 216, 258, 264, 277, 289, 314, 352, 355, 361, 362, 368, 181; HJM 5.

Bills introduced Saturday:

SB 233—(by judiciary committee) relating to dissolution of corporations.

SB 234—(by education committee) gives means of changing boundaries of union high school districts.

SB 235—(by Mahoney) increases salaries of circuit judges, determinable on basis of population served.

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Norway Ready for Allied Invasion, Refugee Reports

PORTLAND, Feb. 17—(P)—Julie Colbjornsen, Norwegian refugee now a Red Cross field worker, said today her country will welcome allied invasion if it clears Norway of the nazis.

Her husband, Ole, former Norwegian parliament member, helped two other men move government gold out of the country when the Germans entered. He escaped to America, but she left her homeland 14 months later with help of the underground.

Pan-American Arms Conference May Be Called for March

BOGOTA, Colombia, Feb. 17—(P)—The newspaper El Tiempo, without quoting any specific source, said today the United States had called a South American arms conference in Washington about the middle of March.

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LONDON, Feb. 17—(P)—Dive-bombers and torpedo-carrying planes of the Russian Baltic fleet attacked a German convoy in the southern Baltic sea, sinking a minesweeper and four transports totalling 25,000 tons, the Moscow radio said today.

Increases in Salaries Will Be Referred

Proposals to grant salary increases to virtually all Oregon's top state officials, already approved by the house, hit rougher times Saturday when the senate decided to refer such bills to the joint ways and means committee.

On motion of Sen. Frederick S. Lampert, Salem Republican, who said the house had gone on a salary-raising spree, the senate removed from the calendar and referred to the ways and means committee a bill to increase the labor commissioner's pay from \$4000 to \$5000 annually.

A bill restoring penalties eliminated by a previous legislature, regarding payment of delinquent ad valorem taxes covering 1931 and several subsequent years was voted down by the senate Saturday.

Under the previous enactment the taxpayer had 40 years in which to pay the delinquent taxes, provided he paid his current taxes.

The proposed measure was attacked by Sen. Frank Hilton, Multnomah county, who declared the penalties were too severe and in some cases the interest would range from 80 to 100 per cent. Following defeat of the bill, Newbury served notice he would ask for reconsideration.

The senate approved giving the state board of higher education permission to grant 10 tuition-free scholarships to Latin-American students.

Approval also was given a bill authorizing the board of higher education to issue 30-year bonds for the construction of dormitories and other buildings, to be paid out of students' fees.

Two bills regarding control of liquor also were approved by the senate. One would eliminate any tax on beer sold by a voluntary non-incorporated organization of the army or naval personnel, and the other provides a maximum fine of \$500 for the sale of beer for consumption on the premises during voting hours on election days.

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Mining Dredge to Start Work Again

BAKER, Feb. 17—(P)—The Sumpter Valley gold mining dredge, one of the west's largest in peacetime, will be overhauled in the next three or four months to work ground of low gold value, formerly left idle. The dredge has not been operated since the war.

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Ellsworth Would Revise Regulations For Army Retirement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(P)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Dre.) says he will press for early action on his bill revising regulations for involuntary retirement of army officers.

Ellsworth's bill would give officers called up for retirement an opportunity to ascertain the charges, to make a written reply and to appear before the retirement board to plead their case.

Officers retired since July 29, 1941, would be permitted to seek a review of their cases.

In the House

Bills passed Saturday:

HB 190—providing for counties to pre-empt proceeds of sale of foreclosed property to tax units within county.

HB 297—reduces time in which a will may be contested from 1 year to six months after filing for probate.

HB 331—provides that precinct committees and clerk and members of state committee of political parties need not be precinct committeemen.

HB 338—permits estates to extend payment of decedent's state taxes over period of time.

HB 339—empowers taxing authorities to make refunds for overpayments.

HB 360—validates refunds for overpayment of taxes.

HB 13—authorizes secretary of state to take census at any time of areas with less than 2000 population to assure their share in tax benefits.

SB 45—extends from July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1947 the regulation permitting big trucks on Oregon highways.

"Do pass" reports adopted: HB 161, 231, 276, 304, 365, 271, 320, 346, 356, 364, 375; SB 157, 158, 184, 19, 63, 99, 114, 171.

Conference called to coordinate senate amendments HB 214.

Referred to committees: HJR 8; HB 343 (from judiciary to committee on banking and corporations); HB 377, 378; HJR 7 (gaming); SB 191, 214; SJR 10.

Introduced:

HB 879 (by Erwin)—to make federal corporation excise tax deductible from Oregon corporation excise tax.

Calendared next Wednesday: HB 161.

Charge Denied That Hearing on Japanese Memorial Refused

Rep. Vernon Bull, La Grande democrat, charged in the house Saturday that its resolutions committee had refused to grant a public hearing on his memorial asking congress to deport alien or disloyal Japanese.

Rep. H. H. Chingden, Molalla republican, chairman of the committee, replied that he has received no request for a hearing.

Senate Approves an Added Court Reporter

The senate passed and sent to the house Saturday a bill (SB221) to allow the Marion and Linn county circuit courts another court reporter, to be paid on a daily basis.

Planes Kill 54 Coyotes in Eastern Oregon Bombardment

PORTLAND, Feb. 17—(P)—The state game commission has declared war on coyotes in eastern and southeastern Oregon, where an air bombardment already has started.

Three planes swooped down on the game-killers only last week, taking a toll of 54 coyotes within 28 hours' flying time. Pilots were Roe Davis, Burns; A. J. Tilse, Bend, and Vic Ballantine, Portland.

Committee for Memorials Is Appointed

A committee of 17 was appointed by Gov. Earl Snell Saturday to stimulate the program of so-called living war memorials in Oregon.

The appointments were at the request of the American commission for living war memorials. The governor said preliminary suggestions included swimming pools, athletic playgrounds, summer camps for boys and girls, tennis and basketball courts.

The committee will include James J. Richard of Portland as chairman; E. Palmer Hoyt, Donald J. Sterling, Francis B. Jacobberger, Paul S. McKee, Arden X. Pangborn, Thomas A. Sweeney, Mrs. Flora Bennett and Jack Converse, all of Portland; Lynn S. McCready of Eugene; Leo Adler of Baker; Paul B. Wallace of Salem; Charles H. Reynolds of La Grande; Dr. Penn Crumm, Hood River; Pete Frederickson of Grants Pass; M. E. Woodcock of Corvallis, and Mrs. Gladys Lemons of Pendleton.

Negro Nurses Being Enlisted, Morse Is Told

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(P)—The Army and Navy have advised Senator Morse (R-Ore.) there is no bar to enlistment of negro nurses.

Maj. Gen. George F. Lull, deputy surgeon general, said the army now has 313 negro nurses and is commissioning an average of 8 to 12 a month.

Rear Admiral W. C. C. Agnew, acting chief of navy bureau of medicine, advised the Oregon senator that negro woman applicants are given full consideration, providing they meet physical and other requirements.

Iron Firemen Has Second Highest Profit for 1944

PORTLAND, Feb. 17—(P)—Iron Fireman Manufacturing company today reported 1944 earnings of \$668,838.41 after taxes, a net per share profit of \$1.86.

Earnings in 1943 were \$2.50 and in 1942 were \$1.37.

President T. H. Banfield reported sales of \$18,659,321, second largest in the firm's history, and said a dividend of \$1.20 again will be paid in 1945 on last year's net. Tax allowances in 1944 were \$1,720,367.66.

Operations at the Portland plant are contracted throughout 1945, he said, but the firm's Cleveland, Ohio, plant will complete present work July 1.

Sale of Ration-Free Shoes Extended for Additional Week

Shoe retailers will have an additional week from February 19 through March 10 to sell odd lot shoes ration-free to customers, M. R. Collins, OPA shoe rationing representative, announced today.

Termination of sales had previously been set on March 3. The additional week has been granted because shipments of "odd lot" shoes from wholesalers was delayed because of the recent freight embargo, Collins explained.

PTA Nursing Class Starts Monday Night

SILVERTON—The Parent Teacher association home nursing class will hold its first session Monday night at 7:30 in the nurse's room at the Eugene Field school. The course is standard Red Cross instruction, and has been enlarged to include many things not taught in previous classes of home nursing. Mrs. Ludvig Meyer will instruct.

An afternoon class will begin as soon as enough students are registered. An instructor from Salem is already available for the afternoon class.

Mrs. J. E. Stoy is in charge of registrations.

Hazel Green Club Has Meeting at Wackens

HAZEL GREEN—The Sunshine Sewing club met Wednesday with Mrs. Rudolph Wackens. Mrs. T. Wackens assisted. No business meeting was held because of the absence of officers.

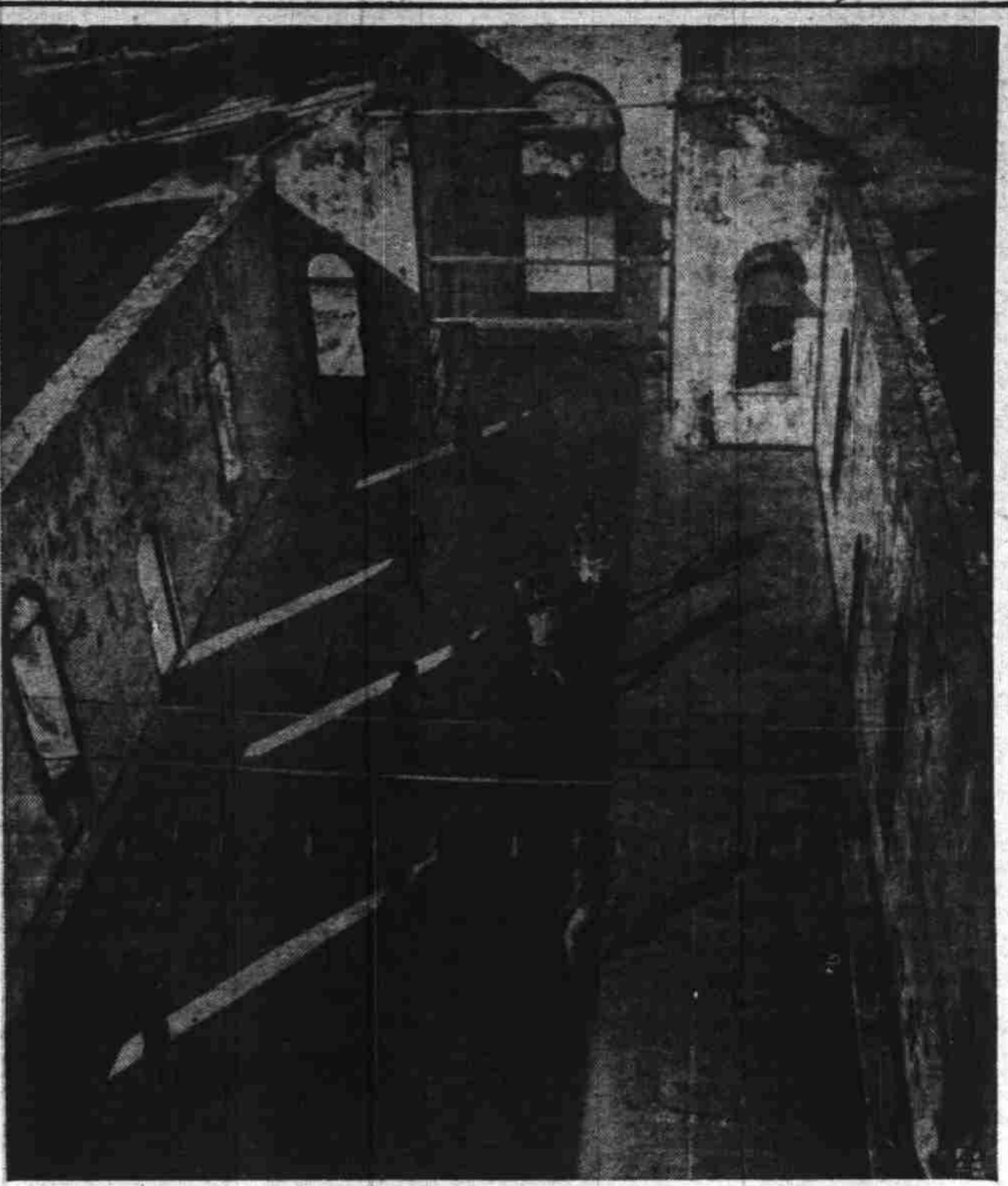
Mrs. Lilac Worden was a guest. Members present were Mrs. Lloyd McDonald, Mrs. Roy Runkle, Mrs. Lillian Ward, Mrs. Virgil Perrine, Mrs. Andrew Zahara, Mrs. Hattie Van Cleave and Mrs. Lawrence Zielinski.

Mrs. Alvin Van Cleave is ill with the flu.

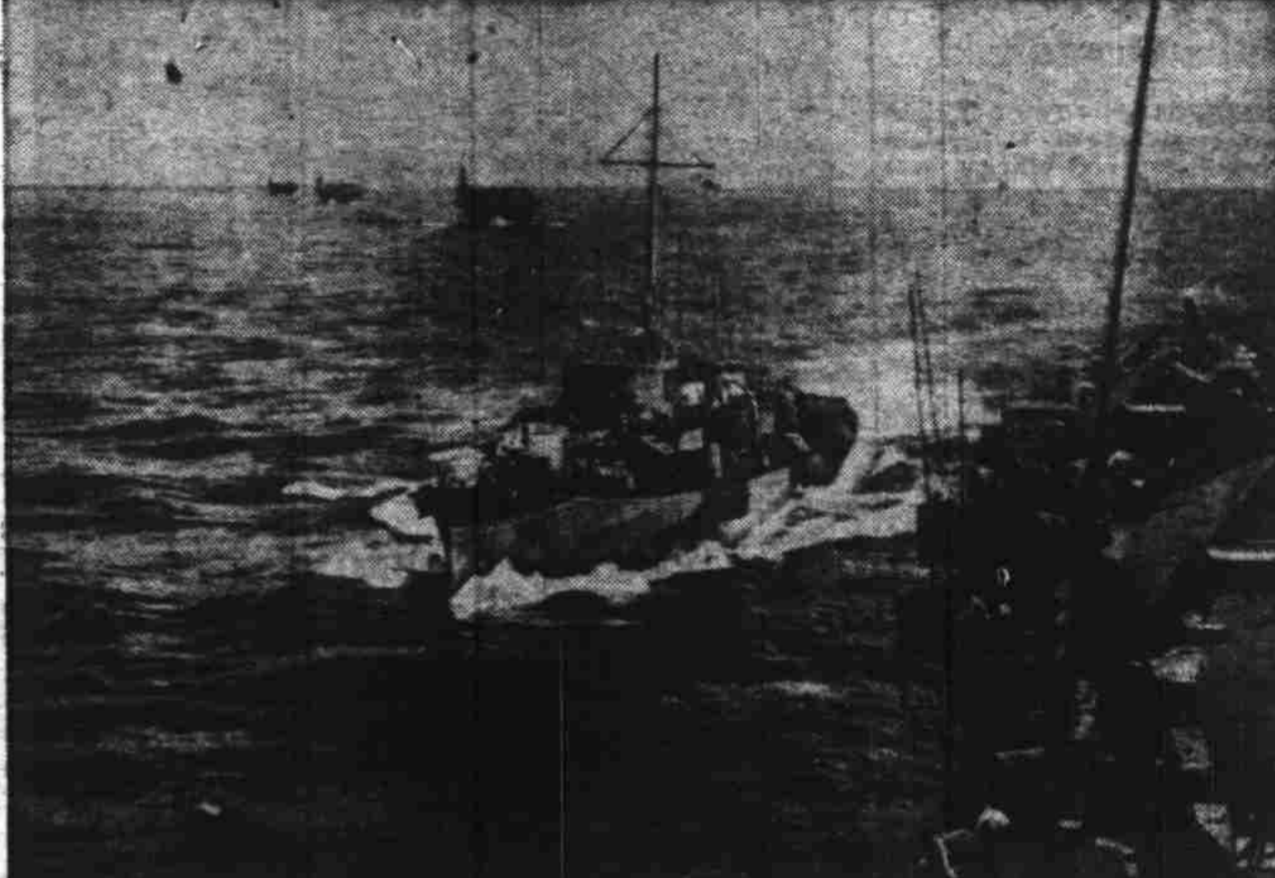
302 Silverton People X-rayed on Wednesday

SILVERTON—While 300 substitutes a day's work for the tuberculosis chest x-ray mobile unit 302 were handled here Wednesday. Included were 160 mill workers from Silver Falls Timber company and the Winlock Handle factory. Other local business houses were also x-rayed as well as a large number of individuals both from local shops and from the farming community.

Mrs. E. L. Starr was local chairman of arrangements.



VOLLEYBALL IN RUINED CHURCH—Bombed by the Japs in 1942, ruins of this church on Funafuti in the Ellice Islands are now used as a gymnasium by NATS personnel.



CARRIERS PROWL PACIFIC—A U. S. destroyer pulls alongside one unit of a light carrier task force moving toward a battle mission somewhere in the Pacific.



'WOMAN OF THE YEAR'—"Woman of the Year" in Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. William G. Hamm shows how she teaches deaf and mute children in the Atlanta Junior League Speech school.



ATTACK BOMBER—The Army Air Forces now attack bomber, the P-38 Invader, flies over unoccupied territory. This ship is made in several models for different theaters.

NEW STYLE LIGHTNING—Lockheed Lightning P-38A, latest model of the twin-boom fighter with added refinements, await delivery to the Allied fighting fronts.