

### Baldock Lays Slide Blame on Excess Water

Recent slides on the upper Columbia River highway, which kept that route closed to traffic at the east city limits of Astoria, today and limited travel between Astoria and Clatskanie to one-way traffic, were not caused by excavations of private contractors above the highway several years ago, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock declared emphatically Tuesday.

An excess amount of water in the terrain over which the state highway department has no control caused the slides, Baldock declared when reports charging the excavations had caused the trouble were relayed to him.

The Oregon coast highway is open to two-way traffic today. It had been open only to one-way travel for several days a half mile north of Manzanita junction.

Other road conditions: Government Camp--Raining. Total snow 30 inches. Road surface bare to milepost 5 of Wapinitia cutoff.

Santiam Junction--Raining lightly. Roads normal and clear of snow except for short distance from milepost 80 to milepost 81.

Oregon Lake--Raining, with 145 inches of snow at summit. Packed snow and slush between mileposts 58 and 67. Snow plows operating.

Ski area summit--All roads clear.

LaGrande--Overcast. Roads free of snow and ice, with white dust.

### California Firm Low Oil Bidder

Low bid for 26,000 tons of road oil, \$5.99 a ton, was received Tuesday by the state board of control from the Independent Asphalt company of Santa Maria, Calif.

The bid excluded approximately 1800 tons to be delivered in Malheur and some other central and eastern Oregon counties. Delivery in these counties was covered by a bid of the St. Clair Refining company of Oklahoma.

A letter from the White Shield Army, operated by the Salvation Army in Portland, declared that under existing laws, the home board had held that the institution was not open for maternity cases from all state institutions but that cases might be received from two or three state institutions under certain conditions.

### Rose Culture Topic Polk Club Women

OAK POINT, Mar. 5 (Special) The Polk County Federation of Rural Women's clubs will meet Thursday March 7, at Balaton, at 11 a. m. Paul W. Muller of Oregon State college, will speak on the culture and care of roses at 2 p. m. Dr. George Olgers of Linfield college will also speak.

Roll call will be answered by a member of each club telling how they will earn the \$2 for the county federation. Donations for the Children's Farm Home will be received at this meeting.

Luncheon will be served at noon.

### Four Corners Youth is Surprised on Birthday

FOUR CORNERS, Mar. 5 (Special) Jerry Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, was surprised Wednesday on his 13th birthday, when his mother invited a group of his friends to a party.

Games were played and Joyce Brown helped her mother serve the birthday cake and ice cream.

Those present were Lee and Jean Genteman, Jim Stewart, Elwyn and Eddy Walker, Don Brandt, Milton and Jaydee Rickman, Richard Fullerton, Jimmy and Jerry Brown.

### Scouts Are Advanced In Rank at Meeting

FOUR CORNERS, Mar. 5 (Special) Troop 64 Monday night made Jack Richards, Gerald Baldock, Jaydee Rickman and Walter Wilson tenderfoot scouts.

Elwyn Walker, Leslie Hershfeld, Doyle McMillan and "Chuck" Isaac were raised to second class. Wayne Mercer became a star scout when he appeared before a committee.

### Birthday Dinner Given Saturday for Mrs. Estey

DETROIT, Mar. 5 (Special) Mr. and Mrs. John Estey celebrated Saturday for friends at their home on the occasion of her birthday. Mixed flowers were used as the centerpiece for the table and refreshments were served.

Guests were Mrs. Frank Dickey, Mrs. John Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. William Ficker, Mrs. Ed Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. John Estey.

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Gene Tierney and Cornel Wilde in a dramatic scene from "Leave Her to Heaven." Ben Ames Williams' best-seller, which has been brought to the screen in technicolor by 20th Century-Fox. The picture, which is presented by Darryl F. Zanuck, is scheduled to open Friday at the Elsinore Theatre. Jeanne Crain is also starred in the film which features an outstanding supporting cast headed by Vincent Price.

### Compare 1887 Prices With 1946 in Lebanon

LEBANON, March 5 (Special) The last issue of the Lebanon Express, local weekly, marked the 59th milestone of the paper. The paper was founded in February 1887, 40 years after the townsite was platted, and when it was a town of 600 persons.

A section of the last paper contains excerpts from the news of the first edition including advertisements listing prices very different from those of today. Flour from South America sold for \$25 a hundred pounds and sugar at 50 cents a pound.

### Former Teacher Dies in Corvallis

Flora Bushnell Scarth, 48, one-time Salem public school teacher, died Sunday at a Corvallis hospital following several weeks of illness. Funeral services are to be held this afternoon in Portland.

Daughter of Grant C. Bushnell and Jennie Wright Bushnell, she was born June 9, 1898, in Portland and in 1918 was graduated from the normal school at Monmouth. In Portland in 1923 she was married to James A. Scarth, who with two daughters and her mother survives her. The Scarths made their home in Portland until 1932 when they moved to Silverton. Five years later they went to Philomath, where they had since made their home.

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### Mrs. A. Bodeker Red Cross Head For Lyons Area

LYONS, March 5 (Special) The Red Cross drive is under way in this district with Mrs. Alex Bodeker, general chairman. Her helpers are Mrs. Earl Allen, Mrs. Clyde Bressler, Lyons; Mrs. Albert Julian, Mrs. Harley Scott, Fox Valley; Mrs. William Kuiken, James Tomb, McCully Mountain, and Mrs. Nora Taylor, Weasel Flat.

Mrs. Bernard Atcherson and children of Bend are visiting her mother, Mrs. Hazel Bass, and her grandfather, Levi Garrison.

Mrs. Albert Julian was surprised Tuesday evening when the Glen Julian and Harley Scott families came to help her celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schwindt are the parents of an eight and one-half pound daughter, Joan Janet, born at the Albany hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Berry and son, Donald of Holley, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry, Sunday.

Santiam Valley grange met at the grange hall Friday night. The first and second degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Louie Rada and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hill and Mrs. Elsie Potter were obligated in the third and fourth degrees. Several numbers on the program were in keeping of St. Patrick.

Mrs. Roy Hieneck left Sunday for Olympia, where she will spend some time at the home of her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bilyue are the parents of a son born at the Salem General hospital.

Mrs. Wilson Stevens and Mrs. Roy Huber went to Albany Thursday for the home extension meeting on repair of electrical equipment, held in the basement of the Christian church. Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Huber will be the project leaders for the meeting in Lyons March 15.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Daisy Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Corvallis, Shirley and George of Fox Valley and Mrs. Nora Taylor.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Julian were Mrs. Ida Barkley of South Gate, Calif., and Warren Cowden of Olympia, Wash.

### WHEAT SHORT IN MEXICO

MEXICO-CITY, March 5 (Special) Bread may be rationed soon in Mexico City because of a wheat shortage, Antonio S. Sanchez, price control commission head, reported today. Sanchez estimated the capital has wheat flour for only 10 more days.

### County Executive Group Meets With Governor Monday

The executive committee of the Association of Oregon Counties will meet at the state capitol Monday, County Judge Grant Murphy was informed Tuesday by Judge Phipps, executive secretary.

Following a morning session, an afternoon meeting with the governor and the state welfare commission is planned. Judge Murphy stated that he expects to submit to the governor and the welfare commission Marion county's relief fund status and the county overdraft in these funds. He will present the cases of the other counties if they so wish, he said.

### Russel Grays Visit McAlpin Family Home

McALPIN, March 5 (Special) Mr. and Mrs. Russel Gray and daughter, Nancy of Toledo, returned home Sunday after visiting at the Orlo Humphreys home. Mrs. Gray and Nancy accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys here after they spent several days in Toledo.

Mrs. Theresia Bender of Jordan is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Yost.

Dorothy Lang of Salem was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lang.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips and daughters, Daraleen and Irene of Detroit and Mrs. Nettie Downing of Stayton were Sunday guests of the Eric Fishers.

Mrs. Myra Fischer and Robert Humphreys visited in Albany recently with Mr. and Mrs. Dell Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Alexander and daughter, Phillip just returned from the CBI theatre with the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lambrecht and children of West Stayton visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fischer and Morris.

### Mrs. Bessie Willard Injures Hand at Work

AUMSVILLE, March 5 (Special) Mrs. Bessie Willard cut her hand severely while working in the statehouse lunch room Saturday.

Lt. Sheldon Berry has been released from the marines after four years duty and is completing his final year at Oregon State college. He and Mrs. Berry are constructing a duplex in Corvallis.

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