

## Yule Pageant Soon to Open At Rickreall

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**RICKREALL**—Rickreall community will present its 10th annual Christmas pageant in Rickreall school gymnasium Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 14, 15 and 16, at 8 p. m. The doors will open at 7 p. m.

Due to the large attendance at this outstanding event during the past years, the pageant is being given three nights for the first time.

Admission is free, but tickets will be used to equalize the audience size over the three performances so that all may secure seats. Those coming without tickets will be seated after ticket holders.

Tickets may be secured at the Monmouth Herald office; R. L. Elfstrom's in Salem; Britt's Drug store in Independence; Hamer's Service station at Brunk's Corner; Savery's Drug store in Dallas and the OGW Farm supply at Rickreall.

## War Veterans Given Priority For Farmlands

World War II veterans are offered first priority in the purchase of 30 full-time farm units, ranging in size from 49 to 125 irrigable acres, in the northern part of the Columbia basin project in Grant county, Washington, it was announced this week by the Oregon department of veterans' affairs.

Applications and supporting evidence must be in the office of the bureau of reclamation, Ephrata, Wash., by Jan. 8, 1951, to be included in the veterans' drawing for the lands.

Some of the land is well suited to production of potatoes, sugar beets and truck crops, as well as hay and pasture. While irrigation water will be supplied, settlers must arrange for domestic water by drilling wells. The units are priced from \$382 to \$859.

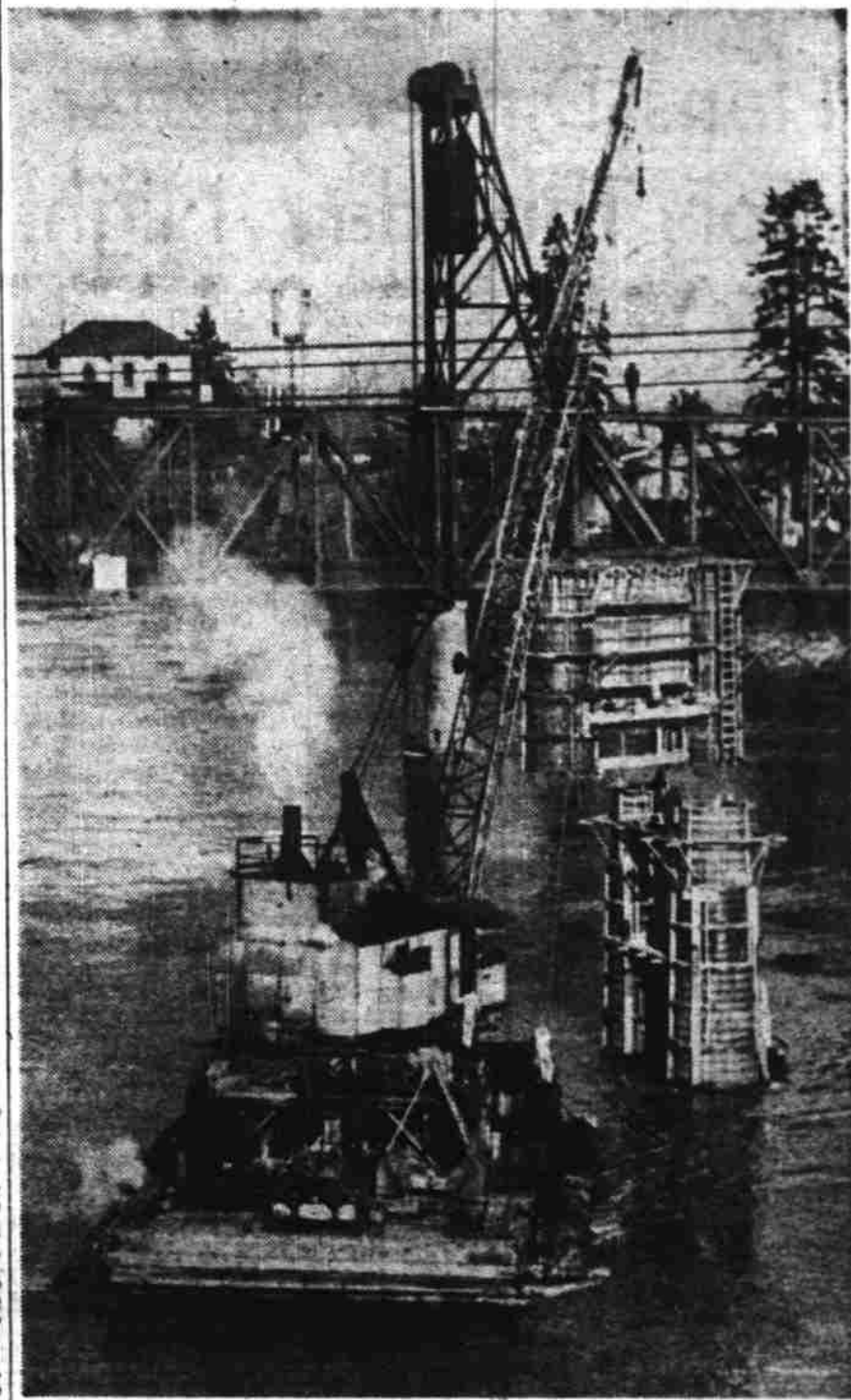
Applicants must possess at least \$4000 in cash or assets readily convertible to cash, or property such as livestock, farm machinery and equipment. They must also have had at least two years of farming experience.

Application blanks are available at the department of veterans' affairs, state library building, Salem.

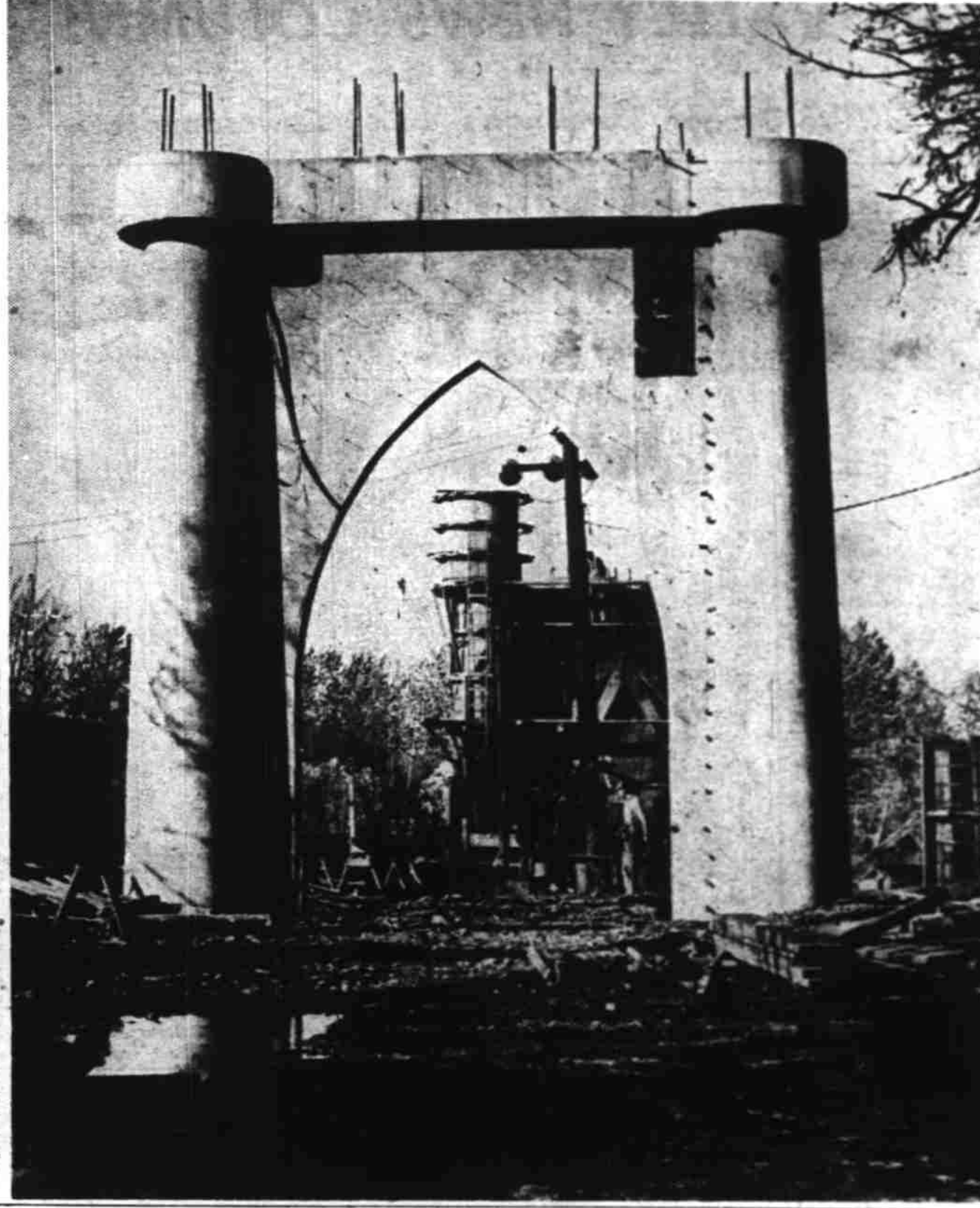
### BRUNDAGE ELECTED

**HUBBARD**—A. C. Brundage was elected director for a five-year term of the Hubbard rural fire district at an election held Monday. Elmer Stauffer, retiring director, automatically becomes president.

## Newest River Project Looks More Like Bridge Every Day



Salem's new Willamette river bridge at Marion street is taking shape, with pier construction well advanced, as the state highway commission seeks bids December 20 on bridge approaches. Above, derrick tender sets top section of form for a mid-river pier. At right, is a view of the shore-placed pier at the foot of Marion street. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)



## Ankeny Group Plans Dinner For Saturday

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**JEFFERSON**—Ankeny Grange held a no-host dinner Saturday. During the business meeting, plans were made for a Christmas party on December 16, with a potluck supper at 7:30.

Mrs. Hattie McCarty and Mrs. John Zehner were named to buy the Christmas tree. A program will take the place of a business meeting. It was decided to buy a coffee maker, the members donating a dollar each or more to-

ward its purchase. Lloyd Marlatt, during the agricultural report, told of the need to add lime to fertilizers on local fields. Darlene Winn was named to take the place of Mary Ruth Nabors, as lady assistant steward, who resigned.

Installation of grange officers will be held next Wednesday night, December 13, and Roberts grange has been invited to join them in the installation.

Home Economics club will meet with Mrs. Almon Winn December 21, for their Christmas party, enjoying a 1 o'clock dessert luncheon.

It was also planned that the first grange meeting in each month should be opened with a potluck supper at 7:30.

## Valley Obituaries

### Mary Alice Whittle

**JEFFERSON**—Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Fisher Funeral home in Albany for Mary Alice Whittle, 71, who died December 1, at Lebanon Community hospital. She was the mother of Albert Whittle of Jefferson.

Mrs. Verland Ertson was organist and Mrs. James Neely sang. Arranging the flowers were Mrs. June Smith and Mrs. D. W. Blakeley. Pallbearers were E. Hayes, James Hayes, Loren Bond, Paul Smith, Arlie Cyrus and Ori Cox. Burial was in Willamette Memorial park.

Born at Coppel, Lancashire,

England, February 10, 1879, she came to the United States in 1903, first settling in Iowa. In 1914, the family moved to Wyoming, in 1921 to California, and her home has been near Albany since 1933. She was married in 1899, at Coppel, Lancashire, England, to James Whittle, who survives.

Also surviving are seven children, Mrs. Ada Terman of Cheyenne, Wyo.; David Whittle of Lockhart, Tex.; Albert Whittle of Jefferson; Mrs. Mary Smith, Van Nuys, Calif.; Mrs. Leona Mumper, Scio, Ore.; Mrs. Dorothy Hurst, Santa Ana, Calif.; and Jimmie Whittle, Scio, Ore. Also one sister in England.

The Chow, or Chowchow, dogs of China have wholly blue or black tongues and lips, notes the National Geographic society. They are the only dogs so marked.

## Hubbard Man Donates Trophy to Hi School

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**HUBBARD**—Boyd Brown of Hubbard, recent chairman of the North Marion school board, has donated a 20 inch trophy to be known as the Boyd Brown Sr. athletic award to remain in the school at North Marion union high.

Each year at graduation the award is to be presented to a senior boy who has been judged the outstanding athlete on the 4 years of high school work. Selection is to be made by the members of the senior class and the members of the faculty, with selection based on sportsmanship, athletic ability, team spirit and training.

## Chief Roble Warns 'Christmas Trees May Be Fire Hazards'

That Christmas tree you are going to set up any day now may be a major fire hazard unless a few precautions are taken. Fire Chief W. P. Roble said Wednesday.

Christmas trees of average size are easily ignited and burn furiously, tests made by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., have demonstrated.

Chief Roble stressed that there is no way to fireproof a Christmas tree, but offered a recipe for a solution that will safeguard many inflammable decorations and children's costumes.

The rinse consists of 9 ounces of borax, four ounces of boric acid and one gallon of warm water. Dissolve the borax in half the water, mix the boric acid with the other half, then combine, said Roble. Anything that's safe in water can be rinsed in the solution.

Roble recalled that Christmas decorations contributed to one of the worst fire disasters in modern times when 99 people died at a party in Newfoundland in 1942.

He also noted that 10 persons died recently in a department

store blaze in Nova Scotia which was attributed to a short circuit in electrical Christmas decorations.

The fire chief advised valley residents to buy electrical toys and decorations which carry the approval of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

Here are some other suggestions Chief Roble listed for a safer holiday:

Choose a small tree. It will be less hazardous. Keep the tree outdoors until a few days before Christmas. Then set it up.

Place the tree in the coolest part of the house. Do not use candles, do not place electric lights around the tree, and don't leave tree lights burning when no one is in the house.

Remove all wrappings from the house soon after presents are opened.

Where the Pan American highway crosses the equator a few miles north of Quito, Ecuador, the traveler can stand with one foot in each hemisphere, and shiver in an overcoat because of the altitude.



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