

IN ONE EAR...

By JIM WELCH

A 48-PAGE mimeographed release was sent to the Register-Guard recently by the Marine Corps. It contained the names, addresses and serial numbers of 1,850 Marines returning to the United States. Not one of the men was from the local area.

That's public relations—and it's the sort of thing that brought President Truman's rebuke of the Corps' expensive propaganda machine several years ago.

PROGRESS is a matter of stealing the good things conceived by other people in other places. But Eugene's former police chief and the man who succeeded him both are stealing largely from themselves.

Ted Brown, safety director in Guam, is remaking his jail and traffic department along lines he found best in Eugene.

Vern Hill is changing Brown's old department. And he's using procedures he helped formulate while in the state police. New Eugene patrolmen now get broken in on patrol, rather than working at the jail. State policemen used to spend their first months as guards at the state prison. It didn't work.

Hill also has instituted a state police-type training program for new men. And he has officers take a precaution state police found necessary. Regardless of the circumstances, Eugene officers now lock their patrol cars when they leave them to prevent theft of the guns in the car, or of the car itself.

DRANO and Epsom Salts are side-by-side on the shelf at an east side drugstore.

IT'S APPROPRIATE, considering the dry history of that joyless town down the valley, that the western winner of a temperance sermon contest sponsored by the WCTU should be from Corvallis. The sermon title was "Why I don't drink."

One reason may be that Corvallis doesn't have a liquor store.

A CALIFORNIAN tells this story on himself. Puzzled about Oregon's basic rule law, he screeched from 75 mph to a halt near Portland when he saw a state officer. "What's a safe and reasonable speed," the man from the south asked the officer. And the officer is supposed to have answered: "Just keep going and we'll let you know."

ROBERT BURNS scholars are upset to learn that the earthy Scotchman is one of the favorite foreign writers among Russians. One edition of his works recently sold to 300,000 Red readers.

A FACULTY member, in reporting on university negotiations for the old IOOF cemetery property, stated that the "constituted bodies" may be willing to release the cemetery if certain conditions are met.

Quick, President Wilson, agree to anything!

NEWS BRIEFS

SONS OF UNION VETERANS Auxiliary will meet for a potluck dinner and a program Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building.

MR. JOHN BALINT, vice-president of the Controls and Communications Co., will speak at a dinner meeting of the Optimist Club at 6:15 p.m. at the Dinner Bell, 1040 High St. Mr. Balint will show slides and speak on "Our Friends in Southeast Asia."

EUGENE SCOTTISH RITE Masons will hold business meetings of Council and Consistory and install officers in the Lodge of Perfection Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Masonic Temple, 992 Olive St.

EUGENE CAMERA CLUB will hold its regular meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the basement of the Eugene Water and Electric Board Building. The public is invited.

JOE DANIELS, recent Eugene visitor to Hawaii will show pictures of his trip to the islands Sunday at 8 p.m. at Friendly House, 2445 Kincaid St.

MCKENZIE RIVER LODGE No. 195 AF and AM will open on the E. A. Degree Monday at 7:30 p.m. Visiting Masons are welcome.

WEATHER

U.S. WEATHER FORECAST
EUGENE AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy with scattered showers occasionally mixed with snow Sunday and Sunday night. High Sunday, 45. Low Sunday night, 32.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Highest temperature Saturday, 50; low Saturday morning, 39; rain in 24 hours ending 4:30 p.m. Saturday, .24 inches; total for month, 7.79 inches; normal for month, 3.89 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, minus 0.8 feet. Reading at 4:30 p.m. Saturday: barometer, 30.0 inches, rising; humidity, 40 per cent; wind, W-14.

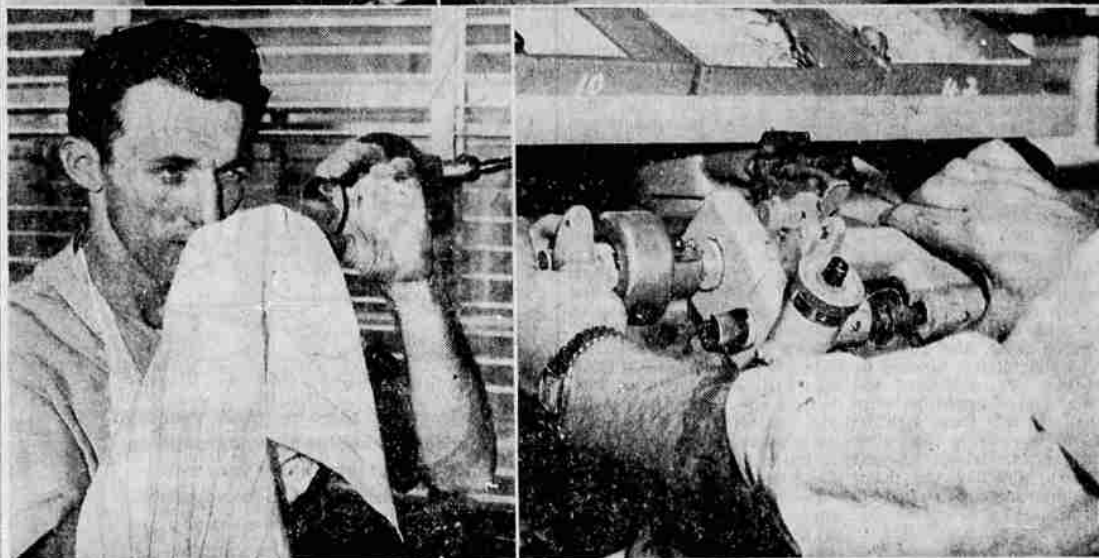
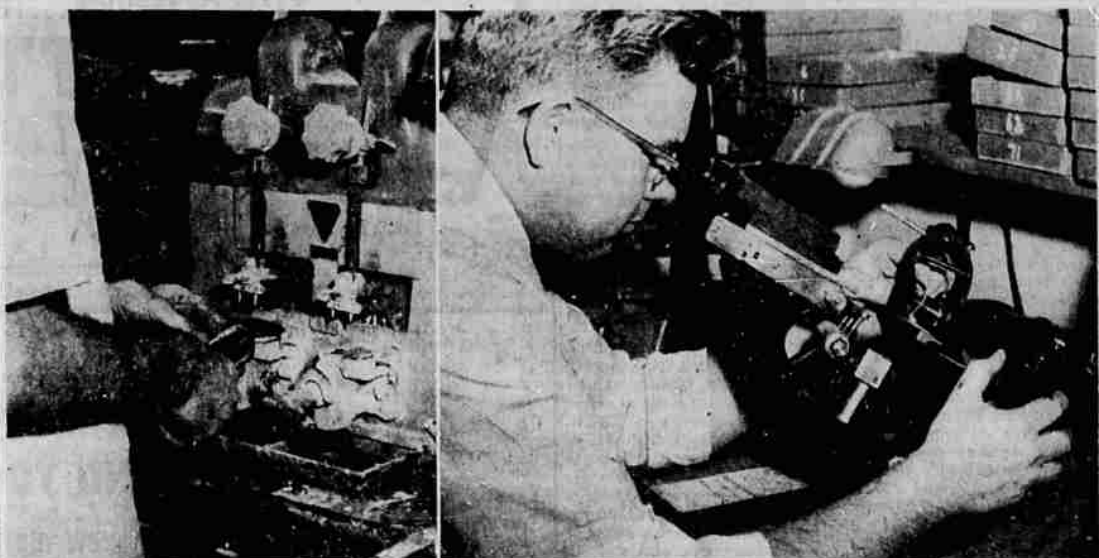
SUNRISE AND SUNSET
(PST): Sunday, 6:29 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.; Monday, 6:27 a.m. and 6:17 p.m.

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LANE COUNTY'S HOME NEWSPAPER

SECTION B

EUGENE, OREGON, SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1955



(Register-Guard photo by Grenon, Willshire engraving.)

HELPING YOU SEE—Meet the men who perform the behind-the-scenes work necessary to grind the lenses for your spectacles. Complicated machinery does most of the work but skilled hands and trained fingers must do the rest. Here, craftsmen from a local firm do some of the steps necessary to fill the prescription. Above, left, is the machine that does the basic work such as roughing in the lens. A "lap" sets up the curvature and thickness of the lens according to the required magnification. Left, below, Robert M. Simmons inspects a lens for flaws after

it has been ground and surfaced. Lenses are checked 7 times during the grinding process. Above, right, W. L. Gilbert operates the vertometer, which finds the power, axis and optical center of each lens. No toleration from the prescription is allowed. Right, below, a dual edger machine cuts the glass to fit the frames. Slightly left of center on the machine is a metal pattern which directs the final touching up of the lens (center). At least a day is required for lens grinding for single-vision glasses, longer for bi-focal. Two firms grind lenses in Eugene.

Civic Unity Holds Election

The Lane County Fellowship for Civic Unity last week elected several new board members.

George Blinkhorn and E. E. Wilson were elected to fill the unexpired terms of F. L. Stetson and John Hanes, who resigned. Norah Samuels and Mrs. Eunice Jensen replaced Mrs. Ray Boals and Albert Williams, who served full terms.

Those reelected to the board were Joel Berreman, Mrs. Leo Washington, and H. V. Johnson. The board authorized Berreman to investigate the progress of a bill before the state Legislature which seeks to make it legal for pictures to be required of teaching applicants.

Board members asserted this would make an exception for a particular group under the Fair Employment Practices Act. The board said the proposed bill could be used to discriminate against minority groups.

Eugene Cheesemaker Wins Top Award

Gerald Johnson of Medo-Land Creamery, Eugene, placed first in cottage cheese competitions held at Pullman, Wash., last week in conjunction with the 24th annual dairy products scoring contest at Washington State College.

Entered in the contest were dairy products from manufacturers in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wisconsin.

School Advisory Groups Plan Initial Session Monday Night

Subcommittees of the Eugene Public Schools Lay Advisory Committee on buildings and finance will probably hold group meetings Monday night when the organization holds its first sessions.

The committee's chairman, Donald M. DuShane, said last week that some of the lay members have already held sessions to study the school needs.

DuShane's group was recently organized at the request of the Eugene School Board in order to obtain greater public participation in and advice on building and financial problems facing the school system.

5 SUBCOMMITTEES
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Group Completes Plans For Lookout Dedication

More than 10,000 people are expected to gather on the Middle Fork of the Willamette River the afternoon of Saturday, June 25.

The occasion will be the formal dedication of the \$9 million dollar Lookout Point Dam Project by the Willamette River Basin Commission.

Final plans for the dedication were worked out last week in Eugene by representatives of the commission, the U. S. Corps of Engineers, the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce and other interested agencies.

Ivan E. Oakes, executive secretary of the basin commission and dedication committee general chairman, Saturday reported that a number of national notables will take part in the June 25 ceremonies.

The Corps of Engineers, which has been in charge of the construction of Lookout Point Dam and Dexter rerouting dam, will be represented, probably by assistant secretary of the Army Frank H. Roderick, by Brig. Gen. E. C. Itchner, assistant chief of engineers in the corps and one-time north Pacific division engineer, and by Col. Thomas H. Lipscomb, former Portland district engineer.

Oregon's governor Paul L. Patterson already has accepted an invitation to participate, and Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay, first chairman of the Willamette River Basin Commission, probably will be represented by his first assistant, Clarence Davis. Oakes stated that local chambers of commerce and community leaders are cooperating in

preparations for the dedication which will be held on the south bank of the river below the Lookout Point Dam spillway.

The south stilling basin wall of the dam installation will be the speakers' platform for the day, Oakes has been informed by resident engineer Ray Overholser.

Parking spaces will be available for 4,000 cars on the south side of the river, and another 2,000 spaces will be prepared on the north side, according to Sgt. Robert E. Baker, in charge of the Oregon State Police at Eugene. Military police from Fort Lewis, Wash., are expected to direct traffic at the damsite.

To add interest to the dedication day program, the Eugene Yacht Club is planning to put 22 racing sailboats on the Dexter Dam reservoir and both speedboats and larger sailing craft on the larger Lookout Point Dam reservoir.

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Board to Study School Offer Monday Night

Further study of a Portland real estate firm's request for an option to buy the old Frances Willard site for \$325,000 will be made by the Eugene School Board when it meets in regular session Monday night.

Norris, Beggs, and Simpson of Portland has requested an option which might be exercised in behalf of their client, whose identity has not been publicly disclosed. The offer was made several weeks ago but the board withheld action on granting an option, pending discussion with Eugene city officials to determine if the City Council wished to obtain the property.

No action has been taken yet by council members on the Willard property. The board has indicated that the city should have first chance to obtain the property if it so desires. The old Willard School was burned a year ago, and a new one has replaced it at W. 29th Ave. and Lincoln St.

The Eugene City Council as a whole hasn't talked much about purchasing the Frances Willard School site at 12th and Olive St., Carl Koppe, chairman of the public works committee, said Saturday.

Koppe said, however, that he and Council President Robert Roth, and councilman Jesse Godlove discussed the possibilities of city use of the site at a meeting Friday.

"If it isn't a suitable location for a library, then the 3 of us feel the city shouldn't purchase it," Koppe declared. Some citizens and councilmen had suggested previously that the school land might be suitable as a location for the city's proposed new library building.

The board will also consider bids which were opened Friday afternoon for the construction of an addition to the River Road School. Another topic will be the consideration of an engineer's recommendation for under-floor ventilation of the Eugene High School, which is experiencing water condensation problems due to inadequate air circulation.

PROSPECTORS ACTIVE
BAKER — Uranium prospectors are beginning to dot the hills in Baker County following a turn for the warmer in weather.

CONSIDERABLE STUDY
DuShane said Reed's subcommittee has already given considerable study to population trends as they affect school building needs.

When final studies are made, the lay committee will make recommendations to the board in these 5 major areas.

TROOPSHIP
SEATTLE — The Navy transport Gen. W. A. Mann is scheduled to dock here at 8:30 a.m. Monday with 2,392 passengers from the Far East, most of them military personnel on rotation.

City Council To Mull New Bus Routes

Two Changes Recommended

Two committee recommendations calling for revisions of City Transit Lines bus routes will go before the Eugene City Council Monday night.

One of the reports was made last week by the special citizens committee appointed to study the declining use of the mass transportation system here. The other was made by the public safety committee of the council, recommending changes in downtown bus loading zones to accommodate the route changes.

No final action on the recommendations is anticipated Monday night, however. City Attorney John Pennington said Saturday that the council must hold a public hearing prior to granting necessary franchise changes.

The council is also expected to grant a contract for moving the big floodlights from Washington Park to the new softball diamonds at Amazon Park. Bids on the project were opened Friday, and the Hamilton Electric Co. was low at \$2,100. The only other bid was from the L. H. Morris Co. at \$2,285.

Other items on the council agenda include:

• A letter from the Lane County Fair Board asking that an ordinance banning carnivals in Eugene be amended to exclude the Fairgrounds;

• A hearing on annexation of 50 acres of land south of 40th Ave. and east of Willamette St. by consent of 100 per cent of the land owners.

• Committee recommendations approving petitions for paving 21st Ave. from Lincoln to Lawrence St.; construction of a sidewalk on both sides of Lincoln from 23rd to 26th Ave.; and paving of Knob Hill Lane from 35th to 36th Ave.

• Committee recommendations on the extension of highway street lighting along Highway 99 to the north city limits, and along Blair and Railroad Blvd. in the River Rd. area.

• An ordinance for the widening of Broadway west of Olive St. adjacent to the proposed W. T. Grant Co. building.

The council meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers on the second floor of the city hall, 11th Ave. and Willamette St.

Rt. F Tunnel May Exceed Expected Cost

Construction of a 1,400-foot tunnel between Mapleton and Richardson to clear the way for the long-proposed Rt. F route may cost \$250,000 to \$300,000 more than had been earlier anticipated, Lane County commissioners said last week.

Commissioner Ralph Petersen said recent test borings by the state highway department indicated a fault in rock formations through which the tunnel would be punched.

Petersen said it had been hoped the tunnel could be constructed without the need for lining. Test results, however, indicate that a concrete lining will probably be necessary, he said.

The State Highway Commission, which has been busy preparing plans and specifications for the tunnel project, is expected to call for bids this summer for construction.

FUNDS AWAITED
A contract can be let whenever federal funds become available. These are expected to be available in July or August.

Petersen said Lane County will have \$428,000 in county-state-federal funds when the federal allocation is made available. But if the tunnel must be lined, additional revenue—upward to \$300,000—will be required, he said.

Construction could run between \$800,000 and \$700,000, the commissioner said. Petersen, however, said he felt the county will be able to finance its share of the total cost.

Of the \$428,000 allocation which will be available this summer, Lane County only has to contribute 20 per cent, or \$85,600. But the county will have to pay the full cost for the lining work, if it is necessary.

ROAD FUNDS
Petersen said the county could probably use some road funds in the present budget or use road funds after July 1, when the 1955-56 county budget is adopted.

The commissioner said, "We will know more where we are" when the county obtains a cost estimate of the project from the state. This estimate will be available within a few weeks, Petersen said.

Hair Clipper Clipped \$75

ROSEBURG — A Sutherland man accused of clipping a girl friend's hair during a fight has been fined \$50 and \$25 on 2 counts of assault and battery.

District Judge Warren A. Woodruff imposed the fines after Kenneth C. Hong pleaded guilty to the charges brought by Marie Eastburn.

Hong was arrested a few days ago after he allegedly kicked and choked Miss Eastburn, then clipped her hair. Released on bail in connection with the charge, Hong returned with his clippers and finished removing her permanent, Miss Eastburn testified.

There was testimony that before they took to quarreling, Hong gave her the money for the permanent.

No Library Decision At Meeting Monday

The Eugene Library Board will meet for its regular monthly business session Monday night, but will make no decision on a new library site, according to Willis Warren, chairman.

Warren said Saturday that "obviously we'll discuss the building situation." But he added there is "nothing startling" about that.

The board will meet in the basement of the library building, 11th Ave. and Willamette St., at 8 p.m.

Eugene Gains Repute As Convention Site

BY AL CURREY
Of The Register-Guard

Eugene has a booming new industry, one already contributing more than a million dollars each year, but one of which most residents are barely aware.

This thriving business is unique in that it is shared by many kinds of commercial establishments and the revenues coming from it benefit virtually all local residents, directly or indirectly.

GOOD FACILITIES

Eugene is rapidly becoming a convention city. More and more organizations each year are deciding to hold state, regional or national conventions here. Offering good facilities for such meetings in hotel, motel, restaurant and public assembly rooms, this town offers a further inducement to convention planners in its geographic location as a midpoint for both state and west coast populations.

The increasing popularity of Eugene as a convention site has been proved by statistics compiled by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce's convention bureau. In 1953, a total of 111 conventions were held here, contributing an estimated \$400,000 to the city's income. Last year, some 23,250 delegates were here for 40 conventions and spent about \$1,137,000 while they were here.

40 CONVENTIONS
Now, convention bureau chairman Paul Lansdowne reports, arrangements already have been made for 40 conventions which are to bring more than 23,000 delegates here in 1955. And on the average, these delegates will stay in Eugene 3 days as compared with 2½ days last year.

This means that convention attendees will spend about \$1,300,000 here this year, even if no additional gatherings are added to the year's schedule. Chances are, industry,

Lansdowne says, that many more conventions will be brought here during 1955. Right now another 20 to 24 groups and organizations are considering '55 conventions in Eugene.

Emphasizing that Eugene has not used gambling inducements or any other type of "come on" in its invitations to convention organizations, Lansdowne said that friendliness and good service for convention guests have been among the city's most valuable attractions.

LARGEST YET

"If all residents will remember they are hosts to these visitors," Lansdowne adds, "the good reputation of the city will continue to grow, and more and more conventions will come here. This is one of the easiest ways that we can add to our city's welfare... and it can be quite profitable as well as enjoyable."

The largest convention yet scheduled in Eugene will be the 1955 national gathering of the United Church of the Brethren. More than 6,000 delegates will attend this week-long meeting.

WELCOME BANNERS

Immediately, the state basketball tournament is to bring thousands of visitors to Eugene. Not a convention, this event still places Eugeneans in the role of hosts and the Chamber of Commerce is urging townspeople to cooperate in making the tournament visitors feel welcome.

The chamber itself is adopting a policy of decorating highway entrances to the city and the downtown area with "welcome" banners for the basketball tournament and for all future conventions and similar events.

If the entire community joins in the convention industry, Lansdowne states, it is entirely possible to develop it into a 3 million dollar a year "hidden" industry.

Fairgrounds Farm Building Is Proposed

An office building to house the Lane County Extension Service and other agricultural agencies may be constructed this spring on the county fairgrounds.

Lane County Commissioners and members of the county fair board Thursday agreed generally to such a proposal, but details have yet to be worked out.

County Agent W. B. Parker explained the plan to the county commissioners and fair board members, stating the extension service "has long had need of more adequate facilities."

"We are interested in a type of agricultural center for the soil conservation people, the 4-H Club, the extension service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee and possibly others," Parker said.

The county commissioners indicated they approved construction of a building to house the various agricultural agencies. Main purpose of the meeting was to determine the sentiment of the fair board.

Mrs. Hallie Huntington, fair board manager, said the proposed building was "a fine idea." Commissioner Kenneth Nielsen said it is possible the building could be done by fair time. He roughly estimated the cost of the proposed structure at \$50,000.

Nielsen pointed out that if the fairgrounds were ever moved, the office building would still remain.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert LeRoy Tourillout, 21, Vida, and Yvonne Lee Piper, 15, Blue River. George Kenneth Hemphill Jr., 19, 1975 Sonoma Road, and Jean Annette Millhollen, 18, 2327 Columbia St., both of Eugene.

Osborne William Nulf, 43, and Lily Jeanette Nulf, 29, both of 7050 McKenzie Highway, Springfield. Louis Christ Northwang, 65, 1004 5th St., Springfield, and Doris Mae Brown, 47, Seattle.

Harry Leslie Jahne, 22, Monmouth, and Mary Ann Soine, 22, Cornelius, Oregon.

BIRTHS

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL
HALEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Haley, McCready Springs, a son, LARSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Larson, Rt. 3, Box 348A, Eugene, a daughter.

STOUT—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stout, 1800½ City View St., Eugene, a daughter.
TEEL—To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Teel, Rt. 1, Riddle, a daughter.

WICKS—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wicks, Rt. 1, Box 493, Springfield, a son.

AT COTTAGE GROVE HOSPITAL
Feb. 26, 1955
KANEL—To Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kanel, 720 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, a son.
HELFERICH—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frank Helferich, BB Rt., Cottage Grove, a son.

Feb. 27
GOODE—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Franklin Goode, Gen. Del., Elktion, a son.

Feb. 28
COPPLE—To Mr. and Mrs. Alden Franklin Copple, 234 S. 17th St., Cottage Grove, a son.

March 1
EHRICH—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl August Ehrich Jr., PO Box 177, Creswell, a son.
WILLIAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin Williams, Gen. Del., Cottage Grove, a son.

March 2
BAKER—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis Baker, PO Box 186, Drain, a daughter.

MCDONALD—To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Merrill McDonald, PO Box 37, Drain, a daughter.
WILEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Oran Wiley, Gen. Del., Yoncalla, a son.

HOLLAMON—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph David Hollamon, Rt. 1, Yoncalla, a daughter, born at Bocher Maternity Home, Drain.

March 3
LOPEZ—To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Manuel Lopez, 1119 N. 9th St., Cottage Grove, a son.
MARTIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilburn Martin, 1055 E. Washington Ave., Cottage Grove, a son.

March 4
RICE—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alden Rice, 62 Madison Ave., Cottage Grove, a daughter.

March 5
HALE—To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Hale, Drain, a daughter.

JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson, 437 S. River Road, Cottage Grove, a son.
LOUIE—To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Louie, 840 S. 3rd St., Cottage Grove, twin sons.

JACKSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daniel Jackson, 4330 Franklin Blvd., Eugene, a son.
BOOHER—To Mr. and Mrs. William B. Booher, 634 S. 1st St., Cottage Grove, a daughter.

URY—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Glenn Ury, Rt. 1, Box 223, Yoncalla, a daughter.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Eleanor Grace Zeller from Nelson John Zeller, Barbara Joanne Elpas from Robert Leo Elpas, Nina L. Rogers from Martin J. Rogers, Anna M. Ketter from Warren G. Ketter, Robert Deschene from Grace I. Deschene, Gladys C. Mitchell from Samuel C. Mitchell, William A. Haffner from Victor J. Haffner, Wilma Trippett from Just Trippett (annulment), Carolyn P. Block from Donald Arthur Block, Doris L. McAdams from Emma Lee McAdams, Rutha J. Baker from Walter Baker.