



### 4-H Leaders Meet Thursday

Marion County 4-H leaders will meet Thursday evening, Feb. 19 in Central Howell school at 8 p.m. An evening of project discussions, recreation, awards and refreshments is scheduled.

Aumsville and North Santiam leaders are in charge of the recreation with cookies and coffee by the Butteville and Aurora leaders.

Trophies will be awarded to the 1952 winners of the George Eyre and Mary L. Fulkerson trophies for the outstanding swine and clothing projects respectively.

Cooking project leaders will have an opportunity to practice judging on classes of muffins, cookies and sponge cakes. Topics of interest to all local leaders will be discussed in each of the project discussion groups.

Miss Joan Howell, State 4-H agent, will be a visitor at the meeting.

### Winners—Oregon 4-H'ers who received college scholarships during recent 4-H leaders' conference at Oregon State college are (left to right) Misses Joanne Lehman, Dayton; Marilyn Bradshaw, Albany; Joan Karns, Orenco; and (back, center) Jerry Wippen, Turner. Awards were presented by Standard Oil company representatives, J. S. Smith (left), San Francisco, and Jack Stewart, Portland.

### Plane Crew Flies Through Spewing Volcano Smoke

Kodiak, Alaska (AP)—The crew of a U. S. navy patrol plane told today how they flew through billowing black smoke and pelting ash spewed into the air in a mass eruption of volcanoes in the Katmai National Monument area.

The pilot, Lt. James T. Ingram, was flying over the Shelikof Strait, between Kodiak Island and the mainland, when a huge, black ball of smoke was seen rising into the air some 20 miles from the plane.

"It rolled up like smoke from an oil fire," Ingram said. "It went up about 15,000 feet."

Ingram said he circled to the left of the eruption and two minutes later a second cloud of smoke boiled up eight miles northeast of the first plume and moved close to it.

"Streams of ash poured out of the smoke," Ingram said, "like rain falling from a thundercloud."

Ingram kept circling the eruption and one hour later, more columns of smoke poured into the air, one after the other. Ingram said they shot up in line, like a chain of explosions.

The co-pilot, Lt. Robert L. Bolling, stuck his head from the window of the plane in an attempt to take a picture.

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## National Recognition to Salem Soap Box Derby

Salem's Soap Box Derby received national recognition this week in the most exclusive publication of Derby racing, the annual Soap Box Derby Manual.

The recognition included the full first page of the manual, a full page of pictures and other pictures and mentions throughout the manual.

The first page shows a picture of 10 boys gathered around a Derby shield and features a reprint of the Capital Journal editorial column of March 25, 1952, with the editorial entitled "Community Unites for Derby."

The editorial praised the city council for its decision to put the Derby course in Bush's

### Dust Storms In Southwest

Fort Worth, Tex. (AP)—Thick clouds of dust, driven by winter winds, swirled over western Kansas, Oklahoma and parts of Texas today, but a soil conservation expert said there is no immediate danger of a "dust bowl" like that of the 1930's.

At mid-morning a cold drizzling rain covered most of Oklahoma with a moisture blanket that quickly snuffed out the dust storm. Winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour with gusts to 45 swept the state, but the rain kept the soil in place.

But Louis P. Merrill, regional director of the U. S. soil conservation service at Fort Worth, warned that such a condition "could easily develop."

Winds gusting at 60 miles an hour kicked up the soil over the Kansas plains yesterday and visibility dropped to a quarter of a mile in some areas. In the Oklahoma Panhandle and in central Oklahoma, 50-mile gusts raised the soil from nearly-bare wheat fields.

Washington (AP)—The public health service said Thursday that new data on deaths in a number of cities suggest that "the current outbreak of influenza is not quite as mild as first reports seem to indicate."

However, a public health official said the epidemic now is apparently on the wane, on the basis of reports from the 48 states.

The weekly communicable disease summary said deaths from influenza and pneumonia in 58 reporting cities for the week ending February 7 totaled 610.



### Nearly Finished—New \$800,000 plywood plant of the M and M Woodworking company at Lyons which will open March 9. The 15-acre pond already is full of logs and a surplus of logs is being stockpiled for first production. E. V. Bennett, Albany, will supervise both the Albany and Lyons plants. Production superintendent at Lyons will be Ed Novak and the plant engineer will be E. C. Carlson. The plant will employ approximately 45 men.

### \$90,000 Loot In Hotel Hold-up

La Jolla, Calif. (AP)—Four armed bandits today robbed the exclusive Hotel Casa de Manna and escaped with an estimated \$90,000 in cash and jewelry.

Police said the gunmen entered the hotel before dawn, jumped a janitor and the auditor. They woke Manager Ned Williams and forced him to open the safe, containing \$5,000 to \$8,000 in cash and about \$85,000 worth of jewelry left on deposit by guests.

Williams and the others were left bound, police said. It took them about one hour to free themselves.

The swank resort hotel is the scene of the annual meeting of executives of the Copley chain of newspapers.

### Defense Budget Is Record for Peacetime

London (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's government announced Thursday it expects to spend 1,636,760,000 pounds (\$4,585,728,000) on defense in the 1953-54 budget year.

A white paper giving the figures said the estimate include 140 million pounds (\$392 million) of defense support aid provided in dollars by the United States.

### STOCKS

(By The Associated Press)

Admiral Corporation	24 1/2
Allied Chemical	24 1/2
Alka Chemical	24 1/2
American Airlines	24 1/2
American Power & Light	24 1/2
Armstrong	24 1/2
American Tobacco	24 1/2
Anacostia Copper	24 1/2
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Douglas Aircraft	24 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	24 1/2
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Emerson Radio	24 1/2
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