

1200 at Cooking School . . .

About 1200 women were on hand for the cooking school put on by Marie Gifford of Armour company under auspices of Salem's IGA stores. Tuesday afternoon, at the Elsinore theater.

District Meeting Of OES March 8

WOODBURN—At the regular meeting of Evergreen chapter, No. 41, Order of the Eastern Star, Monday night at the Masonic temple, invitations were read and accepted to visit Chadwick chapter of Salem for friendship night on March 2 and Ainsworth chapter of Salem on March 17.

A district meeting will be at Woodburn on the next meeting date, March 8, by Evergreen and Gervais chapters when the worthy grand malron, Mrs. Irene McKinley of Portland, will make her official visit. The two chapters, Evergreen chapter will conduct the opening, escort, good of the order and closing ceremonies. Gervais chapter will exemplify balloting and initiation.

The refreshments committee for the March 8 meeting will include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. Marjorie Rohm and Mrs. Lois Hershberger of Evergreen chapter to work with a committee for Gervais chapter. A practice for the officers of the two chapters will be on Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at the Masonic temple in Woodburn.

Under "good of the order" the 22nd birthday of George Washington was observed and highlights on his life were given by Mark Thompson, worthy patron. Short talks were given by a number of members including Mrs. Edna Peterson, Mrs. Nela DeWeller and Mrs. Florence Butlerfield. Members having birthday anniversaries in January, February and March were honored and presented with gifts.

Announcement was made of Rainbow initiation on Feb. 24. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Gail Wengroth and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hann. Decorations for the month of March will be arranged by Mrs. Lillian Ahrens and Mrs. Hazel Enos.

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Bonus Exempt From Taxation

The Oregon bonus is exempt from state and federal income taxation, along with most other benefits payable to war veterans or their survivors, the state Department of Veterans' Affairs reported this week. Other items excluded in computing federal and state tax returns are:

Retirement pay for length of military service is taxed both by Uncle Sam and the State of Oregon.

Disability retirement pay is exempt from federal taxation, while Oregon taxes any amount in excess of \$3,000 with this exception—if the Veterans Administration had at one time been responsible for making the payment, then it is totally exempt.

Service men must pay federal taxes on their military income except for periods of service in Korea or adjacent waters, or for periods of hospitalization as a result of service in Korea.

Son Locates Father; Two Days Too Late

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (AP)—Norman J. Speer of Grants Pass, Ore., found his father after a 15-year search. But he was too late.

After investigating, Detective George Connell Monday replied: "Yes, the LeRoy Speer here was your father, but I regret to report that he died two days before you wrote your letter."

Honorarys Pledge Two Salem Students

Two University of Oregon students from Salem have pledged to freshman scholastic honorarys of the University of Oregon.

Miss Sally Jo Greig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greig of 835 Academy, will be initiated March 9 into Alpha Lambda Delta, national freshman women's scholastic honorary. A freshman in journalism, she met the requirements of the honorary of making a 3.5 grade point average or better during last term.

Urrin Scott Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Page of 295 West Lincoln, was initiated February 17 into Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman scholastic honorary for men. He filled the requirements by earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better during his freshman year. He is a sophomore in pre-med.

Batchelor on Way Home

TOKYO (AP)—Cpl. Claude Batchelor, a Texas ex-POW who changed his mind about staying with the Communists, left for home Wednesday aboard a plump military plane carrying 14 officers, including two generals.

Batchelor, onetime leader of a group of pro-Communist American prisoners who refused to return home, boarded the plane 35 minutes before the plane took off.

Just before walking up the ramp Batchelor bade farewell to his Japanese wife, Kyoko, whose love letters played an important part in his decision to renounce communism, he said. She hopes to join him later.

Batchelor has been living at Tokyo Army hospital since shortly after he asked an Indian guard for repatriation New Year's Day. The corporal said he had no idea where the Army will send him after he lands at Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco. He hoped to go home to Kermit, Tex.

The main speaker Tuesday night was Dr. Arthur B. McWhinnie, a Seattle dentist, who said that the family dentist can furnish a prescription that, over a

Time in Race Held Too Slow

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Vet-eran musers in this land where men are men and dogs are horses can hardly believe the winning time in the North American dog racing championships down south in Montana.

They can hardly believe it could be so slow.

A dispatch from West Yellowstone Tuesday night told of Ernest Harrington's hounds from Astoria, Idaho, winning the all-breed, five-mile race in 27 minutes.

By Alaska standards that barely would get 'em there with the mail.

Is this polio's last year?

Will this really be the last year you have to worry about the terrible threat of polio? Polio fighters believe it will be if the public cooperates. To find out what you can do to help end the polio scourge and how medical researchers are planning to win the battle, read "No more polio after '54?" in March Better Homes & Gardens.

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Speakers Against Water Fluoridation

Arguments against fluoridation of city water were heard Tuesday night at a meeting at Salem Labor Temple where the Central Labor Council has sponsored panels both for and against the treatment.

Both students are graduates of Salem High School.

Odd Fellows at Silverton Hosts

SILVERTON—George Howard of Canby, grand warden of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, was special guest of Silver Lodge, No. 21, IOOF, in the Friday evening annual homecoming observance. Other guests were wives of members and deceased members' widows.

A 6:30 turkey dinner was served. More than 90 were in attendance with lodges represented, Longview, Oregon City and Scotts Bills beside the Silverton and Canby members.

With Walter Rowen, noble grand of the host lodge, presiding, a social program was enjoyed with Ernest R. Ekman showing several travel films in color, depicting scenes in the South Pacific Islands.

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