1200 at Cooking School ...

Miss Gifford demonstrated seven recipes—preparing a roast jun-ior turkey, beef stroganoff, pizza Americana, corned beef hash, a

District Meeting Of OES March 8

WOODBURN-At the regular meeting of Evergreen chapter, No. 41, Order of the Eastern Star, Monday ight at the Ma-sonic temple, invitations were read and accepted to visit Chad-ylab dapater of Salam for idead wick chapter of Salem for friend-ship night on March 2 and Ains-worth chapter of Sciem on March 17.

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

The refreshrents committee for the March 8 meeting will include Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Mrs. Marjoric Rehm and Mrs. Lois Hershberger of Ever-green chapter to work with a committee fror Gervais chapter. A practice for the officers of the two chapter will be on Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. at the Masonic temple in Woodburn

Under "good of the order" the 222nd birthday of George Wash-ington was observed and highlights on his life were given by Mark Thompson, worthy pairon. Short talks were given by a num-ber of members including Mrs. Edna Peterson, Mrs. Nela Detweiler and Mrs. Florence Butterfield. 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 Weng nroth and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hann. Decorations for the month of March will be arranged by Mrs. Lillian Ahrens

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About 1200 women were on ham broiler meal, a chocolate hand for the cooking school put on by Marie Gifford of Armour company under auspices of Salem's IGA stores. Tuesday afternoon, at the Elsmore theater. "Short Cuts to Square Meals" the food but on getting the most out of the product one buys. Here are the menu and recipe for beef stroganoff: Miss Gifford demonstrated seven

MENU Beef Stroganoff Parslied Noodles Buttered Green Beans Relish Plate

Pineapple Sherbet Coffee Beef Stroganoff

1½ pounds beek chunk (cut 1-inch cubes) cup flour

teaspoon salt 16 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons lard 1 cup onion rings

1 clove garlie (minced) 2 cup water 1 teaspoon Worcestershire

sauce 2 tablespoons beef extract

2 tablespoons catsup 1 4-ounce can sliced mush-

rooms

rooms
12 cup buttermilk
Coat meat in seasoned flour.
Brown slowly in lard and in heavy
pot roast kettle. Drain mushrooms and add liquid to meat
with remaining ingredients except for mushrooms and buttermilk.
Cover and simple states.

Cover and simmer until tender (approximately 2 hours) Stir in mushrooms and butter-milk and cook just long enough to heat. Serve on parslied noodles or rice, 6 servings.

Donner-Calkins Wedding Feb. 21

WOODBURN—The wedding of Mrs. Alma Calkins of Portland, daughter of Lincoln Stepp of Payette, Idaho, and Richard Don ner of Woodburn, son of Mrs.
Ivy Donner, was Sunday, February 21, at noon at the Church
of God in Woodburn immediately following the morning service.

BERUT. Lebanon A Service in Rose

The Rev. Edward H. Baldwin, pastor, officiated at the single ring ceremony. Potted palms were arranged about the chancel. Gordon Stepp of Hubbard gave his sister in marriage. She wore a street dress of navy blue ny-lon with pink hadpiece and corsage of pink carnations

Mrs. Fred Chapelle, sister of the bride, vas matron of honor wearing a tan dress and hat and corsage of white carnations. Warren Donner was best man for his brother.

A reception at the Fred Cha-pelle home followed the ceremony, with about 50 relatives and friends attending. A buffet lunch was served with Miss Ruth

Anderson presiding at the urn.

After short honeymoon the couple expect to make their home in Woodburn Mrs. Donner is a nurse at the Veterans hospital in Portland and Mr. Donner is a veteran of World War I and

BRITAIN READIES

ATOM ROCKET

LONDON & Britain's atom age army is readying a guided atomic rocket for use in ground attack, a War Office memorandum disclosed Wednesday.



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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 De-partment of Veterans' Affair re-partment of Veterans' Other items ported this week. Other items excluded in computing federal

and state tax returns are: Bonus paid by other states; GI insurance dividends; all Veterans Administration benefits in cluding educational subsistence, compensation, and pensions; insurance proceeds paid on death of the insured; mustering-out pay and jobless benefits paid under the Korean GI bill; and so cial security benefits, workmen's compensation and sickness bene-

Retirement pay for length of Two Salem Students military service is taxed both by Uncle Sam and the State of Ore-

Disability retirement pay is exempt from federal taxation, while Oregon taxes any amount in excess of \$3,000 with this exresponsible for making the pay-ment, then it is totally exempt. Oregon servicemen on active

duty enjoy a tax exclusion on the first \$3,000 of their annual mili-tary pay. This includes pay carned during annual National grade point average or better dur Guard summer camp or Reserve ing fall term.

income taxes owed by a service-man who dies on active duty as the result of service in Korea

BEIRUT, Lebanon A -Presi lent Camille Chamoun Wednesday accepted the resignation of Pre mier Abdullah Al Yafi's cabinet, but he likely will ask Yafi to try

to form , new cabinet.

Son Locates Father; Two Days Too Late

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

Speer wrote here seeking information about the missing

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

Honoraries Pledge

Two University of Oregon students from Salem have been pledged to freshman scholastic honoraries of the University of

ception—if the Veterans Admin-istration had at one time been responsible for making the pay-ment, then it is totally exempt. Oregon servicemen on active tic honorary. A freshman in jour-nalism, she met the requirements of the honorary of making a 3.5

weeks or maneuvers of two Weeks or more.

Servicemen must pay federal taxes on their military income except for periods of service in Korea or adjacent waters, or for periods of hospitalization as the result of service in Korea. Any income taxes ing his freshman year. He is a sophomore in pre-med. Both students are graduates of

Salem High School.

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Batchelor on

utes 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 com-munism, he said. She hopes to join him later.

Batchelor has been living at Tokyo Army hospital since short-ly 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

Speakers Against Water Fluoridation

Arguments against fluoridation of city water were heard Tuesday night at a meeting at Salem Labor Temple where ehe Central Labor Council has spon-sored panels both for and against the tratment.

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

period of eight years required for chemical akteration of a child's teeth, will give that benefit at a cost as low as 12 cents a

Way Home

TOKYO F — Cpl. Claude Batchelor, a Texas ex-Pow who changed his mind about staying with the Communists, left for home Wednesday aboard a plush millitary plane carrying 14 officers, including two generals.

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

Odd Follows of the charged that some dental publications, newspapers and other periodicals have refused to publish facts opposing fluoridation, which he called "an emire building scheme of the U. S. Public Health Service."

Two other opposing speakers were Francis I. Smith, a Portland autorney, and Robert E. Milliard, Portland musician.

They can hardly believe it could be so slow.

A dispatch from West Yellow

Odd Fellows at Silverton Hosts

SILVERTON - George How ard of Canby, grand warden of the Grand Encampment of Ore-gon, was special guest of Silver Lodge, No. 21, 100F, in the Friday evening annual homecoming observance. Other guests were wives of members and deceased

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, presid-ing, a social program was en-joyed with Ernest R. Ekman showing several travel films in color, depicting scenes in the South Pacific Islands.

TALLMAN PIANO STORES 395 S. 12th, Salem

FAIRBANKS, Alaska P. -Vet-eran mushers 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 e so slow.

stone Tuesday night told of Ernest Harringtield's hounds from Ashton, Idano, 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 542" in March Better Homes & Gardens. On your newsstand. Get a copy to-day. 288 pages to help you better your way of living.

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When it is realized that Metropolitan's benefit payments are only a portion of those of the Life insurance industry as a whole, one can readily visualize the tremendous stabilizing force that the people of the United States and Canada have built for themselves through Life insurance and related coverages.

All in all, 1953 was an outstanding year in your Company's operations. In most respects, it was the best in Metropolitan's 86-year history. In the light of the high level of economic activity in the United States and Canada, and the ability of our Field organization, this is not surprising. We can take pride in reaching new heights in service to the peoples of our two countries.

National Economic Conditions

In retrospect, 1953 was a year of transition. Uppermost in the minds of all, but particularly those with sons of military age, was the cessation of hostilities in Korea. Nevertheless, we fully realize that our goal of a world at peace is far from won, and it is incumbent upon us to continue to remain militarily strong. With Korea no longer an active military theatre, we can convert some of our industrial facilities from production of materiel for human destruction to the satisfying of human wants.

fluences have been at work to materially re-

duce the inflationary forces, which for so many years have been driving the cost of living to ever greater heights. The curtailment of war production, a temporary catch-ing up with civilian demand in some areas, determined effort to achieve a balanced budget, and a return to more orthodox nagement of public debt and fiscal affairs -all have played their part. We in the Life insurance business are

particularly conscious of the effects of in-flation, which bear so heavily on the thrifty and those dependent on fixed incomes. All efforts to control this danger should receive our fullest support. In the year ahead, business will be more competitive, but this is no cause for con-

cern. Competition provides the same goods at lower prices, or better goods and services at the same price. The United States has grown to its present outstanding position on the basis of competition in a free market.

We are passing through a readjustment period, and have been for a number of months, but fundamentally this country is strong. Personal savings in the United States are now estimated at approximately 380 billion dollars, exclusive of the holdings of

corporate securities by individuals. We have, far and away, the greatest productive capacity of any country in the world. More than this, the people of this country and Canada have not lost their fundamental traits of thrift, initiative, and faith in God. Our two countries will go to much greater heights of prosperity in a peacetime omy than ever could be achieved in the midst of war.

Metropolitan Highlights of 1953

During 1953, Metropolitan's gain in Life insurance in force was substantially larger than was ever previously recorded by Metro-politan or any other Life insurance company in any one year. Metropolitan's Life insurance in force, at the end of 1953, totalled more than \$56 billion. The number of peo-ple covered under all forms of Metropolitan olicies reached a record high of over 37 million.

The assets of the Company, which help guarantee the fulfillment of its obligations, increased by \$719,000,000, and reached \$12,312,000,000 at the close of 1953.

Dividends to policyholders during the year reached an all-time high of \$214.829,000. The interest rate earned by Metropolitan investments, after deducting investment expenses, increased to 3,31% (compared with 3,21% for 1952), and stood at 3,09% after the Federal Income Tax. Mortality continued at a low rate. Expenses increased moderately, largely because of the increased volume of business.

In citing the 1953 accomplishments, we wish to pay particular tribute to the 48,000 men and women in the Metropolitan organ-ization who have made these results possible.



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ASSETS WHICH ASSURE FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS rial and Commercial . 54,172,794,376.37 Bonds U. S. and Canadian 1,890,206,554,53 65,021,712.72 1,642,459,573.13 £56,935,849.03 Stocks (All but \$16,476,038.61 are preferred or 172,718,060.11 guaranteed.) . Cm urban properties . \$2,157,837,445.45 On farms . 178,559,689.38 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate . Real Estate (after decrease by adjustment of 441 446 660 78 estate acquired for Properties for Company use 47,070 140 mortgage indebtedness (all of which is under contract of 1,555,100.68 Policy Loans smade to policyholders on the security of Cash and Bank Deposits Other Assets (chiefly premium) and interest entstanding)

OBLIGATIONS TO POLICYHOLDERS, BENEFICIARIES, AND OTHERS

Statutory Policy Reserves (This amount, required by law, together with future premiums and interest, is necessary to assure payment of future policy benefits.) \$10,438,536,909.00 Policy Proceeds and Dividends Left with Com puny at Interest by beneficiaries and policyholders, to be paid to them as directed at future dates. . . . 689,329,021.00 Set aside for Dividends to Policyholders (payable 203,618,054.00 Policy Claims Currently Outstanding (claims in process of settlement, and estimated claims that have not yet been reported) 60,640,032,54 Other Policy Obligations 93,674,723.78 Taxes Accrued (payable in 1954) 51,633,831.58 Security Valuation Reserve (prescribed by the Na-25,845,145,00 Contingency Reserve for Mortgage Loans . . 5,050,000.00 All Other Obligations TOTAL OBLIGATIONS \$11,596,540,987.84 Special Surplus Funds . . \$110,683,000.00

Unassigned Surplus . . . 604,709,379.29

TOTAL SURPLUS FUNDS 715,392,379.29 TOTAL OBLIGATIONS AND SURPLUS FUNDS . \$12,311,933,367.13 TOTAL ASSETS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS . . \$12.311.933,367.13 NOTE-Assets amounting to \$586,852,225.40 are deposited with various public officials under the requirements of law or regulatory authority.





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