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# Marine Corps Reserve Observes Special Week

By MARGARET MAGEE

Salem Monday began the observance of Marine Corps Reserve week, with the date of March 1-8 set as the time for the observance here in a proclamation issued by Mayor Al Loucks last week.

During this period the Salem Marine Corps Reserve unit, Third 155mm Gun Battery, will make an all-out effort to enlist men in the outfit.

Final event of Marine Corps Reserve week is to be the "Open House' 'Monday night, March 8, at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center. The affair will start at 7:30 p.m. and all men interested in the Reserve program and ex-Marines and their families and friends are invited to attend. Refreshments are to be served the guests.

One of the projects of the unit during the week will be the organizing of a new gun crew with openings for 16 men. These men will work and train together and go to summer camp together as a complete gun crew.

Marine Reserves will make it their personal project to inform prospective enlistees of the advantages of the reserve program during the week and will explain the training program to the eligible young men. To be eligible the men must be between the ages of 17 and 31 years of age.

The Marine Reserve training is designed to ready men for the task of serving their country in the best interest of defense. Their tour of duty with the reserves can be for three, four or six years. Each meeting they attend is a pay meeting with the pay based on the man's rank and length of military service. Most of the positions now open in the battery are for men with the rank of corporal or below.

This year the unit is to take its summer training at Coronado, Calif., with the dates July 25-August 7. The training will deal mostly with amphibious landings, rifle qualifications and general Marine Corps indoctrination. Two nights of the two-week period will be spent aboard combat landing vessels of the U. S. Navy. Simulated combat landings will be made on Aliso Canyon Beach in Southern California, and the men will receive training in ascending and descending landing nets.

One of the highlights of the training period will be the large parade at which time the Reserves will be inspected by high ranking officers of the Marine Corps.

The summer training will not be all work. The men will have liberty in Southern California and the 16 man gun crew will receive tickets to live television shows in Hollywood the week-end of July 31. They may also visit the beaches or visit in Mexico, which is only a few miles south.

During the two weeks that the men are taking their summer training they receive full pay and allowance and they are also covered by a $10,000 life insurance policy. Accompanying them to summer training will be trained hospital corpsmen and doctors.

# G.V.T.Ramsdell Funeral Held

LEBANON — G. V. J. Ramsdell, 58, sales manager of Santiam Lumber company and well known in the lumber industry, died at his home here Friday night after a heart attack.

A native of Portland, Ramsdell had lived in Lebanon eight years. He was a veteran of World War I, a member of Lebanon Elks lodge and the University club of Portland.

Surviving are his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Janet Lee Hoobler, Pullman, Wash.; a son, Vittz-James Ramsdell, Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Ramsey, Portland, and Dorothy Ramsdell of California.

Private services were held Monday morning at St. Stephen's Episcopal church with the Rev. David Gordon of St. Martin's Episcopal church, Lebanon, officiating. Interment was in the Riverview cemetery, Portland.

# Transit Plan for Pupils Proposed

A working agreement between the Salem school district and City Transit Lines in connection with the transportation of pupils has been suggested by a resident whose identity was not divulged at Tuesday night's session of the school board.

Director Harry Scott reported the matter to the board, saying the individual thought there was a possibility that something could be worked out to the advantage of both systems.

"The traction company buses often run empty while the district is considering the purchase of additional school buses," the resident pointed out. A conference will be asked to consider the matter.

Another taxpayer, noting the district's need for additional buses suggested that the youngsters should depend more on their legs and not so much upon free transportation.


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# Young Orators Meet Tonight

Held at the Isaak Walton clubhouse on South Cottage street Tuesday night will be the District No. 2 section of the 17th annual oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion.

The contest for high school students in the district including Marion, Polk, Yamhill and part of Clackamas county, gets underway at 7:30 o'clock and is open to the public.

Topic for the contest is some phase of the Constitution of the United States with two talks to be given by each conestant. One is to be prepared and the other extemporaneous with the contestant given six minutes for preparation.

The winner of the Tuesday night contest will participate in an area contest. From the area contest the winners go to the state contest, reginoal contest and then the National contest. The winner of the National contest receives a $4,000 scholarship.

Chairman of the committee arranging the district No. 2 contest here is Dick PicKell.

## Two Arrested in Knifing at Albany

ALBANY — Eli Winston, 39, Klamath Falls, was taken into custody Sunday as a material witness in an assault with a dangerous weapon case when he was released from the Albany General hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for a severe knife wound.

Winston was lodged in the Linn county jail for lack of $1000 bond. It was he whom Willie Allen, Southern Pacific section hand, is accused of having knifed last Friday at the Southern Pacific yards during a game of dice.

Allen is also in the county jail for lack of $1000 bond.

## Brooks

BROOKS—Mrs. Wayne Grove entertained 20 youngsters at her home after school, complimenting her daughter Phyllis on her seventh birthday. Ice cream and cup cakes were served.

A good crowd and lots of activity was noted around the Brooks gun club, Sunday morning. Thirty members make up the club which meets every fourth Sunday at 10 a.m. Orville Wymore, president and Rudy Harris secretary-treasurer. Jess Varbel, field captain.

The blue and gold banquet was held in the school gymnasium. Leo Hawley was master of ceremony. Douglas Parks was the guest speaker, and Darrell Brown made the presentations.

Den 2, led by Mrs. Marshall Christoferson, and Den 3 led by Mrs. Lena Beilke. Receiving awards in den 2 were Robert Carter, year pin and Lion badge, Harold Christoferson, year pin and lion badge, Robert Watson Bobcat pin. Den 3 Bruce Beilke year pin and Bear Badge, Bobby Pirtle Wolf badge, Harold Johnson Bear badge and year pin.

A program was given by the scouts and explorer scouts of troop 57. John Fitts gave a resume of his trip to California to the 1953 scout jamboree. Approximately one hundred familes were present at the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDaniel and daughters Nancy and Mina were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Pfau.

A fire at the Willard Ramp residence Sunday a.m. consisted of a chimney fire, and little damage was done.

The executive board of the Brooks fire department will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the fire house. George Nolan is chairman.

The regular meeting of the Brooks school board will be held March 9 at the school. Mrs. Charles Mioseve is the new clerk for district No. 31. She is a resident of Brooks.

## Lebanon Salvation Army Man Named

LEBANON — Ronald L. Gilson was named president of the Lebanon Salvation Army executive committee Friday at the Chuck Wagon cafe.

His staff will also include Vern Nelson, treasurer; J. E. Estep, secretary. Earl Saxton and Police Chief Ben Scheele agreed to take care of the welfare work. Scheele was designated to handle transient welfare.

Budget for the Lebanon area for the coming year was set at $3,150. Major E. Parsons of Portland reported that the annual campaign for funds would be conducted about mid-April.

## W. P. Scarth Goes To His Own Home

SILVERTON — W. P. Scarth was taken to his Kent street home from the Silverton Hospital the latter part of the past week to complete convalescence from a back injury sustained at his place of business more than a week ago, when a large door fell on him.

A sudden gust of wind dislodged the door of the supply room of the Feed and Seed Store, pinning Scarth to the floor.

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## CONTESTANT

Ila Bartel, Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Bartel, of Dallas, who will be one of these taking part in the Talent Contest sponsored by the Salem Detachment, Marine Corps League. A singer, Miss Bartel is entered in the senior division of the contest. She has been taking voice training for eight years.

**MANHOLE IS USED**

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP)—Thieves lifeted a manhole cover leading from the street into the cellar of Frank A. Gleason's store. They stole about a ton of coal.

# Talent Meet Friday Night

Event of Friday night at the Salem senior high school auditorium is the fourth annual Talent Contest sponsored by the Salem Detachment of the Marine Corps League. It is scheduled to get underway at 8 o'clock.

The contest is divided into two divisions this year with the junior division for young people from 10 to 14 years of age and the senior division for those in the age group from 14 to 18 years.

To date 23 contestants have been accepted to appear on the program after being auditioned previously.

Points on which the contestants are to be judged are talent, audience reaction and stage deportment and costuming.

**JOYS OF JAIL PROMOTED**

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Police Court Judge Nicholas F. Rago sentenced two vagrants to 60 days in jail with this remark: "You don't have to sleep out in the cold. It's nice and warm up at the jail. They have TV and cards."


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## NEW HORIZONS

Mrs. Gordon Hedderly Smith, author of several books on jungle lore and primitive life among the Indo-China tribes, who is in Salem in connection with the premiere showing of "New Horizons", a color sound film of her work in Indo-China. The picture will be shown at the Christian and Missionary Alliance church at 7:30 Tuesday night.


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## Four Corners

FOUR CORNERS — Club calendar for the coming days:

Firemen's auxiliary March 2, at 8 p.m. Mrs. L. A. Morris and Mrs. Frank Borden co-hostesses in the Morris home.

Rod and Gun club March 2 at 8 p.m., Community hall.

Woman's club, March 4, at 8 o'clock, Community hall, guest speaker.

Well Child conference at Community hall, March 10, from 12:30-3:30.

Circle H Dance club, March 5-19, at 8:30 p.m., Community hall.

Business Men's association, March 12, 8 p.m., Community hall.

Firemen, March 15, 8 p.m., Community Hall.

Home Extension unit, March 16, all day, 10:30 a.m., Community hall, lunch at noon.

Mother's club, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Family night, covered dish dinner for children and parents of Four Corners school, in the multi-purpose room.

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