

# News of the Week Condensed

(Clip and Mail to Those in Service or Distant Friends)

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The second week of February has been a busy one for the county, with special meetings to consider the housing shortage, Phoenix and Talent considering merger of their school systems and Medford school officials planning major repairs and enlargement of all Medford schools.

At a Chamber of Commerce meeting building of small homes on vacant city lots was discussed and a committee will consider erection of a model which would be disposed of to a veteran in need of housing. Shortages of material, mainly plumbing, pipe and electrical fixtures, is said to be acute. Superintendent Hedrick has recommended a repair and remodeling program for the schools to cost about \$500,000, with early submission of the plan for voter approval. Junior high school is said to be most in need of enlargement and remodeling.

Charles Adair has announced plans for construction of a second story for the building which houses the MM department store. V. B. Hawley is planning to

build seven motel units on North Riverside avenue and Miss Dorothy Miller plans to build a grocery store at 1501 Prune street to serve the Woodlawn Heights addition.

The Grange Cooperative Supply association has decided to erect a large feed manufacturing and storage plant at a proposed cost of \$85,000, site of the plant to be decided upon later. Fire destroyed the Crater Meat company plant on the Midway road last Friday night with an estimated meat loss of \$10,000. Stanley Morgan, owner, plans to rebuild a \$35,000 plant in the near future.

Installation of 541 parking meters is now underway and their use will be started in the near future.

Newest organization in the valley is the Rogue Valley Irrigation association, formed of representatives of several irrigation districts. Victor Bursell is the president.

Lincoln's birthday was celebrated with the 32nd annual meeting of the county Lincoln club, with Lamar Tooez of Portland delivering the address of the evening and Henry Enders of Ashland named president. Upper Applegate grange recently passed a resolution demanding that the government make surplus materials available to veterans by establishing surplus property depots in each county.

Everyone read with interest a statement by Dr. Howell Williams University of California geologist, that even if Mount Mazama did erupt again, it wouldn't do anything worse than kill the fish and spoil the beautiful blue color of Crater lake. Ever since spectators reported an odd cloud of smoke or gas hovering over the lake last summer, residents of this area have been wondering what the results would be if the extinct volcano revived. Dr. Williams says violent activity is unlikely after a volcano once collapses.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce membership contest didn't last long for the "membership goose" first in the custody of Jerry Latham, disappeared shortly after Latham took it to the U. S. bank and turned it over to Bob Schenck.

Medford senior and junior high school students did well in the Linfield college tournament. Lorraine Greaves, ninth-grader, won first in oratory and extemporaneous speaking in the junior

section and Jerry Igo, Bill Moffat and Janet Horsley won seconds and third places in impromptu, debate and extemporaneous speaking sections.

News readers also learned this week that 95 new cases of measles were reported among the young fry during the week, that 130,116,000 board feet of timber at a cost of \$887,772 was cut on the Rogue River National Forest during 1945, that Shelby Tuttle, air corps veteran, has opened a new flying service at the fairgrounds air park, that the Eagles lodge celebrated the 48th anniversary of founding Feb. 14.

Oddity in the news was the simultaneous initiation into the American Legion of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Laing, both World War II veterans. Laing served in the air corps as a flight officer while Mrs. Laing was a Wac.

Latest additions to the political ring are Ralph Billings, former county commissioner, who has filed for the republican nomination for county judge, and Dick Baize, navy veteran and present city policeman who will seek the democratic nomination for sheriff.

Weddings, as usual, continue to occupy space in the social news. Announced in recent days were the weddings of Barbara Jean Olsen to Merlyn Perry, both of Eagle Point; Helen Marie Hansen to Weldon Schnell of Ohio; Cecelia Franson, Tacoma, to Leigh Blew; Lucile E. McCollum, Central Point, to Grover D. Copeland, Ashland; Wanda Hood to Frank Bryant, formerly of this county and now of San Diego; Bethel Bernheisel, Ashland, to Leland Cook, Phoenix; Marjorie Jones to Salvador Esquivel, Mexico City; Doris A. Fingar of Sacramento to Merle Vernon Montgomery; Phyllis England, Prospect, to Richard Schroeder, Toledo, Ore.

Engagements in the news were Faye Hollenbeck to Roland F. Hogue; Alice Sparks to James Gordon Bennett, Tacoma; Susan Villas to David Holmes, Jr.; and Yvonne Moore, Gold Hill, to Herbert L. Edwards. Almost all of the grooms and grooms-elect are veterans of the last war.

Relatives of Earl E. Tucker have received formal notice from the navy that he was one of 98 men massacred by the Japanese on Wake Island in October of 1943.

Added to the list of discharged men this week was Joe Orlov, formerly SM2/c in the navy and holder of the silver star and navy cross. He plans to re-enlist. His brother, William, is home on leave from the navy after 25 months in the Pacific. Roger Barker, who also spent 25 months in the Pacific and held the rating of carpenter's mate, has been discharged and others out are Arthur Satterlee, former staff sergeant, who served in Europe with the second armored division; James W. Grigsby, Jr., former electrician's mate third class who served 18 months on a transport; Francis K. Widmer, in the navy two years and who served aboard the USS Louisville as a quartermaster and Conrad Waite, who served six months with a repair unit in Japan.

Also home after being discharged are Houston Pitts, former technical sergeant who served 15 months in the C-B-I theater; George L. Meadows, veteran of 39 months service in the medical corps, spent partly in the African and European theaters; Melvin B. Woods, former staff sergeant with the 96th division who holds the purple heart for wounds received at Leyte; Reed Cox, formerly with airborne divisions in Europe and who will now live in Lakeview and James H. Doe, formerly stationed aboard the USS Missouri and who witnessed the surrender of the Japanese.

Pfc. James L. Graham, who has re-enlisted in the service, is home on furlough. Savella May Davidson has been advanced to the rating of chief yeoman at Corpus Christi where she is stationed with the Waves.

**G. P. WATER LEVY SET**  
Grants Pass, Feb. 15—A levy of \$8.88 per acre has been assessed against land under the Grants Pass irrigation district to raise funds for expenses anticipated during 1946. The levy total was \$88,711.68 on an acreage of 10,265, of which 10,000 was given as the base acreage from which revenue could be anticipated.

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## 33 DISCHARGEES ARE LISTED FROM JACKSON COUNTY

Twenty-one army and 12 navy men from Jackson county are among those discharged from the service during the past week according to reports from separation centers.

Army personnel all discharged at Ft. Lewis were Sgt. Calvin N. Howley, Central Point; Pfc. Arthur C. Hodgson, Butte Falls; Cpl. William K. Quarterhous, Eagle Point; Cpl. Richard W. Lee, Jacksonville; T/4 Robert E. Stribbling, Shady Cove; S/Sgt. Carl E. Isenhower, 73 Pine Street, T/Sgt. Albert C. Carlson, Rt. 1, T/4 Alfred A. Larson, 157 Oak street, Pfc. Lester W. Alwine, 842 A street and Pvt. Claire L. Good, 70 Bush street, all of Ashland; T/4 David W. Robinson, 407 Park street, S/Sgt. Ross W. Webb, 223 W. Sixth street, Sgt. Frank M. Sifton, Rt. 2, T/5 Robert N. Duprez, box 646, T/4 Robert Alspaugh, Jr., 824 Second street, Pvt. Arthur E. Carlson, 937 N. Central avenue, Pfc. Robert Ladd, 702 Pennsylvania avenue, Pfc. Trafton D. Bench, Rt. 1, Cpl. Kenneth R. Corliss, 938 S. Holly street, Pvt. Joseph W. Roberts, 839 W. 13th street, and Tec. 4 Gerald J. Bryant, 619 S. Central avenue, all of Medford.

Navy men released at Bremerton were Ernest G. Childreth, MOMM 3/c, Ashland, Benjamin F. McManama, GM2/c, Central Point, Jesse E. Miller, SK2/c, Rogue River, Richard F. Graville, Si/c, Jacksonville, and Gene H. Foresee, RM3/c, Rt. 4, Raymond J. Pitts, PHM3/c, Rt. 3, Lewis L. Smith, Si/c, 236 N. Oakdale avenue, Frank F. Carter, AMM2/c, Rt. 4, Russell E. Stelle, Si/c, 409 N. Fir street, and Harold E. Hargitt, Y2/c, 416 King street, all of Medford.

Lt. (jg) Allyn A. Monroe, 1815 Crown Hill Rd., Medford, was separated in Seattle and Charles A. Affleck, EM3/c, 108 S. Grape street, Medford, was discharged at Shoemaker, Cal.

### Prospect

Prospect, Feb. 15—Membership is rapidly growing in the newly organized Girl Scout troop, sponsored by the P.T.A. Mrs. R. Macro is leader, assisted by Mrs. Doyle Mills, and Mrs. Henry Herman is in charge of the Brownies.

Norman Mayfield of Crescent visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Neece and Miss Dona Shadley over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sutcliffe, Sr., returned from southern California last week, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Sutcliffe's father.

Sgt. Ted G. Jantzer, a former Prospect boy, arrived in New York Feb. 7 from Luzon, Philippine islands, and went on to Camp Shelby, Miss., where he will receive his honorable discharge. Sgt. Jantzer joined his wife Lorraine, at Piquette, Miss., Feb. 12, and they are planning on coming to Oregon sometime in March, to make their home.

Sgt. Jantzer is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jantzer of Medford.

The heavy snowfall of the past two weeks has curtailed the local lumber and logging industries. Several of the mills are taking advantage of the enforced shut-down to do their annual repair work.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chapman went to Portland last week, where they purchased a new

Mack truck, which will be used for lumber hauling to Medford, from the Ross-DeArmond Lbr. Co. mill.

Wallace W. Dinkens and Jim Sawyer have built roofs over both entrances and flights of steps leading to the school dining room.

### Olive Barber's Letter



No longer do I doubt the story of Cinderella's transformation from ragged squalor to radiant loveliness. For I have but lately witnessed an equally astounding transformation.

As has been the case with so many small farms the last few years, ours has been increasingly neglected. Ground previously cultivated has been taken over by weeds and berry vines. The orchard has remained unpruned and buildings have disintegrated. I have agonized over this progressive decay but have been unable to better matters.

Yet this morning, Hillside "walks in beauty," for it snowed during the night. The too-twiggy trees could not flaunt such lacy flourishes were they not too twiggy. Snow-laden berryvines scarf the fences in a prodigality of loveliness.

Sweeping the ground under the walnut tree free of snow, ground suet and cereals were spread for the birds. They came to the feast on fluttering, eager wings; orange and brown Alaska robins; black headed juncos; brilliantly vested towhees; scarlet helmeted woodpeckers; four kinds of sparrows; flickers, flashing their flame-lined wings; bright breasted robins; gold-green kinglets; demure hermit thrushes; chickadees; Oh, the glad news spread quickly, I tell you.

So is our Cinderella bedecked with jewels. And it was but a part of the magic that the jewels were possessed of life and movement.

Back of the orchard is the forest, fir tops fingering a leaden sky. That slightly burnished spot is the sun, trying to establish a beach head for an invasion of this other-world realm. Given time, it will. And when it does, then the hour will have struck. The enchanted moment will have come to an end. Hillside will be thrust back into its former ragged neglect.

But for the now, there is this magic the snow has wrought. And underneath this there is further magic yet to be accomplished. The magic of pushing green things; of swelling buds and the swift upflow of sap. The knowledge of this coming enchantment makes a singing through my blood and in my heart there is the beginning of a stir I know so well. Come spring, seed and sun and I will work yet another magic. Just you wait and see.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC RATES CUT

San Francisco, Feb. 15—(U.P.) Electric power rate reductions of \$4,310,000 a year for all northern California customers of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co., effective in April, were announced today by L. Harold Anderson, president of the California Railroad commission.

Anderson said the reductions, with recent cuts in gas rates, will slash \$7,490,000 from the P. G. & E.'s annual income.

## ROLAND MITCHELL TAKEN BY DEATH

Roland V. Mitchell, a life long resident of Jackson County, passed away at a local hospital Thursday.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Jacksonville February 3, 1895. He has been employed as an orchardist in the valley for many years. He was a veteran of the World War I.

Left to mourn his passing are his mother, Mrs. Lucy Knox of Jacksonville; two children, John Mitchell, in the Navy and now home on furlough, one daughter, Marcel Godly of Jacksonville; one grandson; two brothers, Lewis Mitchell of Springfield, Ore., and Nicholas Mitchell, Dorris, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at the Perl Funeral Home Saturday at 10:30 a.m., the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

**VALENTINE BABY**  
Hollywood, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Maria Montez gave birth to an eight pound, three ounce baby girl Thursday—a valentine's pre-

sent as her horoscope prophesied. The baby was born at St. Vincent's hospital by caesarian section. Miss Montez' physician was Dr. Bernard J. Hanley.

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**OYSTERS MENACED**  
Seattle, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—All naval aircraft in the northwest's Puget Sound area were ordered today to joint coastguard surface patrols in attempts to abate water pollution from shipping which coastal oyster and clam

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