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was quite sure just where or how far.

That, for me, was 10 years, a wife and child ago, but it seems like a hundred years since I sat there with a machine gun, looking out over the snow-covered countryside and wondering what the folks back home in Jackson, Mich., were doing while the Germans were making their last big bid against the Allies in Western Europe.

We had the machine gun mounted on a wooden box because the tripod had been lost somehow along the line. A lot of things had been lost all along our line. I had only the clothes I wore, and they had proved almost a liability because the Germans had captured large stores of GI uniforms and were using them so no one trusted anyone.

There was a kitchen from some outfit in the town nearby and they split their rations with us — elements of other divisions that had been scattered in the surprise attack.

I had been on duty in Clerveaux, Luxembourg, and separated from my regular infantry battalion. After leaving there in haste and walking for miles, I'd found some other soldiers, lost like myself.

We had picked up an officer or two along the way and made brief and futile stands at roadblocks along the road to Bastogne. I remember a night attack by a mixed crew of various outfits against the town of Wilitz, the headquarters

of my division, the 28th. There, I'd heard, truckloads of Christmas gifts were burned in huge blast furnaces to keep them from falling into the hands of the Germans. I got one package — the following April down in Colmar, France.

And so there it was Christmas, 1944. I had finally attached myself to another regiment of my division and been assigned to the hilltop post.

My buddy—I don't even remember his name and I swore I'd never forget it—spelled the word "bitter" so I got a chance to go down the hill through a mined field, to a house across the road. The good people there let us warm ourselves and hang our wet socks to dry in front of the roaring fireplace.

The kitchen somehow had picked up Christmas rations and gave me a turkey leg, some cranberry sauce and dressing, all cold, but darned good after a steady fare of K rations — and sometimes no fare at all.

There was a small fir tree by our hole and we decorated it with metal strips from cans. The night before Christmas, planes going over dropped long strips of foil they used to fool radar and these helped make our tree one of the best-decorated on the Western Front.

I remember taking the small card with the "Christmas" message sent to all the troops by General Patton. Old "Blood and Guts" had composed a prayer that was typical — he

asked that the mud might freeze so we could attack. He'd gotten his wish, but the Germans had taken the initiative.

We wished each other a Happy Christmas — and wondered whether the machine gun would fire in the sub-zero weather, if we had to use it.

But somehow the war we could still hear in the distance seemed far away. Across the fields smoke rose from a Belgian farmer's chimney. It was very quiet, and miraculously, it really looked like Christmas!

## LEGAL NOTICES

Case No. 54-713-E  
SUMMONS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
NORTHWEST MINING AND REFINING CO., Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF W. R. DAVIS, DECEASED; ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF W. R. DAVIS, DECEASED; ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the date of the first publication of this Summons, if you fail to appear and answer, Plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in their Complaint, which relief is succinctly stated as follows, to-wit: That all claims that you assert of any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to the real property situate in Jackson County, Oregon, particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the northwestern corner of Donation Land Claim No. 97 in Township 34 South, Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon, said point being the northeast corner of tract described in Volume 188 page 218 of the Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon; thence South 89° 46' East 723.17 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of the Robert B. Purves land as described in Volume 24 page 232, said Deed Records; thence along the westerly line of said Purves land as follows: South 4° 39' East 720.27 feet, and South 2° 33' West 481.23 feet to the north line of a 25-foot strip of land; thence North 89° 33' West 248.4 feet to a point North of the northeast corner of tract described in Volume 51 page 634, said Deed Records; thence South 208.0 feet to the northeast corner of said tract; thence North 89° 38' 727.41 feet, more or less, to the east line of the Packard land as described in Volume 99 page 265, said Deed Records; thence North 0° 17' East 870.65 feet to the southwest corner of the Wagner Creek Cemetery Lot as described in Volume 15 page 26, said Deed Records; thence South 89° 46' East 232.31 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot; thence North 0° 17' East 354.75 feet to the point of beginning.

or in or to any part or parcel thereof be adjudged and declared to be null and void; and that Plaintiffs be decreed to be the owners in fee simple of said premises, and of the whole thereof, free and clear of any and all such right, title, estate, lien or interest; and that you, and each and all persons claiming through or under you, be forever enjoined, restrained, and barred from asserting, attempting to establish, or claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in or to said real property, or in or to any part or parcel thereof; and that Plaintiffs' title to said premises be forever quieted and set at rest.

The date of the Order for publication of this Summons is December 6, 1954 and the date prescribed for such publication is once each week for four successive weeks.

Dated and first published December 10, 1954.

VAN DYKE & DELLENBACK  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs  
12 & Goley Building  
Medford, Oregon

is published once a week for four successive and consecutive weeks pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Herbert K. Hanna, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly made and entered on the 29th day of November, 1954.

Date of first publication of this summons, December 3rd, 1954.  
RAY AND PENNINGTON  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
P. O. Address: 1041 Willamette  
Eugene, Oregon

No. 52-406-E  
CITATION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY  
LORRAINE W. PETTY, Plaintiff vs. PRENTICE C. PETTY, Defendant.  
To Lorraine W. Petty, Plaintiff above named.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby commanded to appear before this court and the Honorable Judge thereof in the Circuit Court Room in the Court House in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. on the 10th day of January, 1955, to show cause, if any there be, why the decree now on file in this court should not be modified by deleting therefrom the requirement thereunder for the payment of \$50.00 per month by defendant to plaintiff for the care and custody of Gretchen Marie Petty, their minor child.

This citation is published pursuant to an order of this court dated 2nd day of December, 1954.  
WITNESS the hand and seal of Honorable H. K. Hanna, Judge thereof.  
Circuit Court  
Beret P. Hopkins, County Clerk  
Date of first publication 3 December, 1954.

By Nydahl Nell  
Deputy Clerk

SPECIAL ELECTION ORDER  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.  
In the Matter of the Formation of Grandview Water District.  
This matter having come on for hearing on November 23, 1954, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. by order of this court dated October 25, 1954, setting the time for hearing upon the petition to organize the above-named district, and it appearing that a written petition was presented for the exclusion within the boundaries of the proposed district, the court having recessed the hearing until December 1, 1954, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., the court having

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## Veterans Due Back From Far East Posts

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Sixth Army says five shiploads of service men returning from Pacific and Far Eastern posts this week will either be home or en route home by Christmas.

Published reports that the returning veterans would not be home for the holidays because of a "processing jam" were flatly denied by an Army spokesman.

He said more than 1200 Army men who arrived aboard the transport Breckinridge and Ainsworth Tuesday left for their homes by air within a few hours after the ships docked.

The transport Gen. Sultan is due today with 1602 servicemen including 822 soldiers and the transports Anderson and Aultman are due Friday with more than 2600 passengers.

## Indian Tribes Called To Meeting by McKay

Salem — (U.P.) — Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, spending the holidays at his home here, said he has scheduled a meeting with representatives of the Siletz and Grand Ronde Indian tribes for Dec. 30 to discuss details of a \$3,000,000 lands settlement.

The money was recently judged to be due the two tribes for lands taken from them in the 19th century. It is collecting four per cent interest in the United States treasury pending distribution.

McKay has also arranged conferences with state education officials regarding a program of adult education planned to prepare members of the Klamath Indian tribe for self-government, due in 1958.

## LEGAL NOTICES

DIVIDEND NOTICE  
Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan Association has declared its regular semi-annual dividend at the rate of 3% per annum as of December 31, 1954, and such dividend is available to the customers on that date and will be credited to savings accounts and, if not called for, will be mailed to those receiving cash dividends.  
J. H. Fletsch, Secretary

heard the evidence and weighed the objections of the person requesting exclusion, the court being duly advised in the premises, hereby finds that a part of the land described in the original petition would not be benefited by inclusion within the district, and the boundaries shall be amended to exclude certain parcels North of Lone Pine Road, now therefor.

It is hereby Ordered that an election be held from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. on January 12, 1955, at 2179 Crater Lake Avenue, Medford, Oregon, for the purpose of voting upon the question of formation of a water district with the following exterior boundaries:

Beginning at the section corner common to Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18 Township 37 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon; thence North 700.90 feet along the center line of Crater Lake Avenue to the intersection thereof with the South line of a private roadway; thence West 458 feet, more or less, to the intersection of said South line with the center line of the new Crater Lake Highway; thence Southwesterly along the center line of said highway to the intersection thereof with the Easterly right-of-way line of the old Pacific and Eastern Railroad described in Volume 80, Page 609, Deed Records of Jackson County, Oregon; thence Southeasterly along said Easterly line of said railroad, now known as Bidde Road, 485 feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the tract described in Vol. 371, Page 234, said Deed Records, being the Northwesterly corner of the Kenwood Water District; thence Easterly along the North line of said tract 1197.42 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South 2° 19' East along the Easterly boundary of said tract 429.6 feet to the Southeast corner thereof; thence Easterly 1451.40 feet, more or less, to a point which is North 89° 57' East 30 feet from the Southeast corner of D.L.C. No. 39.

Southwesterly parallel to Springbrook Road and published once a week for four (4) successive weeks prior to the date of said election. It is further ordered that at said election five (5) commissioners shall be elected to govern the business of the district, and that the names of all candidates whose petitions are filed not less than ten days before said election shall be placed on said ballot by the county clerk.

Entered by this court on this 2nd day of December, 1954.  
RONALD KEATING  
County Judge  
R. R. LITTLE  
County Commissioner  
L. C. SHY MORTLAND  
County Commissioner

east corner of Springbrook Subdivision, a recorded subdivision; thence North along the East line of said subdivision 2642.4 feet to the Northeast corner thereof, said corner being the quarter corner between Sections 8 and 17, said township and range; thence West along the North line of said Section 17 to the point of beginning.

It is further Ordered that the County Clerk appoint three (3) judges or clerks of the election, make suitable arrangements for said election, and cause a copy of this order to be posted in three (3) public places within the district and published once a week for four (4) successive weeks prior to the date of said election.

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