

City Briefs

Walt—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Doren spent the week-end in Corvallis visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Christy and family. Christy, MOMM2/c of the U. S. navy, is the brother of Mrs. Van Doren, and was employed at Klamath Agency before entering the service. He has been in a naval hospital for the past 10 months and will stop for a day in Klamath Falls en route to San Diego where he will undergo further surgery. He will be in the San Diego hospital for 12 months. Christy has two sons also in the service, one in Germany, and the other in training as a navy cadet.

Commended—2nd Lt. Robert Stewart, U. S. army, now serving with General Patton's army in Germany, has been commended by the commanding officer of the 95th division for his work as platoon leader in transporting supplies to the front. Lt. Stewart has been overseas since August. His wife is the former Suzanne Michelson and is here at the present time making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Michelson, and working out of the Klamath county welfare commission office.

Wants Parents—PFC Wayne H. Hall, U. S. marine corps, arrived home last week from the South Pacific where he has been for the past 28 months. He has until January 17 before returning to duty at a California base. This is Hall's first time home for Christmas in over two years. He is the son of Mrs. William Merande of Chiloquin, and a graduate of Klamath Union high school, class of 1942.

Merrill Man Here—Ed Crawford, Merrill business man, was in Klamath Falls on business Tuesday. He was warm in his praise of local people who helped put over the big Merrill-Malin bond sale program a week ago. Crawford was active on the committee for the sale.

Called South—Mrs. Roland Oakes, 1212 Eldorado, has been called to Fresno, Calif., by the serious illness of her mother. All of the children were at their mother's bedside and it is understood that her condition is slightly improved.

Skating Party—There will be a skating party at Poole's Roldrome Thursday, December 21, from 1:30 to 4:30 for all Girl Scouts.

Christmas Party—Police post No. 1333 VFW and the ladies' auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas party Thursday, December 21, at the KC hall refreshments and dancing will be a part of the entertainment. Each member is asked to invite a serviceman and his wife, or just a serviceman for the party. There will be no gift exchange as was previously announced.

Exceeds Quota—Klamath Union high school has exceeded its quota in the 6th War Loan drive by 47 per cent. The employees' quota was set at \$3000 and \$4131.25 in bonds and stamps was purchased by them, while \$4706.25 was bought by the students to top their \$3000 quota.

Return—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ostendorf and daughter Jean returned to their home on Pacific Terrace Monday night from Salem, where Mrs. Ostendorf has been with a sister. Jean is on vacation from Oregon State college and spent several days in Salem.

Society to Meet—The Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Thursday at 2:15 p. m. for a special Christmas program. Tea will be served following the meeting.

From School—George Underwood, student at Hill Military academy, Portland, arrived home Monday to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Underwood of N. 7th. Jean Underwood, who is in her second year at Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., arrived home this weekend for the holidays.

From South—W. J. "Mickey" Boatright, San Francisco investigator who has been in Klamath Falls and at Klamath Agency this week, left for Ashland Tuesday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Kerrigan. Boatright was formerly at Pearl Harbor with the U. S. navy.

To Valley—Olive Wilson, teacher in the Klamath Falls schools, will leave this weekend for the valley to spend the Christmas holidays.

Home—A/C James R. Ottoman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Ottoman of Malin, is home on furlough from Williams Field, Ariz. He has until December 21 in Klamath.

On Leave—SC 1/c and Mrs. Albert Reeder are in Klamath Falls to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bernice Haines, 416 N. 9th. Reeder has engaged in all the major naval battles in the South Pacific including the Philippine invasion. He is now on a 30-day leave and will return to Seattle, where he is stationed at present, the latter part of December.

Improving—Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dunn, 4748 S. 6th, have received word that their son, PFC Leslie H. Dunn, is improving following an injury to his arm last March which was so severe that it disqualified him for overseas duty. He has been under medical care at Pueblo, Colo.

Henley Unit—The Henley extension unit will meet Thursday at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. William Williams, one mile from Merrill highway west of Mac's store. The topic, "Forestalling Delinquency," will be led by Mrs. Winnifred Gilten.

To Ashland—Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Kerrigan are leaving for their home in Ashland after attending to business at Klamath Agency. Kerrigan is connected with the Kerrigan News Syndicate of San Francisco.

Vacation—Ann Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson of the Olene district, is home for the holidays from the University of Oregon where she is a first-year student.

Police Court—Only two appeared in police court Wednesday morning, one man charged with being drunk, the other drunk and disorderly. Three traffic tickets were paid.

In Klamath—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nixon of Beatty are guests at the Arcade hotel while in Klamath Falls. Nixon is recovering from a bad leg injury.

On Furlough—A/S Phillip Blohm, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blohm, arrived at his home on Pacific Terrace from Douglas, Ariz., on Wednesday morning. He plans to spend the Christmas

holidays with his parents here, and will report back to Douglas, Ariz., for further training on January 5.

JH Dance—There will be a dance for Junior Hostesses at the Marine Barracks Friday, December 22. This will be a Christmas party, and all Junior Hostesses are asked to meet at the USO center where the buses will leave at 7:30 p. m.

Library to Close—The city library will be closed all day Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25. Mrs. Nixon, the children's librarian, will tell a Christmas story over the radio at 5:15 Saturday afternoon.

Election—There will be a regular election of the Culinary Alliance held Thursday, December 21, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., with a regular meeting to follow at 8:30 p. m. in the Labor temple.

Change Hours—Beginning January 1, 1945, the Klamath offices of the OPA will be open from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. instead of from 9:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. as has been the case this year.

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Royal Neighbors—The Royal Neighbors will meet for their next regular session on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the KC hall.

Beavers Interfere With Tide Gates

REEDSPORT, Dec. 20 (AP)—Complaints that beavers' dams are interfering with the closing of tide gates along the Umpqua, Smith, and Schofield rivers, resulting in flooded land, are being investigated today.

Fred Sankey, state game commission beaver control expert here touring ranches, said many of the beavers would have to be taken from the district.

RAILS LOADED WITH TRAVEL FOR HOLIDAYS

Railroad travel is heavier than usual this year over the holidays, according to L. S. Stitt, district freight and passenger agent for Southern Pacific.

Most of the train space is taken up by military personnel plus a small amount of civilian travel, he said. There are no restrictions on railroad travel, but railroads have expressly asked the public to refrain from using the trains during the holiday season unless absolutely necessary. This is in order to permit members of the armed forces to spend the Christmas holidays with their families, Stitt said.

The public is complying well with this appeal, although travel facilities are still crowded. It was pointed out that thousands of service men and women are going home for Christmas and the railroads must also always be ready to move wounded fighting men from ships to hospitals. No extra trains are allowed by the government to be added to facilitate the handling of the

increased travel which normally develops during the Christmas holidays, Stitt stated. Consequently there is an extreme shortage of passenger cars as well as motive power and train crews.

The ticket demand is especially heavy from military personnel here, Stitt said. Trains are operating practically on time since most of the congestion and delays to regular passenger trains have been eliminated by the operation of the "Santa Claus special," which handles all mail, express and baggage, relieving the regular passenger trains from this local service, he said.

Postpone Skating Party—The S.S.S. Elk skating party scheduled for Saturday, December 23, has been postponed until January. The next meeting, which will be held Thursday, December 19, at 7:15 p. m. at the armory, will be informal, with no uniforms required.

EAGLES SCHEDULE HOLIDAY AFFAIRS

Members of the Eagles lodge are looking forward to three affairs planned during the holiday season. On Friday night at 7:30 o'clock there will be a supper and entertainment for Eagles and their families. Treats for the children are planned. Friday, December 29, there will be a special meeting in

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