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With a fancy pair of be-buttoned socks, Rosemary Murrey was given first prize for the girl at the T. & I. stocking dance Friday night. Taking the prize for the best-looking pair of socks among the boys was Ray Best, whose feet were hidden by a mass of ruffles and ribbons. Plaids and bows combined to help Louise Linman and Doyle Shiffman win the prize for the best shod couple.

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Carrier Tests Show Jets OK

Navy Pilots Mark Up First Successful Sea Maneuvers

ABOARD USS BOXER, AT SEA. The successful carrier tests for jet aircraft aboard the Boxer were the first of their kind. The Royal Air Force as long ago as December 1945 successfully made one experimental launching with a jet. Recently naval experiments were conducted under special test conditions. But until last Wednesday there had been no jet operations at sea under normal carrier conditions and with service pilots.

The 10-mile-a-minute FJ-1's thundered on and off the Boxer's flight deck with ease. They were launched successfully both under their own power and by catapult. But despite the 4000-pound thrust developed by the FJ-1's straight ram duct engine, it was apparent the slow acceleration of the jet-propelled plane would bar launches under its own power as routine procedure. This is a handicap inherent in all present jet propulsion.

On the other hand, the ease with which the jets were catapulted points to this method of launching as most likely under present jet development.

The jets took off easily enough with a full deck run. But under combat conditions it would not be feasible to keep the entire flight deck clear to launch only one plane at a time.

The boxer's two deck catapults, however, shot the six-ton fighters into the air at about 145 miles an hour—well over flying speed.

The FJ-1 is a sleek, stub-winged plane rated by the navy simply at "more than 550 miles an hour." Publicized figures show that it has flown much better than 600 miles an hour, however.

It has a rate of climb of a mile a minute, an official flying time of four hours, and a range of more than 1500 miles. Its axial jet engine is manufactured by General Electric.

Making the first jet operational landing on the Boxer was Commander Evan P. Aurand of Houston, Tex., commanding officer of Fighting 5-A, and Lt. Comdr. Robert Elder of Milwaukie, Ore., squadron executive officer.

Both pilots pronounced jet carrier landings easier than with conventional propeller-driven aircraft. The jet thrust, they added, was also ample for emergency wave-offs after the pilot has throttled down for the landing.

After witnessing the tests, Vice Admiral G. D. Murray, commanding the first task fleet, commented that the details of operating full jet squadrons from carriers were "only practical ones."

Among these problems undoubtedly will be new methods of plane handling. Unlike conventional planes, the roaring rearward jet blast probably will prevent launching of more than two or three planes at a time.

But because jet engines need no warm-up, the jet can be moved singly from the deck-load of parked planes, its engine turned up, and launched within a minute or two. There no longer will be any need for the long warm-up period now required by present planes.

Clocking showed the FJ-1's in the Boxer tests were air-borne less than two minutes after their engines were turned on.

But already naval jet development has progressed to the point where the "Fury" is termed just an "interim" plane by the navy.

It expects, the navy added, to count chiefly for its coming fleet jet expansion on still newer jet fighters, the Grumman F9F "Panther" and the McDonnell F-4H "Banshee."

High School

News and Comment
By MARY LOU CASE

To bolster the team's morale enough so they'll come home from the tournament state basketball champs, the student body assembled in the auditorium today at 11:25. Georgianna Clark emceed the assembly which included several numbers from the band and speeches by Coach Wayne Scott and Team Captain Don Zarosinski. Entertainment came in the form of Loren Stroud, doing a couple of tap numbers, and some "acting up" by the yell squad.

Results in the ensemble and vocal contest held at KU Saturday show that no Klamath participants received lower than a rating of 2, good. Entered in the contest were groups from all over Southern Oregon.

In the vocal division, 1 ratings, meaning excellent, were given to Catherine Blanas, Wilber Elliott and Rosalie Swedin. Vocal 2's went to Colleen Creswell and Bonnie Dimmick.

Individual instrumental ratings were 2's for clarinet players Lois Larson, Geraldine Lewis and Zada Taylor; flute, Ingerid Norland; drums, David Coske and Leonard Wash. Individual 1's were received by Jim Griggs on French horn; Bruce Crawford, bass; and David Coske, drums.

For the ensembles, the clarinet quartet and drum ensemble were the only groups to receive a 1. The brass sextets, trumpet trio, horn quartet, boys' octet, mixed quartet and girls' nonette received 2 ratings.

Twirlers Donna Humble and Joanne Abner were rated with a 2 and 1, respectively.

Officers To Hold School
The 630th Organized Reserve group will conduct a training school Wednesday evening, March 17, at the county courthouse. Instruction will start at 7:30 p. m. and last until 9:30 p. m. Lt. Col. Fred B. Ehlers will be instructor for a lesson in ordnance. 1st Lt. Howard Ferris will explain an infantry platoon maneuver used in the Rhine river crossing, and Captain Roy E. Ruhkala will lecture on problems of the Japanese occupation.

Major Walter C. Fingerhuth, regular army instructor stationed at Medford, will be present and speak on current military developments.

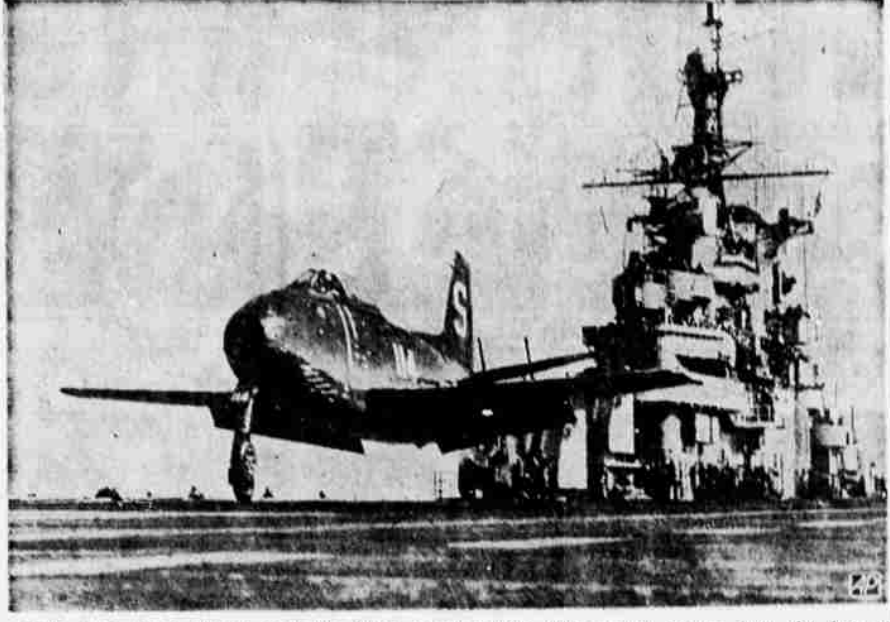
Snowfall Boosts Moisture Count
MADRAS, March 15 (AP)—A six-inch snowfall in Jefferson county and other Central Oregon districts Sunday improved the moisture prospects for wheat ranchers this spring and summer.

The snow brought new problems, however, to cattlemen who have taken California animals from drought stricken areas. The snow has covered the available rangeland for some 2500 head from Bakersfield, Calif., area. Ranchers will have to provide extra hay rations.

A continued cold period may result in a feed shortage in the sector, ranchers reported.

Deafness is often a hereditary ailment.

First Take-Off of Navy Jet Plane From Carrier



Comdr. Evan (Pete) Aurand sends his North American FJ-1 fighter plane roaring down the deck of the carrier USS Boxer to make the first take-off of a jet propelled aircraft from a carrier flight deck in American naval aviation history. The operation took place off the Southern California Coast. —Ap wirephoto

Boyle's Column "Slim Jim" Leaves The 82nd, But His Spirit Stays

By HAL BOYLE
PT. BRAGG, N. C., March 15 (AP)—A hundred and fifty combat veterans of the 82nd airborne division stood waiting as the slender man with two stars on his shoulder stepped to the microphone.

They were survivors of "The Devils in Baggy Pants" who made four combat parachute jumps in Europe and helped turn back the German tide in the Battle of the Bulge.

They were gathered to hear the farewell address of their leader, Major General "Slim Jim" Gavin, who has been promoted to chief of staff of the fifth army in Chicago.

"I'm not here to say 'goodbye,' because I'll really never leave the division," said General Jim. "I'll always be here in spirit."

And for about five minutes he told them in simple soldierly language what it had meant to him to be their leader. He said that their division "will never die," and that what they had done in its name gave them an immortality too.

When he finished, there wasn't a man in the room who wouldn't willingly have followed him off to another war.



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him a compliment soldiers rarely pay their generals: "He wouldn't ask you to do anything he wouldn't do." "That's why they'll never forget 'Slim Jim' Gavin.

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Recreation Notes
By SAM SMITH
Superintendent of Recreation

Our little folks should be able to enjoy themselves more this summer than during any summer of recent years. In addition to several school centers similar to those offered in the past, there will be three playgrounds with a limited amount of free play equipment in use during part or all of the summer vacation season. The delay in arrival of equipment after placing the orders is our main worry. Orders have been placed for new swings, etc., for the stand on Richmond and playground 3rd and McKinley. The old high school site on 8th and High will be decked out with a new set of swings, two slides and two teeters. The Kiwanis club has held a meeting for planning placement of equipment on their new playground in Mills addition. Their first order will probably include swings, teeters and slides.

This is the beginning of a five to 10 year expansion program. Each year we will see more play centers come to life and more equipment on the larger ones. The larger playgrounds, including Moore park, will have playground directors to supervise the activity. The smaller neighborhood playgrounds will be for those who can use them easily and the recreation department will keep the equipment in good repair and make the center as safe as possible.

The program is starting to move forward and with public support should improve year after year until we have one of the best playground systems in the state.

The activity program for next week includes no special events. The swimming, ceramics and women's physical education programs will continue as during the past few weeks.

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