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## CIRCUIT RIDER

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### DON'T WORRY IF YOU HEAR SIREN TODAY

If, along about 10 o'clock this morning, you hear a siren sounding, don't get ready for a blackout or evacuation.

It will be the new siren Fire Chief Louis Gomez has fabricated with the aid of Welder Frank Kelly and Machinist W. A. Huston out of some odds and ends. An old automobile engine is its motive power until tests have determined what speed of revolution will produce the most noise.

With the permission of Supervisor George Morgan of Gomez will take the siren into the hills between Soledad and Aptos for its try-out.

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### PROBATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT IS NOT FILED

That the report filed by the county's acting probation officer, Ernie Balke, is not the equivalent of a report from the county probation committee, and that the law requires the committee to file an annual report not later than February 1, was the contention by Mrs. B. B. Wilder of Ben Lomond to the county supervisors yesterday.

The chairman of the county probation committee is H. M. Parker of Watsonville. The nominal probation officer is Charles Herbert, formerly of Watsonville but now said to be outside the county, to whom a year's leave of absence without pay has been granted.

The supervisors promised Mrs. Wilder they would look up the law. They admitted no report from the committee has been filed.

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### OCD CASH WANTED FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE

The California delegation in congress is trying to sell the Office of Civilian Defense on the idea that areas of the coast vulnerable to possible enemy attack should have financial aid in their preparedness efforts.

Failing to get state cash because Governor Olson re-

fused to put the subject in his legislative call, the counties and cities have turned their attention to the national OCD.

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### STATE FIRE EQUIPMENT MAY BE USED IN CITIES

One form of state cash which will be available is the four million dollars which the legislature's spe-

cial session gave the state forestry department. The appropriation has been signed by Olson.

A large portion of the four million will be used to buy additional equipment and material.

In addition the law makes legal the use of state-owned fire fighting equipment within cities, on request from local defense councils.

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### CALL FOR WAR MINERALS IN COUNTY—IF ANY

County residents should make a survey of their properties for ore which will yield tin, tungsten, magnesite or any of half a dozen other minerals used in war production.

The state association of supervisors has asked each county to look over its resources. No official survey will be made here but any ore owner should report to the county engineer.

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### SURVEY FOR BRIDGE WHILE SAND IS OUT

County Engineer Arnold Baldwin secured permission from the supervisors last week to make a survey for future construction of a new bridge at the city-county line at Twin Lakes.

Recent storms have washed the sand away at the eastern (county) end of the bridge until bedrock is exposed. Engineering figures necessary for the bridge, if and when, can be secured now at small cost.

The city has \$2000 earmarked for its part of a new joint county-and-city bridge, but the county is

not ready to spend the money. Besides, the county end of the bridge is in better shape than the city's end, which received some recent storm damage.

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### ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS

The question whether an assessment district, newly organized and with no tax money yet in its coffers, should be allowed to buy county maps at cost or should pay the \$1.50 charged to private individuals is before the supervisors for another month.

The request came from the San Lorenzo Valley County Water district, which is entirely in the San Lorenzo valley.

The maps in question are blue-

prints of the assessor's maps, made by the engineer's office. The only exception the county has made to its \$1.50 price has been when the maps were wanted by the state or federal governments.

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### HIGH COST OF LIVING HITS MEALS IN JAIL

The high cost of living is hitting our county jail. The inmates do not give a merry hoot, but Sheriff Bo Devitt has been feeling the strain.

Now the taxpayers are in a position to pay attention.

Increase in the per-inmate per diem allowance from 12 to 15 cents was voted by the supervisors yesterday.

### NEARY LAGOON WAS ONCE GOOD FARM LAND

Receding waters in the Neary lagoon, which a few days ago reached into the Southern Pacific yards, have brought forth historical discussion.

Old-timers agreed that half a century ago floods were wider and deeper than that of this week.

The Sentinel files of half a century ago assert, however, that in the 1840's and 1850's William H. Blackburn had the present lagoon fenced and plowed it regularly.

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### HARRY LUCAS IN OFFICE HE OCCUPIED IN 1903

When young Harry Lucas was graduated from Stanford in 1903 and came back to his home town with a fine new attorney's certificate, he opened offices with Charles Cassin in the second floor of the Leonard building, opposite the courthouse, at Front and Cooper streets.

Today Judge Harry C. Lucas, general counsel for the Greyhound Lines in San Francisco, is back in his old offices in the Leonard building. In partnership with Loyd Miller, recently resigned as deputy county clerk and new attorney, Judge Lucas will occupy the same suite he did when he started practice in 1903.

In the interim the offices were occupied by Harry J. Bias, who moved to them from what is now the Rittenhouse building.

### MOUNTAIN ECHO FILE TO GO TO LIBRARY

W. S. Rodgers of Boulder Creek, who started the Boulder Creek Mountain Echo in 1896, just before that village was incorporated, and who suspended his weekly a few years after the disincorporation of his community, has presented a complete file of the paper to the county library.

The file will make accessible to the public the history of the mountain town during the time it was a political entity; it will tell the story of the days when Arthur Stagg, the butcher, and Joe Aram, the Southern Pacific agent, were Boulder Creek's mayors, Mr. Rodgers was the judge; of the old sewer system and the many other improvements which the ambitious town effected.

Mr. Rodgers' gift was through Emmet C. Rittenhouse, who was Boulder Creek's city attorney, and today is secretary of the library's board of trustees.

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### FUTURE OCEAN SHORE ROUTE AT WILDER'S

State highway engineers, looking far ahead, contemplate for the Ocean Shore highway just west of Santa Cruz a realignment which will cross the little valley in which stand the buildings of the Wilder dairy at a point back of the buildings.

The route will short cut a long curve and will, undoubtedly, be by a dirt fill which will do away with the present dip in the road at that point.

This particular bit of realignment is, however, several bienniums away.

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### PORTABLE CHLORINIZER FOR EVACUEES' DRINKS

People with sanitary and hygienic trend of thought will be relieved to know that the state health department has taken up the matter of pure drinking water for evacuees' camps.

One of the employees of the department has perfected a portable chlorinizer. He is now traveling about the state showing its operation.

He is due in Santa Cruz county the latter part of this month.

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### MORE EGGS BUT NOT MORE CHICKEN HOUSES

That farmers should expand their output by more intensive cultivation but not by increasing their acreage, and, least of all, by not borrowing money to expand their facilities.

This is the message from Uncle Sam which Howard Barker of the A. C. A. is carrying to the countryside. To make sure of the program, the A. C. A. is warning bankers not to lend to food producers who want to expand as the war boosts prices.

Poultrymen are told to produce more eggs but not to build more chicken houses; to grow more potatoes to the acre.

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### BIG OFFICE HOLDER IS LEAVING VALLEY

The man who holds more offices in the San Lorenzo valley than any one else will be a resident of Oakland beginning tomorrow.

He is George Bent, for four years a real estate broker in Boulder Creek.

Mr. Bent is president of the Boulder Creek Volunteer Fire department, a director of the San Lorenzo Valley County Water district, one of the executive committee of the Valley Kiwanis club, head of the Boulder Creek civilian defense set-up, in line for a place as director of the San Lorenzo Valley chamber of commerce, chairman of a committee to determine what kind of a celebration Boulder Creek will hold in 1942, president of the Boulder Creek Boosters' club, and a notary public.