

News of Men From Douglas County In War Service

Leonard Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Skinner of Myrtle Creek, has been seeing considerable active service in the Solomon Islands theater, according to a letter received by his parents. It was the first word they had received from him for the past three months. He is with the marines in the Tulagi sector. He graduated from Myrtle Creek high school in 1941 and enlisted in the marine corps last March. A brother, Gaylord Skinner, is located at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, where he is serving as a petty officer in a naval reserve construction battalion. He was employed with the Bonneville administration at the Seattle office prior to enlistment.

Byrnes Asks Authority To Freeze Rent Costs

(Continued from page 1.) residential property. Under the general price control law now in effect the office of price administration is empowered only to exercise rental control powers on residential property in defense areas. It issued an order early this month designating the entire nation as a defense area but is required by law to wait for 60 days before assuming control of rents. This wait is to give local authorities an opportunity to make adjustments and reduce rental levels to those of a designated date—March 1, 1941, in most instances where controls have been applied to individual defense areas. May Exclude Hotels Byrnes said the new bill "would remove any uncertainty of power" over all residential and commercial rentals. Several committee members contended the bill should carry also authority to regulate charges for rooms by hotels. Byrnes said he "had no idea of applying the regulations to hotels," but remarked that he was "astounded" when one member said a Washington hotel now was charging \$15 a night for quarters formerly priced at \$8. Billeting Warning Given In another development in the housing field, the government warned that it might have to resort to billeting and commandeering of private buildings to house war workers. Foreseeing a serious housing emergency, John B. Blandford, housing administrator, said the government would offer to lease homes and buildings for the use of war workers. "But if this does not yield a

sufficient amount of necessary housing on time," he said, "we shall be forced to recommend the compulsory use of available private facilities through billeting, commandeering, requisitioning and similar devices." Blandford's statement said all the new housing that could be constructed by next June, by both public and private builders, could not possibly care for the 1,600,000 new workers who will be drawn into production centers before that time. The program to lease homes and buildings, or parts of them, will be undertaken, he said, in addition to a \$600,000,000 new housing program. Blandford explained the government would offer to lease private homes which (1) could be converted into additional accommodations speedily and with a minimum use of critical materials; (2) are located within reasonable distance of war plants and where conversion is permissible under zoning laws. Conversion programs will be instituted within two weeks in more than 50 overcrowded war production centers.

Fake Holdup Backfires On Girl's Admirer

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 14.—(AP)—That was love, Robert E. Mason, 34, and Frank M. Potter, 21, protested in circuit court here today. They are charged with assault and armed robbery, but their attorneys told Judge R. Frank Peters that this is what happened. Mason wanted to make Miss Genevieve Byrnes think he was a hero. So he asked Potter, a friend, to fake a holdup, then he would chase the holdup man away. Potter agreed, and all went well until Miss Byrnes decided to be a heroine, broke away, and called police.

House Votes Women's Coast Guard Auxiliary

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(AP)—A measure setting up a women's auxiliary in the United States coast guard—counterpart of the army's WAACS and the navy's WAVES—was passed today by the house. While no official title has been chosen for the feminine contingent, the designation "women's auxiliary reserve of the coast guard" has been suggested, out of which is inexactly but euphoniously derived "WARCOGS." Chairman Bland (D-Va.) of the house merchant marine committee said the women would fill shore jobs, thus releasing men for sea service. He told the house that present plans called for a force of 10,000 women by the end of next year. Here From Salem—Mrs. Nova G. Bates has arrived here from Salem to attend the funeral of her father, Ed Lough, and to visit her mother, Mrs. Ella Lough.

Bulldozer to be Used at Hatchery

A county bulldozer is to be sent to Scottsburg the latter part of the week to handle the excavation work for the silverside salmon hatchery on Mill creek, County Judge D. N. Busenbark reported today. The members of the county court yesterday inspected the work after it was reported that a shovel sent in to make the excavation could not handle the job. The court members reported that no preliminary inspection had been made by the court and that the nature of the work to be undertaken was not fully understood. The plan, it is stated, is to build a new and straight channel for the now meandering creek, and the existing creek bed will be shaped to provide holding ponds. Because of the fact that removal of large boulders and trees will be necessary, the work must be done by a bulldozer rather than a shovel, it is stated, and the equipment will be available for the project the latter part of the week.

Allies Hammer Japs on Two Pacific Fronts

(Continued from page 1.) torpedoes and gunfire sank a 10,000-ton heavy cruiser, four destroyers and a 5,000-ton transport. The enemy sank a destroyer unidentified as yet by the navy. Failing in its landing mission, the Japanese fleet steamed away but was caught a few hours later in a torpedo and dive bombing assault by pursuing navy and marine corps planes. At least one more cruiser was badly damaged and a destroyer was sent to the bottom. Later in the day, the planes attacked again, leaving a destroyer sinking and smashing either the damaged cruiser or another one sufficiently to cause the crew to abandon ship. Meantime, the navy added, the marines on Guadalcanal launched their first offensive in weeks. Against resistance from reinforced Japanese troops seeking to recapture the island's valuable airbase, they enlarged their gains and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy jungle forces. Army fighter planes strafed the Japanese troops and installations in the two-day battle. Jap Bombers Routed A four-flight attack of 65 Japanese bombers and fighters was intercepted over Guadalcanal by army, navy and marine corps fighter planes. Eight enemy bombers and four zero fighters were shot down and the remaining bombers were forced to drop their explosives in an open field. Two American planes were lost. Meantime, as Australian jungle troops edged toward the Japanese Kokoda base in New Guinea despite enemy resistance, MacArthur's heavy allied bombers joined the Solomons conflict to the east by blasting the invader's Buka airfield. The great Japanese base at Rabaul, New Britain, west of Buka, were the targets during the night for a big force of bombers. Large fires and explosions were caused on runways and dispersal areas of the airbase where many planes and at least 30,000 enemy troops were assembled.

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cally superior enemy forces which penetrated to their rear, but counterattacked, cut off the task force from the main axis body and, "using their advantageous positions, killed about 400 Hitlerites," it was reported. Red Star said that on the steps northwest of Stalingrad the Russians continued to improve their positions in clashes swirling around trench lines, hills and villages.

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