

Local News

Garden Valley Club to Meet — The Garden Valley Women's club will meet Thursday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. D. McKay.

West Melrose Club to Meet — The West Melrose club will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Amy Critser.

Back from Business Trip — Ab Rice has returned to his home at Dillard, following a trip to Portland with a load of cattle for market.

Here on Business — Horace Merkle, Portland, Prudential Life insurance company official, spent yesterday in Roseburg attending to business with the local representative, H. C. Berg.

Lady Golfers to Meet — The Lady Golfers will meet Thursday at 9:30 a. m. at the club course for golfing. Potluck luncheon will be served at 12:30 and contract bridge will be in play during the afternoon.

Circle to Meet — Harmony circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Services of the Methodist church will meet Thursday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. G. Shugart at 724 Cobb St. Members and friends are invited.

Returns Home — Mrs. W. E. Miller has returned to her home on South Pine street in Roseburg, following three weeks in Oakland, Oregon, being cared for at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Miller, where she convalesced from eye injuries, recently suffered.

Club to Picnic — The Army Mothers club will hold a 7 o'clock picnic supper for all members, their families and invited guests Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Belle Crenshaw at 1021 Harvard street. Those attending are requested to bring a covered dish and their own table service.

Leaves on Vacation — Mrs. J. E. Clark, of Clark's studio in Roseburg, left today for Los Angeles, Calif., to enjoy a couple of weeks vacation. Mrs. Clark made her home in Southern California for several years before returning to Roseburg to work at the photographic studio owned by her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. W. Clark.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

Early in World War II, the church of Scotland undertook the responsibility of ministering to the military forces on the group of islands to the north of Scotland with a program to minister to the minds and souls as well as the physical comforts of the men. This badge of the Hut Committee of the Church of Scotland is the white cross of St. Andrew, who first brought his own brother to Jesus, and at every service this purpose of winning One of the ministers in this canteen work says, "In the hut one's brother is kept in mind, on one of the smaller islands a visitors book was left in the quiet room. One day the hut leader found this entry: 'Here I found peace in war, and I think I found God. Thank you.' At the close of a service in a canteen, a soldier confessed that he had been a prodigal son, and asked if he might partake of the Holy Communion, since he was now deeply penitent. Here, this lad too found a forgiving God. Each soul has its secret place. Where none may enter in, save it and God, to them alone. What goeth on therein is known to it and God alone." — Amen.

Move to Corvallis — Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Andrus of Roseburg moved today to Corvallis, where the former has accepted employment.

Here on Furlough — PFC Gordon Chapin, who has been serving the last two years with the 8th Army air forces in England and the European Theatre of operations, has arrived in Roseburg to spend a 31-day furlough visiting his wife and daughter, Barbara, and with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore on Fowler street.

PFC. Chapin made his home with the Moores while a student of the Roseburg grade and high schools. Following his furlough, he will report to Fort Lewis, Wash., to be assigned to the base at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Enjoy Vacation at Natureland — Douglas county residents enjoying their vacation at John Dorning's Natureland at Bandon during the last few days include: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Walters, L. L. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller, D. E. Carr, Louise Blake, Mary Alice Wolford, Mrs. Carl Brauninger, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Solnicka, Captain E. A. Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fullerton and daughter, Mollie, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Glenz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hanley and R. D. Johnson.

Back to Work — Mrs. Ray S. Petreque returned to her work as deputy county clerk at the courthouse yesterday, following a week's illness at her home in Melrose.

Home from Coast — Mrs. Maurice L. Hallmark and daughter, Maureen, and son, Joe, have returned to their home on Overlook, following a few days in Waldport visiting relatives and friends.

Leaves for Home — Miss Ida Mae Chapin has returned to her home in Toledo, Oregon, following a month's vacation in Roseburg visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Moore, on Fowler street.

Returning Home — Sheriff O. T. (Bud) Carter, who has been in a Eugene hospital for the past week receiving medical treatment, is expected to return to his home in Roseburg Thursday. His condition is reported to be much improved.

Returns to Work — Mrs. E. R. Foster has returned to her work at the Douglas Abstract company office in Roseburg, following a vacation trip to Olympia, Wash., to enjoy a visit with relatives and friends. She was accompanied on the trip by her two children, Mary Anne and Larry.

Back from Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Black and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black, and small daughter, returned to their homes in Roseburg last night, following a trip to Portland Sunday to attend the wedding of Harry S. Black's sister. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Black's mother, Mrs. Black, Sr., of Gardiner, and Mrs. Black's mother, Mrs. Anna Drain, of Drain, who enjoyed a visit with relatives and friends for a few days.

Citation for Valor Given Merton Cole — Merton C. Cole, aviation radio man 2-c, has received a letter of commendation at the Sun Valley, Idaho, naval convalescent hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery M. Cole, 601 N. E. San Rafael street, Portland, former resident of Roseburg until the war, when Mr. Cole entered national defense work in Portland.

Merton C. Cole attended the Roseburg schools until enlisting in the Navy in September, 1942. He saw action on Leyte in addition to that at Samar. He was hospitalized after he returned to the States. The citation reads: "For distinguishing himself by excellent service in aerial combat while engaging strong enemy surface forces in the battle of Samar island October 25, 1944. As radio man of an airplane attached to an escort aircraft carrier, he carried out his duties skillfully in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire and was able to furnish valuable observations even after being seriously wounded."

Counsellors Named For Camp Fire Girls — Fredricka Hamilton has been appointed camp craft counselor for the 1945 Camp Fire camp to open next Monday, August 6, and close August 12, at McKinley, Ore., and Miss Ethel Ann Van Voorst has been appointed handicraft counselor, according to an announcement made today by the council president, Mrs. Harrie W. Booth.

All Camp Fire girls planning to attend the camp are requested to bring their own plate, cup, cereal bowl and a wash basin (and have all articles well-marked). The group will meet at the Junior High school at 8 A. M. Monday and transportation will be furnished.

Traffic Violators Fined — Traffic fines paid in the Roseburg justice court were reported by Judge Thomas C. Hartfield today to include George W. Butts, \$10, unit overload; Reuben A. Stoltenberg, \$10, unit overload; Donald D. Ruper, \$10, speeding; Lester W. Frederickson, \$30, overload; George Miller, \$15, axle overload, and \$25, trailer overload; Edwin E. Bennett, \$100, overload and \$25, overweight load.

Nippon Navy Dead, View of U. S. Officers

Japanese Fail to Offer Battle in Final Stages Of Mop-Up Operations

(Editor's note: Paul Kern Lee saw eight months of service as a war correspondent with the British Mediterranean fleet, including the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, and viewed the surrendered Italian fleet at sea, seeing at a distance its final midnight battle with German aircraft.)

By PAUL KERN LEE SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1. (AP)—The Japanese navy is dead by the soberly-considered testimony of American Naval officers who killed it, yet an event so replete with the possibilities of high historic drama and so lacking in the performance could scarcely be imagined, even now that it has happened.

Three years ago, when that arrogant navy plowed the Pacific in lightning conquest that could not be stopped or even seriously delayed by the entrenched allies, it's ultimate destruction was but a dream held by resolute optimists.

Even six months ago, after it laboriously had been whittled down, the enemy heavy fleet's end was a thing to anticipate as the fiery fruit of some final ferocious battle or series of battles. Instead, the collapse was possibly the greatest anti-climax of the war.

Japs Refuse to Fight — American and British carrier planes went into Yokosuka and Kure, Japan's two most powerful naval bases, and wrecked what remained of the imperial navy. Four battleships, at least six aircraft carriers and six cruisers plus scores of lesser warships were caught and smashed as they lay quietly at moorings under clever but ineffective camouflage.

They did not fight back, except for fairly heavy anti-aircraft fire; their once-dominant air power scarcely ventured into the skies in defense of what was Japan's greatest military asset for purposes both of war and of peace.

A staff officer of the American Third fleet, sitting in his flagship directly off the once-bristling coast of Japan, was able to comment in flat, conclusive tones, "This is it; this is the end of the Jap navy."

Worse Than Italian Navy — There was perhaps a note of disappointment, and certainly of quiet wonder in his voice, that such a significant event in world history should have come with so few fireworks.

Even the Italian navy, long the butt of wardrobe jests, had given a better account of itself. True, the Italians had kept to port for more than two years; true they had turned tail on several occasions prior to that.

Yet the Italian fleet was well-defended in its harbors, defended for a purpose which became evident Sept. 8, 1943, when Italy surrendered.

Strong Bargaining Point — The fleet unquestionably was a powerful bargaining point in that surrender, possibly the most powerful the Italians possessed. In Italian hands it would have been a perpetual threat to the security of Mediterranean; in German hands it would have been a menace. With it, the Italians were able to talk terms.

Even after its long sojourn in harbor, the Italian fleet had sufficient spirit! — and firepower — to fight its way out against the Germans and make an honorable surrender.

In contrast, the Japanese fleet was being blasted in dock in ignominious fashion new to naval history. The Greeks beat the Persian fleet in open battle; Drake did the same to the vaunted Spanish armada, with the aid of storm; and even the German high seas fleet, surrendered more or less intact, had the unhappy consolation of scuttling itself in Scapa Flow after the first world war.

No such morale factor remains to the Japanese. A stroke of positive significance to the world for perhaps generations to come was accomplished by the American Naval aviators with comparative simplicity and dispatch.

Pre-School Clinic At Rose Arranged

The Rose P. T. A. has made arrangements for a pre-school clinic for students who plan to enter the first grade of Rose school this fall. It is necessary that all children receive a check-up on their eyes, ears and throat before the start of school. A form must be filled out by the doctor giving the examination and be ready for the pupil to take to school. This form may be secured at the Rose school Friday afternoon, August 3, between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made for Rose school pupils to be examined Thursdays, August 9 and 16, from 2 to 5 at the Douglas County Health office at the courthouse, with Dr. E. J. Wainwright in charge. Inoculations and vaccinations will be available at the same time. If parents prefer, they may have their family doctor give the examination, but it is necessary that they secure the form and have it filled out by him.

Baseball School Will Open Here Next Monday

Mel Ingram, supervisor of the Roseburg Recreation program, announced today that all plans have been made for the start of the baseball school, Monday, Aug. 6. Boys up to 15 years of age are invited to participate. Practice will be held daily for a period of three weeks at 10 a. m., Finlay field. The second school for beginning swimmers also will be started Monday. Classes for boys will be held at 2 p. m. and for girls at 3 p. m. daily.

Elks All-Stars, Empire Softballers Dated Here

Softball fans will be treated to what promises to be a good contest at Finlay field, 2 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 5, when the Roseburg Elks All-Stars meet the Cape Arago Lumber company team of Empire. The Empire team is one of the strongest in the Coos Bay league while the Elks club All-Stars combines some of the best players in the Roseburg league, all players being lodge members.

Captain Robert Harris Speaks at Kiwanis Meet

Captain Robert Harris, son of Mayor and Mrs. W. F. Harris, Roseburg, was the speaker Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Roseburg Kiwanis club. Captain Harris is home on leave following his return to the United States from the European combat area. He gave Kiwanians an interesting account of the Normandy invasion and answered questions concerning his observations in France and Germany.

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSES — WATERMAN-BOREN — Raymond A. Waterman and Viola C. Boren, both residents of Myrtle Point.

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS — MAYBORN—LITTLE E. vs. Aaron E. Mayborn; married at Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 23, 1940; cruelty.

Ray Buckley Opens Auto-Truck Sales Business, Roseburg

Ray Buckley, recent arrival in Roseburg, today officially opened his Oldsmobile-GMC Truck sales and service business at 233 N. Stephens St. Mr. Buckley purchased the business from the Taylor Motor company, occupying the new, concrete garage building erected by F. E. Taylor. The building provides space 65 by 110 feet to house sales rooms, storage, service and parts departments, while Mr. Buckley is preparing to lay concrete pavement on the remaining portion of the lot to provide additional parking space. The business is to be known as the Ray Buckley Motor company.

Mr. Buckley was for many years regional manager and vice-president of the Commercial Credit corporation, with headquarters in Portland, and in that capacity was closely connected with the automobile trade. He served as a lieutenant in supplies with the U. S. Navy until a year ago, when he was released from active duty and operated a used car business in Portland until moving to Roseburg.

He reports that "Hank" Simmons, for 15 years employed as an automotive salesman in the Roseburg area, has been appointed as manager of the truck sales department.

Alumina Plant at Salem Has Chance To Avert Discard

PORTLAND, Aug. 1. (AP)—Sam Husbands, president of the Defense Plant corporation, and Senator Guy Cordon are hopeful the Salem alumina plant will not be abandoned.

"There are no facts behind any rumor that the plant will be closed, as far as we are concerned," Husbands, board member for the Reconstruction Finance corporation, told the Oregonian.

In a long-distance telephone conversation, he said the RFC wanted to carry on "until we find out whether the plant can be operated on an economically sound basis or not."

"The plant need not necessarily close just because Nigel Bell, director of the WPB Aluminum division, said it was not needed to meet war requirements," said Cordon. He has planned a meeting with Bell today.

"It only means that WPB would cease to sponsor the project as one immediately needed to meet war requirements," he stated. "WPB might even recommend that the plant be operated to de-

termine its value in some future need." Cordon declared, "the final boss in the matter is congress." He said the WPB might decide to continue the plant as a government experiment to determine the use of Oregon clays as an aluminum source.

Doris Ritchey Rites Held — Funeral services for Mrs. Doris Mary Ritchey, who died Sunday at her home in Drain, were held at the Christian church in Drain at 2 P. M. today, conducted by the Rev. James Powell. Interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Azalea — left Thursday afternoon for Santa Barbara, Calif., where he will report for reassignment after spending sixty days here on furlough.

Mrs. Paul Newman and Mrs. John Feldmiller were in Grants Pass on business Tuesday. Bill Willis of Canyonville was here the first of the week. They took a load of livestock to Portland.

Mrs. Champ Johns and son, T-5 Darwin Johns, were dinner guests Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ames and Mrs. Anna Ames.

Bud Curtis, who is with the U. S. army, recently arrived here from Texas and is visiting his father, Bill Curtis, and uncle, Lester Curtis, at their mine on Starveout Creek.

Mrs. Orlo Worley and Mrs. Cora Miller were in Grants Pass on business and shopping Friday. Rev. Mr. Randall from Medford conducted Bible classes at the Azalea grange hall last week from Wednesday evening until Sunday evening.

The first slaves to arrive in America landed at Jamestown in 1619—a few months before the Mayflower landed the Pilgrims at Plymouth.

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