

Rites Planned for Douglas War Dead From Overseas

Plans for providing honor guards at the last rites of Douglas County war dead returned from overseas were discussed Tuesday by members of Umpqua Post, No. 16, American Legion, said Eugene A. Springer, post commander.

It is expected that from 20 to 30 bodies will be returned to the United States from various overseas theaters of war, with the first of the war dead to arrive in October, Springer said.

Members of the American Legion have volunteered to serve as pallbearers in Legion burial services and to aid in "every possible way" in facilitating the local interment of the bodies.

Rifle squads and color guards also will be organized to serve at the funeral services. Elmore Hill was named to represent members of the pre-war National Guard Company. Lt. Col. Robert L. Irv-

ing, commander of the reorganized National Guard battalion for this area, and Comm. Walter Mallory of the Naval Reserve Unit also are serving on the committee.

Chaplain Albert S. Feller of the Roseburg Veterans Hospital and the Rev. Levi E. White have offered their services as chaplains for burial services, Springer said. Wishes of the next of kin will be observed to the utmost in all cases, he added.

Two Douglas County Projects Listed for Bids

SALEM, Aug. 7.—(AP)—Sealed bids on projects totalling \$1,600,000 will be received by the State Highway Commission in Portland, Aug. 25 and 26, the commission revealed Wednesday.

Douglas County—Gardiner section of the Oregon Coast Highway, 0.72 mile of grade and bituminous macadam widening.

Douglas County—Repair pier finders on the Umpqua River Bridge on the Oregon Coast Highway at Reedsport.

Bamboo is the world's tallest grass.

Mystery Object In Heavens Sighted At Myrtle Creek

A bright, sphere-shaped object which might have been one of the mysterious "flying saucers," was sighted between Myrtle Creek and Days Creek early yesterday evening by "Red" Hatfield, manager of the Myrtle Creek airport, he reported to Radio Station KRRR today.

Hatfield was giving flying instructions to Noble Ellison, employee of the Fir Manufacturing Co., and they were practicing turns at an altitude of 5,000 feet, he said. Ellison was at the controls of the Taylorcraft trainer.

Hatfield saw the "bright object" which had no wings, at 6:15 P. M. He asked Ellison to give the plane a turn so that he could get a better view.

When they started to give chase, the object picked up speed, gained altitude and disappeared within a minute.

"I've never seen anything like

it," Hatfield told Del McKay, announcer at KRRR. Hatfield served 33 years as Navy pilot during the war and has had 2,500 hours in the air.

On their return to the Myrtle Creek airport, at 6:23 P. M., Hatfield and Ellison sighted another object which might have been one they saw earlier. It was at the same altitude. When they started toward it, it gained speed and again disappeared.

Hatfield said that during his flying career in the Navy, he has seen "all kinds of weather observation balloons," and this object "was nothing like anything I have ever seen."

He described it as "sphere-shaped," about 40 feet in diameter, and "definitely big enough to be flown by men." On one side of the sphere was a "dark object" which might have been an observation port.

Hatfield told McKay that he intends to go up again tonight over Myrtle Creek and Days Creek to see if he sees another appearance of the sphere.

Former Partners Reunite In Business in Roseburg

Clarence S. Johnston, formerly of Santa Barbara, Calif., has purchased the interests of Earl Henry of Henry and Sutherland Associated Service Station at Stephens and Broadway streets. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Sutherland were formerly partners in the same type of business in Santa Barbara as well as in Fresno, Calif.

Mr. Sutherland made a short trip to Roseburg a year ago and liked the city and climate so well that he sold his business in California and, with his wife, returned here, where they purchased a home on Union Avenue and Mr. Sutherland entered business with Earl Henry. At the present, Mr. Johnston is staying at the Sutherland home until permanent living quarters can be secured, at which time his wife and their son, Jerry, will join him in Roseburg to make their home.

Plane, 4 Aboard, Dives Into Flaming Furnace

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as the plane crashed. The body of one girl fell between the outer and inner walls of the great twin-walled brick and steel cylinder. The other three plunged into the red-hot flaming interior and were burned beyond recognition within a few minutes.

The Mandell plane was an hour and a half overdue at the Beverly airport—15 miles away—when it crashed, leading fire officials to speculate Pell was attempting an emergency landing.

Any chance to save the quartet was hopeless. Waste gas being pumped into the furnace was quickly shut off and then—through emergency doors—workers dragged with long poles and hooks to recover the remains of the victims as the interior cooled.

'Pack of Lies,' Hughes' Answer to Sen. Brewster

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and former Connecticut Republican national committeeman, is a close friend of his.

3. Said it was true that he had spent two "Thanksgiving vacations of about one week each at a home Pryor has at Hobe Sound, Fla. Brewster said Pryor was not there and he (Brewster) had purchased his own food and borne all expense.

4. Acknowledged that he once accepted free transportation in Pan-American's special private airliner from Washington to Raleigh, N. C. He said he went to Raleigh to confer with the late Senator Bailey (D-N. C.) at Bailey's request about aviation legislation.

Brewster also repeatedly hit at Hughes' story of a "proposition" for a merger.

"The suggestion that I held a whip over Mr. Hughes is ridiculous," he declared.

Hughes cries "Unfair!"

The hearing was thrown into an uproar soon after the committee convened.

When Brewster had replied to Hughes' series of written questions, the plane manufacturer shouted that the committee was being "unfair" by its procedure.

Hughes told Ferguson: "The answers he gave were evasive and in many cases it was not possible to get a direct answer."

"Not having his replies challenged in any way by the chairman is unsatisfactory, so I shall not submit any further questions in this way."

Army, Navy Promotions Placed on Merit Basis

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ancement qualifications twice in succession, authors of the bill said, will automatically drop an officer from the service.

One of the major provisions of the new law is a limitation on the number of officers in the peacetime military establishment to 14 four-star officers after July 1, 1948, five for the Army, four for the Navy, four for the Air Corps and one for the Marine Corps. In addition, the president's chief of staff would hold four-star rank while serving in that capacity.

There would be 62 three-star officers, 23 in the Army, 14 in the Air Corps, two and the Marine Corps and 23 in the Navy. The Army would have 122 two-star generals and 202 one-star generals.

Until such time as the armed service's strength reaches the levels prescribed by permanent law, the new law continues the present system of temporary promotions for temporary-duty officers.

For the Navy, the legislation introduces for the first time the selective system of promotion in the grade of admiral. Hereafter, an officer of admiral rank must justify his retention in that rank after each

four years of service.

One result of that change, the committee said, will be to permit outstanding officers to become admirals at an earlier age by weeding out the older men ahead of them who can't qualify to retain their status.

Another change is the introduction of limited duty officers into the Navy system. These officers will come from enlisted and warrant officer ranks only. They may rise as high as commander, but will be assigned to specialized duties not competitive with general line officers.

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Songs of 'Miss Oregon' Cheer Facility Patients

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in an Umpqua Valley background. Tonight the Roseburg Lions Club will play host to "Miss Oregon" and tomorrow the trim beauty will begin a tour of local industrial plants and sawmills.

SALEM, Aug. 7.—(AP)—An offer of \$5,000 for a concession to sell beer at the Oregon State Fair, Sept. 1-7, was rejected here Wednesday by State Fair officials.

Alcoholic beverages have not been sold at the fair since 1915.

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