

Ex-Prisoners Benefit Deadline Set For Aug. 21

SALEM — Korean ex-prisoners of war or survivors have until Aug. 21 to apply for the federal benefits under the war claims act, the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs warned Wednesday.

Benefits amount to \$2.50 for each day of captivity during which the servicemen were subjected to forced labor or inhumane treatment.

The department said it is trying to find seven ex-war prisoners or their survivors who have payments coming to them.

They are, with their last known addresses:

Louis D. Fox Jr., deceased, Louis D. Fox, father, Portland.

Jeff L. Ivey, deceased, Mrs. Colleen Ivey, wife, general delivery, Philomath.

Bruno R. Miljus, deceased, Mrs. Leis E. Miljus, wife, Portland.

Fred Laverne Watterson, deceased, Mr. and Mrs. Hester A. Gale, parents, Lime.

Ernest A. Weithman, Salem.

Marion C. Meacham Jr., Baker.

Marvin J. Webb, Rt. 3, Silverton.

Soil Too Frozen To Dig Graves, Undertaker States

NEW YORK — The "camp undertaker" testified Wednesday frozen ground made it impossible to give a decent burial to two American war prisoners who allegedly died at the hands of a fellow American in Korea.

William C. Stevenson, 24, of Bandy, Va., describing himself as the undertaker in the Chinese Red prison camp, was a witness at the court-martial of Sgt. James C. Gallagher, 23, of Brooklyn.

Gallagher is accused of tossing sick soldiers from a hut into 40 degrees below zero weather and leaving them to die because he didn't want to hear their moans.

Relating the final grim scene in the deaths, Stevenson said he was a member of an eight-man burial detail that carried the bodies on stretchers across the frozen Yalu River to the burial ground.

The frozen ground and lack of tools, however, prevented digging of graves. Instead, the detail scraped sand and threw it over the bodies, Stevenson said.

Sgt. Lloyd W. Pate, of Augusta, Va., testified he overheard Gallagher tell a Chinese prison official, "Well, if I was in your place, I'd shoot them all."

Pate said this was a reference to himself and his so-called "re-education" (anti-Communist) squad.

Improvement Of Three Oregon Airports Assured

WASHINGTON — Improvement of three Oregon airports is assured by allocation of federal matching funds by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Sen. Morse and Neuberger and Rep. Green, Oregon Democrats, announced Wednesday.

The allocations are \$300,000 to the Portland International Airport, \$185,000 to Mahlon Sweet Airport at Eugene and \$34,500 to the Medford Municipal Airport.

The congressional delegation members said the funds are for runway extensions and reconstruction. They said the money is in addition to funds to be allocated within the next 90 days for other Oregon airport projects.

The funds were voted by the recent session of Congress.

Mrs. Eisenhower Ordered By Physician To Rest

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — President Eisenhower disclosed Tuesday that his wife's physician advised her to take it easy and that she has been resting in bed. But an aide said the first lady is "not ill — merely tired."

Newsman asked Murray Snyder, assistant presidential press secretary, about Mrs. Eisenhower's condition.

Snyder checked with Maj. Walter Tkach, assistant white house physician, and then told reporters:

"She (Mrs. Eisenhower) is not ill. She is merely tired. She had a very active weekend — she had several guests and is just tired."

Japan Will Ask Return Of Islands From Russia

TOKYO — Foreign office sources were quoted Wednesday as saying Japan will ask return of the Kuriles, Habomai, Shikotan and South Sakhalin Islands in a proposed World War II peace treaty with Russia.

Kyodo News Service said the draft would be presented Aug. 16 at talks in London.

The agency said the proposal will also provide for a fishing agreement, the mutual waiving of claims to World War II reparations, a trade treaty, Soviet backing for Japan's admission to the United Nations and non-intervention in each others' affairs.

Community News Items

At Coast — Mr. and Mrs. Ray John recently enjoyed a three-day stay at the coast with friends from Portland.

Sister Visits — Mrs. Willa Olson of Sandpoint, Idaho, is visiting her two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Vonschultz and Mrs. Robert Grant.

On Vacation — On vacation from their work at the local Woolworth Store are Bert Gilbert, manager; Mrs. Ray Hough and Mrs. Pearl Chesley.

From Portland — Visiting here this week from Portland are Mrs. G. R. Tester and son, George, who are guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Marks, at her ranch at Riverdale.

Attends Wedding — Mrs. Alice Johnson, local music teacher, is back at her home here from a trip to Fresno, Calif., to attend the wedding of her daughter, Jo Ann Marie Johnson, to D. I. Klem.

Here For Wedding — Coming to Roseburg Saturday to attend the Presbyterian-Reitman wedding were Mrs. John Schaeffer and son of Renton, Wash., and Miss Darlene Schaeffer of Los Angeles.

Visit At DeLake — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reitman and granddaughters, Kathy Yang, left Saturday for DeLake to visit their daughter, Mrs. Pete Aquiso, and family, and their son, Millard Reitman, and family.

At Oswego — Mrs. Norman John and children, Kenny, Steven and Douglas, are spending several weeks at Oswego Lake with her sister and family. They visited recently in Longbeach, Wash., with Mrs. C. O. John.

From Washington — Mrs. Carl Schneider and son, Bill, of Kirkland, Wash., are visiting this week at the home of her father-in-law, Adam Schneider. She will visit her mother at Eugene before returning home.

Back From Camp — Janet Dille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Dille, and Kathy Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard, are back home from a week's stay at Camp Tye. They are Blue Birds.

Here From California — A visitor this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Toni Lynch and family is his mother, Mrs. Pearl Lynch, of McFarland, Calif. She is also visiting her son, Charles, and family at Green.

Move — Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Malone and family moved recently into their new home at Bradford Court. They formerly resided on Bertha Avenue. The Malone home was formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Welker, who have moved to Medford.

Comes From Washington — Mr. and Mrs. Vance Cox drove to Sequim, Wash., recently to move their daughter, Mrs. Bill Drake, and baby son to Roseburg. Cpl. Drake is serving with the Marine Corps in Washington. Mrs. Drake went to work Monday at the local Woolworth store.

Here From Texas — Mr. and Mrs. James Doyle and children, Shannon, Tim and Denise, of Vernon, Texas, arrived Tuesday to visit various relatives. They are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Busenbark, at Melrose. They will be visiting his brother, M. C. Doyle, and his father, Hugh Doyle.

Here From Washington — Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bybee and daughter, Jeanine, of Vancouver, Wash., left Sunday for their home following several days here with relatives. They were houseguests at the home of her brother, Ray John, and wife on Page Road. Saturday evening a family reunion was held at the R. C. John home. The Bybee family formerly resided in Roseburg.

Lindell's Return — Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Lindell and children, Ed, Tom and Carol, returned Sunday from a three-week vacation trip to Kansas City, Mo., and Auburn, Neb., to visit relatives. Stops were made in Auburn, Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and friends were visited in Denver. The family toured many points of interest en route including Rocky Mountain Park and Yellowstone Park. Dr. Lindell is back in his office.

Miss Universe Wants To Return To Sweden

HOLLYWOOD — The girl who came here to become Miss Universe says she's going back to Sweden, where she's just Hillevi Rombin.

But blonde, statuesque Hillevi says she'll come back to Hollywood Sept. 12, when she's due to resume work as an actress at Universal International Studios.

"I want to see my family, my boy friend, and my other friends," Miss Rombin, 21, said Tuesday when she announced that she is leaving by plane Wednesday night.

To Medford — Mr. and Mrs. George Krause moved last week to Medford to reside.

New Residents — New residents in Roseburg are Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Landers and children, Roma, Reginald and Cheryl, who have moved to a residence on Kildeer Place from Corvallis. Landers is employed as engineer for Keystone Machine Works.

Visits At Hospital — Miss Shirley Green spent Sunday in Eugene, where she spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Robert Barrett, who is recovering from surgery performed Friday in Sacred Heart Hospital. Miss Green was joined in the evening by Mr. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Green and Miss June Green.

Visits Patient — Mrs. Gilbert Mack and daughters, Mary Lynne and Nancy Ireland, and Virginia Barnett spent Sunday afternoon in Portland visiting Mack, who is recovering from a serious illness in the Veterans' Hospital. Carl Eder of Roseburg accompanied them on the trip. Mr. Mack states that he has enjoyed the cards and flowers from his friends here.

Leaves Tuesday — Richard Russell left Tuesday of this week for Fresno, Calif., to attend the funeral of his father, who passed away as the result of a heart attack. Russell lives at De-Lite Trailer Court. He is an employee of Martin Bros. Box Co. of Oregon in Oakland.

New Baby — Announcement has been received by Mrs. Lloyd Hill of the birth of a son, Christopher Graceon, Aug. 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Aquiso of DeLake. Mrs. Aquiso and Mrs. Hill are sisters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reitman. The Aquisos, former owners of the Brookside Market, own a market in DeLake.

Visit Gilberts — Visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gilbert were their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livingston and Beverly and Roger, of Tomak, Wis. The visitors left Saturday night on the last "Nightcrawler" for Washington, where they will visit before returning to Wisconsin. Livingston is employed by the Milwaukee Railroad. The two families spent Thursday at coastal points, going as far north as Sea Lion Caves.

Visit Here — Mr. and Mrs. Orville John and family of Springfield were in Roseburg over the weekend to attend a family reunion. They are former local residents.

To Have Leave — Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Abbott are expecting their son, Don Abbott, to arrive here Aug. 15 for a 15-day leave from duty with the coast guard. He has been at sea for the past three months. He and Miss Charlene Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Barnes, will be married at the Presbyterian Church Aug. 17.

Fisherman's Body Recovered From Rugged Beach

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. — The body of Dr. Fred W. Holmes, 33, Phoenix, Ariz., was carried up an extremely steep 1,000-foot cliff Wednesday from a tiny ocean beach.

The search continued for his two sons and for his father, Dr. Fred G. Holmes, 65, also of Phoenix. They are assumed to have drowned, too, as their small fishing boat capsized last Saturday off the mouth of the Klamath River.

Using mountain climbing tactics, Sheriff Harold Scott and Deputy Bill Bowen, aided by Indian guides, finally made the ascent from the beach, bearing the body with them.

Also upon the sand nearby, Sheriff Scott found a sealed test tube. It bore an undated, unsigned message, written in ink on a piece of candy wrapper. It said: "Boat is drifting toward shore 1/2 mile north of Wilson Creek. Father OK at this time, otherwise would not have known location."

Dr. Howard Holmes said the handwriting was that of his brother, Fred.

The 14-foot skiff, meanwhile, had been recovered a quarter-mile offshore, and a few miles south of the beach upon which the body was found. It was floating upside down.

Sheriff Scott and Bowen had to make many switchbacks as they and the Indians tugged their way to the top of the cliff with Dr. Holmes' body. They used short lengths of climbing ropes to help each other over dangerous ledges. A boiling surf and dangerous rocks made it impossible for boats to approach the beach from the sea.

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