

War Methods Changed Since Pearl Harbor Day

By JIM BECKER

PEARL HARBOR — Where once the battleships were moored row on row — inviting targets for the Japanese planes which smashed them 15 years ago today — a trim little motor launch ties up every morning.

Some 100 tourists walk slowly aboard, subdued, chatting in whispers, awestruck by the scene where history was made and the United

States plunged into World War II, on the day that "will live in infamy." They wear bright aloha shirts and cotton print dresses. Many have cameras slung around their necks. The children are along, almost unnaturally silent and reserved.

The day is brilliant. The trade winds rustle quietly, much as on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941.

The launch passes a well-scrubbed Navy transport, one of only half a dozen or so ships in the giant harbor.

The transport's radar scope whirled steadily, scanning the sky. Only a handful of ships in Pearl had radar in 1941, and a radar warning from an Army outpost never reached the fleet.

"There were 94 ships in Pearl Harbor on Sunday, Dec. 7," the sailor on the launch says, rattling through his prepared patter.

The launch makes a wide swing and stops at the beginning of the now - deserted one-mile stretch of docks and buoys known as "Battleship Row."

There, in the space of about a mile, seven American battleships were moored when the Japanese struck. Four were sunk. Those afloat were damaged.

Some 2,000 men died, torn to bits in the explosions of bombs, burned to death in the flaming waters of the harbor as oil spilled from stricken ships and caught fire from incendiary bombs, trapped below decks of ships on their way to the bottom.

Huge columns of black smoke poured up and the harbor burned throughout the night of America's first hectic 24 hours at war.

Some of the battleships were refloated to fight on during the Pacific war, but the Japanese attack, with one blow, made obsolete the battleship concept of warfare.

Never again will Pearl Harbor present such a juicy target.

The Pacific commander, Adm. Felix B. Stump, whose headquarters are atop a hill overlooking the sprawling harbor, says: "There have been so many changes in



DRAFTED—Five Douglas County men left Roseburg Thursday to be inducted into the Army in Portland Friday. The men, from local Board No. 14, are left to right: James R. Pope, Sutherland; Barton L. Copeland, Oakland; Wendell G. Hancock, Idleyd Park; Martin D. Andruss, Reedsport and Levi Willits, Oakland. (Staff Photo).

Rotary Schedules Christmas Party

No Roseburg Rotary Club meeting is scheduled next Thursday, Dec. 13. In its stead, the annual Christmas party has been slated that night at 7 o'clock, according to party chairman Joe Boatwright.

The party will be staged in the Gold Room of the Hotel Umpqua. It will be preceded by a dinner.

Each couple has been asked to bring a gift to be donated to the Douglas County Home.

Also announced as future events by Rotarians at Thursday's noon luncheon were a hotcake breakfast or luncheon and a Rotary Ann rummage sale. The hotcake affair has not been scheduled, and the rummage sale will be Feb. 10.

Featured speakers at Thursday's meeting were V. J. Micelli (see other story) and student Rotarian Joe Hallmark Jr., who reported on the high hopes for the Roseburg High basketball team.

Local Shrine Clubbers To Take Pilgrimage

Members of the Roseburg Shrine Club are expected to be among approximately 400 Shriners who will board a Southern Pacific streamliner at Grants Pass tonight for a Hilltop Shrine Temple pilgrimage to the Ben Ali ceremony at Sacramento, Calif., Saturday.

The train's origination point will be Brown's Pass, and destinations from Eugene, Roseburg and other intermediate points will include Grants Pass for departure.

The train will consist of 10 chair cars, tapers and lounge cars and three baggage cars. It will leave from Grants Pass tonight at 8. It will arrive in Sacramento at 8:30 a.m. the next day.

On the return trip, the special will leave Sacramento at 10 a.m. Dec. 9 and arrive back at Grants Pass at 10:15 p.m.

Dr. George P. Guleague, Eugene, pedagogue, is in charge.

American Legion Units Hold Social Evening

The American Legion and Auxiliary units of Elkton met last week at Al Stacks home for a social evening. Games were played.

The American Legion Auxiliary has taken an assortment of gifts to the gift shop at the Veteran's Hospital in Roseburg. Each year the gift shop is stocked with gifts which the patients can buy to send to their families at Christmas. They also took magazines, puzzles and playing cards to be used in the library by the patients.

warfare in the 15 years since the attack.

"The aircraft carrier has taken over from the battleship. The guided missile vessel may some day take the role of the aircraft carrier."

"Also, we don't concentrate our ships in the harbor like we did then. We keep better dispersed, out to sea. You never see anything like it (Dec. 7) any more."

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Small Damage Results From Two-Car Collision

A police estimated \$35 worth of damage when two cars sideswiped in the 500 block of Southeast Jackson Street, Roseburg, Thursday.

Roseburg police said Charles Edward Forrest, 40, Box 569, Idleyd Park, was cited for cutting across traffic when his car's left front bumper brushed the right side of a car driven by Zoela Ferry Smith, 35, 839 NE Willow St.

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