

# Soldier Fed Up With 'Red' Life

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HONG KONG (UPI)—A former American Army corporal who chose communism and lived for nine years in Red China said today the experience disillusioned him.

Lowell D. Skinner of Akron, Ohio, who was captured during the Korean War and refused repatriation after the armistice 10 years ago, left Red China Thursday on his way back home at last.

The 32-year-old Skinner, one of 21 American soldiers captured by the Reds and who elected to stay behind, described conditions in China now as improved over the chaotic situation that prevailed during the "great leap forward" that failed in 1959 and the withdrawal of Soviet help to Peking in 1960. But the life there is still far from good, he said.

"If you want to change your work, you can't," he said. "If you want to study, you can't. If you want to travel, you can't."

"In 1958 when the 'great leap' program started the people thought they were going to gain something. But then they got tired and tired."

When the "great leap forward" of Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung started in 1958, "things got all mixed up," Skinner said, especially in the field of agricultural production.

He said the Chinese at that time "didn't produce too much." Skinner said that at the height of the "great leap" program he actually had a home steel furnace set up in his backyard in Tsinan.

"It didn't work," he said, reflecting the general opinion about

the backyard steel production experiment, which dated from the Peking Communist party's directives about organizing people's communes in 1958.

He said that at the height of the "leap forward" program—in September 1958—it was common for people in Red China to work 21 hours a day. But now the work day is back to eight hours, he said.

Skinner said life inside Red China grew very difficult in 1959-60, with 1960 the worst year of hardship for the Chinese population.

That was the year the Russians withdrew, and a period which was further complicated by "droughts

and floods, bad management, and lack of experience."

"If we had to live like ordinary people, no one would have survived," he said. Foreigners were given better rations than the Chinese, he said.

**Suffer Malnutrition**  
He said that office workers with legs and arms swollen from malnutrition were a common sight in those days.

Skinner, who married a Chinese girl who remained behind when he left, said that in 1960 the Russians at one point demanded that the Chinese repay old debts—"mainly Korean War debts, but also (those) for the large industrial enterprises."

He said the Russian withdrawal principally had affected the construction of textile and fertilizer plants.

"Some of these big enterprises had to stop after the Russians left," he said.

Noting the cooling-off of Soviet-Red Chinese relations, Skinner said that in 1957-58 there was no talk about Moscow-Peking troubles.

But just before all the Russian technical experts left Tsinan in 1959, he said he noticed a remarkable increase in the violence of anti-Russian statements by the Chinese.

## N. Douglas Grange Talks Fair Plans

North Douglas Grange 936 at its last meeting at the Grange Hall near Curtin spent some time discussing the forthcoming North Douglas Fair.

Announcement was made by Mrs. Everett Barnett that a \$5 prize will be awarded to the person turning in the best idea for a theme for the Grange float. Lester Hamacher, Dean Boss and Mrs. Norman Sutter were named as judges.

Speaker for the evening was Ted Sims, deputy of Oregon State Grange, who outlined procedures for improving Grange activities in various fields.

Dola Greer, home economics chairman, reported that a quilt had been tied at the last club meeting and 90 bandages made and turned in.

A farewell party was given later at the Bruce Boss home to honor Gloria Vanes who is moving with her family to Sandy, correspondent Jo Carlisle reports.

## Claims Determined On Trial By Jury

Alvie Marlow was awarded a jury verdict allowing him a 50 per cent permanent partial disability, expressed in terms of loss of function of an arm, in a suit against the State Industrial Accident Commission tried before Judge Don H. Sanders this week.

Marlow had asked for 100 per cent for his disability resulting from an accident June 30, 1961. The commission had allowed him 17 1/2 per cent.

Glady's Smith in a suit brought against the commission and tried also, was allowed 25 per cent loss of function of an arm as a permanent disability from an accident of Nov. 7, 1961. This was the amount the commission previously had allowed. She had asked for 85 per cent disability. Judge Sanders tried the case.

## Resident, 18, Sentenced On Drunk Driving Count

Larry Lee Navs, 18, of 1548 SE Cobb St., Roseburg, pleaded guilty to drunken driving on arraignment in Roseburg Municipal Court Thursday.

Judge Warren Woodruff fined him \$150 and \$5 costs and sentenced him to serve five days in the city jail.

Ronald Eugene Sheldon, 18, of 1740 NE Oswego St., was fined \$25 and \$5 costs for illegal possession of alcohol. The two were arrested Wednesday night by city police.

## Elmer O. Clark

Elmer Oscar Clark, 56, of Roseburg died at a Portland hospital Tuesday instead of Thursday as reported in Thursday's News-Review.

Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at Long and Shukle Memorial Chapel.

## Accident Is Reported

A city of Roseburg pickup, operated by Charles Leroy Schiek, of 3439 W. Harvard, was involved in a minor accident with an automobile operated by Mildred Ula Donnelly, 1022 W. Nevada Court Thursday about 4:25 p.m.

The Donnelly car, attempting to make a left turn off SE Stephens St. onto SE Cass Ave., stopped for a pedestrian. The driver of the city pickup was hanging up the radio microphone as he pulled forward and did not see the other car in time to stop. Damage was caused to the rear of the Donnelly car and to the front of the pickup. Schiek was cited for violation of the basic rule (control).

## COIN AUCTION SUNDAY

A coin auction on a big scale will be held by the Umpqua Coin Club Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Coral Room of the Umpqua Hotel. According to Clive Stevenson, president, members are requested to have their material in place not later than 2 p.m.

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**MISS UMPQUA GEM** — Mary Godfrey, center, has been named Miss Umpqua Gem and will serve as editor of the Umpqua Gem, official paper of the Umpqua Mineral Club. Second place in the judging went to Norma Gurney, right, and third to Michelle Chartier, left. The three contestants will take part in Douglas County Fair activities and compete for the title of Miss Southern Oregon Gem. (News-Review photo)

## Tourists Will Find Lane House Offers Many Things Of Interest

Thirty members of the Douglas County Historical Society were present for the latest meeting and potluck dinner held on the grounds of Lane House, the society's headquarters and historical repository on SE Douglas.

It was brought out at the meeting that Roseburg residents should be reminded that Lane House is open to the public at no charge on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. with attendants present to conduct guided tours. Many relics are on display and a tour of the museum should be a decided attraction to tourists and summer visitors, members stated.

Victor Micelli, filling the unexpected term of the late Paul Krueger, treasurer, gave an account of the society's finances. R. A. Rauch and Charles S. Collins of Roseburg and George Wilcox of Oakland were re-elected as directors, and George Abdill of Roseburg was elected to fill a vacancy on the board.

As part of the program, Abdill gave a talk on some of the historic aspects of the coming of the railroad to Southern Oregon, accompanied by a display of historic photographs of early transportation beginning in the 1870s.

Mrs. J. V. Micelli, president, was in charge of the meeting.

It was reported that among the many recent visitors to the Lane House museum was Mrs. William E. Johnston of Santa Monica, Calif., a direct descendant of Gen. Joseph Lane. Mrs. Johnston reportedly expressed her pleasure with the efforts of the county society in preserving the artifacts of local history and announced the probable gift to the museum of a rare family heirloom, a hand-woven coverlet made by Polly Lane, wife of the general. The coverlet is presently the property of her mother, Mrs. J. Edward Hannon of California.

Membership in the Douglas County Historical Society is open to anyone interested in any phase of local history. The group is also affiliated with the Oregon Historical Society. Membership cards may be obtained from Mrs. R. L. Matthews, secretary, Rt. 2, Box 759, Roseburg.

## Harry Anderson

Harry William Anderson, 57, of 1626 SE Kane St., Roseburg, died at a local hospital Thursday afternoon.

He was born Nov. 21, 1905, at Durango, Colo. He had worked for the U. S. Forest Service as a packer in the Glide, Little River and Tiller districts. He was a member of Local 2849 Lumber & Sawmill Workers Union, a deputy sheriff and caretaker at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

He was married at Roseburg in December 1947 to Wilma Bartles. Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Claudia and Sherry Lee, all of Roseburg; five brothers, Lloyd of Salem, Horace of Vista, Calif., Laurence of La Plenta, Calif., Clarence of Roseburg and Albert of Seapooze, Ore.; and one sister, Edna Weing of Farmington, N.M.

Funeral services are pending at Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel. He had lived in the Roseburg area 23 years, coming here from Durango, Colo.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Long & Shukle Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Lawrence Smith of the Church of the Open Bible officiating. Private interment will follow in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

## New City Eagle Occasions Fete

All events in connection with the official welcoming to Yoncalla of the big terra cotta eagle which will grace the new City Hall have been concentrated into the evening hours Saturday, correspondent Mrs. George Edes reports. Earlier plans for a daytime parade have been canceled.

Beginning with a barbecue at 6 p.m. at the Yoncalla Rodeo Grounds, it will be a gala evening for residents of the city, proud that one of their number submitted the winning entry in the Portland-held "eagle" contest, Mrs. Edes reports.

Mrs. June Bowman, composer of the entry, will be honored at an informal ceremony at 7 p.m. Also present as special overnight guests of the city will be Mr. and Mrs. Donald Prows and son of Portland. Prows is vice president of the bank in Portland, which donated the eagle following the razing of the old bank building in that city.

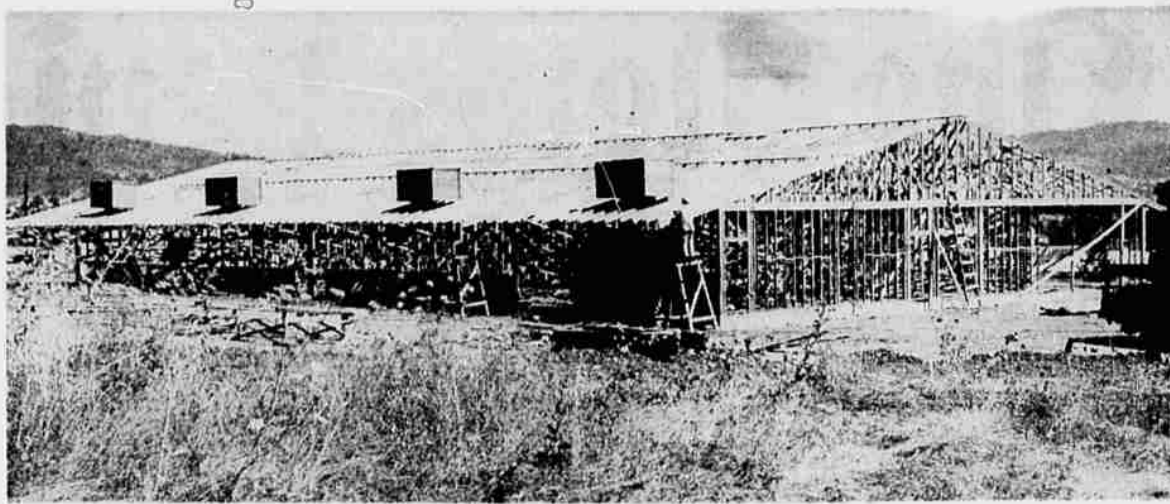
The much-prized eagle will be featured in a flood-lighted booth set up at the Rodeo Grounds by the Yoncalla PTA, Mrs. Edes said. Mrs. Lois Fuecht is general chairman of all events planned for the evening.

Over 325 tickets have already been sold for the barbecue which will be staged by a Eugene firm specializing in such activities. A dance, with Jimmie Weber's orchestra from Creswell furnishing the music will follow the barbecue and ceremony. All events will be held at the Rodeo Grounds.

## Jail Term Given Local Man For Game Violation

Elwin Clarence Koch, 35, Roseburg, was fined \$100 and \$5 costs and sentenced to serve 30 days in the Douglas County jail on a plea of guilty to illegal possession of a game animal.

He appeared Thursday before District Court Judge Gerald R. Hayes, following his arrest Wednesday by state police game enforcement officers. He was alleged to have had in his possession one small deer.



**STANDING AGAIN** — The framework for the new Roseburg Seventh-day Adventist school on NW Calkins Road is standing proudly again. On July 19, the framework toppled over when trusses gave way. At that time, Dr. Ger-

old Casebolt estimated the structure would be rebuilt in about two weeks. This is the stage of construction exactly two weeks after the collapse. (News-Review photo)

## Drain Man Held In Assault Case

Robert Orville Farley, 31, Drain, is being held in the Douglas County jail on a charge of assault and battery, with bail set at \$500, the sheriff's office reports. Deputies are investigating the case.

Rex Ollie Stevenson, 54, of Rt. 1, Box 475, Sutherlin, is being held for Linn County on a warrant alleging two causes of writing checks without sufficient funds. Bail is \$175.

A charge of burglary in a dwelling pending against Lawrence J. Heidenreich, 18, of Idlewild Rd., Roseburg, was dismissed at a preliminary hearing before District Court Judge Gerald R. Hayes Thursday.

The judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence to prove that he had entered the home of Kenneth W. Smith in the Dixonville area. Property found in his possession could not be positively identified as being that belonging to the Smiths.

A preliminary hearing is still pending on Frank Leon Weseman, 18, Rt. 1, Box 374, Roseburg, who was accused along with Heidenreich of the burglary Sunday night while the Smith family was away.

A charge of escape from custody pending against John Ray Weaver of Myrtle Creek has been dismissed by Circuit Court Judge Don H. Sanders, on motion of the district attorney, on grounds that he has entered the armed services.

## Teen-Age Republicans Delay Endorsement Of Sen. Goldwater

A pilot project to inform young people in Republican politics was drawing to a close today in Lane County near Mapleton after its members decided to delay its endorsement of Sen. Barry Goldwater as candidate for President of the United States.

The week-long Lane Camp drew 30 Teen-Age Republicans from all parts of the state, including five from Roseburg.

**Decision Put Off**  
The endorsement of Goldwater had seemed assured, but Thursday night, the decision was made to wait for the endorsement until the state Teen-Age Republican convention in October. The Roseburg delegation is making efforts to bring that convention to Roseburg.

Members of the Roseburg delegation are Charles Colbrun, Sara Walton, Leslie Wimberly, Terry Carter and Linda Daly. This group

## Clinton Hawk

Clinton Hawk, 89, well-known resident of Roseburg, died early today at a local hospital following a prolonged illness.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Wilson's Chapel of the Roses.

## Guardsmen To Return Home Saturday From Camp Stint

The cool Oregon breezes will be welcome to the 26 men of Company M, 414th Regiment (BCT), U.S. Army Reserve as they return home Saturday after two weeks of active duty training at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Although the annual active duty training is a good change of pace for many members of the Reserve, Camp Roberts summer duty is no picnic, as the parched hills of central California have registered upwards of 120 degrees at times.

While at Camp Roberts, members of Company M, under the command of Lt. Robert R. Robertson of Riddle, trained basic trainees from nearby Fort Ord in the fundamentals of soldiering. They supervised a platoon of about 35 trainees in the sixth week of their eight-week basic training. They saw that the men under their

supervision had equipment and supplies, that they arrived at training sites on time and that they cared for clothing and equipment and observed the rules of military courtesy.

John E. Bishop of Roseburg acted as first sergeant. S.I.C. William R. True of Roseburg was senior drill instructor for Company M trainees. Sgt. Stephen John, former football and wrestling star from Roseburg High School, now attending Fort Lewis Junior College in Colorado, was the physical training instructor. Sgt. William Bergstedt, an employee of the state Highway Department in Roseburg, conducted all the training of the dismounted drill. Specialist S.C. Homer Howell of Myrtle Creek was mess steward of the officers mess for the 414th regiment.



**CHECKING WEAPON** — 1st Lt. Arlan Kahl, responsible for training in "M" Company, goes over the Army's standard M-1 rifle with a trainee. Handling of this weapon is one of the main objectives of the Army's eight-week basic training. The trainee also learns how to throw grenades and other skills. (Army Reserve photo)

was largely responsible for pushing through a number of conservative resolutions.

The purpose of the camp was to teach the young people about Republican principals. A parade of adult speakers was brought to the camp during the week, led by Secretary of State Howell Applegate. Resolutions included support of

Cuban exiles, economic blockade of Cuba, establishment of a base of operations for exiles at Guantanamo Bay, support of any Chinese movement to regain the mainland of China from the Communists, replacement of the United Nations with an organization made up of sovereign nations meeting certain standards of human rights and organization and tighter control on foreign aid.

It also urged support of work projects in as many welfare programs as possible and support of community college development. The teen-agers rejected federal aid to education and federally-sponsored medicare.

## 'Birdman' Author To Address Club

The Roseburg Writers Club has booked Dr. Thomas E. Gaddis, internationally known author of the best-seller, "Birdman of Alcatraz," as a speaker at its annual banquet to be held at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 29, at the Bamboo House.

Dr. Gaddis, now on the staff of Reed College, spent three years in the research and writing of the book which has been called by the Chicago Sunday Tribune, "The most dramatic and provocative tome to be published on a prisoner and prison life in the 20th century."

He holds a university degree in psychology and has been actively engaged in correctional work in Los Angeles County.

The banquet will be open to the general public. Reservations should be made by Sept. 10 by contacting Mrs. William Bladorn, 673-4240, or Mrs. Hilda Peterson, 673-5321.

## Mapleton Firm Submits Low Bid On Forest Road

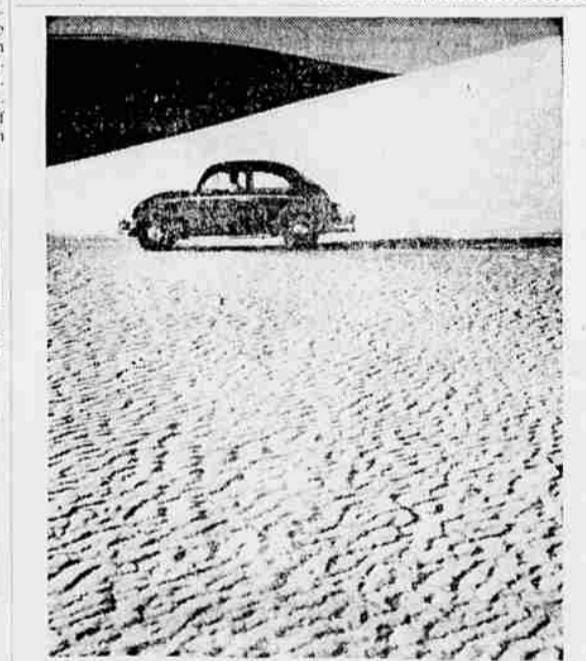
MGA Logging & Construction Co. of Mapleton was the apparent low bidder for construction of Divide Road No. 1909 in the Siuslaw National Forest in northwestern Douglas County.

The firm bid \$231,943 on the job of building the roadway which starts about seven miles up the Smith River Road from Gardiner Forest Service station on the job was \$247,935.

Specifications include 180,000 cubic yards of roadway and drainage excavation.

Other bidders on the job were White Bros. Construction Co. of Walla Walla, Wash., \$251,699; Kinman Logging Co. of Camas Valley, \$264,586; T. & T. Construction Co. of Springfield, \$274,283; and J. R. Standley of Roseburg, \$298,725.

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