

**USO Diversions Include Horseback Riding**



When Honey Boy, the palomino mount, is taken into the count, they represent eight states, gathered in the corral of the Flying E ranch on one of the USO Sunday afternoon treks to that picturesque western home on a hilltop south of Salem. Standing, left to right, are William Alshorn, St. Louis, Mo.; Calvin Hall, Memphis, La.; Eric Jenkins, Chicago, Ill.; Honey Boy of Salem, Ore., and David Field, East Chicago, Ind. Up on Honey Boy is George Cantor, New York City, who is in special service school at Oregon State college, Corvallis. All of the other men in the picture are from Camp Adair. Front row, sleeping, are Roy Cave, Martinsburg, W. Va., and George Hansb, Baltimore, Md. This is one of the highlights of their Oregon stay to numerous men stationed at Adair and airbase with the army, made possible by the USO, United War Chest supported agency, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lee U. Eyerly of the Flying E.

**War Games Heroes Cited**

IV CORPS HEADQUARTERS, Oregon Maneuver Area, Oct. 16-17—Pfc. Francis M. Nice, Springfield, who helped win a battle of the central Oregon war games, held a citation today from Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook.

Nice sneaked through opposing lines to tap "enemy" telephone wires, and then escaped in an enemy command car to carry military information back to his division.

Second Lt. Gordon D. Graber, Albany, was cited for exceptional accomplishments in conducting his patrol through "enemy" territory. The third Oregon man cited was 1st Lt. David S. Johnson, Boring, who reported exact locations of opposing troops.

**Reds, Blues Set for Battle**

IV CORPS HEADQUARTERS, Oregon Maneuver Area, Oct. 16-17—Red and Blue armies swung into new positions along the high desert today in preparation for the sixth battle of central Oregon's war games.

Blues, commanded by Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay, have concentrated heavy forces east of Brothers, along highway 20. Red troops, under Brig.-Gen. Bryant E. Moore, were deployed around the Horse Ridge area.

Only scattered clashes of pa-

**Mrs. Mickey Attends Methodists' Meeting**

LINCOLN — Mrs. L. I. Mickey attended Methodist women's state held all day at the First Methodist church in Portland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meisner and children, Judy, Frances and Allan, have moved to their new home at Lincoln from Salem this week.

**Rentz Given Fine, Jail**

Carl Rentz, found guilty of assault after trial in circuit court last week, will be required to serve approximately four months of a previous jail sentence from which he was paroled, and to pay a \$150 fine, Judge E. M. Page ruled when Rentz came up for sentencing Saturday.

On the latest charge, Rentz was fined \$150 and given a suspended sentence of six months, the conditions being that he refrain from liquor and obey all laws.

Marie Rentz, his former wife, was the complaining witness in each of the two cases. The charge in the first case was assault and battery; in the second Rentz was indicted on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon but the jury convicted him of simple assault.

troop troops marked the battle's opening. Observers predicted that the armies would hold off before entering a full scale engagement.

**Institute Gives Pupils Holiday On Monday**

While teachers go to school at the Clackamas-Marion county institute in Oregon City on Monday, public school pupils will enjoy a holiday from classes Monday.

Assemblies are the principal activities listed on the school calendar in the office of Supt. Frank B. Bennett. Fourth grade teachers will hold a music meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Garfield school, and Grant school will have a 9:10 a.m. assembly Tuesday.

Assemblies are scheduled Wednesday for Parrish, 10 a.m.; Leslie, 11:30 a.m.; Garfield and Highland, 1 p.m. A mathematics department meeting and an art meeting for all new teachers of this year and last year are to be held at 4 p.m., the former at the high school, the latter in the administration office. Still unsettled as to time and place, a meeting of the girls' physical education department is also scheduled Wednesday.

Thursday assemblies will be held at McKinley, 9 a.m., with Miss Jean H. Woodard's room in charge, and at Eaglewood at 1 p.m. Fourth grade teachers will attend a music meeting at 4 p.m. at Garfield.

Assemblies are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at Washington and Bush schools, with Mrs. Alice Robinson's room in charge at Bush.

**Eastern Stars Plan Friendship Night**

DAYTON—Twenty members of Electa chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star, met at the Masonic temple Tuesday night to perfect plans to observe a friendship night Tuesday, October 26, when each officer and member will invite a guest of the same rank from some lodge in Yamhill county.

**Historical Society To Meet Saturday**

A program for expanding the services of the Oregon Historical society will be discussed at the Society's 46th annual meeting, to be held next Saturday at 2 p. m. in the auditorium of the Public Service building in Portland.

In addition to the report by the president, Lewis A. McArthur, a report on "Opportunities for the Oregon Historical Society" will be given by Lancaster Pollard, newly appointed superintendent of the society, who has recently completed a tour of many historical societies in the east and middle west. Officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elected at the meeting.

Due to war-time restrictions no annual dinner will be held this year.

**Sawmill Ceases**

GATES—The Eckelston Shepherd sawmill at Gates has ceased operations for the present but probably will resume again before the first of the year.

**Y Starts Spanish Class Tomorrow**

The YMCA is starting a class in Spanish, the first session to be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Theodore Merritt, recently on the faculty of the Military Academy at San Rafael, Calif., will be in charge.

Mr. Merritt has had extensive experience in teaching Spanish and is rated an excellent teacher. He has also passed his civil service examinations for government interpreter and could assist those interested in preparing for this work.

The class is primarily for those beginning to learn Spanish, and if there are a sufficient number who desire advanced work, there will also be a class. Also, for those who are interested in doing business with the South American countries or traveling there, Mr. Merritt expects to carry on considerable conversation in the class as soon as they are far enough advanced.

**First Card Party Set In St. Louis Parish**

ST. LOUIS—The first card party of the season will be given Sunday night, October 24, in the St. Louis parish hall. In charge are Mrs. Clarence Grassman and Mrs. Robert Horning. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend.

**Wards Return**

GATES—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ward of Gates returned home Tuesday after spending the summer at Gold Butte.

**Marion to Get First School Fund Allotment**

As its first apportionment from the "state school support fund" derived from income and excise tax surplus, under the much-controverted law enacted by the voters in November, 1942, and amended by the 1943 legislature, Marion county will receive \$298,166.25 for distribution to its various school districts and to the non-high school district.

Half of this sum, \$149,083.12, was scheduled for immediate distribution and the remainder is to be distributed next April 15.

Inasmuch as Marion county school districts' special levies and the non-high school levy in recent normal years have amounted to a little more than \$675,000, operation of this fund will mean a saving to their taxpayers of approximately 45 per cent, less whatever their levies have been increased by higher costs including higher teacher salaries.

Marion county also receives as of October 15 from the two-mill elementary school tax fund—actually also derived at present from income tax payments—\$54,449.53 which is half of its total apportionment of \$108,899.06.

Total distribution from the state school support fund for the year is \$5,000,000, the amount to which it was limited by the legislature. From the two-mill elementary school tax the total distribution is \$2,041,719.50.

Other Willamette valley counties will receive from the school support fund for the entire year: Linn \$173,793.05, Benton \$97,252.73, Lane \$349,939.60, Polk \$98,517.54, Yamhill \$133,796.92. The apportionment is based upon actual school attendance.

The same counties receive for the year from the elementary school millage tax: Linn \$70,342, Benton \$30,431.86, Lane \$107,181.28, Polk \$33,763.16, Yamhill \$44,835.31.

**Dog Racing Revenues Gain**

Despite all possible handicaps, dog racing appears to have been a booming business in the 1943 season. The state racing commission revenues, most of which come from this source, were more than double those of 1939 and more than 50 per cent higher than those of 1942, the apportionment announced Saturday reveals.

The 1943 aggregate was \$223,217.58, as compared to \$144,522.92 in 1942 and \$103,500.22 in 1939, according to a tabulation released by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr.

Inasmuch as the state collects 3 per cent of the total amount wagered, it appears that well over \$7,000,000 went through the pari-mutuel windows in the past year as compared to about \$4,700,000 the previous year.

Of the amount apportioned, one-sixth or \$29,417.58 went to the state's general fund. The apportionment to each county was \$3127.70 as against \$1197.22 in 1942 and \$738.27 in 1939, the first year the state's racing commission law was in operation.

The apportionment follows: County fairs \$112,600.08, Eastern Oregon Livestock show \$5000, Northwest Turkey show \$1200, Pendleton Roundup \$5000, Pacific International Livestock Exposi-

**Salem Airman In Great Raid Over Rabaul**

AN ADVANCED OPERATIONAL BASE ON NEW GUINEA, Oct. 12—(Delayed)—(AP)—The allies' largest aerial blow ever delivered in the southwest Pacific, caught the Japanese base of Rabaul so completely by surprise Tuesday that the lead planes were almost over the target before the enemy sounded a raid warning.

Two groups of planes took part in the attack. In one of these, the "Rough Raiders" was First Lt. Robert Van Ausdell, Salem, Ore. Van Ausdell's group saw full evidence that the Japanese had been taken by surprise—trucks in the middle of roads, several planes on a runway, one, a Zero, destroyed as it taxied along.

The result was that while destroying or damaging 117 planes and thousands of tons of shipping, the losses among the hundreds of raiders amounted to three Liberators, a Mitchell and a Beaufighter. All of the more than 100 P-38 Lightning fighters, making their debut over Rabaul, got back safely.

tion \$35,000, Oregon State Fair, \$35,000, and general fund of the state \$29,417.50.

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Our third consideration is one of safety, which we believe would be jeopardized in a community where the poor and needy were forced to shift for themselves, and children were left to roam the streets for lack of proper recreation.

Fourth! Because we know it is good business to win the war, we like the United War Chest because it supports the many organizations looking after the morale of the boys who are doing our fighting for us . . . and if you don't think winning the war is good business, then you are practically out of business.



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**Klamath Plum May Be Grown In East Oregon**

The possibility of introducing the wild plum of Klamath and Lake counties into the higher elevations of Umatilla, Wallows, Union, Baker and other eastern Oregon counties where the climate is too severe for common varieties is suggested by O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist at Oregon State college.

This red wild plum is listed as prunus subcordata in official books on plums, but up to the present time it has existed almost entirely in the wild state with very limited attempts at growing it under cultivation. McWhorter, with A. N. Roberts, instructor in horticulture, and C. E. Schuster, federal pomologist, made an inspection tour recently through the area where these plums occur and reported that they show some commercial promise for development in addition to their value for home plantings.

An unusual feature of these plums is that they are freestone rather than clingstone as are practically all other native wild plums. They have foliage closely resembling the European type plums, from which most of the domestic varieties come, while the fruit is somewhat oval in shape like apricots.

They vary greatly in size, with some strains as large as a small Italian prune. Unless completely ripe they have an astringency which gives preserves and butters made from them a distinctive flavor or much sought after.