

Mott Says USO Improvement Priorities Fixed

Improvements in the American Legion building on Chemeketa street to enhance its convenience as a USO center may now proceed, it was indicated Tuesday when Congressman James W. Mott was advised by telegram from his Washington office that the Salem USO committee's application for \$12,000 for renovation and furnishings had been cleared for priorities by the war production board.

The allocation previously had been approved by the war works agency and Mott had taken the matter of priorities up with Maury Maverick of WPB when delay occurred.

Proposed improvements are mostly in the interior of the building though a change in the exterior at the southwest corner will be effected to provide an additional storeroom, and drainage to prevent seepage of water into the basement will be installed.

The ventilating system will be replaced with one adequate in view of the number of persons using the building. The stage in the main auditorium will be rebuilt for fireproofing and additional space, and there also will be some changes around the fireplace in the lobby, and the "showering room" adjoining will be enlarged.

Front and rear stairs and the basement floor will be tiled, restrooms will be enlarged and their facilities augmented, additional storage space will be provided and one portion of the basement wall will be altered to provide a checkroom; the canteen will be made several feet wider and a new "coke" bar installed. In addition to the exterior provision for drainage, basement walls inside will be waterproofed.

The \$12,000 allocation also will cover purchase of furniture, some of which has been received, and rental of the building. R. R. Boardman, director of the Chemeketa street USO, said the impending improvements would make it possible to serve more satisfactorily the large number of service men who patronize the building.

Froemel Rites Are Thursday

MT. ANGEL, Nov. 16—Anna Schmidt Froemel, 64, wife of Frank Froemel, died Tuesday morning at the Silverton hospital following eight weeks illness. Funeral services will be held following a requiem mass at 8:15 Thursday morning in St. Mary's church. Burial will be made in Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Froemel was born December 21, 1879 in Humphreys, Neb. She was married in 1899 to Frank Froemel and they came to Mt. Angel in 1914. The husband and seven of their nine children survive and all reside in Mt. Angel. The children are William Froemel, Mrs. Cecil Bentz, Mrs. Helen Wied Kloft, Eleanor, Edwin, Helen and Evelyn. Six grandchildren also survive. Joseph and Frank Schmidt of Mt. Angel are brothers and other brothers are Louis Schmidt of Carroll, Iowa and Carl Schmidt of Peoria, Ill. One sister, Mrs. Marie Fugger of Platt Center, Neb., also survives.

Mrs. Froemel was a member of St. Ann's altar society of St. Mary's parish and members will meet at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Unger's mortuary to recite the rosary. It will be recited again by the general public at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Commissioners Named for Scouts

Organization of the scout commissioner staff has been completed by Carl E. Aschenbrenner, Cherry City district scout commissioner. Neighborhood commissioners appointed on the staff are Don Black, Jack Spang, Rusty Romine, Walter Beck, Arthur Meyers and Dick Tatro.

Each commissioner will oversee not more than four troops, guiding troop activity, smoothing out difficulties, and generally seeing to the welfare of the troops.

A dinner meeting and training section will be held Tuesday, November 30, at the Argo hotel at 6:45 p. m.

RATION CALENDAR

FOOD
Canned Goods — Blue stamps X, Y, Z valid until Nov. 29. Green stamps A, B and C in book 4 good through December 30.

Meat, cheese, canned fish and edible fats—Brown stamps H, J, K and L valid, good until December 4; and F good until November 30.

Sugar — Stamp 29 in book 4 good for 5 pounds until January 15.

SHOES
Stamp No. 18, book one, good indefinitely. Airplane stamp No. 1 valid now.

GASOLINE
Book A coupons No. 8 now good for three gallons each.

FUEL, OIL
Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations valid through January 3. Coupons with gallonage printed on the face valid for amount indicated until expiration date shown on coupon sheet.

TIRES
Cars with C ration books must have tires inspected every 2 months; B books every 4 months; A books every 8 months. Commercial motor vehicles — tire inspections every 4 months or every 500 miles.

REVOLVERS
Purchaser must get certificate at ration board for new stoves.

WOOD, SAWDUST, COAL
Fuel dealers deliver by priorities based on needs.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Ralph Palmer Howe, 809 Mill street, Dallas, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant in the army engineer corps, the war department has announced.

Samuel Curtis Dashiell, whose home address is route 1, Dallas, has been promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant in the corps of army engineers.

Kenneth C. Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Howe of 1740 Lee street, has been commissioned a second lieutenant and awarded the silver wings of an aerial bombardier upon graduation from the advanced bombardier school at Kirtland field, NM.

Pvt. Kenneth E. Townsend, son of Ben Townsend of route 3, is spending his furlough visiting his father and Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Reed of Highway avenue. Townsend was a student at Salem high school before his induction a year ago. He is with a cannon division of the infantry stationed in Georgia.

PORTLAND, Nov. 16—(P)—Oregon men signed today by the navy included William L. Anderson, Robert A. Guderian, Terrance W. Hagel, Leo E. Horner, William F. Mathis, Angus A. McRae, Rex L. Minard, James D. Mohney, Carlton Lamar Ramsden, Richard L. Russell, Norman A. Sholseth, George F. Sutton, Salem; George F. Christofferson, West Salem; Robert M. Williams, Woodburn; Donald D. Weinberg, Scio; Imer J. Henry, Charles A. Horsford, Silverton; Claude Case, Jr., Amity; Phillip D. Bremer, Lyle W. Simons, Lebanon; Jack B. Travis, Mount Angel, and Cornelius Haima, Walter W. Niebuhr and Kenneth E. Peterson, Albany.

LYONS — Cpl. Archie Day, who is stationed at Camp Adair, visited last week at the home of his brother, Ivan Day.

Bob Brassfield, second class seaman from Seattle, spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Brassfield. They accompanied him to Portland Sunday.

Pvt. Ted Burmister of Fort Ord, Calif., is visiting his parents in the Jordan district. Pvt. Burmister has been away 13 months. He also visited friends in Lyons and was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker.

Mrs. Clyde Bressler has received word from her son, Leland Leroy Manning, second class seaman, that he is in the hospital with scarlet fever. Manning is attending gunners' mate school at Great Lakes, Ill.

SILVERTON — Allan Thostrud, who spent the weekend at Silverton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thostrud, left Monday night for encampment in Arizona. Young Thostrud has been stationed at Bend recently.

AUMSVILLE — Staff Sgt. Carl Olson of Camp Adair was a guest at the home of his brother, Ralph Olson, last week.

SWEGLE — Leland Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brandt, writes his parents from somewhere in the south Pacific where his division is land based. He is in the Acorn division which does work similar to the Seabees. When he first enlisted in the navy he was given radio training but did

not finish it before going overseas.

He is now a third class petty officer and aviation radio man third class. The men have been living in tents but there is a sawmill near so they hope to have houses soon, he writes his family. Several letters were received this week after a long interval.

MT. ANGEL — Ensign Lawrence Epping arrived in Mt. Angel Monday noon, flying here from Philadelphia on a short leave. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Epping and entered officers' naval training school after being graduated from Mt. Angel college last spring. He left Tuesday night, by plane to return to his base.

LABISH CENTER — Lyle Klampe, seaman first class, visited his parents over the weekend from Whidby Island, Wash.

BETHEL — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lively have just received word from their son, Pvt. Dale Lively that he has arrived in England. He was unable to give his location but stated that he is seeing many interesting things and is feeling fine.

Sgt. Fred O. Baker, route 7, is in Salem on furlough visiting his family and friends. He expects to start training soon as a pilot in the air corps. He has been stationed at Camp Haan, Calif., with the anti-aircraft division.

Horace Beldin, seaman second class, who just completed his boot training with the navy at Farragut, is spending his leave with his mother, Mrs. James Smart on route 1. Beldin will return to Farragut, Idaho, for further orders.

Edward Louis Herman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Herman, 2360 South High, has arrived at Shepherd Field where he will take basic training in the army air corps. He is a graduate of Salem high school and war formerly a carrier for The Statesman.

Lt. Robert French who suffered a spinal injury recently has been moved to a Battle Creek, Mich., hospital from a hospital in Toledo, Ohio, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. French, 1745 South Church.

Robert L. Selberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Selberg, route 2, has completed airship flight training at the Lakehurst, N.J., naval air station, lighter-than-air base and has received a commission as an ensign in the naval reserve. Assigned as a navy airship aviator, he has reported to a navy blimp squadron stationed on the coast on anti-submarine patrol. He was graduated from Salem high school in 1941. He was captain of the track team and assistant editor of the Clarion, school newspaper. He has two brothers in the service, Phil and Richard Selberg.

Staff Sgt. Robert S. Kennen, 11715 SE Boise street, Portland, received the air medal recently. He formerly resided in Salem and is the nephew of Orville C. Kennen of the Salem branch, US National bank.

KEIZER — Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCall are in San Francisco visiting their son, Cpl. Howard McCall, who is in the United States

Field Named For Brother Of Mrs. Reavis

A flying field, portion of the navy air station at Whidby Island, Wash., has been named Ault Field in honor of the late Cdr. William B. Ault, killed in the battle of the Coral sea, his sister, Mrs. D. B. Reavis, 306 North 20th street, has been advised by naval officials.

Native of eastern Oregon, Cdr. Ault had entered the first World War when only 17 years of age, was appointed to the US naval academy at Annapolis in 1918 by the late Sen. George E. Chamberlain, and was graduated there in 1922, having served as captain of the academy basketball team during his senior year.

After serving as commander of Fairfax naval airbase at Kansas City, Kans., he had taken command of the air personnel on the Lexington and was senior flying officer there at the outbreak of the current war.

In the Coral sea battle, Ault was commander of a squadron of dive bombers that attacked a Japanese convoy without fighter escort and, after sinking a Japanese carrier, was shot down by Japanese Zeros which shot down the commander's plane.

The convoy was located through the superior ability of Ault as a navigator, Rear Admiral F. C. Sherman, who as a captain was in command of the Lexington at the time of the engagement, has written to Mrs. Reavis. Cdr. Ault's plane dropped the first 500-pound bomb on the enemy carrier, according to Sherman. The navy cross was awarded to him posthumously.

Toledo Grange Asks Lower Meat Rationing

TOLEDO, Nov. 16—(P)—The Toledo grange, complaining that unsalable cattle were causing an acute feed shortage on dairy ranches, appealed to Oregon's congressmen today to cut down meat rationing.

Suspension of rationing, at least on lower grade meat, for a 60-day period would enable stockmen to market surplus cattle, the grange declared.

Cattle which would normally be sold for beef are piling up on ranches, the grange said, and will cut into a scanty feed supply needed for dairy cattle, endangering winter milk production.

marine corps and stationed on Mare Island. Mr. and Mrs. McCall expect to be gone two weeks.

Western GOP May Pool Votes

By CLIFFORD SANDAHL
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16—(P)—Western republicans in congress are launching a drive to nominate a westerner for president or vice president, Sen. Butler (R-Neb.), disclosed today.

The strategy, he said, is to get western delegates at the republican national convention to vote in a bloc in an effort to offset advantages held by the more populous eastern states.

Attentions are not being centered on any particular mid-westerner or westerner for either place on the ticket, he said, adding "that will be up to the delegates to determine as the picture unfolds."

But he pointed out that Nebraska probably would have a "favorite son" in the person of the governor, Dwight Griswold, who can possibly develop the leadership and the cause to which the western states might want to rally.

"We realize, of course," Butler went on, "that we'll have competition from other formidable potential candidates in western states. For example, California may have Governor Earl Warren and the state of Washington may have Eric Johnston, president of the United States chamber of commerce."

Grange Votes Against Strikes

By OVID A. MARTIN
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 16—(P)—The national grange convention, declaring the national welfare demands full production on the home front, today adopted a resolution condemning strikes, lockouts or other "methods that retard the war effort."

In other resolutions, the convention called upon the government for a "stabilized" farm labor program and for an agricultural commodity price structure that would give farm workers a wage return comparable to that of non-farm workers.

It refused to approve recommendations of Albert S. Goss, national master, and several state granges that it help obtain legislation extending benefits of the federal social security system to agricultural workers.

The convention asked that the war manpower commission rescind an order under which essential war industries may employ farm workers for a six weeks' period without obtaining a release from the commission. This order, the grange asserted, opens the way for industry "to raid the farm labor supply, and often at the most critical period, thus jeopardizing the food production program."

Scout Troop 13 Celebrates Anniversary

Members and families of Boy Scout troop number 13 met at the First Methodist church Tuesday night for a banquet and program in celebration of the seventh anniversary of the founding of the troop. Fifty-five were in attendance.

R. M. Gaik, toastmaster, offered thanks preceding the meal. The troop's history was presented by W. T. Porter, who said the group was organized in November, 1936, with a total of eight registrants. This number has increased to a present figure of 24.

Troop Leader Arthur Lamka was the principle speaker, his topic being "Parents Are Necessary." He brought out the fact that parents could play a leading part in the success of any scout troop by encouraging attendance and advancement of their sons, plus making suggestions to the scout leaders concerning possible projects or improvements, etc.

Harry W. Scott made the following presentations: emblems, James Nickel, junior assistant scoutmaster; Leon Gordon, quartermaster; Michael Lovell, scribe; Don Porter, patrol leader; Tom Wriston, patrol leader; service stars: Verne Scott, seven years; green star: David Scott, five years; red star: Richard Galko, four years; green star: Leo Bobbins, three years; green star: Calvin Button, three years; green star: James Nickel, six years; red star: Arthur Aplin, two years; green star: Douglas Berwick, two years; green star: Don Porter, two years; green star: Michael Lovell, one full year plus; green star: David Kowitz, one full year plus; green star: Lawrence Yates, one full year plus; green star.

Royal Family Joins Songfest

LONDON, Nov. 16—(AP)—With the king and queen of England and the royal princesses in today's audience, Irving Berlin turned his all soldier musical show, "This Is the Army," into an informal songfest.

The royal family, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, US commander in the European war theater, was greeted by cheers from the audience, composed largely of American soldiers.

The show, which has been running a week, went off according to schedule until Berlin himself appeared and sang "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," his hit song from the First world war.

Berlin invited the audience to sing "My British Buddy" with him and before turning the show back to the cast he led in singing such of his hits as "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "White Christmas."

Afterwards the king and queen went back stage and met some of the members of the cast.

Astoria Commission Orders Hotel Closure

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 16—(P)—Closure of the 150-room Hotel Astoria December 1 on grounds of "immoral and unclean" conditions was ordered by the Astoria city commission today.

The hotel, owned and managed by Austin Osburn, was declared "out-of-bounds" to navy and army personnel by military authorities last week.

Gervais Home Scene of Blaze

GERVAIS, Nov. 16—A fire alarm at 3:20 Tuesday called the department to the home of Ray Kuhn where an overheated chimney ignited the wall paper and caused the blaze.

Neighbors went in and carried out almost all the furniture, which is considerably damaged by water and smoke. Mr. Kuhn had just put a new roof on his home.

Mischief Steals Show

DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 16—(P)—A Hereford queen, WHR Miss Mixer Mischief 44th, reared on lush grasses of Wyoming Hereford ranch at Cheyenne, today was crowned grand champion cow of the National Hereford show.

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