Military Police on Trains

They check passes, furloughs,

Once an hour they must patrol

This is probably due largely to

and stations.

Nursemaid Soldiers, Civilians

### Service Men

Where They Are-What They Are Doing



James Albert Henery, above, son vanced to sergeant and is with the pus Christi, Texas, with the the present. commission of a lieutenant in the marine corps reserve. He formerly attended Santa Rosa junior college in California.

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA -Two Oregon sergeants - both

gunners in Liberator bombers who shot down enemy zeros in an air battle over the islands north of Australia - have been awarded and Mrs. C. C. Comstock, is home air medals by Lt. Gen. George on a 21-day leave from naval duty C. Kenney, commander of the al- in the South Seas. In October he lied air forces in the southwest met his brother, Bob Comstock, at the three colleges of education, quiet and orderly. They are re-Pacific area.

They are: Tech. Sgt. Gerald R. Kate (Forest Grove, left waist gunner; and Staff Sgt. Conrad K. ford), top turret gunner.

ial reconnaissance of enemy positions in the Aroe and Kui islands north of Australia on September

The mission was accomplished in daylight covering more than than nine hours flying time. Much of the route was over enemy waters and bases where the bombers were subject to enemy fighter interception and anti-aircraft fire.

Excellent photographic coverage of enemy positions was secured, despite the anti-aircraft ing at San Diego.

Over Langgoer the Liberators 25 zeros and twin engined fight- street, Dallas, has been promoted sued, for more than an hour, one corps, the war department has of the Liberators was shot down announced. and damage caused to others.

Despite the enemy attacks, bombs were dropped causing heavy damage to the enemy airfield 1696 State street, Salem, Ore., is and installations at Langgoer.

enemy fighters during the engage- ticipating here this week in large ment of which Sgt. Kate and Sgt. Bowman each destroyed one and were cited for their expert marksmanship and gallantry.

Mrs. Milo Taylor, left Monday to craft. A demonstration of procereturn to Camp Pickett, Va., dure followed in evacuating wearing the extra stripe his moth- wounded men from battlefields to er sewed on his sleeve while he base hospitals by air is also schedwas furloughing here. Cpl. Tay- uled. lor received notification of his advancement from private first class while he was in Salem, where he was a Willamette university senior and Statesman news editor when he entered the

Leland C. Smith, machinist's mate first class, is at home on furlough visiting his wife and getting acquainted with his new daughter, whom he had not previously met. The little girl was born last Christmas eve. Mrs. Smith and daughter reside in Silverton. Smith's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Giles G. Smith, 1120 Center street. He has been stationed for more than a year in the Aleutian islands. Before joining the navy Seabees, he was employed as a weighmaster with the state highway department.

Cple. W. G. Esplin, who is on leave from the Salem police department, has written to the department from the south Pacific. The islands, he declares, are pret- Penicillin to Be ty from offshore but not an ideal abode, very little like the Holly- Available Soon wood version.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13-(A)-The navy recruiting station announced enlistments today of Lawrence A. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, army sur-Wisner, Estacada; Henry A. geon-general, announced today Drake, Earl K. Givens, Charles that penicillin would be avail-D. Hasbrouck, James D. Mason, able in "adequate supplies for Thomas C. McLaughlin, Ernest E. military and civilian needs with-Scott, Henry J. Shaff, George R. in the next six months." Shearer, Walter I. Welty, Salem; and Harold A. Mires, Silverton.

a short furlough visiting with his penicillin is literally in mass proparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Perry duction," Gen. Kirk told the Amat Newport, with his sister in Ta- erican Pharmaceutical Manufaccoma and his aunt and grand- turers' association in a program mother in Salem. He left Satur- broadcast over WOR. day for California where he has been stationed since the aircraft carrier Lexington, on which he Judge Fee Approves was serving, was sunk in the Snedecor Proposal south Pacific.

Gerald L. DeSart has been classified a pilot at the Santa Ana approved today a recommendaarmy air base classification center tion of Estes Snedecor, federal in California. He will now enter referee in bankruptcy, for compre-flight training. His parents, position of debts of the Jordan Mr. and Mrs. Clyde DeSart of valley irrigation district. ral Howell, have just returned from California where they trict use a \$76,000 loan from the

paratrooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. default since 1929.

Oscar Wigle now of Bethel but formerly of the Brush Creek district near Silverton, has written that he is well over a sore throat after some time in the hospital.

terranean area. Pvt. Eldred Williams, who fought in the Sicilian campaign, is now mending a duration program recuperating from an illness and is at O'Reilly hospital in Springfield, Mo. He spent a few days at Halloran General hospital in New York before being sent on to Springfield.

He is believed to be in the Medi-

Mrs. Robert Pitzer and small son are with her husband, Sgt. Mrs. E. A. Domogalla.

Vernon Simmons has been adof Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henery, post engineers at the Marana army 1570 Broadway, was graduated air base near Tucson. Mrs. Simlast Wednesday from the na- mons, the former Helen Seeley,

> OAK POINT - Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klug have received word that their son, Warren Klug, is attending the university at Wichita, Kan., taking aviation training. His wife is with him at the midwest post.

Richard Comstock, son of Mr. and the brothers had a nice visit.

William Gordon Merriott, son of a capacity of 1550 students. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Merriott of Bowman (O'Brien and Port Or- 1220 North 16th street, has refused a principal appointment to the Sgts. Kate and Bowman were US military academy at West members of the crews of B-24 Point in order to continue train-Liberator bombers which made a ing as a navy flyer. He has been combined bombing attack and aer- sent to pre-flight school at Monmouth, Ill.

Robert Osland, USMC, former Statesman carrier who became assistant circulation manager here and later was circulation manager 1300 miles and consuming more of the Coos Bay times, Marshfield, left Monday after spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Sigurd Osland, 1785 South 12th street, Salem, and will return to undertake office work with the marine corps at San Diego. He has recently completed his boot train-

Norville Wells Bennett, whose were intercepted by from 20 to home address is 623 Calhoun from captain to major in the air

CAMP MACKALL, NC, Dec. 13.-First Lt. John A. Ritchie of one of the officers of the air for-The Liberators shot down 12 ces Troop Carrier command parscale maneuvers involving an entire division of airborne troops.

The battle exercises involve movement of fully-equipped officers and men in troop-carrying Winston Taylor, son of Mr. and gliders and huge transport air-

> Lt. Ritchie is the son of Mrs. V. H. Ritchie of Salem. He is assigned to a troop carrier group as

The Troop Carrier command is the branch of the army air forces charged with carrying men and equipment into battle areas throughout the world. The giant C-47 twin-engine planes used are a military version of the familiar Douglas airliner.

Mrs. Katherine Moore, 590 South 22nd street, received a card from her son, Jerry E. Moore, who has been in a prison camp since the fall of Bataan. He reported that he has been in the same camp, Philippine Prison Camp No. 10B, since his capture. His health "is fair" and he is "not under treatment." He sent greetings to his friends and said he is

Moore was in the army air corps when taken prisoner, his mother said.

## For Civilians

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-(AP)-Maj.

"It is with great pride that I am able to report today to the fathers, mothers, wives and sweet-Wayne Perry has been home on hearts of our fighting men that

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.-(AP)-Federal District Judge James A. Fee

visited Gerald and other relatives. Reconstruction Finance corporation to pay 20 cents on the dollar SILVERTON - Clold Wigle, on \$430,900 in district bonds in

### **Hunter Offers New Teacher Training Plan**

PORTLAND, Dec. 13-(P)-Fred- quarters of a million servicemen who ride the trains in the eight erick M. Hunter, chancellor of the state system of higher education. today replied to criticisms of Oregon's teacher training by recomwhich would continue the colleges ly give needed aid to civilians-

of education on a skeletal basis.

The program, which will go before the board tomorrow, would headquarters of Maj. Gen. David increase training of teachers already employed, emphasize vocational education courses at the Coltrain patrol. All of it is based on leges in Ashland and La Grande, an old adage: "An ounce of pre-Pitzer, at Moses Lake, Wash. Mrs. and work toward a permanent vention is worth a pound of cure.' Pitzer is the daughter of Mr. and state school fund and salaries high enough to attract competent teach- and orders of military personnel. They guard against loose talk on

The chancellor · also submitted the part of service men. They prethree possible alternatives, involv- vent excessive drinking and any ing drastic reorganization which untoward incident. They assure would cost from \$750,000 to that service men are in proper val air training center at Cor- is making her home at Tucson for \$1,000,000 at the outset. They uniform when moving about trains

> 1. Abandon teacher training throughout the state and establish the train on which they ride. Frea new central institution in Port- quently they patrol more often as MP. land 2. Concentrate teacher training few cases of trouble.

Oregon State college. 3. Convert the colleges of edu- rests if necessary for any offense cation (Monmouth, Ashland, La which reflects discredit upon the Grande) into regional vocational services. Usually the mere pres-

War has cut enrollment to 317 cause military personnel to be and reduced budgets nearly 30 spected by the enlisted man and per cent, Hunter said. They have officer alike.

cooperation with the navy's shore patrol, they attend the welfare of the type of men who are now military personnel-and frequentbeing selected, trained and used as military police. Train guards on 116 trains, it was reported toare chosen by their commanding day at the Fort Douglas, Utah, officers for their diplomacy, tact and common sense. Their McCoach, jr., commanding officer. assignments are considered high-Much of their work is routine

ly important. The day of the brow-beating, blustering "MP" is past, if, indeed, it ever actually existed. Now he leads, not drives. He sets a good example.

His weapons, a police-type stick and a revolver or pistol, are used only as a last resort-when absolutely necessary to enforce disciaround his left arm lettered "MP."

a routine check. They encounter He must have possession of mind, ability to lead and a spirit the nearest hospital. the University of Oregon and Arrests have been few, although of ingenuity, for not all his duties "MPs" are authorized to make ar- are routine. Incidents on every recent example:

Near Stockton, Calif., a trainence of an "MP" is sufficient to bus collision killed nine persons and injured a number more. Gasoline from the bus had been spilled over the wreckage, thus creating a setting for a potentrain stopped the train guards quickly obtained the services of two army nurses and two navy pharmacists' mates from the train. Then they supervised the setting of a guard around the wreckage.

Some 460 neat, alert soldiers are acting as father-confessors, information sources, and policemen to approximately three-Several times military police have obtained assistance when western states of the Ninth Service command, army reserve the stork was about to overtake trains. But the enlisted man-the They are the train guards of the corps of military police. In forlorn and unfortunate soldieris the military policeman's greatest charge and care.

> There's the case of the private from the hinterlands who arrived in Butte, Mont. Shortly afterwards he discovered he had lost his billfold. With it had gone his ticket and money. He was desperate. An "MP" on the Salt Lake City-Butte run, however, appealed to the Red Cross in the mining city. The organization lent him the money and the young private continued on his first furlough.

Too frequently to mention individual cases are the times the modern "MPs" have given up pline or defend himself. He is their berths to a sick soldier, sud- tion service manager. identified by a brassard (band) denly taken ill while traveling. Above all, he is a friend to travel-ing service men—or he isn't an nursed ill men of all branches of mand for wage increases be recould be removed from trains to

But the guards have their lightrun test his ingenuity. Take a the detachment located at Fort period under the Smith-Connolly school of journalism, who asked Douglas are unanimous that they bill expires Wednesday. never have a tour of duty that some man or woman doesn't ask: labor board refused to meet the ration of a comprehensive critique train get into Salt Lake City?"

And then there is always some woman at some station along the name, asks anxiously: "Is my hus- issues published during the tially greater tragedy. When the route who, without giving her band on that train?"

Metal Workers' Strike Looms In Northwest

SEATTLE, Dec. 13-(AP)- Officials of the war production board and war manpower commission took action today in an attempt problem." to avert the prospect of an imminent strike in 77 Oregon and UO High School Washington foundries and metal working plants.

The state WMC agreed to begin an immediate survey on the man- Starts Soon power situation in the industry. A shortage is alleged by the moulders and foundry workers union industry.

And almost numberless are the acceded to Mardon's request that will be supervised by Robert C. our fighting forces until they opened on results of the survey. University Press. The union membership voted

sanction strike action in the wage beginning of the school year beer moments, too. The members of dispute. The 30-day "cooling off"

What time does the six-thirty union demand for a pay scale in- be sent along with the papers.

for journeymen and 95 cents for "It is hoped that the union and

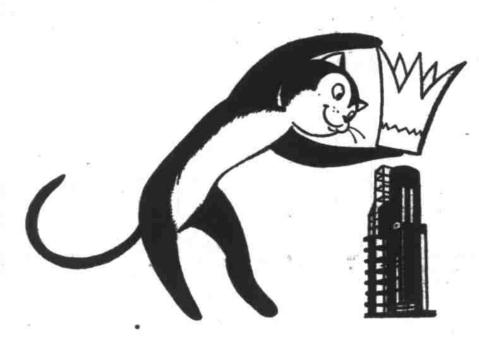
employers will do nothing to affect the situation adversely until the WMC has opportunity to make this fact-finding survey," Mardon declared. "Urgent war production should not be held up. Everything possible is being done to solve the

# **Paper Contest**

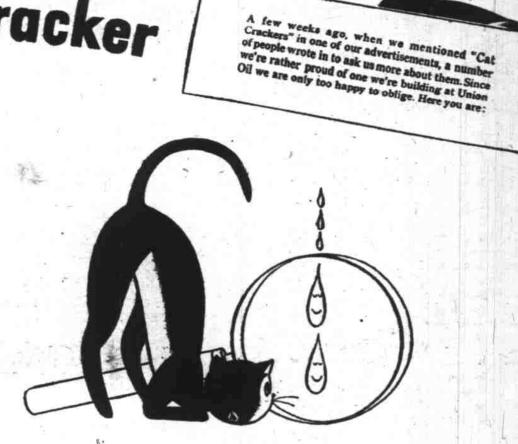
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON Eugene, Dec. 13-(P)-The annual (AFL). If a shortage is ascer- high school newspaper contest tained, a wage increase can be sponsored by the school of jourgranted as a basis for attracting nalism, University of Oregon, will more workers to the essential war be held early in 1944 although the 19th annual Oregon High School The WMC action came as the Press association conference has result of an urgent request by T. been called off because of war-A. Mardon, WPB regional produc- time conditions, it was announced by Dean Eric W. Allen of the The regional war labor board school of journalism. The contest

Entrants should submit copies overwhelmingly a month ago to of two issues published since the fore March 15 to Mr. Hall at the that the entrance fee of \$2 to cov-The strike threat came after the er the cost of judging and prepacrease of 8 cents an hour to \$1.28 Previously the awards have been made in the fall on the basis of spring.

How to recognize a Cat Cracker



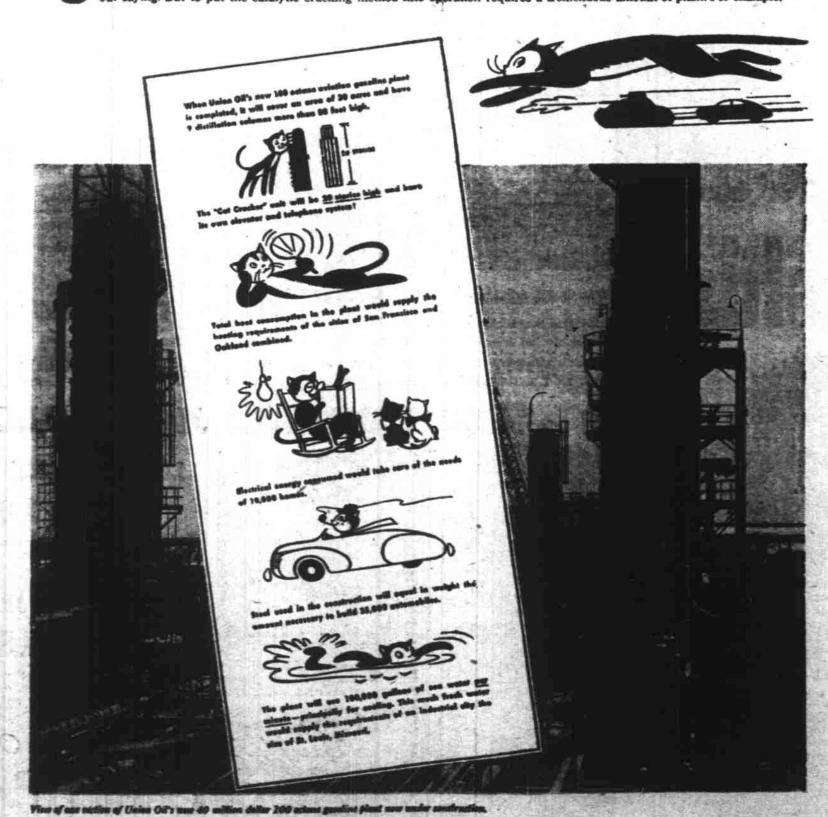
"Cat Cracker" is the industry's name for its newest type of refining equipment-the catalytic cracking unit. There are a number of other important units in our new 40 million dollar 100 octane gasoline plant, but adding the "Cat Cracker" will enable us to make more 100 octane from a barrel of crude than we could ever secure by older methods. Here's why:



Ordinary cracking methods yield a base stock gasoline of about 76 octane. Catalytic cracking yields the same amount of gasoline, but of a much higher grade. For the catalyst acts as a "molecule immigration inspector" - allowing only those petroleum molecules which have high engine performance value to "get by."

personal feelings.

What this increased performance will mean to our armed forces now, and to your automobile after the war, goes without saying. But to put the catalytic cracking method into operation requires a tremendous amount of plant. For example:



Union Oil

Finally, we'd like to make one more point.

This 100 octane plant represents an invest-

ment of \$40,000,000. But the U.S. Treasury

didn't have to put up a penny. We dug up the money

ourselves without any help from Government subsi-

dies. We're rather proud of this, of course, but the fact

that we could do it is far more important than our

For it points up a principle that has had more to do

with our country's war production record than any

other influence in American life. That principle is our

American System of Free Enterprise. Because of this

free, competitive system every American business,

large and small, has been encouraged to develop as far

Consequently, when war came, companies like Union

had already developed the "know-how," the resources

and the capacity to convert to military production with-

out a hitch. As a result, our nation has been able to do

the greatest job of war production ever accomplished

by any people in history. We believe that's somethinis

and as fast as its abilities would take it.

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