

Cpl. Diercks TV Interviewee At Atom Blast

Exactly who the Salem area soldier was who was interviewed on a nationwide television hookup after the Nevada atomic blast Tuesday, was learned Wednesday after a lucky flip of the Army enlistment files in the Salem recruiting office.

Wednesday a call to T/Sgt. William F. Vanderpool at the Salem recruiting office resulted in a "blind" turn of the records and the first one turned up was Elmer A. Diercks, Jefferson Route 1, who enlisted from the Salem office Jan. 25, 1952, to serve three years.

Television viewers contacted Tuesday had been unable to identify the Army MP, except to say that his last name sounded like "Derrick" and he said he was from Salem. He was interviewed by Chet Huntley, NBC television broadcaster, (viewed here from 1:45 to 2 p. m.).

A check Wednesday with

Diercks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Diercks, verified that he was the man.

"Yes, Elmer was there," Mrs. Diercks said. No, she hadn't seen the show, but a friend of hers, now living in Salem, had and she called Mrs. Diercks' daughter, Mrs. Betty Sink, 250 W. Browning Ave., who in turn called her mother.

"I sure wish I'd known he was going to be on the show," Mrs. Diercks said remorsefully.

Cpl. Diercks, 24, attended grade schools at Looney Butte, and graduated from Jefferson High School.

He was sent to Desert Rock, Nev., last Feb. 2, and hadn't mentioned anything about the blast except that he thought he might be in on it. Mrs. Diercks said she hadn't yet heard from her son since the blast.

Other Salem area men, reported by the Associated Press as in on the atomic blast, were PFC Kenneth W. Ludwig, son of Richard W. Ludwig, 3493 N. River Rd., and PFC Robert W. Bodda, Albany Route 1.

The men were among those occupying forward foxholes during the atomic blast and immediately after the blast, charged forward in skirmishes to "mop-up" an imaginary enemy.

Wardens End Prison Survey

Three out-of-state prison wardens have completed their survey of the Oregon State Prison program and the last of the trio left for home Wednesday.

Starting the survey Sunday at the request of the state board of control were Joseph R. Ragen, warden of Illinois State Prison, and G. Orton Jameson, South Dakota Prison, both of whom left Tuesday night, and L. E. Clapp, Idaho Prison, who left Salem Wednesday.

The wardens are to send their individual reports back to Oregon from their homes.

"We feel certain," said Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, "that the results of the survey will be received here before the legislature adjourns." Newbry said he assumed the reports would go first to Gov. Paul Patterson and then, probably, will be discussed by the board of control, made up of Patterson, Newbry and Secretary of Treasury Sig Under.

First Aid Chief Status Cleared By Commission

First aid captains are not eligible for promotion to battalion chief in the Salem fire department, the city civil service ruled Wednesday.

But first aidmen who pass examinations for regular fire captain and serve as such for a year would then become eligible for battalion chief. This policy is based on civil service rules, declared Commission Chairman William J. Entress.

Capt. Clinton Hart, one of the first aid officers, appeared before the commission to ask about policy on the promotional matter. He recently passed a battalion chief examination but the commission questioned his eligibility.

After hearing the commission's ruling, Hart asked Fire Chief E. L. Smith to transfer him to regular fire captain duty, for which he has qualified.

Chief Smith told the commission this could be done but it would leave the first aid department without an experienced man to succeed Hart. "We have some good

Home Extension Officers Named

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JEFFERSON—Mrs. Mary Frances Minnette, home demonstration agent for Linn County, presented the project, "Becoming a Good Buyer" to the Syracuse Extension women at Morning Star Grange Tuesday.

Mrs. Thad Young and Mrs. Gerald McDowell were hostesses for the covered-dish dinner. Mrs. Robert Richardson, ACWW chairman, gave a report on Canada.

New officers for the coming year to be installed at the festival are Mrs. Gerald McDowell, chairman; Mrs. Jack Knight, vice chairman; Mrs. Marion Hoefler, secretary-treasurer.

newer men who could probably prepare for and pass a first aid captain's examination," said Smith, "but they would lack experience and judgment."

\$700 Million in Contracts to Go To Small Firms

"The bulk of \$700 million in contracts from the Air Force alone is yet to be obligated to small industry in the next three months," 50 executives of Salem industry and business were told Wednesday evening by Kenneth T. Caplinger.

Caplinger, government industrial specialist from Seattle, Wash., told the group at the dinner meeting that it was his purpose to assist small business in gaining knowledge about government contracts. "Small firms should compete to produce items for which they are specialists, under government contracts."

In preparation for a possible militarized future, Caplinger advised that industry should gear itself to producing goods "with a sense of obligation and under strict quality control." He suggested that industry select those goods for which they are best suited by way of "natural location or expediency of contributing commod-

PGE Asks to Take Water From Clackamas

Portland General Electric Company asked the hydroelectric commission Wednesday for a preliminary permit to take water from Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River. The water would be stored to generate electric power.

The company proposes to build an earth and rock dam 100 feet high and store 60,000 acre feet of water in Timothy Meadows.

Algae include plants of many forms from single cells to many-branched structures, a diversity not found in any other type of plant.

Aluminum was named as one example.

With Caplinger was John G. Barnett of the administration's Portland office.

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