

of the Eugene junior orchestra will present a concert of the season on Jan. 21, at 3 p.m., in the hall of the University of Oregon.

The direction of Douglas MacMillan will be the program will include: Concerto of Grieg's piano No. 1 in A minor, by Liszt; the orchestra will play the orchestra at a second piano.

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OUR CITIZENS IN SERVICE



CLARENCE KEITH

Clarence A. Keith, 34, motor machinist's mate 1-c in the navy until recently, has been given honorable discharge, due to a knee injury received in combat duty. He served for three years, taking part in amphibious landings in several invasions in the Mediterranean and European theaters.

Keith owns a small place near the Fern Ridge dam, and plans to develop it for his home. He is a son of Mrs. Margaret K. Minturn of the Oregon hotel in Eugene.

His sister, Lenore Keith, seaman 1-c, Waves, is stationed at the Klamath Falls air base. She recently was home on leave.

LT. BLAIS RETURNS
First Lt. Lewis D. Blais, whose parents live at 2615 Friendly street, Eugene, has arrived in the United States on leave from the European theater of operations, where he served eight months with the army air force. As pilot of a B24 Liberator, he completed 30 missions and 265 hours of operational combat flying.

CRAIG GRADUATED
Flight Officer Allan M. Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. P. Craig, of Glendale, Calif., also has been graduated from Deming army air field and has been appointed a flight officer, and awarded silver bombardier wings. He formerly attended University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.

SWEENEY'S ON VACATION
First Sgt. Glenn F. and Mrs. Sweeney have been vacationing in California, having spent two weeks at the Biltmore hotel, army ground and service forces redistribution station in Santa Barbara, following Sergeant Sweeney's recent return from 31 months' duty overseas. The Sweeneys also visited friends and relatives in San Francisco. Sergeant Sweeney now is stationed at Hammond General hospital in Modesto. Mrs. Sweeney has returned to Eugene to resume her work with the employment service where she has been employed for the past seven years.

COOK ADVANCES
The promotion of Harold J. Collins, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas G. Collins, route 3, Eugene, to private first class has been announced by headquarters, U. S. troop carrier forces, in the European theater.

Private Collins is a cook with a troop carrier service wing squadron which is charged with the responsibility of supplying and repairing U. S. troop carrier planes. He entered the U. S. armed forces in the spring of 1942, and has served in the European theater the past 25 months.

COURSE ENDED
Aviation Cadet Harold E. Dove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dove, 1228 Patterson street, recently completed his basic flying training at the Merced army air field, Calif. He will now proceed to an army advanced flying school, where he will take the final steps toward attainment of his silver pilot wings.

Many A Giggle At Wacs Training In Ft. Des Moines Snow Drifts

By Pvt. Margaret Thompson, WAC

PORT DES MOINES, IA. — (Special to the Register-Guard). — The Wacs from Lane county, Agnes Ray of Cottage Grove, and the writer from Eugene, are laughing their way through the army. Rookies are funny, no doubt about it. We never appreciated all the jokes about the awkward squad, the mess line, inspection, kitchen police, and so on, but now we know, and from personal experience. Yes, indeed.

You may think it's easy to walk in a straight line, to stop and start on command, etc., but it isn't. We spend about 40 minutes a day in close order drill, and we march to and from all classes, and we're beginning to think we're pretty good.

But the first three or four weeks we really had a time. We looked so funny in unfitting clothes, trying to stand up in the snow and ice, that it was hard to take it seriously.

Weekly Business

There was the earnest little rookie taking her turn at giving drill commands, who "shouted sternly, 'Standfast, HARCH!'"

And then there was the day, soon after we arrived, when our drill sergeant was trying to line us up with the other two platoons. It was snowing hard, and the rookies were very awkward that day. Our sergeant finally took a quick look at the rest of the company, and then said, "Oh, for heaven's sake, go ahead and get where you are supposed to be."

There was a roar as of buffaloes stampeding, and when the snow settled, there stood the platoon at beautiful attention. All except one poor little girl soldier, and she was flat on her back in a snowdrift.

Clear on the frosty air the whole company heard her plaintive little editorial comment, her own personal two-bits worth: "They hadn't got to do that!"

Clothes Make Waco

It is amazing what a difference clothes make to a feminine soldier. Many of us were not fitted with "A" uniforms at the start. (An "A" uniform is the regulation skirt, shirt, and jacket such as the public is used to seeing Wacs wear). Pending alterations and other arrangements, we had to wear our little cotton PT (Physical Training) dresses and a very unglamorous (but warm) gray sweater.

Many didn't have an army overcoat either and had to wear their utility coats (raincoats). And with a PT dress you must not wear the smart and becoming garrison cap with its gold-and-green stripe. That little hat

is the final argument that persuades many a girl to choose the Women's Army Corps.

But no, you must not wear it until you get the rest of the uniform with which it is intended to be worn. You must wear the floppy cotton fatigue hat that goes with the cotton dress.

Transformation

But along about halfway through our six weeks of basic, when the whole company has been fitted and uniformed, the officers say they notice a magical change. Ranks and files which have been wobbly become straight and true. Women who have been knocking everybody down on "By the left flank" and "To the rear, march!" orders, suddenly learn how.

When women first start marching, they try to take a very rapid cadence; short nervous, quick steps. The officers are constantly slowing it down. Listening to the sound as you march, it could be a herd of cattle pattering along through the snow, no definite pattern except while the officer is counting aloud.

But lately our cadence has been clearer. The soft crunch of field boots in the snow seems to whisper "left, left, left, right, left." They do say here on the post that trained Wacs are far better marchers than men. (And by the way, they claim that a company of colored Wacs who are good, are the best marchers in any army. All we know is, that the colored companies with their marvelous sense of music and rhythm, coordination, are mighty fine to watch.)

Gossip Doesn't Pay

They tell here about two talkative ladies who were constantly visiting and gossiping during drill, not paying too much attention and not seeming to notice how they were messing up the formation. One day the officer gave "By the left flank, HARCH!" The left-hand lady turned right, and the right-hand lady turned left. There was a dull, sickening thud.

For some time after that, the two ladies could be seen intently studying IDB (Infantry Drill Regulations) and the platoon quickly graduated from the awkward stage.

The drill hour isn't the only part of our day that affords its laughs. One day in first-aid class, the lieutenant in charge brought up the subject of poison oak, and asked who in the class had had experience with it. All over the room you could see the girls from the Ninth Service Command holding up their hands. They could hardly wait to Tell All. But before we could go into action, a tall girl from the Ozarks

Businessman Back For Oregon Degree

Meet the man who did it. The man who actually stopped in the midst of a business field day and came back to school to finish up, some 13 years later.

Orville Kingman of Medford is a public accountant and public accountants are in demand today, raking in good pay and turning people away as fast as those in any profession.

What's more, Kingman has a family that includes four young children.

But Kingman had never finished his University of Oregon studies. Nor had he ever taken time to get his C.P.A. rating. Like so many others, he always said he would some day.

Kingman left the University in 1931, lacking 32 hour credits of receiving his B.A. degree. The depression was on hand and Kingman thought he'd better take a job he was offered at the First National bank in Eugene. Then he was married.

"It's a sacrifice, financially, now," he says, "but I feel the benefits in the long run will offset the temporary loss of income."

From Monday through Friday, Kingman seldom removes his nose from a book because he is carrying 21 hours, a pretty heavy schedule. Friday night he leaves for Medford. Saturday and Sunday he earns enough making out income tax reports to keep the family going another week and returns to Eugene.

Kingman came back to Oregon not only because he had been a student here but because, upon investigation, he discovered that a larger percent of the business administration school here passed their C.P.A. examinations than students from any of the other schools he considered.

was on her feet, "Onet," she confessed. "Ah-ye caught that-ut they-ur pizen oh-wuk." She paused for effect; then she shouted bitterly, "Ah-ye show-ur dee-ut EEEEE-yutch!" and sat down. The girls from Oregon sat back in silent admiration and had nothing to add. What Homer did for Ulysses, they felt, had at last been done for pizen oh-wuk.

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German Prisoner Enrolls—By Mail

The geography and geology department at the University of Oregon doesn't agree with the person who said there was nothing new under the sun.

This time it's a German correspondence student in geography who is a prisoner of war at Camp White, near Medford.

"Occupation: prisoner of war" reads the application blank for the course, recently received by James C. Stovall, assistant professor of geography and geology.

Nineteen years old, Karl Heinz Chaselon attended the Oberrealschule in Bomberg, Bayern (Bavaria) and has applied for the correspondence facilities of our state system of higher education because, he says, he wants to go to college in Oregon and major in geology.

Sam Hayes Will Air Salute To 4-H, KORE

Friday evening at 5 Sam Hayes, nationally known radio news-

caster, will salute Eugene's radio station KORE for work done in support of 4-H club scrap salvage contests held during 1943-44. KORE broadcast a series of 25 4-H programs during this drive, each program being given by the school collecting the most scrap during the preceding week.

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