

Mouse-Trap Play Proves Worse In War Than Football

By SGT. CHESTER H. SMITH Formerly of the Humboldt Daily Star at Winnemucca (Distributed by United Press) IWO JIMA—(Delayed)—Getting "mouse-trapped" in football is bad enough, but marine 2nd Lt. Robert A. Dethman, former Oregon State college athletic star, found it almost deadly embarrassing to be caught at night in a front-line foxhole with a broken rifle and Japs creeping around outside. Telling of his harrowing experience, while Jap artillery cracked overhead, Lt. Dethman said, "Guess the old football strategy of waiting for an opening and then making a run for it worked out again."

"They kept us pinned right in that foxhole and we couldn't move an inch," Dethman said. "The only rifle we had was Costley's, and that had been broken earlier that afternoon." Young Costley broke in to tell his story. "Early in the afternoon I heard a mortar coming my way. I dived for a foxhole, but the mortar exploded nearby before I could drag the rifle into the hole with me. A steel fragment struck the rifle, broke the operating rod and made it useless except for the one round in the chamber." "Night came and we were still pinned in the foxhole," Dethman said. "We could see Japs crawling around, and one came about six feet from our hole but we didn't want to give ourselves away unless we had to. We wanted that one round if we really needed it. We had our knives ready, just in case." "Finally, about midnight, we made a run for it and jumped into another foxhole. Two other mortars were in it and they almost shot us. They didn't know what was coming off when we dived in on them. I guess we were just lucky all the way around," Dethman sighed. Lt. Dethman and Costley landed with assault troops on D-day and participated in heavy fighting.

Dethman, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dethman of Hood River, Ore., was named to the backfield of several All-American teams in 1941. His Oregon State team defeated Duke university in the war-transplanted Rose Bowl game at Durham, N. C., Jan. 1, 1942. His wife, Margaret, lives with his parents. Dethman was graduated from Oregon State in 1943 and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. A brother, Pvt. Wendell Dethman, is with Lt. Dethman's regiment and also took part in the Iwo Jima invasion.

Juvenile Judge Defends Lonely Wartime Wives

SAN FRANCISCO — (UP) — To almost universal condemnation of neglectful parents as the principal cause of juvenile delinquency, Superior Judge Theresa Melkie of the juvenile court recently added a note of profound sympathy for war mothers. Lack of proper recreation and inadequate government allotments are reasons why these "forgotten persons" frequently abandoned their children to juvenile authorities, Judge Melkie said. "There are few places a lonely woman can go to seek honest fun. We always think of the soldier on the battle front, but we forget his wife at home. Being a mother doesn't mean a woman has no normal desires and yearning for affection and companionship." Bad eating habits, insufficient rest, worry about the high cost of day nursery care, all unfortunate by-products of taxing war work, were cited by the judge as reasons for upsetting women's nerves. "They lose the normal perspective on living," Judge Melkie said. "They then start wandering into bars. 'I'm doing a man's job,' they think. 'I'm entitled to a little fun.' They become neurotic." The natural desire to escape from harried lives, plus the inability to see tomorrow's promise for today's misery, makes bad mothers of good women, Judge Melkie concluded.

Radio Program Will Tell About Ballet

In anticipation of the coming of the San Francisco Ballet company to Eugene on April 10, with morning performances at the McDonald theater for all boys and girls, and an evening performance at McArthur Court for the general public, Junior Community Programs has arranged a series of entertaining radio programs.

The first of these will be heard over KOAC on Thursday at 11:10 a.m. This will be under the direction of Maude Garnett, associate professor of public school music, University of Oregon, as a feature of her weekly School of the Air. On this program will be heard Mrs. Curtis C. Cole, vocalist, Maxine Cady, pianist, Maude Garnett, narrator. Special guests for choral singing will be the girls of the upper grades of the Willakenzie school, as follows: Marjorie Olsen, Roberta Rutherford, Willa Durlinger, Barbara Brabham, Ana-Vie Lamb, Donna May Lee, Alice Jeppeson, Betty Mier, Nancy Strowbridge, Dorothy Schick, Beth Rutherford, Katherine Patterson, Sylvia Hooper, Rosalie Harrold, Dorlene Tikka, Phyllis Ware, Delores Copelan, Phyllis Chase, LaVaun Krueger, Clara May Krebs. Other programs will be broad-

SPRINGFIELD

TRAINING INSTITUTE MEETS — An institute for the training of church workers was begun at the Springfield Christian church Monday evening and continued on Tuesday evening.

This training is to prepare workers in the fields of woman's, men's, and youth work in the churches.

Mr. C. F. Swander is in charge of the training classes.

STITCH AND CHATTER — Springfield — On Wednesday evening a dinner sponsored by the Stitch and Chatter club will be served at 6 o'clock for anyone interested. Mrs. Thomas Lusby will be in charge of the dinner.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY — Members of the Springfield American Legion Post No. 40 and the Auxiliary will observe the 26th anniversary of the founding of the Legion at a birthday party Thursday at 8 p.m.

Members are asked to invite one or two guests and furnish cast over stations KORE and KOAC, with dates and details to be published later. It was announced by Mrs. Robert D. Horn, president of Junior Community Programs.

Income Tax Return Increases In 1945

WASHINGTON, March 21.—(UP) —The treasury statement issued today showed that income tax revenue for the fiscal year to March 17 was \$1,703,890,595 more than for the corresponding period last year.

March collections so far were \$160,186,194 over the corresponding period a year ago, according to the treasury. The current fiscal year began last July 1. The figures include employer payments withheld by employers and other income tax revenue.

The amount withheld by employers this month to March 17

was \$655,758,803.58 compared with \$560,688,201 last year. Other income tax revenue for the month was \$1,789,703,859 compared with \$1,724,578,367.62 for March of date last year.

Withheld by employers to date in the current fiscal year was \$7,353,953,254, compared with \$5,793,301,799 last year. Other income tax revenue for the period was \$15,463,542,895 compared with \$15,302,323,736 last year.

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WALNUT ACRES CLUB MEETS

SPRINGFIELD — The Walnut Acres club met with Mrs. Millie McPherson recently for a pot-luck dinner. It was decided that the next meeting will be held with Mrs. Hazel Ruth March 21. A luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

IW OF A MEETING THURSDAY — There will be an important meeting of the IW of a local union 9-233 in the CIO hall Thursday evening at 7:30.

Garden Club At USO — Members of the Garden club of Eugene are serving at the Lane county USO club here this week, according to Mrs. Omar Fendall, club director.

The director expressed appreciation for the cookies donated by the Women's club of Creswell.

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JAMES F. BYRNES, Director, Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Here Is The Local Story of Needed Cooperation

During the past few days experienced tire men have been checking tires on passenger cars in various areas as a measure of service to motorists in this city. Results so far show:

8253 Tires Have Been Checked
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