

Year of War Trials Followed By Leave at Woodburn Home

Woodburn, Oct. 27 — Lt. Col. Oliver S. Olson with Mrs. Olson and their two daughters, Virginia and JoAnn of Woodburn were among the 254 service men, military employes and their families aboard the army transport Fred C. Ainsworth, which docked at the Seattle port of embarkation last Friday. They arrived at their home in Woodburn Saturday night.

Olson was president of the Yokohama commission whose trial of 38 Japanese war criminals ended in September after 11 months of proceedings. Next to the trial of former Premier Hideki Tojo, it was the longest case handled by the war crimes commission.

Speaking of the work of the commission the colonel said, "We made history as we went along. We have left laws on the books which will be future guidance for generations to come in common sense and fair play."

Col. Olson went to China and Manchuria in March, 1946, as a member of the cease-fire team accompanying Gen. George C. Marshall in the latter's efforts to forge a truce between Chinese Nationalist and Communist armies. Returning from this assignment he was sent to Headquarters IX Corps at Sandai, as court provost marshal covering a large territory of both Honshu and the island of Hokkaido. From there he was assigned to the international war crimes commission at Yokohama and the family lived at Yomashita park where Mrs. Olson and the two girls joined him about two years ago.

The daughter, JoAnn, was carrying a drum major's baton when they disembarked. She was head cheer leader of Yokohama's American high school. The school band and most of the student body of 180 children of Americans on occupation duties gave her a dockside farewell.



Lt. Col. Oliver S. Olson who has returned to Woodburn after war trials in Yokohama.

when the Ainsworth sailed from Yokohama. Miss Virginia Olson was formerly a student at Oregon State college.

Col. Olson has been given a 60-day leave, most of which he will spend at home here, and expects to leave with his family about the middle of November for a new assignment at Camp Carson, Colo. In Colorado Virginia will probably attend college in Denver and JoAnn will complete her high school senior year at Colorado Springs where the family will reside. They are high in praise of the politeness of the Japanese people, the beauty of the country, and the pleasant life there.

Willamette U Prepares for Old Grads at Homecoming

Willamette university campus will be the scene of extraordinary activity throughout the balance of the week as the pioneer institution of higher learning observes its 23rd homecoming program.

Beginning with the customary campus clean-up at 5 o'clock Saturday morning, a task assigned to the freshman class, and concluding with a semi-formal dance in the gymnasium Saturday night, there will be few idle minutes, either for the students, faculty or old grads. The over all plans will include activities for all groups.

Naturally the chief bit of entertainment will be the football game at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon on Sweetland field between Willamette and Lewis and Clark. However, events leading up to that contest as well as those that succeed it will be far from dull.

Placing of the homecoming signs by fraternities and societies is a task scheduled for 9 o'clock Friday morning. They will be judged during the late afternoon.

A noise parade, which will include floats by at least 10 organizations will head through the business district at 6:15 Friday evening. It will break up at the Bush Pasture athletic field where a huge bonfire will be touched off. Inspirational talks are scheduled by Coach Chester Stackhouse, President G. Herbert Smith, Russ Tripp, student body president and team members.

At 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon gates to the bush pasture athletic field will be opened when alumni and the general public will be invited to inspect developments there.

Alumni who are to register at Lausanne hall at 11 o'clock Saturday forenoon will take part in a luncheon at noon at the same place with Ed Averill, Portland, president of the Willamette Alumni association presiding. An alumni reception will take place in Baxter hall immediately after the football game and activities will close with a semi-formal dance in the gymnasium at 8:30.

Magruder Has No Time for Commies

Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 27 (UP)—Oregon educator Dr. Frank Magruder defended the banning of his textbook, "American Government," by a Houston, Tex., school board by declaring he had no interest in communism.

The retired Oregon State college history professor said "All my books are opposed to revolution. I even think our own revolution never accomplished much."

"I am not interested in communism," Dr. Magruder added, "and I have never voted for socialism or communism."

Klondike Kate Gives Advice

One person who is not in a hurry to join the Alaska gold-rush and hunt for nuggets at Fishwheel just this side the Arctic circle is Mrs. W. L. Van Duren, Jefferson, who was once earning \$750 a night dancing for Alaskan sourdoughs and earning the name of Klondike Kate.

"Nuggets the size of peas?" she said. "Why, I've a necklace with half a dozen larger nuggets than those. While content to remain on her farm with her husband, Mrs. Van Duren has some advice for gold seekers, and admits that there are still fortunes to be made in the north country.

"What is really needed is a bush pilot, a helicopter and light mining equipment," she states. "There are hundreds of lakes in the Alaskan wilderness that cannot be reached on foot. One good bush pilot and a plane could bring out more gold in five years than has been discovered in the last 75 years."

Klondike Kate earned her title at Dawson City and believes the latest reported strike might benefit Alaska. If the Fishwheel strike does not peter out, like many others, she believes it will attract new settlers to the territory.

Gen. Marshall In Short Visit

Portland, Ore., Oct. 27 (UP)—George C. Marshall, retired general of the army, flew in and out of Portland Wednesday to inspect Red Cross centers.

During a brief tour of Portland and Vancouver, Marshall visited the area's Red Cross facilities and conferred with 25 Red Cross leaders from a dozen northwest chapters.

He also accepted a key to the house which was his home when he was commander of Vancouver barracks.

Marshall parried questions of a military nature. But he agreed that northwest states were vulnerable to attack and had been "ever since the bomber was invented."

New Chain Letter Violates Postal Laws

A new variation of the "chain letter" has bobbed up in the Salem post office, reports Postmaster Albert C. Gragg. Although no money is involved, the scheme is against postal regulations. The recipient of the "Luck in the Cards" idea is urged to send the letter he receives and two duplicate copies to five individuals without delay. A warning is contained that failure to follow out instructions will cause misfortune. Keeping the chain intact will bring some sort of good luck, the nature of which is not disclosed. The letter that came to the attention of the postmaster bore a Salem cancellation and was signed merely "Good Luck."



Ruins of 'Lost City'—These ruins in the remote desert of southwestern Afghanistan are part of an ancient 'Lost City' which flourished at the time of the Crusades, according to an announcement by the anthropology department of the American Museum of Natural History in New York. This picture was brought back by a museum scientist. The "Lost City" is believed to be the once great city of Peshwarun, which had a population of close to 100,000. (AP Wirephoto)

Master Bridge Players of Northwest Coming to Salem

Master bridge players will be a-dime-a-dozen Saturday and Sunday in Salem, but at least three senior masters and many national masters will be among those congregating for the first annual Willamette valley contract bridge championships.

Upwards of 50 experts from all over the northwest are expected to compete for the open pair title Saturday afternoon and evening, while as many more will battle for trophies and master points in the single session events, Cherry City pairs and Elks club pairs. On the Sunday schedule are the mixed pairs and the capital pairs.

All sessions are being held at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium under direction of the Salem Elks Bridge club, which has been holding weekly duplicate play here for a year and a half. A special committee headed by Arthur L. Lewis is making arrangements for the tournament, which the executive committee headed by Chairman W. E. Kimsey has general charge. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson of Portland will direct and score the tournaments.

Senior masters who have entered the title events include Max Manchester (former president of the American Contract Bridge League, western division), Harrison Holmes and Arthur Vosburg. Each has accumulated 150 master points in recognized competition and soon may reach the coveted life master class for those with 300 points. Salem's only national master (30 master points) is William F. Leary, former state champion, but several others are nearing that goal after winning recognition in tournaments here and other coast points. Masters must have 10 master points or 1000 rating points.



W. E. Kimsey, chairman of executive committee in general charge of northwest bridge players tournament, will be in Salem this weekend.

A "crying room" has been arranged for midnight Saturday while awaiting scores of the day's play. Members of the committee in charge include Mrs. Helen Wiedmer, trophies; Mrs. Walter M. Cline, crying room; Mrs. Ellen Gabriel, registration; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis H. Jones, general direction; Mrs. Arthur Binegar, Mrs. Dewey Howell, William Wood and Mr. Leary.

Land Grant Colleges Re-elect Dr. Strand

Kansas City, Oct. 27 (UP)—Arthur S. Adams, president of the University of New Hampshire, was elected president of the Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities at the closing session of its convention here today.

He succeeds John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State college, who automatically becomes chairman of the association's executive committee.

Members of the executive board who will continue to serve include A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State college.

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Ford Motor's \$100 a Month Pension Approved by Union

Detroit, Oct. 27 (AP)—The automobile industry marked another milestone in its labor relations history today.

Ford's \$100-a-month pension plan, first in the industry, was approved.

Applying to Ford's 115,000 production workers, the plan was accepted in a vote by the Ford rank and file membership of the CIO Auto Workers.

Under the new UAW contract Ford workers can retire at age 65 on a maximum of \$100 monthly. This includes the workers' federal social security, for which he foots part of the bill.

Remainder of the retirement benefit will be paid for entirely by the company, which estimates its cost at \$20,000,000 annually.

It is the major part of a 10 cents an hour package and in general follows the recommendations of President Truman's fact-finding commission in the steel dispute.

For the time being at least its approval assured peace in the auto industry.

Pensions have been the UAW-CIO's No. 1 objective in its 1949 bargaining drive. A wage increase was sidetracked at Ford in favor of pensions.

Late last night the union announced "overwhelming" approval from the rank and file.

This was based to large degree on the vote at Ford's big Rouge plant. Previously, however, the vote in others of Ford's 50 factories was said to be running heavily in favor of acceptance.

Rouge's key vote was announced as 32,392 in favor as against 7,130 opposed.

The Ford plan provides that a worker who retires at age 65 after 30 years service will be paid \$100 a month, inclusive of social security benefits.

Retirement at 65 is voluntary. At 68 it is compulsory.

Whether it would be the UAW's "model" for other auto companies remained to be determined.

The UAW, backed by a strike vote in Detroit, currently seeks it for Chrysler's 100,000 workers and plans to demand it of General Motors for another 225,000.

Chrysler and the union now are negotiating. The GM contract is not reopenable until next spring.

Corvallis Woman Injured—Roseburg, Ore., Oct. 27 (UP)—A Corvallis, Ore., woman was in a Douglas county hospital today after her husband, William Haskell Young (Route 4), swerved to avoid crashing his car into a parked automobile and hit a loaded logging truck 26 miles south of here.

Mrs. Edajoe Young suffered a skull fracture and severe facial lacerations. Young and two sons were treated for minor cuts.

Scientifically, the grey fox is known as the Urocyon cinereargenteus.

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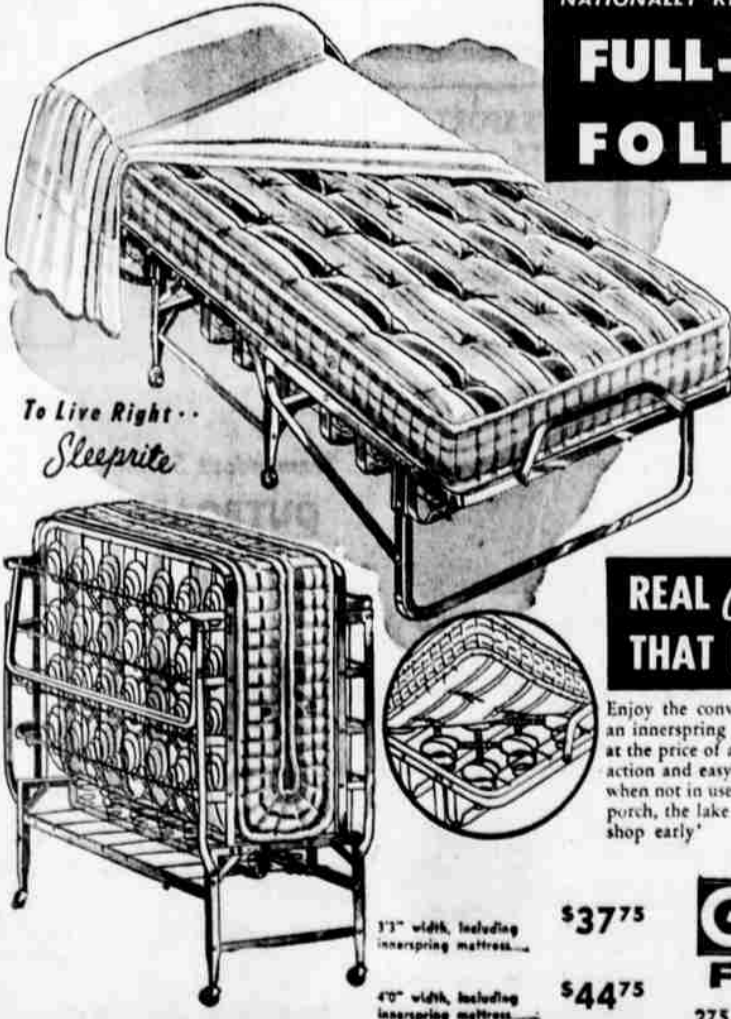
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