

Third Anniversary Of Seabees Dec. 25

The third anniversary of the "workingest, fightingest bunch of men" in the nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on December 25 by 240,000 officers and men of the United States Naval Construction Battalions.

Born just three weeks after the Pearl Harbor disaster, with an authorized strength of 3000, the Seabees won their spurs at Guadalcanal and have been with the assault troops in every major American amphibious operation. They can now boast that they built the network of air and naval bases in the Pacific that pushed the Japs back 3060 miles; that they developed amphibious equipment and techniques that helped carry the day on the African, Sicilian, Italian and Normandy beachheads.

Every commissioned Construction Battalion is either currently overseas or has completed a tour of duty; any battalion are on their second tour. Seventy-six per cent of the Seabees are now outside the continental limits of the United States; only 9000 essential men have never seen foreign service.

As General Douglas MacArthur wrote in a letter to Seabee chief Vice Admiral Ben Moreel: "The only trouble with your Seabees is that you don't have enough of them!"

(The above news item was sent to The American by a former local man, Bert C. Rostell. Mr. Rostell, who formerly lived in the old Rostell home just east of the city well in this city and was employed as an automobile salesman in Medford, is himself in the Seabees and sent the notice in a V-mail letter to the editor. He wishes to be remembered by his many friends in this city. Anyone wishing his address may get same at this office.)

Juniors To Produce Annual Class Play

"Professor, How Could You" is the play selected for the junior class, rehearsals for which will begin after Christmas vacation.

The play was chosen by H. P. Jewett who with the assistance of Miss Martha Boshears, junior class advisor, will coach the juniors.

There is a cast of five girls and five boys. The play is a farcical three act comedy and its production will take about two and one half hours.

The date of production is at this time not definitely decided upon.

—The Central Point

Dance Club Will Have Christmas Party Friday

The Christmas dance will be held Friday, December 22 at 8 P.M., it was decided in a Dance Club meeting December 15.

It was planned in a previous meeting but the date was not set definitely because of the possibility of a basketball game that night. The night is clear however, and plans will be as usual.

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O'CONNOR VISITS

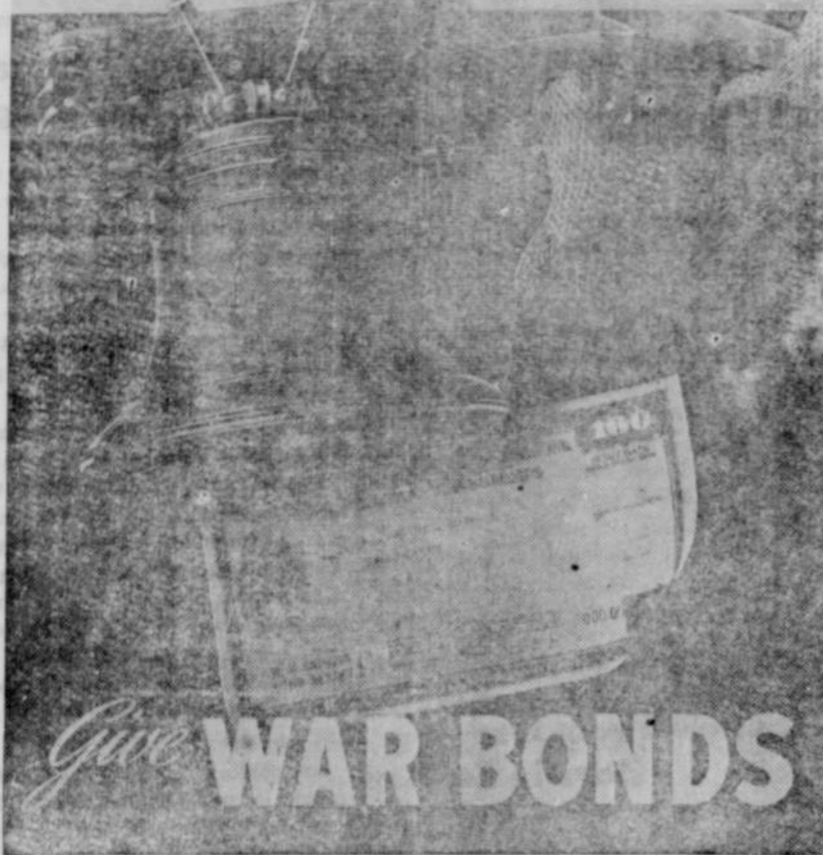
Blue O'Connor, who has been home on leave, left Tuesday for Walla Walla to visit his brother Pink, who is in the McCaw General hospital. He reports that Pink's leg is coming along fairly well and that he is expected to be able to come home in February. Blue has been in service thirty-four months Dec. 25. He is looking fine.



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

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For Liberty and Peace on Earth



Many Greeting Cards From Boys in Service

Received several nice Christmas cards from local boys overseas and will admit each one gives us a thrill. Also cards from boys, who had been stationed at Camp White whom we had become acquainted with. The most recent ones are from Albert Thompson R.M. 2/c and Arthur Johnson, which includes all good wishes for the New Year. One from S/Sgt. Arden Pinkham, who writes from France. We also received a letter from Sgt. Weill in England, a Camp White boy and one from his wife in San Francisco in the same mail, rather a queer coincidence. One from Camp White boy, Lt. Hal Lilley, who was badly wounded and expects to return to his home in Mason City, Iowa to recuperate.

To each one of these boys and to every local boy, who gets our paper we send our most sincere wishes for happiness and peace at Christmas and through out the new year. We are with you in our thoughts our prayers and are backing you in every way, we can.

Orth Miller Finishes Naval Training School

Bluejacket Orth F. Miller, Rt. No. 1, Central Point, Oregon graduated recently from the Naval Training School (Amphibious Fireman) at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Selection to attend the specialty school is based on results of recruit training aptitude test scores. The course of study covers the use, operation and maintenances of diesel engines. In addition to the diesel engine the course includes basic shop practice and the study of electrical fundamentals.

The graduate is now awaiting further duty orders to sea or to some shore station.

LEAVES FRIDAY

Mrs. Arthur Copinger and daughters, Charlene and Annette, left Friday for Los Angeles to make their home while Mr. Copinger is stationed at Inyokern, Calif., with the U.S. navy. Mrs. Copinger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dickinson of Medford. Mr. Copinger is a son of Mr and Mrs Harry Copinger

Grandmother of War Hero Now Living Here

Mrs. Beesie Sharp, who makes her home with her son Jack Sharp and family, is the mother of Major Edgar L. Sharp stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., who was presented with the Air Medal and Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal on behalf of his son, P/Sgt. Wallace L. Sharp, now a prisoner of war in Germany. Sgt. Sharp received his citation for meritorious service in the combat skies over Europe.

The same officer, Major Gen. Williams, presented the awards to Major Edgar L. Sharp, also pinned a metal on Mrs. Freida Sharp, who is in service in England. Mrs. Sharp is a wife of Sgt. Sharp and was fortunate in being able to have a visit with her husband shortly before he was sent on his mission over enemy territory. Mr. Jack and John Sharp of Central Point are brothers of Major Sharp.

Rebekahs Hold Annual Christmas Party

The Rebekah entertained with their annual Christmas party at the hall Monday night. Their husbands and families and friends were invited.

A jolly evening of games and conversation was enjoyed. The most excitement seemed to be at the flinch table, where most of the younger guests were and also a number of grandmothers. Ellsworth Robison was the winner for the evening.

A delicious lunch was served of

sandwiches, a large beautiful cake decorated with holly and Merry Christmas as greetings, which the men helped furnished.

Every one was told they would have to use their imagination in regard to the decoration so there were Christmas trees and greens in various places.

SIGN PAINTER NEEDED

A Central Point business man made the remark today that Central Point needed a sign painter. That's right and right along with that thought, we think now is a good time to say, when in need of any work of any kind read the business cards in

Pat the Paper Puppet



Through a rapidly changing world, we still adhere to the age old custom of setting aside business problems in favor of friendly greetings at this Holiday Season. May we express our appreciation for our pleasant association and extend our sincere wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

H. R. HATCH
CUSTOM UPHOLSTERER AND MATTRESS WORKS



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER Monday 6:30 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. OPEN ALL WEEK



WE WILL BE CLOSED THE ENTIRE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25 to JANUARY 1, FOR OUR ANNUAL INVENTORY. ALEXANDER HDWE. & IMP. CO. TRY US FIRST—WE HAVE IT

