

Brother of Local Man Is Honored

Jack Tharp, local telephone man, gives us a sketch of his brother's career, as a soldier and airman, who has proven to himself and to his associates that his has been "a grand and glorious life".

On being interviewed on Wednesday, November 29, after he had stood at attention with Base Commander Col. T. Alan Bennett while the entire 325th Fighter A/W wing passed in review in honor of his retirement M/Sgt. remarked, "If I can have as much fun out of the next thirty years as I've had out of the past thirty, it'll be a grand and glorious life".

At 8:25 a.m. the 21st Army Band from Ft. Lewis marched out on the Maintenance Dock. Behind them paraded thirteen units in precise formation. The Wing came to attention and Lt. Col. Pearl Boudy, Commander of Troops, presented the troops to the reviewing officers. Then after 1st Lt. John McCarty read the General Order No. 31 which officially retired M/Sgt. Tharp the wing passed in review.

In twenty minutes, thirty years of service passed through the mind of M/Sgt. Tharp... a service life that began in 1920 at Camp Pike Arkansas, where Tharp donned his first pair of OD's with the 3rd infantry division. After a little over a year he jumped from Private to Buck Sergeant. But that quick promotion was to last him for fifteen years.

In 1922 the 3rd Infantry Division headed for the Philippines and Japan. It was two years before Tharp saw the shores of the United States again. He was transferred to Vancouver barracks in Washington after having been stationed at Ft. Lewis for several months. He remained in Vancouver until 1929.

From 1929 to 1931 he called Chilkoot barracks, Alaska, his home. Then he was sent back to Vancouver. As Tech. Sergeant in 1941 he was reassigned to the Army Air Force in the grade of Master Sgt. This promotion took Tharp to AAF GHQ at Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1942 Tharp accepted a First Lieutenant's commission and was assigned as assistant adjutant general of the 2nd Air Force Headquarters at Ft. George Wright, Spokane, Washington. He was moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado with a gleaming set of Captain's bars in 1943 and it was at this base that he was promoted to Major.

His next move was to Smoky Hills Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas. Here he became base adjutant with the 485th Bomb Group and was awarded the silver oak leaves of a Lieutenant Colonel.

Early in 1947 Tharp was relieved from active duty as an officer, came to McChord Air Force Base and reenlisted in his low grade of Master Sergeant.

Assigned as Base Sergeant Major with the 62nd Troop Carrier Wing in June, 1948, Tharp stayed on in that post after the 62nd had left and the 325th A/W Wing had taken over. He remained there until his retirement.

Tharp has a brother, Jack Tharp, of Central Point, one brother, John, of Pendleton, Oregon, and three sisters—Mrs. Elma Johnson of Pasola, Kansas, Flo Tharp of West Plains, Mo., and Erma Finney, North Fork, Va. All can be justly proud of a brother with such a record.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bohnert entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bohnert and son Marvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krupp, at Christmas dinner.

BULL'S EYE NOTES

by Sam Mallon

Another Christmas has passed, and I wonder how many people are the proud possessors of their first RIFLE or PISTOL. And then I wonder how many of these have ever had any instruction in how to handle, use, or take care of their gun. Now I am not an alarmist, and I do not believe all these new possessors of firearms are going to get into trouble, but just an example: Early Christmas day I observed one young man in his early teens with an automatic pistol, shooting across a county road, in a well populated area, at a large bucket placed on the opposite shoulder of the road. I distinctly heard one bullet hit a rock and ricochet. In addition to the motor traffic, children playing nearby was an added hazard.

This lack of knowledge and utter disregard of the laws and of the safety of others is ammunition in the hands of the long hairs, grey beards, prohibitionists, or whatever you choose to call them, who are constantly trying to curtail or prohibit private ownership of firearms.

Every year the National Rifle Association and other Sportsmen's organizations spend a lot of time and thousands of dollars fighting bills introduced into various state legislatures and in the congress, trying to force registration of firearms and restricting ownership to peace officers and the armed forces.

The unwise handling of firearms in the hands of a very, very few can certainly make it tough on the majority. One person in fifty thousand makes a fatal mistake and it makes headlines. All the other forty nine thousand plus come through without difficulty and are unheard of. Let's practice safety first.

No, I didn't say to take the gun back; but may I suggest that you see your local Chief of Police, or the head of your local Rifle and Pistol club, and I'm sure you will find adequate instructions available for both juniors and seniors. To quote Mr. Hinshaw, "Let us teach our young to shoot straight and to be Straight Shooters." (Let's include the grownups too.)

JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB FRIDAY at 7:00 P.M.

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"

4-H Club News

Our Christmas party, held Tuesday night in the Grange Hall, was a huge success with a good attendance of members, leaders and parents, and a beautiful tree.

The first part of the program was devoted to the enthusiastic and whole hearted singing of Christmas carols, with Mrs. Lyle Evans at the piano and Richard Evans leading.

Several very good mixer games, which brought much hilarity, were played, under the direction of Mrs. Ivan Skyrman, after which there was an exchange of gifts.

A few of the leaders popped corn during the evening and just before the close of the program, it was bagged and passed out, along with the very generous bags of candy, nuts, and oranges which were presented the club for their party by Paulsen's Thrift Market of Central Point.

After one last rendering of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and many exchanges of Merry Christmas wishes, the party came to a happy ending.

There will be no general meeting for January; but the Dairy club will hold its regular meeting, the second Tuesday at the Russell home on Beall Lane. The pig club will meet the third Tuesday at the Lathrop home, and the rabbit club will meet the fourth Tuesday at the Leglar home.

Fourth-Fifth OSC Students Earn All or Part Expenses

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Four-fifths of the nearly 6000 students at Oregon State college this past fall term were wholly or partly self-supporting in their college expenses, according to records compiled by the registrar's office from forms filled out by the students.

More than a third of the total number, 2212 students, indicated they were 100 percent self supporting. Nearly half of the men and about 12 percent of the women were in this classification. Forty-seven percent of the co-eds and 12 percent of the men said they earned none of their own college expenses.

44 Years Ago

Through the courtesy of Mr. L. C. Robnett, we were shown a copy of the first issue of the Central Point Enterprise, the other day, which was issued exactly fifteen years before the Central Point Herald made its appearance. The paper is dated April 23, 1891, and contains many items of interest to the old settlers who were here at that time.

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Russ Moore, a well known rancher of Dead Indian, was in town Monday buying supplies.

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Frank E. Bybee, of Jacksonville, democratic nominee for sheriff of Jackson County, was in town Tuesday and while here made this office a pleasant call.

The May Day ball given in the

opera house Tuesday night was well attended and a most enjoyable evening was passed. Purkepile's orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion.

Mr. J. H. McFall, who resides a half mile east of town, was a caller Saturday. Mr. McFall is one of the valley's most successful melon raisers and last year produced the melon which took first premium at the Lewis and Clark fair. It weighed 51 pounds. Mr. McFall also took premiums on sweet potatoes, yellow corn and club wheat.

For us, the living...

This is, by custom, a day when we salute the men and women who gave their lives to keep this country free.

But this is a time to think about living Americans, too—and the struggle we all face today to keep those ideals of liberty, decency and human dignity which make our lives worthwhile.

Today, as in time past, we have an enemy. Only now it's an idea—a belief in the Dictatorship State, that soulless, terror-powered monster machine in which a man is just an expendable part, and God and conscience myths beneath contempt.

This is a strong enemy, and dangerous. For where there is dire poverty and economic instability, it offers a false security; and to peoples who are desperate, even a slave's security often seems better than none. So, today, the Dictatorship State doctrine, with its hatred of freedom, has spread over much of the globe.

Only you can keep America a rock of strength against this tide. Only you, as a prosperous, stable United States citizen with a faith in liberty—and the economic solidity which makes that faith a fact.

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