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## Housing Situation Improved Some During Past Week

### More Homes Needed as Officer Personnel Arrives at Camp

Some improvement was shown in the housing situation during the past week but demand is still strong and Ashland home owners will have to make further adjustments if the town houses its share of officers' families, according to the chamber of commerce office.

Some relief is being attained through vacating of houses and apartments by cantonment workers' families who have left and are leaving for other projects. A considerable number of these families are still here and may not leave before Aug. 15. From all accounts there will be no vacancies for new renters will be ready to take over as soon as quarters are available.

New groups are coming in daily at the cantonment and more and more families are seeking living quarters. The chamber of commerce is making an effort to locate as many as possible in Ashland and strongly urges home owners to give this housing question serious consideration—in fact, action is needed at once, chamber officials say.

During the past week Mrs. Stella Case Wagner and Mrs. Alice Peil rented their homes on Granite street to officers' families. It is understood that two families will occupy the Wagner home. Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Peil, with Mrs. Mabel Kinney, who sold her home some time ago to Dr. L. L. Summerlin, have taken up residence at the Lithia hotel.

A. H. Pracht has rented both of his residence properties on Vista. Two families are living in the larger house and one in the smaller house.

Newcomers are scouring the town every day, some with success and some with disappointing results. The Spindler apartments, nearly ready for occupancy last week when two families moved in. Other apartments are being rushed to completion to care for at least two more families.

These are some of the deals coming under this paper's observation. Several residences on the Boulevard appear to be undergoing alterations with a view to renting to the new army families.

## Transit Company Seeks Travel Boost

Problems confronting the Rogue Valley Transit company were discussed at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon held at the Lithia hotel Wednesday noon. Officials of the company, including Glen Jackson, George Roberts, Frank Farrell and Al Schneider, attended and explained the type of service provided and how it could be more generally patronized by the public. A misunderstanding relative to the bus company's franchise appears to have cost the concern considerable business and an effort will be made locally to enlighten the public who have need of that type of transportation.

President Ralph Poston presided and Dr. Walter Redford had charge of the program. He introduced Frank Van Dyke who in turn discussed transportation problems now affecting the valley and then called upon Glen Jackson to present the Rogue Valley Transit company's viewpoint.

### THIS AND THAT (By Old Timer)

To the Editor: Mussolini really seemed a fairly decent chap early in his career, as a newspaperman and a budding economist. Back in the days when Italy urgently needed a big dose of liberal economics he administered it not incompetently, until he went cuckoo.

By this time it has probably dawned upon Hitler that the only German who ever made a profit out of fighting was a fellow named Max Schmeling.

Japs are established on the tail of the Aluetians, but the tail is not going to wag the dog.

An appropriate addition to the war scrap collection would be the rubber boats in which those Nazi agents transferred from U-boats to our shores.

Uncle Zeke says: A postage stamp covers but a small portion of an envelope, while a sugar stamp covers four weeks.

Among the extinct species of mankind is the fellow who had nothing to worry about.

## Medford Holds One Game League Lead

### O-C BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Medford	12	4	.750
Klamath Falls	11	5	.687
Dorris	7	9	.437
Grants Pass	2	14	.125

Medford remained one game ahead of Klamath Falls in the race for the Oregon-California league pennant by trouncing Dorris in two games over the past week-end while the Pelicans were taking a pair from Grants Pass.

Medford set Dorris down in the Saturday tilt 10 to 4 and made use of 22 hits and five home runs to win Sunday 17 to 9. Klamath Falls took the first game of a Sunday double-header 17 to 1 and wound up the day by winning the second 7 to 4.

Medford and Grants Pass will meet in a league game at the Craters Fairgrounds park Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Grants Pass park.

Klamath Falls plays a Saturday twilight tilt and a Sunday afternoon game at Dorris.

### AFTERNOON AT LAKE

Mrs. Claude E. Sayre, Mrs. G. B. Hull, and Mrs. L. G. Sharyon are the guests of Mrs. S. J. Bailey at Lake of the Woods this afternoon and evening. The ladies have met regularly for over a year to sew on war work for Trinity Episcopal Guild. At first they were the guild's "Bundles for Britain" committee later expanding the scope of their work to include remodeling garments for local needy, Red Cross and Bundles for Britain.

### GARDEN PARTY

The attractive home of Mrs. Rose Tavener Robinson and Miss Victoria Tavener on Siskiyou Boulevard was the scene of a charming garden party Wednesday afternoon when a number of ladies called to welcome Mrs. Marguerite Mills to Ashland after her year's absence. Mrs. Mills spent some time in San Francisco before returning to Ashland for the remainder of the summer.

### LT. ENDERS VISITS

Henry G. Enders has been enjoying a visit from his son, Lt. Jack Enders, who is spending a 10-day furlough here. Father and son hied themselves away to Lake of the Woods for some fishing and other recreation. Lt. Enders was joined here by his wife, a former Pendleton girl, and together they will leave Friday for Ballinger, Texas, where he is stationed with the army air corps.

### TO ATTEND CLINIC

Dr. C. C. Dunham is leaving tonight for Portland to spend the remainder of the week attending a clinic for chiropractic physicians. Dr. Terrill, who is preparing to open an office in the Lithia Hotel building, expects to go to the meeting Friday.

Seventeen pounds of kitchen fats saved will produce a pound and a half of glycerine, enough to fire 85 anti-tank shells.

## Powerful New 91st Division to Be Developed Here

### Genl. Charles Gerhardt Tells Men They Will Be Top Fighting Unit

Fighting men in World War II are just as big and tough as those in World War I, according to Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, who, when addressing the first Camp White assembly Sunday morning said, "I propose to make this new 91st Infantry Division the best the United States has ever seen."

The general was speaking to officers, enlisted men and a group of civilians invited to the camp for ceremonies re-dedicating the 91st Division.

Addressing his remarks to men, the general said in part: "Your goal is to arrange things so that you can inflict more casualties on the enemy than you take." He emphasized the tough training program that lies ahead of the men but assured them that what they are learning now and will learn in the future may one day save their lives.

"You must develop automatic reactions in military affairs; you must learn to salute and to shoot with equal facility. I don't want any man in my outfit that can't do those two things."

Other speakers included Brigadier General P. W. Clarkson, assistant division commander; Brigadier General Edward S. Ott, artillery commander, and Colonel F. S. Jacobs, chief of staff.

Ashland's City band participated in the program, as did the Medford Senior high school band, each organization playing several numbers. Sebastian Apollo presided at the organ, playing for hymns sung during the church service. The bands were given a taste of army transportation when the commander dispatched regular equipment to Medford and Ashland.

### HERE FROM LAKEVIEW

Mrs. P. D. McDougal was a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Feige a couple of days this week. She accompanied Mrs. Feige from Lakeview to have some dental work done, expecting to return home Wednesday evening. Mrs. McDougal reports that her husband, former pressman on the Miner recently has been working three days a week in the Lake County Examiner office and putting in the rest of the week assisting with harvesting operations. That is part of the plan to meet the labor shortage in Lake county.

### RAILROAD MEN CALL

Leith F. Abbott, advertising agent, and Robert H. Holmes, district freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific company, were business callers in Ashland Wednesday. This office acknowledges a pleasant call from these gentlemen.

—Buy War Savings Stamps—

## Big Victory Drive on War Stamps Sale Set for Sunday, August 2nd

### Victory House on Wheels Scheduled to Appear Here for Six-Hour Program and Demonstration; Big Time Promised

Machinery was set in motion Wednesday afternoon for an all-out Victory Stamp sale drive following presentation of a plan by G. H. Austin, representing the treasury department, to the forum group of the chamber of commerce in session at the Lithia hotel. Following Austin's talk, President Ralph Poston appointed a committee headed by Theo J. Norby and including O. G. Crawford, G. M. Green and G. H. Wenner to handle the local angle. This committee met at a later hour in the afternoon and completed arrangements for handling the drive in Lithia Park the afternoon and evening of August 2.

## Carried Coffee to Mead's Soldiers in Summer of 1863

Many of us can remember the thrilling news of Dewey's victory in Manila bay but few there are who can recall events of the Civil War. That was a long time ago, when Oregon as a state was in its swaddling clothes and the country at large had not heard of the Roosevelts (either Teddy or FDR).

Today in Ashland, there lives a man who recalls an incident that remains clear in his memory after a lapse of 79 years. This man is I. H. Scott. As a boy of six he watched soldiers of General Mead's army enter Philadelphia. They were tired and dusty after marching through the summer heat and the little boy's mother sent him to ask them if they would like some cool drinking water. Their reply was that they would rather have coffee. He reported back to his mother and she immediately prepared a large pot of steaming hot coffee which he passed out to the soldiers.

It also was Mr. Scott's privilege to witness Lincoln's inauguration, but he says he remembers most of that event from stories told by older members of the family.

### HERE FROM SOUTH

Morey Applegate, father of Mrs. Robert Hardy, arrived in Ashland Tuesday evening to see his new grandson, Robert Vernon Hardy, Jr., who made his advent into this world at 11:57 Thursday, tipping the beam at 8½ pounds. Mrs. Hardy, the former Alicia Applegate, is a niece of Mrs. Alice Peil and Mr. Hardy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hardy.

### GOES TO FORT BENNING

Robert L. Sharyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sharyon of Ashland, is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., according to word received by his parents the past week. Robert received his early training at Camp Roberts, leaving there July 7 for Fort Benning. His address is 2nd Com. 9 Bat., 3rd S. T. R., Harmony Church Area, Ft. Benning, Ga.

## Band to Present Pianist Tonight

Tonight's City band concert will be featured by a group of piano solos by Barbara Tripp. Mrs. Tripp will play C Sharp Minor Prelude by Serge Rachmaninoff; Prelude No. 2 by Frederick Delius and Malaguena, by Earnesto Lecuona. Piano solos are a rarity in band concerts and this innovation on the regular weekly program will no doubt be a delightful diversion.

Last Thursday evening, Gordon Tripp "wowed" the concert crowd with his playing of the "saxophonia" arrangement of Noia. So well did it go over the first time he was compelled to repeat the number.

## Group Leaves for Fir Point Camp

A group of 27 young people from the Ashland Church of Christ left Sunday for Fir Point Christian Service camp near Glendale, where they are participating in a full week of Christian fellowship and training with other young people from all over southern and southwestern Oregon. The week will be spent in classes and many types of recreation. Rev. Earl Downing, pastor of the Ashland Church of Christ, is director of the camp this year.

This camp was originated eight years ago and has grown in membership and christian service.

Those going from Ashland are: Maxine Dieckman, Marjorie Penniston, Ronald Whited, Lillie Belle Haynie, Bert Marshall, Shirley Speece, Lynn Chafin, Norma Lee Hodgins, Lowell Hill, Blanch Smith, Gene Gresham, Beverly Autrey, Marie Gresham, Arlis Young, Alan Andrews, Byrl Flynn, Mary Louise Tilley, Jerry Smith, Bethel Tilley, Eldridge Gray, Max Whited, Marvel Sanders, Lawrence Hall, Dolores Stover, Joanne Smith, Eva Moore, Betty Clawson, Myola Young, Etta Davis, Mrs. John Schoenwald, Mrs. Helms, Mrs. Haynie and Mrs. Joe Spayde.

### SPENT TWO DAYS AT LAKE

Mrs. C. A. Haines, Mrs. Earl Leever, Mrs. Charles Fortmiller and Mrs. Helen Small spent two days at the Haines cabin at Lake of the Woods the first of the week.

Recently the Standard Oil Company of California completed and presented to the treasury department a "Victory house on wheels." The "house" is in two units, truck and trailer, and according to Austin and G. A. Ayrault, SO representative, it is a beautiful job. The company built and gave it to the treasury to make it possible for smaller cities to have the services of a Victory House in stamp sales drives. Larger cities have Victory Houses set up in prominent spots to help spur buying of stamps. These houses are of pre-fabricated type so that they may be readily moved from place to place. Only the larger cities have them and it was deemed advisable to give the smaller cities something on the same order and the house on wheels is the result. The Victory House is equipped with a fine Hammond organ. Besides the organist, two chevronettes, Pat Hawkins and Mary Ellen Gleason, accompany the unit to assist in entertaining and stamp sales.

A site near the bandstand in the park has been selected as the locale for the Victory House during its stay in Ashland. The program will start at 2 p. m. and run until 5 p. m. It will be resumed at 7 p. m. and close at 11 p. m. Local features will be added to the program so that there will be something of interest throughout the entire period.

Chairman Norby named the following committees: Band, Norman Kerr and O. G. Crawford. Fire bomb demonstration, Clint Baughman. Prizes committee: Groceries, A. V. Hardy; dry goods, J. G. Daugherty; general, Lloyd Selby, H. H. Elhart, Dr. Ralph E. Poston. Giant cake, G. H. Wenner. Auctioneer, Norman Kerr. First aid demonstration, Ned Mars. Children's program, Jean F. Eberhart. Publicity, G. M. Green and O. G. Crawford.

As far as the committee was concerned there will be no parade. The idea was advanced but did not receive popular favor. As an offset it was suggested that children be given an opportunity to participate in the program and Chairman Norby assigned the task to Jean F. Eberhart. Other suggestions included brief talks by city

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## Let This Be a Warning



## Major Role for Defeating the Axis Giant Transport Planes Assuming

Subs can't get at transport planes, the "sky trucks" of the near future. That's why all branches of Uncle Sam's armed forces are taking to the air.

These transport planes may win the war for the United Nations. For they are capable of carrying at least 100 fully outfitted soldiers non-stop to Europe.

Besides transporting personnel, sky trucks are also able to transport to the very heart of war zones such equipment as Gen. Grant tanks and other pieces of motorized materiel.

It was through the use of air borne troops both in transport planes and in gliders towed by those planes, that the Nazis were able to overwhelm the British on the island of Crete.

It is a known fact that the United States is now making military use of transport planes. The extent to which these planes are being utilized is a military secret.

With the production capabilities of American industry as great as it is, experts say it is not at all fantastic that the United States armed forces will have at least 15,000 sky trucks roaring across the skies, making life miserable for the Axis gang.

The Nazi army, according to accepted reports, has some 10,000 such transport planes, besides reserves of similar and various types.

The military striking possibilities of Uncle Sam with 15,000 transport planes, being used for troop, military supply and general provisions shipment, is to be

reckoned with in the near future.

For instance, such transport planes, towing five or six gliders, can move ten tons. Even though a ship can carry 1,000 dead-weight tons in its hold it can make say, only one round trip to a war zone port, while a transport plane can make five or six round trips into the heart of the battle zone.

The navy, likewise, has been busy during the past year experimenting with transport planes.

It now has in operation a sky giant, the "Mars," powered by four motors each capable of developing 2,000 horsepower. This flying battleship is capable of carrying more than 150 soldiers, fully equipped, non-stop to Europe and back.

What the outcome of the sky truck development might be is not hard to guess. The possibilities that if this war lasts long enough, the shipping shortage will be overcome in the air.

After-war use of such transport planes will further revolutionize transportation both in this nation and nations connected by air with the U. S.

It is not fantastic any more to visualize giant sky trucks roaring across the sky with seven or eight gliders in tow. As the plane moves non-stop from coast to coast, glider planes with their passengers and cargo will be unhooked from the tow to drop down at various airport stations.

What is now a military necessity for the coming victory, will develop into a usual peace-time transportation service.