

TALENT NEWS

TALENT, July 31.—Miss Lucile Welborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welburn and Pfc. Floyd Skinner of Ashland were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Minor Skinner on July 24. Mrs. Skinner attended the Talent schools and resided south of town.

George Wiley, brother of Mayor Wiley of Ashland purchased the Glen Brown property on Gibson street. They have taken possession and were residents of McCloed, California before coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Daly and daughter, Mrs. Art Coulter and son Rickie, with Mrs. C. O. Holman were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. McCurtain last Sunday. A chicken dinner was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Skeeters and three children of Prospect were Talent visitors here Saturday. While here they visited the Chase Gardner orchard and purchased apricots.

Tiny Combest after an absence of two years is home on a 30 days furlough. He is with the Seabees.

Mr. Calvin Harper is a patient at the Community hospital in Ashland after having a serious operation last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tillford and two children of Prospect were calling on friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bales and Lillian Frazier left early Monday morning for Twin Rocks, Oregon with a number of girls of the High school and the Friends Church.

Mrs. Helen Weisner returned home from Michigan where she spent the past month visiting relatives. A small niece returned home with her to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters and two children who spent the past two weeks at Lakeview returned home Monday evening. Mrs. Walters' mother, Mrs. Emma Morris accompanied them home.

At the close of the Bible school, Friday evening a very good program was enjoyed by a large attendance at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Bill Smith a resident of Glendale Oregon passed away Monday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Archie Estes at Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Coats of Phoenix, called on Friends in Talent, Monday evening.

Mr. P. I. McAbee was a business visitor in Klamath Falls Monday.

Armed Services Book Club Meets

The "Armed Services Book Club" of the Public Library held its final meeting on Saturday afternoon. Attendance taxed the seating capacity of the story-hour room with 50 to 55 members and friends present.

John Beare, member of longest standing in the Library Vacation Reading Club who has earned his fifth certificate, led the group in the salute to the flag. Chief Robert Stewart, U.S.N.R. gave a challenging talk to the boys and girls on the significance of radar and electronics in modern living. He pointed out that good reading habits prepare one for advanced studies and that those who want to contribute to the welfare of their country will do well to form this reading habit. He looked forward to the time when the use for warfare of knowledge and skills would be ended and the best abilities of young men and women would be devoted to building up our country and the world, for the good of its citizens.

Clifford Hoagins pleased the club members with music on his accordion. He played "Missouri Waltz" and "Bell-bottomed Trousers". Among the parents and relatives encouraging the club members by their presence were Mr. and Mrs. Kit Johnson, Mrs. Rosa Dodge Galey, Mrs. Earl F. Downing and Mrs. Ransom Nicks.

Sixty-four members earned the certificate in their two months' recorded reading. A promotion in rank was given for each two books read. A total of 32 books gave the reader a top rank of general, Admiral, or Commodore, according to the branch of service chosen. On the following list of receiving certificates on Saturday, those starred read 32 or more books:

*Haroldine Arney, Jerry Bailey Neoma Baugh, Melvin Bean, John Beare, Joanne Briscoe, *Ellen Brower, Janet Campbell, Janice Carter, Thomas Carter, Maxine Champion, Maxine Dorrrough, Joanne Downing, Lois Downing, Donna Dunkeson, Nancy Dunkeson, Kay Eaton, Billy Finnell, Lorraine Frantz, *Anne Fullerton, Ann Galey, Kenna Gandee, Lorna Harper, Kathleen Hartley, Philip Henning, Karna Henson, Earl Johnson, *Kit Johnson, *Zon Johnson, *Dennis Lacy, Illa LeBrun, Bob Madden, Marilee Mason, Margaret Meehan, Henry Metz, Winton Miller, *Danny Morris, Betty Myers, *Clarence Nicks, Arthur Ostrander, Paula Ostrander, Helen Robertson, Roy Rogers, David Satterlee, Bonnie Seaver, Joann Seaver, Margaret Shuman, Bobby Sipe, Evelyn Smith, James Smyth, Charlotte Smyth, Junelee Smyth, Sara Stabler, Judith Stephens, Doris Mae Stevens, Virginia Stevens, Martha Stephenson, Richard Taylor, James Trigg, John Trigg, Phyllis Walker, Irene Welch, Josella Welch, Mildred Williams.

Services Held for Otis Van Slyke Wed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 1, for Otis Van Slyke, a former Ashland resident, at the Conger Funeral Home in Medford. Interment was made in the Siskiyou cemetery at Medford.

Mr. Van Slyke was born at

Fairmont, Nebraska, August 8, 1873 and died at Medford, Saturday, July 28. He was married to Miss Laura Bixby at Willow Springs, Nebraska, in 1899. They were active in the Methodist church for the past 42 years.

The family lived in Tacoma, Washington for 25 years, then move to California where they lived for a year and then came to Ashland, where they lived for a few years, finally moving to Medford where Mr. Van Slyke lived the remainder of his life.

He is survived by his wife, three brothers, Frank, and Emory of Puyallup, Washington, and Rollo, of Tacoma, Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Seamons and Mrs. Kerry Linkletter and a daughter, Mrs. James E. Merritt of Ashland.

Stockmen Urged to Battle Stock Flies

Portland, Oregon, Special: Farmers were given another reason for a war on flies this summer in a report issued today by livestock health authorities.

Flies, the report states, have been found to be carriers of the deadly cattle disease, anaplasmosis, which is causing heavy cattle losses in a number of Western states.

"Recent tests show that horse flies which suck the blood of cattle carrying this disease, can readily transmit it to healthy cattle," says the report released here today by the American Foundation for Animal Health. "Anaplasmosis is caused by a minute parasite which attacks the blood cells of cattle, causing severe anemia. Cattle which contract the disease remain carriers, and during the horsefly and hornfly season such 'carrier' animals can endanger all healthy cattle in the locality. Persons not familiar with proper sanitary and disinfection practices in vaccinating may also spread the disease. There is no known cure, so rigid measures are doubly important. A vigorous campaign against biting flies at this time should be especially helpful."

Pfc. Donald E. Reed Good Conduct Medal

With the 100th Division of the Seventh Army, Germany—Pfc. Donald E. Reed, Box 30, Ashland, Oregon has recently been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

The local soldier's unit is a part of the victorious Seventh United States Army commanded by Lieutenant General Wade H. Haislip. The first American Army to taste combat in World War II, the Seventh was born at sea on D-1 of the Sicilian invasion. After sweeping the enemy out of Sicily in 37 days of hard, fast fighting the Seventh became the Mystery Army of the European Theater until revealing its power in the invasion of Southern France.

From the beaches of the French Riviera the forces of the Seventh Army launched a drive that was to carry them more than 1000 miles through the heart of Fortress Germany. No other army has fought over so long a route or has liberated so vast an area as has the Seventh. During this history-making drive, which carried it over the Maritime Alps the rugged Vosges range, across the Rhine and Danube rivers, the men of the Seventh captured more than 650,000 prisoners. This total includes only those prisoners taken in combat and does not

include the thousands who surrendered en masse when the German 19th Army and German Army Group G capitulated to the Seventh.

Local Men Qualify for Radar Training

Additional young men from this section of Oregon continue to be enlisted in the Navy according to W. R. Cumley, Recruiter-in-charge of the Medford Navy Recruiting Station.

In addition to many enlistments in the general service classification, several young men from this and surrounding territory have recently been enlisted in the Navy's Radio Technician (RADAR) training program. As such when enlisted or inducted they became Seaman First Class and became eligible for almost a year of training in one of the greatest developments of the present war. Namely, the field of electronics, which promises so much when hostilities cease.

Among those in this general area who have qualified for this special program are: John E. Bullock, Medford; Herbert W. Gifford, Medford; Cecil H. Hayes, Prospect; James R. Lovejoy, Medford; William S. Ore, Grants Pass; Robert D. Pactor, Medford; Arthur U. Van Etten, Ashland; Henry O. White, Grants Pass.

Sgt. John M. Barger Is At McChord Field

McChord Field, Washington—Sergeant John M. Barger, husband of the former Miss Gladys L. Hoadley of Ashland, Oregon, is now stationed at McChord Field, near Tacoma, Washington, where he is assigned duty in the Medi-

cal Supply Section in the station hospital.

Before his induction on January 10, 1942, Sergeant Barger was employed as a general mechanic in Ashland. He was married in July of 1942 in Seattle, Washington. His wife and two small children now reside in Ashland.

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Pfc. Neil M. Arant Gets Purple Heart

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed)—Marine Private First Class Neil M. Arant, 20, son of Mrs. Ada Arant of 4678 South Sixth Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon, was awarded the Purple Heart recently for shrapnel wounds sustained at Iwo Jima.

A communications man in the Fifth Marine division, Arant was presented the medal at impressive ceremonies by Colonel Chester B. Graham, regimental commander.

His minor wounds did not require his evacuation and he went through the entire Iwo campaign.

Before joining the Marines in October, 1943, Arant was graduated earlier the same year from Ashland (Oregon) high school where he played varsity football for two years and was a basketball letterman one season.

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