

# ARGUMENT LOOMS OVER USE OF CCC'S IN ARMY SERVICE

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Army and Navy Register said today that President Roosevelt may be called on to decide a controversy over an army-initiated proposal to employ civilian conservation corps volunteers as troop auxiliaries.

The military periodical said a proposal to this effect was advanced by General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, and was rejected by James J. McEntee, acting CCC director.

Marshall was said to have suggested that the CCC initiate military training on a voluntary basis, and that the volunteers be established in special camps near army posts and training centers such as Fort Benning, Ga., to function as auxiliary and supply troops for training purposes.

The first regular army infantry division is undergoing special winter training at Fort Benning, preparatory to mass corps maneuvers in April with several other "streamlined" divisions.

The Register said McEntee rejected the idea with a statement he opposed the entire principle of a military link for the CCC. He conferred with Marshall recently and no apparent agreement was reached.

Meanwhile, McEntee announced that beginning next Tuesday the CCC will enroll 65,000 young men and war veterans to fill vacancies in the corps.

The enrollment of the replacements will bring the CCC strength to 311,500.

# GOERING BOASTS TERRIBLE THINGS

Berlin, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Field Marshal Goering, Germany's air commander, said today in a discussion of the British-German air war that "when the German air force counter attacks, it will make an assault such as world history never has experienced."

"No land in the world is so vulnerable from the air as the British island," Goering wrote in the newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter.

He said that "only the command of the fuhrer is required to bring a destruction-dealing load of bombs instead of an insignificant load of cameras," stating that so far Germany has been satisfied with reconnaissance flights.

Goering, most outspoken of the Nazi leaders, disclosed officially for the first time that Germany is employing military lay-up airplanes. Previously German officials had declined to affirm or deny British reports that such tactics were being used.

Four split prize in rainfall derby. Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Because an inch and a half of rain fell in the Grays harbor district in the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., last night four persons will split the \$488 first prize in the second annual Grays harbor rain derby.

## Meteorological Report

January 1  
Medford and vicinity: Rain tonight and Tuesday, little change in temperature, moderate to fresh southeast wind.  
Rain west and rain or snow east portion tonight and Tuesday, little change in temperature, strong southerly wind and occasional gales off the coast.  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 65; lowest 48.  
Total monthly precipitation 0 inches. Excess deficiency for the month 0 inches.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1939, 9.12 inches. Excess for the season 1.63 inches.  
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday 78 percent; 5 a. m. today 97 percent.  
Tomorrow: Sunrise 7:39 a. m. Sunset 4:51 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m.—120 Meridian Time.

CITY	High Temp.	Lowest Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Remarks
Boise	36	33	20		Fog.
Boston	34	14	01		Clear
Chicago	19	6			Clear
Denver	30	27	T		
Elmer	53	54			Cloudy
Havr	26	4			Cloudy
Los Angeles	62	42			Fog
MEDFORD	62	44	01		Cloudy
New York	32	13			Clear
Omaha	13	4	06		Clear
Phoenix	72	40			Cloudy
Portland	45	42	40		Cloudy
Reno	45	20	01		Fog
Roseburg	62	45	37		Rain
Salt Lake	47	14			Cloudy
San Francisco	60	54	18		Rain
Seattle	51	45	35		Cloudy
Spokane	34	33	47		Clear
Washington, D.C.	34	15			Rain
Wenatchee	32	26	24		Cloudy

## GERMAN SHIP TACOMA ACCEPTS INTERNMENT IN MONTEVIDEO PORT

Montevideo, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Uruguay announced officially today the German steamer Tacoma would be interned here for duration of the war.

The 8,268-ton vessel, ordered to leave port or be interned, anchored in the roadstead yesterday afternoon, and remained there in apparent indecision all night.

Early today, upon the 8 a. m. (3 a. m. P.S.T.) deadline set by Uruguay for the departure, the government announced the Tacoma would remain and be interned.

Fifty Uruguayan marines, aboard the Uruguayan navy's steamer La Valdeja, went out to the Tacoma.

Capt. Hans Know, charged by Uruguay with placing his ship in the category of a belligerent by standing by the Admiral Graf Spee when that German pocket battleship was destroyed by its commander, December 17, ran up a German ensign Sunday afternoon and steamed from the inner harbor, as the Admiral Graf Spee had done two weeks previously.

Instead of going on to self-destruction as the warship did, however, the Tacoma dropped anchor just inside the harbor breakwater.

## LONG DREDGE RUN ON ALTHOUSE CREEK IS ATLAS COMPANY PLAN

Grants Pass, Jan. 1.—(Spl.)—Year-around operations, 24 hours a day, for the next five or six years, with a plant capable of handling 4,000 yards of gravel a day—those are the plans of the Atlas Gold Dredging corporation for working Althouse creek near Holland, according to President Frank E. Ford.

"We have moved in a Bodinnson floating washing plant which will handle a maximum of 4,000 yards per day. We feed this with a three-yard link-belt dragline which will dig to a depth of about 35 feet. The whole plant is electrically operated from power which we will get from the California Oregon Power company. We have put in about a mile and a half of power line to the dredging area in Althouse creek."

"We intend to operate the year round, as the climate is not severe enough in the winter to shut us down. We operate 24 hours a day, in three shifts, using our regular crew—with relief men to give the regular operators a day off each week. Our total crew will amount to around 15 men," Mr. Ford said.

Picks Jail Lock. Dallas, Ore., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Marie Tyler, 38, picked the main lock and escaped from the Polk county jail about noon Sunday. Sheriff T. B. Hooker said. He was awaiting a second trial on a charge of burglary in a dwelling. At his first trial, the jury disagreed.

## CONRAD, BRUCE & CO. INVESTMENT CONCERN OPENS OFFICE HERE

As a convenience to investors of Medford and surrounding area, Conrad, Bruce & Co., Pacific coast investment house, announces the opening of a Medford office on January 2.

The local office, occupying rooms 9 and 10 in the Jackson County Bank building, will be under the management of I. E. Staples, Jr., who has been with the firm for several years.

Conrad, Bruce & Co. is an old-established firm on the Pacific coast, dating its origin from 1908, when offices were first opened in San Francisco.

Since that date, the firm has steadily expanded until today offices are maintained in Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Portland, Salem, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver, Wash.

The opening of the Medford office does much to complete the coastwide service offered by this firm.

## DECEMBER RAINS SET NEW RECORD

Rainfall in December followed the trend of Medford business in general and established a new, all-time high record.

The December rain totaled 6.69 inches, an excess above normal of 3.59 inches. It was the greatest monthly rainfall not only for December; it was the highest for any month for which there are records. Records go back to 1911 when the weather bureau was established here.

Closest month to December was November of 1925 when 6.66 inches of rain fell. Next highest December was in 1929 when the weather bureau measured 6.45 inches.

December's rainfall brought the precipitation for the season beginning last September 1 to 9.12 inches, an excess of 1.63 inches. Rain fell again today to start the new year.

## NAZI LINER RUNS BRITISH BLOCKADE

Berlin, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The official news agency announced that the 16,732-ton German liner St. Louis had slipped through the British naval blockade and reached "a home harbor" today after an absence of seven months.

The announcement by DNB said the St. Louis was the fifth important passenger ship of the Hamburg-American lines' North American service to return to Germany since the war began.

It stated the liner came in under command of its captain, Gustav Schroeder. It did not disclose her homeward route, last port of call or whether she was protected by a convoy.

Sea Warfare Toll. London, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that three British and two neutral vessels totaling 4,699 tons were sunk by "enemy action" during the week of December 24-30.

# COUNTY BRIEFS

## Willow Springs

Willow Springs, Jan. 1.—(Spl.)—Willow Springs school closed for the holiday season. The annual Christmas entertainment was presented December 22 with a community Christmas tree and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eiden and son, John, of Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eiden and children, were Christmas Eve dinner guests at the J. W. Eiden home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birchholz spent Christmas Eve in Medford at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Birchholz who entertained at dinner and a family Christmas tree.

Mrs. Clyde Richmond is visiting her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wood, in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brophy and daughter of Hines, Ore., spent Christmas week at the home of Mr. Brophy's mother, Mrs. W. K. Parker, Miss Leah Parker is also spending a week at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson spent the holidays as a guest of her sons and their families in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Young, who are making their home at the Green Acres ranch during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Palmer, who are traveling in the east, have as a guest over the holidays their son from Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John Catey were Christmas dinner guests at the home of their son Harold, in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Young entertained guests from Cottage Grove, Ore., over the New Year's weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols were dinner guests Christmas day at the Earl Helt home with other members of the family. The Nathan Grisham's entertained the family group on New Year's day.

## Forest Creek

Forest Creek, Jan. 1.—(Spl.)—Forest Creek school children presented their annual Christmas program at the school house December 22 to an appreciative gathering of parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Madson spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dorothy in Jacksonville.

The Davies family enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Davina in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Storr of Prospect spent the Christmas vacation at the home of Mrs. Annie Davies here.

Robert C. Hepler of Eureka, Calif., spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his cousin, Lee Black.

Jim Ewing of Medford also spent several days last week at the Black ranch.

The Davies brothers, Arthur and Ivan, have completed fitting up the Davies mine for the winter run and are now awaiting sufficient rainfall to increase the water supply.

## Reese Creek

Reese Creek, Jan. 1.—(Spl.)—A capacity crowd enjoyed the school Christmas program December 22. Lorena Millard gave the recitation of welcome. Other pupils taking part were Carl Keith, Dale Keith, Jim Jackson, Margie Dee Wescott, Stanley Martin, Bill Jackson, Ralph Humphrey, John Ryan, Rose Keith and Bryan Twedell.

School will resume Tuesday. W. C. T. U. New Year's party will be held January 4 at 2 p. m. in the Mission church. A program and refreshments will be enjoyed. All interested are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pullen, Mrs. Lucinda Sheets and Ruby Pullen attended the family reunion Christmas dinner at the J. L. Robertson home in Eagle Point Christmas day. Others of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Mendenhall of Big Lake, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merritt, Janet and Jimmy, called at the Robertson home during the day, as did Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Robertson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Boyer visited relatives in Eureka, Calif., over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Homett Martin's daughter, Mrs. Flora Jackson and children, were here from California over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. James McDowell and little Marilyn, of Sumner Valley, and Mrs. Edward Hanford and daughter, Signa, of Medford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Jack at Christmas dinner.

The Misses Myrtle and Alma Comack and brother, Harry Sloan, entertained at dinner Christmas day for a Woodrich and son Johnny.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lamb were Christmas dinner hosts for Mr. and Mrs. Milo Lamb and son Kenneth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lamb, Robert Lamb and Ralph Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wright and son Jackie of Klamath Falls spent Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor.

The Misses Hilda and Freya Rein are here from San Francisco, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Rein, and brother, Walter.

The American Union Sunday school presented a Christmas program December 24 with a tree, candy and gift exchange.

## Brownsboro

Brownsboro, Jan. 1.—(Spl.)—The Christmas entertainment given December 21 by the school children and their teach-

er, Mrs. Wise, was enjoyed by a large attendance. Santa Claus appeared with toys, candy and nuts for all, after which cake and coffee were passed to those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marshall and son Bill returned home Thursday from Puyallup, Wash., where they spent a week visiting Mrs. Marshall's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beam of Galt, Calif., are guests of Mrs. Beam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hayward.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Craig are spending the holidays with relatives at Cottage Grove and Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dystinger and Lola Wright were guests at the Wheatman home at Shady Cove, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hansen and son, Gerald, attended the funeral of Mrs. Hansen's nephew Harold Tyler at Horebuck, Calif., Dec. 19.

Nora May Wilson came out from Medford and spent the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson.

Mrs. Trueblood, Betty Trueblood, Lois and Billy Wright, Bruce Hansen and Gerald Hansen attended the recreation party at Lake Creek, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joan Trueblood and child were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Chas. Thompson in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wise were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nye at Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Henry and family motored to Grants Pass Dec. 23 and had dinner with Mrs. Henry's brother, Earl Tucker and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hansen entertained with a dinner Christmas day at their home for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hansen and son Bruce, Mrs. Rohrer, Louisa Rohrer, Mrs. Leonard of Tyee, and Mr. and Mrs. Escoc Fuller and son Glenn of Ashland.

The Fuller family were overnight guests at the Hansen home and Tuesday evening were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright, after which they spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Trueblood and returned to their home Wednesday.

## Big Applegate

Big Applegate, Jan. 1.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill, residents of Star gulch, expected to accompany Mrs. Hill's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Owen McCord of Klamath Falls, to Washington during the week end to spend New Year's day with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. McCord spent Christmas here with the Hills.

Mrs. Maude Herriott was among the many local people who entertained with a family dinner on Christmas.

Robert Lewis, student in aviation mechanics at March Field, Cal., is spending the holiday vacation here with his mother, Mrs. Gerald Buck. Mr. Lewis expects to return south December 31.

er, Mrs. Miller of Medford spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien.

Among others spending the day here with their parents, were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDaniel of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Luy of Weller, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDaniel.

Fred Surran, employed at Lovelock, Nevada, is spending the holidays with his family at Applegate.

It's great to be in the dog house, think Pat and Mike, the canine divison of the John Byrne ranch, having recently been presented with a most up-to-date structure of logs fashioned by Morris Byrne. The rustic structure is about four feet high, and has a partition on the lower floor for the convenience of the dogs who occasionally disagree. The two yellow Persian cats also are in the dog house much of the time, since the attic has been arranged for their special comfort.

Guests over the holiday period at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hart were their niece, Miss Beth Olek of Malin, and Melburn Astkins of Central Point.

Mrs. Etta Brown is spending the holiday vacation at Inulo, Cal., as a guest of her son, Roy Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Throckmorton and son and daughter of Eagle Point spent Christmas here with Mr. Throckmorton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Throckmorton.

The following guests were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne on Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McKee and daughter Jeanette, and Fred Saura of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Amos McKee, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith, Donald O'Brien, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins of the community.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Earl Saltmarsh; secretary, Louise Britton; treasurer, Donna Mae Thomas; business manager, Betty Lue Reich; sergeant-at-arms, Jack Logan; song leader, Janice Pitts; refreshment chairman, Mary Ellen Loettler; program chairman, Marie Logan.

This organization meets once a month.

Oak Grove Homemaking club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Denney, leader.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Marie Logan; vice-president, Donna Mae Thomas; secretary, Joan Denney; program committee, Phyllis Werner, Mary Ellen Loettler; representative, Betty Lue Reich.

This is a new club in this district, but promises to be an active one for there are a number of eager club members.

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