

PARENTS OBSERVE HERO SON'S PLEA BY BUYING BONDS

Mr. and Mrs. Ford of Medford Reveal Last Word From Son Killed in Islands

The last letter Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ford of 425 Manzanita street received from their son, 1st Lt. Seth Allen Ford, they were urged to purchase all the war bonds they possibly could in order to hasten America's inevitable triumph over the Axis.

"Don't worry about us," Lt. Ford wrote his parents. "We are tough and more than a match for



Lt. Seth Allen Ford

the Japs. We'll win the war. And the more bonds you folks at home buy, the sooner it will all be over."

A short time later Mr. and Mrs. Ford received a telegram from the war department notifying them of their son's death in action, in the service of his country. He was killed, Mr. Ford said, in one of the Guadalcanal battles.

Last Monday, on Pearl Harbor day, Mr. and Mrs. Ford complied with their son's request. They purchased a \$1,000 bond to add

to their other smaller bonds, which they had been steadily accumulating, and Mr. Ford said that wasn't the last time they would put every spare cent they owned into such victory insurance.

Lt. Ford volunteered in the U. S. army from Weatherford, Okla., former residence of the Fords, after serving two years in the National Guard. He was stationed first at Ft. Sill, Okla., then was transferred to Camp Barkley, Tex., where he remained for six months. It was there that he transferred to the army air corps and became a bombardier.

High School News by STUDENT REPORTERS

By Thelma Kaplan

"Truth or Consequences" was the theme of the annual Crater assembly presented Wednesday morning under direction of Leigh Eden, master of ceremonies. Students were called from the audience to answer quiz questions and when unable to give the correct ones had to perform different feats which included dancing, playing the drums, singing, and several clever impersonations. During the assembly, Lois Piening, chairman of the affair, announced that ticket sales for the yearbook would start next Monday. Also during the assembly, Coach Lorne Arnold presented major and minor letters to the boys of the football squad, and manager letters to Wally Rice and Bill Beattie.

At the H. E. C. A. luncheon last Monday, the slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor" was carried out in all table decorations. The menu was arranged by Frances Nordquist and the program was prepared by Pat Ballantyne, who presented an original skit, "The Rising Sun Has Set," which foretells the doom of the Japs. The following students were in the pantomime: Jim Hoey, Lorraine Gleason, Joyce Utz, Jim Tucker, Roger Wolf, and Pat Ballantyne.

Ray Bilderback was appointed chairman of the La Tertulia dance scheduled for this evening in the girls' gym from 8:5 until 11:45. "A Little Bit of Latin America" is the theme of the affair and the gym is being decorated under supervision of Rae Ellen Wyner, chairman of the decoration committee. Other

Spanish club students assisting Ray are Danny Graham, publicity; Betty Frey, intermission; Bob Davis, clean-up, and Joyce Utz, concessions.

The second in a series of weekly news motion picture shorts was presented to the students of Medford high this noon by the A. S. B. Two films, "Men and the Sea" and "Women and Defense," showed graphically how Mr. and Mrs. America are helping in national defense by saving tin cans and other scrap metals. Jack Moffatt, school technician, was in charge of the motion picture machine.

CAMPS LACK MEN

Cheyenne, Wyo., (U.P.)—Timber camps in southern Wyoming have less than half enough men in many instances to handle the work that must be done, according to a report by the State Labor Department. Operators are offering special inducements to bring enough men into the lumber camps.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m.—To late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

AMERICANS LIKED BY COSTA RICANS, MILLARD WRITES

An interesting letter was received by Mrs. T. R. Florey of this city from her brother, John Millard, who is now in Costa Rica working on construction of the Pan-American highway in that country.

He states that "the climate is neither hot nor cold—just like spring. The people are pure Castilian Spanish, the girls very beautiful, the complexions very light. They are friendly, polite and very hospitable and nothing is too good for the Americans, who are going to build the Pan-American highway through their country. The police all salute us."

"Here in Central Park the way to get acquainted with the girls is this: the girls walk

around the park in one direction and the boys in the other. If she smiles the first time around you keep walking. The second time around the park you can stop and talk and join her in the walk. Then you may ask her for

a date if her mother approves. That is the only way you can meet these girls."

"Since I am the only one in our gang who speaks Spanish I act as interpreter. I would appreciate hearing from any of my

friends in Medford. My address is John Junior Millard, In Care of Foundation Company, San Jose, Costa Rica."

Walla Walla, Wash. — (U.P.)—Walla Walla college has become

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