

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Highway Closed—According to city police reports highway 99 one mile north of Rogue River bridge was under water this morning and was closed to travel. Several cars were stalled and water was up to the floor boards the report stated.

Begin Duties—Warren Poole of Klamath Falls has taken up his duties as station attendant at the Medford office of United Air Lines at the Medford municipal airport. He has been instructing radio at the Boeing school in Oakland.

Board Caught Up—War price and rationing board members have been caught up on applications for gasoline and are now handling the applications day by day as received. The supplemental application and truck certificate of war necessity applications have all been taken care of.

Receives Promotion—Mr. and Mrs. Otis L. Asher of 126 North Holly street have received word of the promotion of their son, PFC Robert L. Asher to the grade of corporal. Cpl. Asher is attached to the 55th Armored Infantry Regiment. Word of his promotion was sent the Ashers by Brig. Gen. Charles S. Kilburn, commander of the 11th Armored Division, Camp Polk, La.

12 MEET DEATH IN CRACK-UP OF 4-MOTOR PLANE

Roundup, Mont., Dec. 31—(U.P.)—The death toll mounted to 12 today in the crash of a four-motored bomber which slammed to earth and burned near here yesterday.

The flying fortress cracked up when it attempted to make a crash landing on a tiny meadow 23 miles east of here along the highway between Musselshell and Custer.

Officers at the Great Falls airbase, where the plane had taken off early yesterday afternoon on a routine flight, had previously announced that 11 bodies were recovered. Later a twelfth was found.

The army gave the following list of victims:

- Pilot 1st Lieut. Edward T. Layfield, 23, Baltimore, Md.
- Co-pilot 2nd Lieut. Gerald K. Beem, 23, Omaha, Neb.
- Maj. Orville A. Nelson, 48, Valentine, Neb.
- 2nd Lieut. Regis J. Newland, 21, Millvale, Pa.
- 2nd Lieut. Chester A. Knight, 21, Prescott, Ariz.
- Staff Sgt. Hulon B. Dutton, Adairville, Ga.
- Corp. Fred E. Murray, Danville, Ill.
- Staff Sgt. Frederick T. Brown, Almont, Mich.
- Corp. Hobart L. Hall, Sioux Falls, S. D.
- Pvt. 1st Class Jacob V. Reiss, Cleveland, O.
- Staff Sgt. Charles T. Valyn, Creston, Calif.

INDIANS BEARIN' TO GO—San Diego, Cal. (U.P.)—Adolph Plenthorpe, Lester Wilson and Jacob Blackbird are three thoroughly modern Sioux Indians, now at the Naval Training Station here, merely waiting for the "Go" signal to start on a warpath against the Axis powers that will make the warpaths of their ancestors look like bridle paths in a city park.

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HOLLY THEATRE—DIAL 5094
Nites Only Weekdays Starts at 8:45 40c-25c-11c Inc. Tax

Ends Saturday Nite!
OMAHA TRAIL
DEAN JAGGER
BALFOUR
SHANGHAI
Irene Hervey, Kent Taylor

SUNDAY—3 Days!
THE DEAD END KIDS
and LITTLE TOUGH GUYS
and Companion Mystery:
THE MAN IN THE TRUNK
LYNN ROBERTS • GEORGE HOLMES
RAYMOND WALKER • J. CAROL HAIN

Bonds for Immediate Delivery

Ashes Cause Fire—An early morning call at 5:40 a. m. took city firemen to the residence of C. W. Wilson, 548 W. Holly street. Hot ashes dumped into a wooden box had set fire to the box, but no damage resulted to the room.

At Camp Waldron—Darwin Bevens of Prospect, who joined the navy recently, is now stationed at Camp Waldron, Farragut, Idaho. His address is Darwin Bevens, A.S., Co. 59, Camp Waldron, U. S. Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho.

Course Offered—Jackson County chapter of American Red Cross is offering a course in home nursing in the Oak Grove community. All are eligible and provision will be made for the care of pre-school age children so that the young mothers may attend. First meeting will be at the Oak Grove school Jan. 6 at 1 p. m. All interested are urged to be present.

Bowerman Son—Word has been received here of the birth of a second son Dec. 16 to Lieut. and Mrs. William J. Bowerman. The baby weighed seven pounds, four ounces and has been named William John Bowerman. Lt. Bowerman, former director of athletics at Medford senior high school, is special service officer at Ft. Lawton, Seattle. The Bowermans' other son, Jon, is four years old.

New Ways Are Found For Destruction Of Louisiana Crawfish

Baton Rouge, La. (U.P.)—Crawfish-eating gourmets who regard the Louisiana crustacean as a high delicacy will indeed shudder when they hear the newest methods of destroying the water-inhabitant—now a menace to agriculture in certain parts of the state.

At this time of the year they literally destroy acres of fertile Louisiana soil by burrowing through the ground in their search for water levels. Their search dug by crawfish cause soil erosion during rainy weather, and the dirt from these burrows frequently covers important field crops, completely destroying them.

Dr. C. O. Eddy, entomologist of the Louisiana Agriculture Experiment station, has been experimenting with various means of control. Most of the methods involve solutions of household staples and experiments with them at Louisiana State university have proved successful.

An effective home-made emulsion suggested by Dr. Eddy may be prepared by dissolving three-fourths pound of laundry soap in one gallon of boiling water. When dissolved, add two gallons of turpentine to make a milky-white mixture.

For field use, one gallon of this emulsion is diluted with 40 gallons of water, and should be applied to the burrows at the rate of about one-half teacup or less to each hole.

Suburbanite Knows Possum—Garden City, N. Y. (U.P.)—The neighbors of John E. Cahill, architect, smiled tolerantly when he told of seeing an opossum squatting on his front lawn in the moonlight. "Must have been a big rabbit or a cat—or moonshine," they said. "Possums don't live in the suburbs." But today Cahill knew his eyes hadn't deceived him. He found the opossum—a 10-pounder—dead by the side of the road not far from his house. It probably had been struck by a car.

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WILLIAM BOYD
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STIMSON REVIEWS U. S. CHANGES FOR ALL-OUT CONFLICT

2½-Year Transformation From Helplessness Told By War Chief.

Washington, Dec. 31—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in a New Year's resume, today marked the country's 2½-year transformation from a "great, helpless, peaceful nation" to one that is the "best-equipped for war the world has ever seen."

Stimson said that when he went into office in July, 1940, the United States had a regular army of only 265,000 men, including an air force of 50,000, with only 2,175 pilots.

"Today," he continued, "we have an army of over 5,000,000, of which well over 1,000,000 constitute the air force, including tens of thousands of pilots."

Stimson said that when he first took office the nation was so ill-prepared that it did not have enough gunpowder to supply for one day the men we now have overseas.

From this we have changed to a nation that has an army "now rapidly being equipped with the best airplanes that are in the air today, with the best tanks that are on the grounds today, with the best self-propelled artillery that is in action today, and with the best rifles that are in use in any part of the world."

"This army is being trained with more solicitude care for its health, its physical condition, its mental and moral welfare, than any former American army in our history."

"This is a fact I am glad to be able to emphasize for the benefit of parents and families of the men of our army," Stimson said.

The average American soldier of today is well ahead in health, and weighs eight pounds more than his fellow in 1918, the secretary reported. The percentage who are graduates of high school is three times as large as during the last war, over 50 per cent do not drink at all, about 40 per cent drink beer, and "distilled liquor," he said, "is only the very small remainder."

"Only the very small remainder," he said, "is distilled liquor."

At 60 per cent of the men in the army today go consistently to church, Stimson said.

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DONALD DUCK
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Bonds-Stamps for Sale Here!

A SHAMROCK IN HIS HEART
...and dynamite in his fist!
GENTLEMAN JIM
ERROL FLYNN
ALEXIS SMITH
SUNDAY!

Gay Comedy Booked At Rialto



"Road to Morocco," third in the triumphant series of comedy adventure films, re-uniting Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour and Bing Crosby, comes to the Rialto Theatre tomorrow (New Year's day) for one big week.

Holly Thriller



James Craig and Pamela Blake help Dean Jagger build the railroad west in "Omaha Trail," playing at the Holly Theatre through Saturday night. "Half-way to Shanghai" plays as the companion mystery.

In Comedy Role



Monty Woolley is knee-deep in new trouble and fun in "Life Begins at 8:30," his new comedy, playing at the Craterian Theatre through Saturday night. Ida Lupino is with the "Pied Piper" star.

YANKEE AIRMEN IN NEW ATTACKS

Washington, Dec. 31—(U.P.)—The navy announced today that American aircraft have carried out additional attacks on enemy installations in various parts of the Solomons and that five enemy barges were destroyed in an attack on Vangunu Island, 120 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

The attack on Vangunu was carried out during the early hours of Wednesday, South Pacific time, by a flight of "Airacobra" and "Wildcat" fighters.

Late in the same day, a navy communiqué announced, "Dauntless" dive bombers with "wildcat" escorts attacked enemy installations in the Rekata bay area of Santa Isabel Island. Buildings on the east side of the bay were bombed and strafed

and three float-type planes were strafed on the water, the navy said. Rekata bay is 115 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

"WEEDS" LATEST ALPHABET GROUP

Chicago—(U.P.)—Do you know 'em all?

To the Waacs, Waves, Wafs, Wires and Wasps, now add the Weeds.

This newest group of wartime "alphabet women" stands for the Women's Emergency Engineering Drafting Society, organized at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

The elder sister units, of course, are the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Auxiliary Volunteer Service, Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and the two recently formed in Colorado—Women in Radio

Electric Service and Women's Auxiliary Special Police Service

Many of the 167 Weeds are at work in war plants in the Chicago area and others have not yet completed Illinois Tech's war training program in engineering drafting, which is tuition-free, with costs underwritten by the United States Office of Education.

All the Weeds are determined and tenacious.

"The Axis won't exterminate us," they say.

Government expenditures for war purposes during November amounted to twice the total value of all the passenger cars and motor trucks produced in the United States in 1940.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Too Late to Classify

WANTED—Capable woman to care for semi-invalid half days. No housework. Phone 3780.

FOR SALE—Upright piano, dining table and six chairs, buffet and china cabinet. Mrs. L. Crawford, Rt. 2, Box 51, Midway Road.

FOR SALE—Young roosters, New Hampshire Red, Cornish Game, and Buff Orpington. Also pullets. I. G. Nevel, Gold Hill.

FOR RENT—7-room furnished home, 4250 S. H. H. Parker, First and Pine, Phoenix.

WANTED—Dish for office or home. Phone 5939.

WANTED—Pensioner to care for place on Greensprings for rent, wood, water free, bus service if wanted. Mrs. A. Paston, Star Route, Ashland.

FOR SALE—1940 Ford Deluxe convertible. Good heater, radio, and battery. Good tires. Phone 6352. L. E. Hamlin.

BARHART'S CHICKEN DINNER
335 South Riverside.
Will be serving New Year's dinner from noon until 9 o'clock.

WANTED—Good blooded turkey tom of broad breasted variety. Also 10-foot hay rake. Elmer Hopkins, Route 1, Ashland.

FOR SALE—1930 Studebaker sedan. 3 new tires, 1 new tread, 1 fair. See at Texaco Service Station on Riverside Ave., near Riverside Market.

WANTED—Factory built trailer house. 120 Columbus. Phone 4463.

FOR SALE—Ground grains for your dairy, hog and poultry feeds. Home grown of quality grains. Victor Burrell.

WILL THE GENTLEMAN who kindly gave me a ride last Sunday please send me the package I left in his car as soon as possible. Berenice Reames, Eagle Point Star Route, Medford, Oregon.

At all good drug stores everywhere—in Medford at Chas. Strang Drug and Western Tonic Stores.

FOR SALE—1938 Chevrolet, 218 W. HELP WANTED—Man with warehouse and grain handling experience. F. E. Samson 60. Phone 3756.

FOR SALE—Pumps, trailer, door windows, 300 ft. quarter round, set of drawers, chairs, bedsteads, mattresses, springs, car heater, electric heater, looking-glass, cot bed, 32 rifle, guns, etc. I. G. Nevel, Gold Hill.

\$2900—Four acres fine garden land, fruit, berries, shade. Part irrigated, Medford city water, attractive small modern cottage, barn equipped for grade A milk, poultry house, fenced and cross fenced. Paved road close in. Owner leaving.

\$6000—30 acres fine valley land, all cultivated and sub-irrigated. Fronts paved road, close in. Large barn, granary, well, fenced. No house. This is good alfalfa land.

Also 40 acres, best of soil, free water right, highly improved and stocked with 20 dairy cows. Income \$300 per month. If you are looking for something really good, investigate this.

ELMER HERRIED
414 North Riverside.
Dial 3387 or 4860.

WANTED—Best car available for \$200 or \$250. Must have immediately. Phone 5581.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION
\$2500—5-room modern house, concrete foundation. 3-car garage. Shop. East side of town. Electric refrigerator, electric range, white trashburner. \$500 cash. \$30 per month. Submit other terms.

CARL GOTTSCHIE
7 North Bartlett St. Phone 4646.

FOR SALE—Electric range. 31 North Orange.

FOR SALE—6 cu. ft. refrigerator. 2 years old. \$150 cash. Inquire Gold Hill Hotel, Gold Hill, Ore.

LOST—Black billfold. Papers valuable to owner only. Return to Rod Witham, 215 East 8th. Reward.

FOR SALE—Wearer pigs. Rt. 2 Box 161.

TRAPPERS!—The market is good. Sell your furs to Eagle Point Fox Farm, 215 East 8th. Reward.

TRUCK DRIVER wanted with furniture moving experience. F. E. Samson Co. Phone 3756.

WANTED—Junior bookkeepers for Camp White Exchange Office. Calculating machine experience necessary. Apply daily between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Personnel Department, Camp White Exchange Office, Building 3082.

RAW FURS WANTED—Eastern prices paid for Muskrats, Mink, Skunk, Bob Cat, etc. Deer, Elk, Bear and Pelts. Game traps for sale. Medford Fur and Hide Co., 27 N. Grape St. Ph. 3744. Buy War Stamps and Bonds.

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