

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Dear _____

Yesterday was the last day of 1942, and what a year it was for Medford and Jackson county. Many changes occurred and many things happened, chief of which, of course, was the construction of huge Camp White on the Agate desert.

With thousands of workmen jamming this area during the camp building period, followed by thousands of soldiers after its completion, business here and in the valley in general boomed spectacularly. In fact, the volume of business in Medford for 1942 shatters all previous yearly records.

While a final check on the number of marriages and births in the county hasn't yet been made, new records were expected to be set in both cases. For example, 93 marriage licenses were issued in October, 90 in November and over 100 in December, far above the average. And, Community and Sacred Heart hospitals have been crowded all year with maternity cases.

Unofficial estimates place Medford's population at approximately 16,000, some 4,000 more than we were credited with by the 1940 census.

The rainfall has been terrific of late, and final figures of the weather bureau may reveal pre-

cipitation the past year also set a new record. Rainfall in November, for instance, was 8.62 inches, highest for any month since records were started in 1911.

Medford took one of the impacts of war—the announcement of coming of rationing of most all canned goods—in its patriotic stride. The rationing won't start for several weeks, but housewives aren't taking advantage of the opportunity to hoard. Grocers report there has been no rush on the part of shoppers to stock up on items to be rationed.

Although private building here in 1942 was considerably under that of 1941, due to restrictions on materials, one gigantic project is in the blueprint stage and construction will start soon. It is a 125-unit FHA project, to be located on 15 acres near the Jackson grade school. The houses will be occupied by defense workers and army men with families.

The old home town had a distinguished visitor the other day in the person of Henry K. Kaiser of Portland, whose shipbuilding activities are giving the axis many headaches. Some of you fellows have probably been transported here and there on

one of Kaiser's ships. Anyway, he was here for only a couple of hours, en route to California.

As for sports, basketball hasn't yet blossomed out in full bloom. Medford high is marking time for the district 4 schedule to start, but the other night Grants Pass traveled to Jacksonville to play the class B Redskins and—you guessed it—the JVilliers won, 21 to 17. Jack Swaryck scored 10 points for the winners.

Two ice hockey games have been played since the last "home front" column. The 91st Division Artillery defeated the 78th Hospital Clippers, 4 to 1, and the USO Bombers downed the Artillery, 6 to 4, as Mark Marquess, Ashland high athlete, scored five of the six goals for the winners.

Word has been received here that Lt. Col. H. J. Harper, former commander of the Carberry CCC camp, is a Jap prisoner. Col. Harper had not been heard from since the fall of Corregidor.

Bert Luman, who suffered perforated eardrums when Jap bombers attacked a supply train in Australia last July and subsequently received his medical discharge from the army, after spending several weeks in hospitals, is back home and reports that American troops in Australia "are healthy and happy but tired of eating mutton, and wish it were easier to get American cigarettes."

Among other local boys visiting their homes on furloughs are Ensign Robert (Bobby) Ettinger, a recent graduate at Corpus Christi, Tex.; John Wall, Gunner's mate, 3rd class, U. S. Navy; Sgt. Russell B. Graham, gunner with the 42nd bombing squadron; and Sgt. Milton Pitts, a gunner on a bomber attached to the 19th bombardment squadron, who has been stationed in Australia.

Recently commissioned second lieutenants in the army air forces, after successfully completing their three-month courses at the Air Forces Officer Candidate school at Miami Beach, Fla., were Robert A. Naumes and Walter D. Woodcock.

Dr. A. J. Loeffler has been commissioned a lieutenant commander in the U. S. navy and is to report to the Tongue Point naval air base Jan. 11. Dr. Edwin R. Durno, with the U. S. army medical corps, has been transferred from Vancouver, Wash., to Fitzsimmons General hospital, Denver, Colo.

Promoted to aviation machinists' mate, third class, after graduating from Aviation Machinists' Mate school at Jacksonville, Fla., was Donald Barnham Grand of Ashland. George Robertson, former manager of the Rogue Valley Golf club, is now stationed at Williamsburg, Va., with the naval construction battalion. Cpl. Jerry Fitzgerald has left for officers' candidate school in Oklahoma. Pvt. Thomas Ginn, with the military police has been transferred from Ft. Riley, Kan., to Ft. Lewis, Wash. Cpl. Clyde Van Ortwick, after being here 10 days, has returned to Camp Haan, Calif. Cpl. Paul Luy and Pvt. Bill F. Walker are both stationed at Camp Beale, Calif.

A large group of men from Medford and Jackson county left the past week for Ft. Lewis. From Selective Service Board 1 were:

Frank Joseph Hayner, James Walter Jones, Edward Whitney Inman, James Tomas Perdue, Robert Henry Archer, Lansing Edgar Ratelle, Alonzo Everett Alexander, John Lee Hubler, Edgar Allen Edwards, George Douglass Beer, Lewis Albert Rose, Charles Theibert Ford, Floyd Mitchell Leith, Harold Arthur Frye, Jr.

Also Herbert Henry Guenther, Doyle Edwin Stockton, Emmett William Woods, Christopher Co-

Sgt. Lawrence Home After Aleutian and Nevada Duty

Having completed a 19-month stretch of duty in the Aleutian Islands followed by an intensive gunnery course at Las Vegas, Nev., Sgt. Donald G. Lawrence is in Medford on furlough. Sgt. Lawrence is an aerial gunner in the army air corps. Young Lawrence has been in the army nearly three years, having enlisted early in 1940. After a period in the regular army he transferred to the air corps and was sent to Alaska.

Lawrence attended Medford high school and is well known in the city. While in school here he was a carrier for the Mail Tribune. While in the city on furlough Lawrence is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lawrence, 1017 W. Main street.

Brownsboro

Brownsboro, Jan. 1—(Sp)—A Christmas program was presented at the schoolhouse Dec. 23 by the school children with the help of others in the Brownsboro and Little Butte communities. At the close Santa appeared and distributed gifts to the children and candy, nuts and oranges to all present. School will reopen January 4.

Miss Lois Wright of Portland and Lois Wright, who is attending college at Corvallis, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wright and little son of Medford were also guests at dinner on Christmas day, at the Wright home. Dorothy Wright is recovering nicely after a week's illness.

Mrs. W. M. Hansen was hostess to the Ladies' club at her home, Dec. 10. All are glad to welcome Mrs. Wilhite as a new member and she will entertain the club January 14.

Nora Mae Wilson of Medford and Cecil Coffin were Christmas guests at the John Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Prescott spent last week in Ashland with relatives.

Rev. D. D. Randall was a visitor at Sunday school last Sunday. By vote of the members it was decided to retain all old officers for another year. Mrs. Rohur, superintendent; Mrs. Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Hansen, treasurer; Mrs. Emerick, Bible class teacher, and Mrs. Esch, primary teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hansen entertained with dinner Christmas day for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hansen, Bruce Hansen, Mrs. L. J. Rohur and Louis Rohur.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolfolk and little son and Mrs. Woolfolk's father, Chris Baier, spent Christmas day in Medford, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Taylor.

BIG EVENING
Boston, Jan. 1—(U.P.)—Nineteen couples attended the New Year's eve celebration at the Satire room of the Hotel Fensgate last night at \$100 a pair. But the management passed out special favors—a \$100 war bond to each couple. And the 38 present purchased \$21,500 more in bonds.

lumbus Allen, Eugene Edward Sauers, James Jefferson Peters, Jack Viguers Groves, Donald Elge Payne, Nile Willard Christeson, Lloyd Dean Calkins, Norbert Leroy Sieg, Buford Lee Freeman, Donald Woodrow Atkinson, David W. Chase, Gussie Willie Rose, Theodore Charles Heyl.

Selective Service Board 2 sent Glen O. Watson, Dee O. Parker, Howard W. Payne, Walter H. O'Toole, William L. Peterson, David M. A. Barker, Chester Lind, Gerald J. Verschoor, Clarence C. Campbell, Hugh Glass, Simon D. Johnson, Perry A. Polk, Harvey C. Maxson, John E. Jacobs, John R. Hamaker, David C. Betchel, Roy K. Byrd, Donald R. Shough, Clyde L. Ashcraft, George Slade, Donald M. Case, Harold K. Parker, Charles V. Boatwright, William E. Acord, Harry L. Oliver and Jesse L. Groves.

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Sgt. Donald G. Lawrence, aerial gunner, shown holding the machine gun from the bomber of which he is a crew member.

DRYS STILL HOPE TO MAKE SOLDIER COMPLETELY ARID

Washington, Jan. 1—(U.P.)—Congressional drys and the Anti-Saloon league still hope to cut off the soldiers' liquor supply, despite a government report earlier this week that the present American army is the most sober and orderly in the world.

The Office of War Information reported that "drinking does not constitute a serious problem" in the army. But Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel, D. Tex., said today that he would introduce in the new congress a bill to establish prohibition zones around army camps.

A spokesman for the Anti-Saloon league charged that the OWI report was unsupported by fact, and served notice that the league would continue to seek legislative action to curb drinking in military areas.

The spokesman, who asked that his name be not used, said the report "is obviously a self-serving declaration by the administration . . . designed to head off any action by the people's representatives who have been receiving thousands of letters expressing concern over prevailing conditions."

O'Daniel said he had not read the OWI report.

LONG GLIDER TRIP TO END IN DENVER

Denver, Jan. 1—(U.P.)—Four Denver aviation experts will leave Monday for Joliet, Ill., to tow two large gliders back to Denver "tandem" for the Denver university glider school.

John T. Lynch, director of the university glider school, said the tow would be one of the longest civilian tows of sailplanes on record, and one of the first in which two gliders form the tow. The gliders will be towed in a "V" behind the plane and attached to it by cables about 300 feet long. The trip will be made in stages to permit a check on performance of the gliders.

The 44-foot wide gliders originally were to have been delivered by rail. Plans were changed to permit a test of the sailplanes under cross-country conditions, and also to free a freight car for war use.

American Indians have sent more than 11,000 men to war, out of a population of about 400,000, creating a manpower shortage on reservations.

LUMBER INDUSTRY PROSPERS DESPITE WAR DIFFICULTIES

Cutting on Rogue National Heaviest in 15 Years—Conservation Enforced.

The lumber industry as a whole enjoyed a good year in 1942 according to local lumber operators, although problems brought by the war made operation difficult in some phases. Cutting on the land of the Rogue River national forest was the highest in 15 years.

"Generally speaking, everyone in the lumber industry enjoyed a good year in 1942," stated B. L. Nutting, manager of the Medford corporation. "Increasing governmental regulations have made operation difficult, probably more so far than the pine industry." Freezing orders issued by the government, to conserve lumber, restricted the sale of the two top grades of fir to federal channels, and left only the three and four common for general sale, Mr. Nutting said.

Conservation Enforced
The conservation orders also extended to priorities on capital equipment, making it difficult to obtain this, and maintenance and repair items are increasingly hard to obtain. Mr. Nutting stated that the firm recently was notified of shipment of a diesel caterpillar tractor ordered almost two years ago and that repair items ordered last July are yet undelivered.

Labor shortage is another problem which the lumber men share with many other industries. Mr. Nutting stated that

the recent freezing order issued by the manpower commission as yet hasn't worked very satisfactorily and that locally the problem wasn't so much one of too few laborers as it is of absenteeism. Workers are receiving fine wages and many fail to work full hours, he said.

Weather Hinders
A recent problem to worry local lumbermen is the weather. "The recent weather is the worst for logging and lumbering that we have encountered in many years," Mr. Nutting declared. "Logging depends upon trucks and caterpillar tractors which simply cannot operate when the ground gets too wet and muddy."

Local business was exceptionally good last year due to the construction of Camp White, Mr. Nutting said, adding that his firm had furnished the camp with 10 million board feet of lumber. The firm is also cooperating with the camp under a joint users lease for the company's railroad tracks.

Mr. Nutting refused to predict what the coming year would bring for the lumber industry, but quoted from a recent edition of the West Coast Lumberman's journal which stated that "this coming year will see about the same demand for lumber as last year." Whether production can be maintained is another question, Mr. Nutting said.

Heavy Cutting
Figures from the office of the Rogue River national forest show that 25,238,000 board feet of timber was cut during 1942,

more than had been cut during any year for the past 15 years. The timber was valued at \$89,363. Timber sold during the year, to be cut at some future date, was 74,200,000 board feet, valued at \$260,600.

It was explained by Karl L. Janouch, forest supervisor, that timber cutting on the forest is done under a carefully worked out plan for sustained yield which permits only the cutting of mature trees.

ALASKA GIVES WEALTH

Washington, Jan. 1—(U.P.)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes announced today that preliminary estimates by the Geological Survey indicate that the yield of minerals from Alaskan mines in 1942 totaled \$19,306,000. More than \$17,000,000 was in gold, and the remainder in platinum, silver, lead, tungsten, mercury, chromium, copper, tin and coal.

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 1—(U.P.)—Harry F. Kelly became Michigan's 55th governor today, taking the oath of office in a simple and solemn inauguration ceremony. Kelly, republican secretary of state for the past four years, succeeds Murray D. Van Wagener, a democrat.

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Food rationing is as hard on your grocer as it is on you, but it is necessary and is designed for the benefit of ALL Americans—so let us all resolve to be Americans in 1943 and cheerfully share the food supply.

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