

ON THE HOME FRONT

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News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Dear _____

Among the week's most interesting news is that about awards to Medford servicemen. Parents of Cpl. Raymond B. Crosby, now a prisoner of war in Germany, and the late Second Lt. Robert D. Olson, having had information from the war department concerning decorations for the two men. Lt. Olson's parents have received copies of two general orders announcing the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal posthumously to the young aviator who was co-pilot of a B-17 in the North African war theater.

The Cross was awarded for Lt. Olson's feat of successfully landing his plane on a small field when it had been badly disabled from enemy fire, the landing being made without further injury to members of the crew injured in battle. The Air Medal was awarded in recognition of Lt. Olson's participation in five air sorties against the enemy.

The coveted Silver Star has been awarded to Cpl. Crosby for gallantry in action according to the letter received by his parents from the war department. Cpl. Crosby was taken prisoner during the early part of the African campaign, was first interned in Italy and later was transferred to Germany.

Pfc. Lloyd L. Romine has been reported as wounded in action in Sicily. He has since recovered and is again on active duty. Lt. Vance Boswell, who lived in Medford as a boy, has been interned by the Swiss according to word received here by relatives. Lt. Boswell was bombardier on a plane forced down in Switzerland while on a bombing mission.

Thomas Dallaire, whose three brothers and sister are also in the country's service, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant at Watertown, N. Y., where he is stationed with the infantry. Victor Dallaire is with the army in North Africa and is on the staff of the Stars and Stripes. Phil Dallaire, in the navy, is stationed in Australia and T. Sgt. John Dallaire is stationed at Camp White near his home. Mrs. Dick French (Mary Dallaire) is the WAC and is stationed in Houston, Tex.

Harold E. Sander has been advanced to the rank of captain at Long Beach, Calif., where he is with the ferrying command. His two brothers are also in the air corps. Aubrey Sander being an assistant flight officer at Fort Field, Arcadia, Fla., and F. Cyril Sander being stationed at Tampa, Fla.

Claude Manke, who was recently here to visit his parents, has been advanced to the rank of ensign. Ensign Manke, whose eight years in the navy includes battle action in the south Pacific area, is now at Pacific Beach.

Pvt. Ray Johnson has been assigned to the College of the City of New York under the army special training program, and Cadet Robert K. Stead is now at Indiana University where he is studying engineering under the army college training program. Cpl. William Dolph Jones has been selected for officer candidate school and has left Camp Roberts for Ft. Benning.

First Lt. Martin Luther, Jr., who spent several weeks in the valley after his return from North Africa, is now stationed at Gieger Field, Spokane. Lt. Luther is a bomber pilot in the AAF. Donald L. Peart has graduated from George Field in Illinois and was commissioned a second lieutenant and Aviation Student William Cate finished his course at Ellensburg, Wash., and has reported to Santa Ana air base in California. Pvt. Floyd Yarnell has been assigned to Gustavus Adolphus college in Minnesota for pre-officer training in the marine corps.

Pvt. Ralph Matney has been assigned to Ft. Knox for a special course in the wheeled vehicle department of the armored school and Cpl. James Baize, who recently graduated with high honors from an advanced radio school in Tampa, Fla., has been assigned to a

training cadre and will instruct at Punta Gorda, Fla. Eldred Peyton is now corporal, having been promoted at Orlando, Fla.

Among navy men in the news was Edward Lee Watson, who is now at the naval aviation station in Jacksonville, Fla., for further training. Watson, seaman first class, wrote his parents that recently his training had been on the shore or on the water and that the resulting deep tan was something to look at. Vance Pearce, aviation machinist's mate third class, has been transferred to a navy blimp squadron following three months' training at blimp squadron, Lakehurst, N. J. Stan Smith, stationed at Miramar in California, has been promoted to staff sergeant.

The three Dietrich boys are all home this week, called by the illness of their father, Cpl. Robert Dietrich came from his post at Blackburn air base, Columbus, Ohio; Cpl. Merle Dietrich from Camp Butler, N. C., and Lt. Benjamin R. Dietrich from Bruning air base in Nebraska. Also here is Ensign Harold Stevens from Jacksonville, Fla., and C. R. Minger, chief pharmacist's mate at the naval hospital at Mare Island.

Cyril H. Albert, radioman first class, has arrived in Medford to visit his mother and brought his bride of two weeks, the former Fay Cloeren of Pennsylvania. Upon leaving here Albert reports in Bremerton, Wash. Also in Bremerton is Lee F. Cook, hospital corpsman, who reported there this week after a short visit in Medford with his parents. He was en route from San Diego where he had been attending hospital corpsman school.

Fred H. Wilcox, electrician's mate third class, has gone to a destroyer base in California after a week's stay in Medford. Two other servicemen at home are Harold Clement, army aviation mechanic at Chico, Calif., and Staff Sgt. Donald Gray, who is home after 14 months in the Aleutian Islands. When his furlough is up Sgt. Gray will go to Ft. Benning for officer training.

Cherokee Seller, seaman first class, is back in Medford to recruit for the SPARS and Pvt. G. Ivanhoe has reported at Ft. Des Moines for basic training in the WAC.

Sophomores and new students were initiated at high school last week, with boys wearing girls' clothing and girls wearing slacks and neckties of vegetables, and with Leigh Eden and Neysa Wall in charge. Dale Niedermeyer was in charge of "kangaroo" court.

Medford high's Black Tornado continues to do all right for itself. Last Friday night the local boys defeated Marshfield, 14 to 0, with Steve Dippel scoring both touchdowns, one on a 48-yard run. They play at Eugene, Calif., tomorrow afternoon.

Other southern Oregon games last Friday saw Klamath Falls down Salem, 31 to 13; Grants Pass defeat Bend, 21 to 6 and Ashland slaughter Dunsmuir, 47 to 0. The Medford-Klamath game will be played at Klamath Falls the night of October 15.

Maybe its rationing, but according to reports, literally hundreds of hunters are out trying to kill deer. A great many are successful, too, and 165 have been put into cold storage in Medford plants.

The weather has been superlative for harvesting and hunting, with the September just ending the hottest ever recorded since 1911. Average temperature for the month was 70.9 degrees and there was only a trace of rain. The pears and other crops are being rapidly harvested and the pears are expected to be completely harvested by the middle of this month.

Federal court has been in session this week, and for the first time in the history of the county, women are serving as jurors. Needless to say, it's the war, for only a lack of male jurors brought about calling of the women. The name of Mrs. Hattie House was the first drawn.

Work is going ahead on Jackson county's roll of honor of servicemen and women and questionnaires are being made available to families. The roll will be assembled at the Chamber of Commerce in Medford.

Death Sentence For Skipper of U-Boat
By United Press
A German U-boat commander has been sentenced to death for allowing his crew to put to sea, fire their torpedoes aimlessly and return to port with claims of a large number of allied ships sunk, the office of war information at New York reported today, quoting the Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet.

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Jackson County Farm Notes

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Save Leaves For the Garden

Many home gardeners are handicapped right from the start because of a lack of organic matter in the soil. This lack can be made up at least in part by use of leaves from trees and shrubs, lawn clippings or organic materials from the garden such as bean vines, cabbage leaves, etc.

There are two ways of handling these materials. Most desirable is to add them directly to the soil. If this is not suitable for your conditions, they can be made into a compost heap and used next spring when the soil is prepared.

One method of making compost is to pile leaves or other organic refuse one foot deep and covering an area the desired size of the compost heap. Sprinkle over each square yard of this layer the following material: 1 1/4 pound of ammonium sulfate, 1/4 pound of superphosphate, 1/4 pound of ground lime. Add enough water to make the layer moist. Rapid decomposition depends upon the addition of the chemical fertilizer and keeping the materials moist.

On top of this first layer of compost, place a layer of manure or soil. This layer should be two inches deep. Successive layers of organic material and fertilizer should be added to the compost heap until it is as large as desired. Add water at regular intervals to keep it moist, but not dripping wet. After the compost pile has been completed for two or three months it should be turned over and repiled. This mixes the compost and promotes rotting.

Do not be afraid of applying too much compost to the garden. Heavy applications aid materially in loosening up the soil and promoting good plant growth. If large amounts of leaves are worked directly into the soil, two pounds of ammonium sulfate per square rod should be added.

By C. B. CORDY,
Assistant County Agent.

Extension Unit Meetings Stated
Next week will see the Jackson county extension units swinging into their fall program with many units holding their first meetings of the year. All units will have foods and nutrition demonstrations, as their central projects. The following units will have the demonstration "Get the Good from Your Vegetables" given by the home demonstration agent.

Ashland — Tuesday, October 12, at Mrs. C. M. Bailey's, 123 Church St.
Central Point — Wednesday,

October 13, at Mrs. Ruby Downing's.

Howard — Thursday, October 14, at Mrs. Mildred Paynton's.
Project leaders will demonstrate "Time Saving Devices in Meal Preparation" at Oak Grove on Tuesday, October 12, at the home of Mrs. George West on the Jacksonville highway; Talent on Wednesday, October 13 at the City Hall; and Phoenix on Friday, October 15, at Mrs. Viola Freer's home.

All meetings will begin promptly at 10:30 a. m.

Use Caution In Canned Foods

With the approach of fall and winter when homemakers will be using their home canned produce in meal preparations, it is time for another warning that you should boil home canned non-acid vegetables, meat and poultry for 20 minutes before tasting. This story of botulism discovered this year is perhaps unusual, but because of its deadly nature none of us should take a chance with botulism in home canned foods.

Dr. J. E. Simmons, professor of bacteriology at Oregon State College, reports that the first case of botulism in Oregon for several years has been found in some canned asparagus sent to the Oregon State college bacteriology department by a home-maker in northern Umatilla county.

As several jars of the spoiled asparagus were thrown out, the entire farm flock of chickens was killed by eating it, but fortunately no member of the family even tasted the product.

Investigation of the circumstances surrounding the canning of this asparagus, made by Mrs. Myrtle Carter, Umatilla home demonstration agent, revealed that a pressure cooker was used and that the jars of asparagus were processed in the pressure cooker for the recommended time and at the proper pressure. The difficulty is believed to have arisen, however, from two steps in the process.

The first was that, instead of allowing the petcock of the cooker to remain open till the air was fully exhausted and steam emerged, the cooker lid was closed until the pressure began to rise and then was opened for only 15 seconds. This is not enough, according to Professor Simmons, to completely exhaust the air. The desired temperature will not be obtained at the recommended pressure unless the air is completely removed.

A second step which probably contributed to the spoilage

was that the water in which the asparagus was blanched was poured into the jars. Botulinus spores that might otherwise have been washed off were thus returned to the product.

With the marked increase in home vegetable canning this year, utmost care is being urged to avoid danger from such spoilage. The standard recommendation is that no non-acid canned product, such as vegetables or meat, which shows the slightest indication of spoilage should ever be tasted before having been thoroughly boiled after opening. Although there may be hundreds of cases of canned food spoilage caused by other reasons than botulinus, it is never safe to give spoiled food to animals lest the whole flock or herd may be killed. Thorough boiling before you taste is the only safe rule, says Professor Simmons. Boiling kills the poison even though not the spores.

By MARIAN J. FARRELL,
Home Demonstration Agent.

Airmail By Train When Planes Fall

Seattle, Oct. 8. — (U.P.) — Postmaster George E. Starr of Seattle today said army pre-emption of plane facilities has many times forced postal authorities to send bags of airmail by train. "Postmasters are confronted with the problem of holding airmail until the next scheduled mail plane or of putting the mail on a train," he said. "Many

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