

MANY 'FLU' CASES REPORTED, MOSTLY MODERATE, SO FAR

An influenza epidemic, termed by health officials as of "moderate" proportions at present, is sweeping Medford and surrounding districts. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, who spent part of the past week at home with the disease himself, stated yesterday that while there were apparently many cases, the disease was mostly mild, as yet.

The health officer stated that between 40 and 50 reports a day had been coming in to him of illnesses ranging from mere colds into cases where the patients suffered extremely high temperatures and were quite ill for from three to five or six days. Some cases have developed mild complications of various kinds, but as yet no deaths from influenza have been reported, he said.

Preventive measures, Dr. Merkel stated, were about the same as for colds. He said that persons should avoid crowded gatherings in poorly ventilated rooms, should avoid overwork and more important, should avoid contact with persons known to be suffering from the disease. He warned that persons coming down with the disease should stay home in bed instead of attempting to work, even when they know offices and plants are understaffed, for by going out they merely spread the disease.

Hospitals are rushed, but so far have been able to manage. Nearly 50 per cent of the pupils in some of the public schools were absent last week and most business firms are operating short-handed.

Since but a mere handful of the cases are being formally reported to the health department, Dr. Merkel could make no guess as to the extent of the epidemic or as to whether it was increasing or declining.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 17.—(U.P.)—A full company of WACS arrived in Italy from the United States for assignment to a base section as stenographers, office workers and telephone and teletype operators, it was announced today.

BIRTHS

COREY—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank, Butte Falls, Dec. 18, boy, 8 lbs., at Osteopathic Clinic.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM A. BROWN
Services for William A. Brown, who passed away in a local hospital Friday morning, have been postponed until 2:30 p. m. Monday, in order to permit relatives to attend from California. Services will be in the Conger Chapel and the remains will be taken to Redmond Tuesday for interment.

DARLENE HARRIS RITES TOMORROW

Darlene F. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harris of Route No. 4, Medford, passed away in Portland, Oregon, on Dec. 16, at 12:45 p. m., after a short illness, due to burns she received on Nov. 13. Darlene was a student at Medford Junior High school, being in the eighth grade. Darlene was born at Stoughton, Colo., on Sept. 24, 1930, being aged 13 years, 3 months and 24 days. She had lived in Medford for the past eight years. She was very popular with her fellow students, and was loved by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Perl funeral home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. G. Downey officiating. Interment will take place in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the services.

ASK RECRUITS TO WRAP YULE GIFTS

Recruits are needed to wrap presents for hospital patients at the Junior Red Cross office at 222 West Sixth St. It was announced yesterday. Between 500 and 600 presents have been donated through the county schools and various organizations for patients at Camp White and Miss Vera Humphrey, junior chairman, states that they must be wrapped early this week. Any one able to help is asked to call the Red Cross office, 4405, or Miss Humphrey, 2168. Both adults and juniors will be welcomed.

The Junior Red Cross office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week and all during the Christmas school vacation from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day.

ST. MARK'S WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TONITE

St. Mark's Episcopal church will present the annual "Pageant of the Nativity" tonight, Dec. 19, at the church on North Oakdale avenue. The pageant is scheduled for 7:30 p. m.

In the roles of Mary and Joseph will be Miss Virginia Hammond and Roger Wolf. Fred Strang will play the part of the innkeeper and Mrs. Rodney Fety is cast as the innkeeper's wife. LaVerne Sutherland, Elwood Hedberg, Sr., and Ralph Burgess will play the three kings and T. V. Williams the shepherd.

Miss June Williams will sing the role of the leading angel and the Rev. George R. Turney will read the story accompaniment to the scenes. The cast also includes various pages, cherubs and other characters. Mrs. Ralph Burgess is directing the pageant, Miss Berenice Reames has directed the choir and Mrs. Ernest Conrad will play the organ music.

The public is cordially invited to attend the pageant. It is announced that the annual Christmas program and tree for the small children will not be held following the pageant, as has been the custom, but is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, at 4:30 p. m.

ACCEPT 23 LOCAL MEN FOR SERVICE

Men sent to Portland for physical examination last week by Jackson county Selective Service Board No. 2 and accepted for service with the armed forces are as follows:

Army—Buster Francis Gilbrer, Ronald Leon Harper, Ted Lyle Huff, Herman Sylvan Cash, Alfred Franklin Reed, Ivan Clare Goodman, George Clifton Gleim, Leo Elvie Kelley, and Billy Dean Collins.

Navy—Raymond Clay Barker, Walter Dail Stroup, Bruce Edward Hansen, Edward Franklin Martin, Bernie George Helms, Allan McGregory, Herbert Eugene Stout, Calvin Henry Giatt, Jobie Waymond Mitchell, William Ellsworth Cline, Ralph Lowl Dodson, and Jack Tannehill Walker.

Marine corps—Dale Goodman and Donald Arthur Vosika.

MOTHER OF PAIR HELD BY POLICE ON THEFT CLAIM

Eileen Ester Neel, 22, wife of a soldier stationed at Camp Santa Anita, Cal., and mother of two children, is being held in the county jail pending trial on a charge of petty larceny. Mrs. Neel was arrested by city police Friday night in a local cafe after officers had found a pair of grey slacks, reported stolen from the dressing room of the Victory cafe, in her locker at the Jackson hotel. They were the property of Mrs. Rena Parker, a waitress at the cafe. Also found with the slacks was a grey tweed sports jacket said to have been stolen from the same cafe the night before.

In a statement made at the police station Saturday, Mrs. Neel says that she came to Medford a couple of weeks ago to meet a soldier stationed at Camp White. The soldier had bought her a ticket to Medford from Pasco, Wash., however, he failed to meet her on her arrival. She has been living in Medford under the name of Eileen Surles, according to the police statement.

Also in her possession at the time she was arrested were a fur coat and a radio, ownership of which is not definitely established.

Mrs. Neel has two children living with her parents in San Francisco.

What's Doing at U. S. O.'s

Riverside USO

A Christmas story will be featured on Riverside USO's holiday week program Tuesday, December 21, when the choir of the First Christian church presents "The King Cometh." A chorus of 18 voices will feature solos by Mrs. Ward Rice, Yvonne Haggard, Carl Winkbleblech, Lt. A. Witherspoon, Eloise Winkbleblech, Peggy Corum, Oletha Olson.

The choir is under direction of Mrs. Effie Kurtz.

The program begins at 8 o'clock, and Medford civilians are invited.

Trimming USO's Christmas tree last Saturday was real fun for Pvt. Hiram Hill and Pvt. John McDonald, for they both

admitted they "had never done it before." T/Cpl. Millard Dreke strung lights and Pvt. George H. Schrimpf and Miss Freda Nichols added artistic touches to the tree. Claire Thomas and Phyllis Whitlock decorated the fireplace. Hortense Jennings continues to paint new scenes on the windows, and many persons have commented on the originality and beauty of the paintings. Several have had their pictures from the outside of the building, using the paintings as background, and are planning to use them on Christmas cards next year.

WILLIAM E. DAVIS IS JAP PRISONER

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis, 909 Sunset Ave., Thursday received a communication from their son, Cpl. William E. Davis, who is a prisoner of the Japanese army on the Philippine Islands. This is the first direct word Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had from their son since the fall of Bataan in June, 1942.

The communication was in the form of a printed card with various statements which the prisoner checked for information. It was signed in the corporal's own handwriting. He indicated that he was a prisoner at Military Prison Camp No. 4, that his health was excellent, that he was "not under treatment" and said "tell everyone hello."

Cpl. Davis has been in the army eight years, serving first six years at a post in Panama Canal Zone. He is the nephew of Arthur Davis, 215 South Central Ave., and a great-nephew of Tip Davis, 1213 E. Main St. The young man was educated in Kansas, where the family resided until a few years ago.

SPECIAL TRUCK DELIVERY TODAY

In order to handle the heavy load of incoming Christmas parcels post, two trucks will make deliveries all day today, it was stated yesterday by Frank DeSouza, postmaster. The postmaster stated that never before had the office been forced to make special delivery arrangements this far in advance of Christmas day and that the load of Christmas mail is apparently the heaviest in history.

Five pairs of gloves have been left in the lobby of the postoffice during this past week and these may be recovered by calling at Mr. DeSouza's office.

Entrances on Both Main & Central

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Shoppers' Guide

Gift Suggestions



LISTED BELOW ARE LITERALLY DOZENS OF GIFT SUGGESTIONS—SELECTED AT RANDOM FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THIS GREAT STORE. LOOK THIS LIST OVER. IT IS YOUR SHOPPING GUIDE FOR THESE LAST 8 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

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- New Musical Cigarette Boxes at Mann's for \$7.50
- Plastic Wood Trays and Candle Holders 75c to \$1.98
- Perfumes, Colognes and Toilet Waters \$1. to \$12.50
- Fine Quality Boxed Stationery at 39c to \$3.75
- Decorative Etched Plaques at Mann's, pair \$1.50
- Satin and Crepe Slips in all Styles at \$1.50 to \$4.50
- Fine Quality Rayon Hosiery, per pair 84c to 97c
- Rayon Mesh Hosiery, full fashioned, per pair \$1.37
- Rayon Crepe and Satin Bed Jackets \$1.75 to \$4.25
- Black Sheer Shorts and Panties, all sizes, at \$2.25
- Warm Fleece Bed Sox, assorted colors, per pair 69c
- Girls' size 7 to 14 White Broadcloth Blouses at \$2.25
- McGregor Sweaters for Men at \$4.95 to \$7.50
- Men's Popular Corduroy Loafer Coats at \$11.50
- Men's Robes in all the New Fabrics at \$8.95 to \$17.50
- Nationally Advertised Arrow Shirts at \$2.24 to \$2.46
- Nationally Advertised Arrow Ties at \$1.00 and \$1.50
- John B. Stetson Hats priced \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00
- Men's Genuine Pig Skin Gloves, pair \$3.50 and \$4.50
- Famous Hickok Jewelry for Men at 50c to \$4.00
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- Logging Trucks for Boys \$4.98
- Sturdy Chairs for Children at \$2.50
- Mohair Plush Zipper Cat, each \$5.98
- U. S. Army Jeeps, wood toy, each \$1.98
- Woodikin Educational Toys at \$1.00
- Disk - o - Bridge — Solitaire at \$1.49
- Large Size Paint Sets, each \$1.39
- Toy Telephones, priced at \$1.25
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