

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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Dear _____

Local residents who spent a quiet weekend over Christmas are preparing for another double holiday this week, with few public gatherings planned except by church and fraternal groups. Several "watch night" parties are being held tonight to usher out the old year and greet the new year '44. Most Medford stores will be closed Jan. 1, and no paper will be published Sunday.

Two babies were born on Christmas Day to Medford couples, the parents being Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stonehocker who have a daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hyde, a son.

Bob Hanlin, storekeeper first class serving aboard an aircraft carrier which has participated in almost every major naval action in the southwest Pacific, wrote this week to say he recently enjoyed the experience of sitting down to "chow" and eating a pear from his own Rogue River valley. Unable to state his present location, Hanlin said, "it surely isn't very close to home," and added that the pear, enclosed in the wrapper of Holmes Brothers' Bear Creek Orchards, brought back memories of the valley—and home.

Few Medford people knew until this week that Major William Martin Johnson, one of America's outstanding military consulting engineers, was formerly a Medford boy and received his early education in the Roosevelt school of this city. Major Johnson is now chief engineer of the division of health and sanitation of the office of coordinator of inter-American affairs at Mexico City.

Glenn L. Jackson, in England with the Eighth Army Air Force, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, according to word received here. Lt. Col. Jackson has been in the army since September of 1942, and was sent to England last August.

Jack K. James, who is stationed in Alaska, has been advanced to the rank of captain. Capt. James left Medford with the National Guard unit in the fall of 1940, and has been in Alaska since last May.

Archibald Laing has been appointed a flight officer at South Plains army air field, Lubbock, Tex., having completed training in large cargo and troop carrying gliders, and Second Lt. Barton LaFon has arrived at Pecos army air field, Pecos, Tex., and has been assigned to duty as instructor. Lt. LaFon was last stationed at Yuma army air field, Yuma, Ariz., as an instructor.

Pvt. John Patterson Shurtlett is now at Lowry Field, Colo., and is being trained in photography. Pfc. Chester O. Webb was graduated Dec. 24 from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., and will now be sent to a factory school for further specialized training or to one of the AAF's flexible gunnery schools to be trained as an aerial gunner. Pvt. Robert L. Yocum has been transferred from Ft. Knox, Ky., to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., a post now being used as a basic training center for the AAF.

Aviation Cadet Cloyd L. Porter of Jacksonville is now at Oxnard, Cal., attending an AAF primary flying school. In a recent letter, he states that he has been flying from 30 minutes to an hour each day, and will soon be ready to "solo." Pvt. Ray-

mond Morris, recently taken into the army, has been sent to the ordnance replacement center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he will receive his basic training, and Pvt. John P. Moffat, Jr., is at Ft. Benning, Ga., for his basic army training. Pvt. Moffat left Medford Nov. 27, and was inducted at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Stanley Jones, Jr., has been enrolled in the U.S.N.R. midshipmen's schools at Columbia University, New York, under the V-7 program. He recently completed college training study at Park College, Mo., and was formerly enrolled at the University of Oregon with senior standing. His brother, Kenneth Jones, is also enrolled in the college training as an aviation student in the army air corps at Jamestown College, N. D.

Robert F. Kyle, Jr., left this week to report for active duty with the army at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He enlisted in the army last summer immediately upon graduating from Medford senior high school. He has passed the A-12 examination and is qualified for assignment to college training.

Cpl. Irvin E. House is in Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, suffering from filariasis, according to word received by his parents in Fern valley. He has been serving with the aviation signal service as radio engineer in the southwest Pacific for the past 14 months. A brother, Sgt. Don F. House, is serving with the combat engineers in New Guinea.

Lorne Webster of Central Point was recently promoted to the rank of flying officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Webster is a reconnaissance pilot flying with the coastal command in England, and the family formerly lived in Canada. A flying officer in the Canadian Force ranks with a first lieutenant in the American army.

Word was received in Medford this week that Lt. John R. (Jack) Pruitt has been reported "missing in action" after a bombing mission over Germany on Dec. 22. Lt. Pruitt was a member of a fighter squadron based in England, and piloted a P-38. Lt. Bernard Gildes, formerly of Medford, was killed in an air-plane crash Nov. 30 near Beakshor, England. It was learned this week.

Several servicemen and women were in Medford to spend Christmas with friends and relatives, some leaving on Christmas day or immediately afterward, and others with longer leaves or furloughs, remaining. Stanley Gibson, gunner's mate third class is home on a 30-day leave from the navy. Stationed on a destroyer, this is his first visit home in nearly two years. Robert L. Herring, gunner's mate 1st class, is here on a 15-day leave from his station with the navy Seabees at Gulfport, La. Herring enlisted last August, and was first sent to a special school where he learned the handling of dynamite, land torpedoes, booby traps and general demolition work.

Sgt. Clyde Van Ortwick is in Medford until Jan. 7, when he will return to Camp Haan, Cal. Cpl. E. A. Edwards has arrived from Liberal, Kansas, where he is stationed with the AAF, and is spending a furlough here. Cpl. Edwards is a mechanic for Liberator bombers, and this is first

visit home since entering the army a year ago. Pvt. F. Cyril Sander, who was to have left last week for Drew Field, Fla., after a visit here, became ill with influenza and was forced to remain in Medford. His leave has been extended until Jan. 8.

Lt. Marjorie Kelly of the WAC was here this week from Eglin Field, Fla., and Miss Pauline A. Champlin, yeoman third class in the WAVES, also spent Christmas in Medford. Miss Champlin is assigned to the office of the port director in San Francisco, having been in the WAVES since last June.

Apprentice Seaman Bill Bauman was here from Salem, Ore., where he is a pre-medical student at Willamette university under the navy V-12 training program. Manfred I. Douglas, who is stationed at Pocatello, Idaho, in a navy navigation school, left Christmas day to return to his station after a brief leave spent in Medford. Douglas has been in the navy since June. Bob Bryant, a navy V-12 student at the University of California, Berkeley, has returned to the institution after a five-day visit here. William R. Van Dyke, USNR, was here from Carroll College, Helena, Mont., where he is an aviation student. L. L. Whiteside, carpenter's mate first class in the Seabees, was here this week, as was Pfc. Harry S. Pitts, who is stationed at Denver, Colo.

Cpl. Bill Thorndike left this week after spending a five-day visit with local friends and relatives, to return to Camp Blanding, Fla. Nathan Robert Grisham, radioman third class, was here after 15 months in the navy, being on sea duty recently. Pvt. Kenneth Knapp of Jacksonville spent a short furlough visiting locally. Until recently, he has been stationed at Camp Roberts, Cal. John C. Smith, chief petty officer, left Christmas day to return to his base at Gulfport, Miss., after visiting friends and relatives.

Ralph Matlack, stationed with the army at Camp Adair, and his brother, Jack Matlack, formerly connected with Medford theatres and now of Portland, were here last weekend. Pfc. Robert B. Slagle, USMCR, spent a 10-day furlough with relatives at Prospect, having last weekend to return to Miramar, Cal.

A recent visit with Maj. Gen. Charles Gerhardt was described by Virgil Pinkley of the United Press in a letter received this week by a friend in Medford. Gen. Gerhardt, stationed at Camp White for many months as commander of the 1st infantry division, is now in England. The flu epidemic which has gripped Medford and vicinity for the past few weeks, was reported to be declining in intensity this past week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer.

Mayor and Mrs. Clarence A. Meeker have returned to Medford from a brief wedding trip. They were married here last week. Mrs. Meeker is the former Miss Ruth Esther Wheaton of Cheboygan, Mich., and for the past three years has been a field worker for the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

Miss Paula Blanton, third year student at Medford senior high school, will represent the school in the annual Daughters of the American Revolution good citizenship pilgrimage contest for 1943-44. If transportation can be provided, Miss Blanton will attend the D.A.R. Continental Congress being held in New York City this year, otherwise, she will receive a \$100 war bond.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry W. Hansen this week announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Marie, to Sgt. Weldon M. Schnell of Millersburg, Ohio. Sgt. Schnell has been stationed at Bakersfield, Cal., and left this week for an undisclosed destination, a weather station of the army air force in the far north. Weddings announced this week of interest to local people include that of Miss Helen Chirgwin and William Ray Thomas of Salem; Miss Frances Myers and

NURSES AIDES TO HEAR CONSULTANT MONDAY, TUESDAY

Miss Mary Gray, Red Cross visiting nurse consultant for Oregon, will arrive in Medford from San Francisco Monday, Jan. 3, and remain two days. A full program has been arranged by Mrs. Don Newbury, chairman of the nurses' aide corps; Miss Helen Bullis, chairman of home nursing; Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, chairman of nurse recruitment, and Miss Vera Humphrey, chairman of Junior Red Cross, for the two days.

Monday at 1 p. m. Miss Gray will talk to the new nurses' aide class at Sacred Heart hospital and at 2:30 p. m. she will confer with the nurses' aide committee at the county health department rooms. At 6:30 p. m. she will be main speaker at a dinner at Ehrheart's restaurant which will be attended by the active nurses' aide corps and the new class members.

Tuesday at 10 a. m. Miss Gray will speak to all senior high school girls interested in joining a nurses' aide class this semester. This meeting, to be held at the senior high school building, will also be open to the junior and senior girls taking Red Cross staff assistants' course and to all members of the high school nursing class under Mrs. Helen Starnes.

Mrs. Newbury and Leonard Mayfield, high school principal, have announced that the theory course for nurses' aides will be given for high school credit and will be offered as part of the high school curriculum for senior students only. Home nursing classes now conducted regularly are open to sophomore and junior students.

It is stated that this is in line with national Red Cross policy to open up to Junior Red Cross members training in Red Cross working corps, in cooperation with school authorities.

FRANK JANTZER PASSES AGED 80

Frank Jantzer, 80, of Central Point, passed away at a local hospital Thursday. Mr. Jantzer was born in Germany on May 4, 1863, and came to the United States 62 years ago. He was a farmer by occupation and lived for many years at Glendale, Ore.

He is survived by nine children, Frank X. Jantzer, Central Point; George L. Jantzer, Prospect; John H. Jantzer, Astoria, Ore.; Mrs. D. C. Franks, Oregon, Calif.; Mrs. Mads Madson, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Floyd Kelly, Prospect; Charles Jantzer, Central Point; William P. Jantzer, Astoria; Mrs. Carl Uhly, Takilma, Ore.; also 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Glendale, Tuesday, at 2 p. m. Per Funeral Home is in charge.

BIRTHS

BOWMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. 3, Box 244, Dec. 30, a boy, 7 lbs., at Community Hospital.

Capt. Leigh R. Iverson of Houston, Minn.; Miss Dee Scheffel and Lawrence E. Edmonds of Ashland; Miss Edith Nichols and Earl P. Updike of Portland, and Miss Ruth Woodson of Balboa, Panama, and Thomas J. Estes of Medford, radioman with the navy and stationed near Balboa.

HULSE WINNER IN FIDDLER CONTEST

T. A. Hulse, 62, of Jacksonville was judged winner of the "Old Fiddlers' Contest" at the Riverside USO last night, in competition with seven other fiddlers from this area. Chief judge was Nick Kime.

The contestants, all 60 years or over, remind of the time when the square dance, scottische, polka, quadrille, minuet and lamode were popular. Oldest fiddlers were Frank Simpson, 80, Charlie Skeeters, 77, and Billy Davison, 73. Mr. Davidson, a prospector, came into town from his mining claim for the contest. Others were Leonard Hulse H. A. Hulse, Jim Dorsey, and H. W. Conger. Mrs. Charles Skeeters accompanied the fiddlers.

A large crowd of civilians and soldiers saw groups, directed by Mrs. H. Messinger, perform the old-time dances, as the men played, and then joined in the dances themselves. Cpl. John Chapalon of Michigan called dances, and Amos Walker acted as master of ceremonies and also called dances. Harry Copinger of Central Point did novelty tricks on the banjo.

OFFICES, BANKS TO TAKE HOLIDAY

All city and county offices, banks and almost all places of business will be closed tomorrow in observance of New Year's Day. Frank DeSouza, postmaster, stated that the post office windows would be closed and that there would be no mail deliveries on either city or rural routes.

An exception to the general closing are federal offices, such as the Rogue River Forest Service and the Selective Service boards. Some time ago the federal departments were issued orders that no holidays, with the exception of Christmas, would be taken for the duration of the war.

Wendover, Utah, Dec. 31—(U.P.)—Two heavy bombers have been missing over Holbrook, Ida., since late yesterday. Wendover air base officials reported this afternoon.

SHORTER SNORTS TO SPREAD OUT LIQUOR SUPPLY

By Nick Bourne
UP Staff Correspondent

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—American ingenuity will meet the domestic, or home bar, liquor shortage tonight with stretched quarts, extra ice and very short snorts, a pantry, ice box and basement survey showed today.

Hosts who hit their whiskey hoard too heavily entertaining in the Christmas spirit last week-end will greet New Year's eve guests with a broader smile and slimmer drink than ever before, the California Liquor Dealers' association predicted.

Four ways to keep the glasses tinkling without running out of liquor were described:

1. Mix drinks with plain water to let what alcohol there may be speak for itself.
2. Put plenty of ice in the glass before jiggering with the liquor, so when the ice melts, the bottom of the glass will appear to have more liquor. After four or five of these, the visitor's arm will be tired, or he will feel ashamed of himself and refuse "just one little one more before you go."
3. If you really don't like who's coming, serve hot, sweet drinks such as Tom & Jerry, because nobody can drink many of them. Throw another log on the fire for extra quick departures.
4. Avoid fruit juice mixers which take points you haven't got and disguise the liquor you didn't put in the drink.

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ADJ. AND MRS. COX GOING TO TACOMA

Adj. and Mrs. Charles K. Cox have received their "farewell" orders from the supervisor of the Salvation Army USO work, Col. H. French, Adj. Cox announced this morning. The orders, which state that Adj. and Mrs. Cox are to be appointed directors of the Salvation Army USO club in Tacoma, Wash., arrived yesterday. Adj. Cox has been director of the Medford Salvation Army USO club since its opening a year ago.

Adj. Cox stated that the date of their departure from Medford will be announced later. Adj. and Mrs. Cox have resided in Medford nearly four years.

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