

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

The Mail Tribune suggests you clip and mail this news roundup to a relative or friend in service.

Date _____

Dear _____

This week's topics have been the weather and the republican convention, mostly the latter, with the war news having to share front page space with pictures of the candidates, Dewey and Bricker. Medford weather, while soaring into the nineties, hasn't come in for quite as much space as the June heat wave which sweltered the convention delegates and celebrities. The local heat wave has dried out the hay wet down by the recent rains, and is rapidly ripening the grain crops.

The war loan drive continues in full swing. This week's special event is a film show at the Craterian Friday morning for kiddies with a musical show put on by Mexicans from the farm labor supply camp.

Red Cross activities for the summer are underway and at "jeep" shops the Junior workers are making many articles for servicemen both here at home, in hospitals or in prisoner of war camps. A good sized project is the making of 50 prisoner of war game kits. These are of wood and each kit contains several games. The pieces must be sanded, drilled, varnished and marked. To make a quota of 250,000 surgical dressings, the various workrooms in the county are now open as well as day times.

A first-hand description of the invasion of Europe is given in a letter from Capt. Joe J. Patton and received this week by his parents. Capt. Patton, pilot of a B-26 Marauder, wrote that he "wouldn't have missed it for a million dollars." The captain's bomber was in the first wave of planes to go out.

Lt. Alvin A. Gould's Air Medal was presented to his mother at a Portland ceremony last Sunday. Gould is a prisoner of war in Germany, having been shot down Jan. 11. Staff Sgt. George R. (Dick) Roberts mailed his Air Medal home to his mother and it arrived here last week. The sergeant is a gunner on a Flying Fortress and it arrived here last week. The sergeant is a gunner on a Flying Fortress and has been on many missions over Europe since arriving in England in April.

First Lt. George B. Backes, who will be remembered by his Jacksonville school friends, recently completed his 50th bombing mission from an English base. He has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf clusters, one bronze and one silver cluster. Another holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross is First Lt. Leonard L. Bombersbach, formerly of Medford.

From the South Pacific section has come a story of a raid on the Rabaul area led by First Lt. Jack P. Martin. This was his 20th mission. First Lt. Larry Schade was recently awarded a bronze oak-leaf cluster to his air medal for New Guinea raids.

Another letter which gave invasion details was received in Medford this week from Lt. (jg) W. H. Fisher, stationed aboard an LST boat. Fisher praised the crew and said "you people can depend on these men doing their job and doing it well."

Sgt. Delbert E. Jones, Sgt. Ernest W. Fieguth and Cpl. Arthur H. Struve, Ashland, and Sgt. Vernon G. Riggett of Talent have been decorated with the Soldier's Medal for the attempted rescue of a navy pilot at Ft. Stevens last winter.

The Case family from Gold Hill received a big thrill last week when movies of the invasion showed a close-up of Pvt. Donald Case, member of an anti-aircraft unit. The operator at the Craterian theater removed one frame from the film and this is being enlarged and printed for the family to keep.

A story from Italy tells of the work of the military police in Naples, of which T-5 Laurence A. Ryerson is a member. Second Lt. Boyd P. Bellamy, Jr., bombardier, has been re-

ported missing in action after a raid over Germany May 29, his third mission, and news of the death of Lt. Fred C. Shere, Jr., during a raid over Germany April 29, has been received here by his parents. Pfc. Andrew L. Stewart, Ashland, wounded in Italy, died in an army hospital in West Virginia Monday.

Cpl. Phillip B. Lowry has arrived for duty in New Guinea and Theodore L. Taylor, in the southwest Pacific for the past 26 months, has been promoted to first lieutenant. Lee D. Pinkham, stationed with the Coast Artillery forces guarding the Panama Canal since December of 1942, has been promoted to captain. Home from the south Pacific is Capt. Weldon H. McBee, after two years of overseas duty with the 41 Infantry Division, which embraces the old Medford national guard unit.

Bob Bauman believes in brevity, or something of the sort, for he announced his impending arrival home with a one-word telegram to his parents which read "Yipee!" Bob has been at Dallas, Tex., for naval flight training and after his leave reports to Pensacola, Fla. Also home is his brother, Bill, studying medicine at Willamette university under the navy V-12 program. Also here is Douglas L. Pickell, radio technician second class, who reports next to New London, Conn., and Pvt. Fred Cyril Sander, stationed at Drew Field, Fla. Before coming home he visited his brothers, Flight Commander Aubrey Sander of Dorff Field, Fla., and Capt. Harold Sander, A.T.C., Long Beach, Calif. Lt. Del Cooley and Lt. John Saulsberry have left for Lincoln, Neb., after leaves at home. Another officer home is Ensign Wallace Young, who has been stationed in Florida and expects to be sent overseas soon.

Lt. Lewis Russell Ulrich, blimp pilot, has been assigned to Annapolis for a year's study in aerological engineering and Charles Bailey has passed his entrance examinations for the academy and starts his course soon. Already at the institution are Midshipman Ellis McCurley, now on cruise after his first year's training and study, and Midshipman Morris Leonard, Jr., who completes a special course this fall. Medford's representatives at the U. S. Military academy, Daniel Graham and James Hoey, are both home now on leave.

Kenneth Carpenter has left for Dartmouth college where he will study until becoming draft age. His brother, Lt. (jg) Arthur Carpenter, is in Washington, D. C., taking training in photographic interpretation. Dick Alford has gone to Carroll college, Helena, Mont., to study under the navy V-5 program. Jim Elliott, V-12, is home from Willamette university and Sam Young from the University of Idaho. The latter reports next to Northwestern. Lloyd C. Kenney, V-12, is home from Willamette university and is assigned next to the University of California.

Ernie Gaines, aviation machinist's mate 3rd class, has graduated from aerial gunners' school in Jacksonville, Fla., and Pvt. Donald Smith has graduated from the field telephone school at the marine base, San Diego. Cpl. Earl Jones has been home with his parents and leaves July 1 to attend officer training school at Seattle.

Robert Colley, petty officer, has gone east for aerial gunnery training after having been stationed at Klamath Falls for several months. His brother,



FINAL TRIBUTE — A little French girl, tearfully places flowers on grave of American soldier, killed when his glider landed somewhere in France. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from London.

Bill, also in the navy, is on sea duty in the Pacific. Pfc. Donald Kendle has reported to Le-moore field in Calif., after completing flexible gunnery school at the Yuma air field and Bob Holmes, V-12 student at the University of Colorado, has returned to Colorado after leave at home. Also home recently were Pfc. Eldon Tolle from Camp Davis, N. C., and Pvt. Stanley Stark from Camp Fannin, Tex.

Neidre Nygaard and Lt. Robert Duke, Birmingham, Ala., were married June 18 and Betty Myers and Gerald C. Rood, aviation metallurgy, have announced their wedding May 9. Ann Marie Dombier has announced her engagement to Lt. Melvin W. Schwonke, Camp Maxey, Tex., and Allene Marie Ziesenis, Lawrence, Tex., is the betrothed of Ivan J. Cherry, apprentice seaman in the naval reserve stationed at the University of Kansas. Julie Carpenter and Capt. W. Garland Jones of Camp Maxey are to be married July 2.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, June 30—(Spl.)—Work has recently been completed on the school grounds for a new front sidewalk, with the steep incline removed, making a big improvement. Work was done by Harry Newnam.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Dusenberry and son were Mrs. Dusenberry's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Matthews and children, Bill and Roberta, of Klamath Falls. Also her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Iverson and daughters, Judy Rae and Carol, of Medford.

Mrs. Allie Ganong, who has been making her home with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw, has gone to Longview, Wash., to visit her son and family for a couple of weeks.

Guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dungey were their daughters, Weegie and Winona Dungey, Mrs. Maxene Dungey, Jean Wright and Arlene Daily of Medford.

Lt. LaVerne Walker of the A.A.F., flight instructor at Merced, Calif., is spending a few days here with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Walker and Delos Walker and family.

F. V. Huffman severed a little finger and severely lacerated the next finger, while operating a power saw at his home here recently. The Huffman's bought the Olney Edington property a few months ago and have been building more buildings and remodeling.

Local men leaving for service in the navy last week were Victor Frost, Walter Arnold and Cecil Bell. Bell's wife and daughter reside here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McGuire and daughter, JoAnn, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McGuire, at Newberg, Ore., before moving to Tillamook.

Mrs. Earl Moore and daughter, Nadra, left June 28 for Sacramento to visit Mrs. Moore's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hall and family.

Gloria Kilgore, who has been visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lentz, has returned to Klamath Falls, where her father, Sgt. Roy Kilgore, a former resident of this city, has recently returned on furlough from Italy. He spent several weeks in a hospital in Sicily and received the Purple Heart for wounds received there while in the Fifth army.

Mrs. Melvin Kuikman of Bremerton, Wash., has been spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sutton and family. Mrs. Don Dungey and mother.

Mrs. Stone of Medford, were guests June 22 of Mrs. Dungey's husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dungey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan of Grants Pass, formerly of Gold Hill, were Sunday guests at the A. A. Walker home.

Pfc. Bill Fore is now at Camp Swift, Tex., for training with airborne infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newnam and family have moved into the Fitch Snyder home, which they are improving. The Newnams have resided in the Lawrence Whitsett place on Garden Row for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett, who have recently re-

turned here from North Bonneville, Wash., will move into their place on Garden Row at once.

Miss Janet Chisholm of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Chisholm and family.

Mrs. John Avena and son, Roger, of Sacramento are guests of Mrs. Avena's mothers, Mrs. William Puhl on Garden Row.

Mrs. Neal Doty has returned to her home in Portland after visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wilbur Martin and family. Mrs. Doty was accompanied home by her two daughters, who have been guests at the Martin home for awhile.

The city fire engine was called for a grass fire, which started between Coy's restaurant and the bridge Wednesday afternoon. Buildings were protected from the flames which burned a considerable amount of brush and grass.

BEAR TOO BULLISH

Farragut, Ida.—(U.P.)—A bear with a taste for pork chops visited the pig sty of Bill Ehler, Farragut farmer, five nights running and carried away a squealing shout every time, but Ehler kept an armed vigil on the sixth night. The hide of the 400-pound marauder now adorns Ehler's barn door.

VETERAN NAMED

McAlester, Okla.—(U.P.)—Lt. Col. Jess Larson, Lawton, Okla., wounded veteran of the 45th Division's battles in Italy, was named recently president of the initiation class of 248 A. F. and A. Masons taking the Scottish Rite degrees at the Indian temple here.

TIP

Chicago—(U.P.)—If it's out of line, pull it up, it's a weed, said Rudolph J. Mohr, victory gar-

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den consultant of The Pullman Co., advising gardeners how to tell a weed from a vegetable. About 100,000 tons of steel ingots are required to build and equip a big battleship.

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