

BID FAREWELL TO FATHER BLACK AT PARISH RECEPTION

About 300 people gathered on the grounds of St. Mary's Academy Sunday afternoon for a large outdoor reception honoring Father Francis W. Black, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic church here for the past 21 years, who leaves Medford Wednesday for Portland where he will take over the pastorate of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

A program of talks and music was concluded by a farewell address by Father Black, who expressed thanks to members of the parish for help given him during his work in this area. T. E. Daniels served as program chairman, and speakers included Mrs. L. J. Rentz, L. J. Schade, Lewell Dupray and Frank DeSouza. Harold Corliss sang, accompanied by Mrs. A. O. Bauman, and musical numbers were presented by a Mexican orchestra from Camp Prescott.

Among guests present were Father W. J. Meagher of Sacred Heart hospital, Medford; Father Augustin Meyer of Grants Pass and Father T. Hamilton, Father Black's assistant at Sacred Heart church.

Father Black's successor, Father Henry Orch of St. Paul, Ore., is expected to arrive in Medford this week, and a reception honoring him is being planned for Friday evening in the Sacred Heart church parish hall.

FRENCH PATRIOTS HARASS GERMANS

London, July 10—(U.P.)—Blasting bridges and wrecking trains within 20 miles of the Norman front, the French army of the interior has provided "invaluable" assistance to the Allied in-

vasion during a period when bad weather robbed the air forces of their main striking power, Allied supreme headquarters disclosed tonight.

While Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery prepared his attack on Caen, the Maquis and other resistance groups took over a large part of the duties of the air arm in harassing the movement of German reinforcements and supplies to the front.

USED FURNITURE BEING SOLD OVER CEILING SAYS OPA

Used furniture is being sold by individuals at exorbitant and above-ceiling prices throughout the valley, according to information received by the local war price and rationing board.

OPA regulations state that all furniture in good working condition, not needing repairs or parts, good in appearance, can be sold for not to exceed 75 per cent of the retail price of the article when new. Furniture not meeting those conditions can be sold for only 33 1/3 per cent of the original retail price.

Used household goods carrying definite dollar and cent ceilings are refrigerators, vacuum sweepers, washing machines, gas ranges, typewriters and numerous other items. Ceiling prices on these articles are based on make, model and condition.

If in doubt as to any price, persons are asked by OPA to get in touch with the price clerk of the local war price and rationing board.

Buyers who are charged more than the legal price for used furniture are asked to call the error to the attention of the seller at once and ask him to correct it. If the seller refuses to correct the price, buyers are advised to notify the price panel of the local war price and rationing board at once, giving full details. The price panel will investigate. The buyers' name will not be used, and he will be notified of the action taken.

CAMP THESPIANS AID IN SELLING WAR LOAN BONDS

Camp White—Camp White's touring war bond troupe aided in selling nearly a million dollars worth of bonds in six southern Oregon and northern California cities, it was announced today.

The all-soldier cast of "The Call of Freedom," a wartime playlet written by two servicemen, and the 30-piece Camp White band rang up a total of \$930,000 for the benefit of the Fifth War Loan drive, according to incomplete figures.

The troupe played before capacity houses in Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Ashland and Klamath Falls in Oregon, and Yreka in California.

Telling the story of a battle-scarred, combat-wise soldier who returns from overseas to a disillusioningly complacent homeland, "The Call of Freedom" struck its audiences with an emphatic impact. Its three scenes depicted the veteran's experiences on the battle front.

The show was well fortified with an experienced cast, many of whom had been professional artists before entering the service. The authors are Cpl. Frank Farnham and Cpl. Lawrence Marcus of Stockton, Calif.

Cpl. Dean Nelson, director and narrator of the play, and Tech. Sgt. John DeAngelis, band leader, both are overseas veterans, the former having served in New Georgia and Rendova and the latter on Guadalcanal.

Preliminary reports showed that \$247,000 worth of bonds were sold at the Medford showing, \$250,000 at Roseburg, \$77,000 at Grants Pass, \$33,000 at Ashland, \$270,000 at Klamath Falls, and \$80,000 at Yreka.

Stalin's Son Heads Air Fighter Group

Moscow, July 10—(U.P.)—Col. Vassili Stalin, son of Marshal Josef Stalin, is the commander of a Red army air corps fighter group which is part of the aerial spearhead blasting a path toward Grodno in old Poland for Gen. Ivan D. Chernyakhovsky's 3rd White Russian army, it was disclosed today.

Front dispatches reported today that it was Stalin's fighter group which provided the escort for a big force of medium bombers which bombed and blocked the marshalling yards at Lida before Chernyakhovsky's tanks and cavalry stormed the town.

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11,500 NEEDED AT PORTLAND YARDS

Portland, Ore., July 10—(U.P.) Dr. William Faber, Washington, D. C., assistant director for program development of the War Manpower Commission, said today that the ability of Portland area shipyards to increase production sufficient to meet current ship delivery schedules, depended upon immediate recruitment of 11,500 out-of-state workmen, plus "everyone staying on the job."

Faber, who is here to confer with employment officers and WMC officials, said that factors combining to make the manpower problems more critical than at any other time since Pearl Harbor appeared to be news of munitions cutbacks in various parts of the country and a general feeling that the war is nearly over.

"The four major industries on the Pacific coast—the manufacture of ships and planes, and the production of foodstuffs and lumber—are, and will remain, in top priority classification for a long time to come," Faber said.

Americans Boast Secret Weapons For Berlin Drive

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, July 10—(U.P.)—The Americans have several new secret weapons to use in their march to Berlin, Maj. Gen. Harry Benton Saylor, chief ordnance officer for the European theater, disclosed today.

Among them, he said, is a gun with a range so great that the usual low speed observation planes are useless as "eyes" for it and regular fighters will be used instead.

"We recently opened fire for the first time with the longer range weapon against German headquarters," Saylor said. "A pursuit plane was used for observation. The fliers saw the German personnel trying to get away in cars and went down and shot them up."

Some of the new weapons have been used successfully in Normandy, Saylor said but others are being held in reserve and details of them have not been released.

GLENDALE GESTAPO

Glendale, Cal., July 10—(U.P.) Charges that Glendale and Burbank police imitated "Gestapo" methods in handling prisoners today brought 40-day suspension for two detectives with the possibility of further disciplinary action.

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SOLDIERS, WACS ARE GUESTS OF GINGER ROGERS

Camp White—Over a hundred army servicemen and Wacs from Camp White were convinced that the first two letters in Ginger Rogers' name stand for GI, in lusty vocals and riding after roasting wieners, engaging around in a jeep with the movie star at her Rogue River ranch Friday night.

The party was arranged by Lt. Donald Boggs of the special service branch of the Western Personnel Reassignment Center, climaxed a 12-mile hay ride from the camp.

Ginger was every bit GI, to the letter and in the spirit. Every soldier wanted to know more about her, and Ginger wanted to know more about the doughboys and one in particular—Pvt. Jack Briggs, her husband, who has been with the marines in the southwest Pacific for several months.

Somewhere, somehow, she had heard there was a soldier in the crowd who had seen her husband only recently at his overseas station. And somewhere, somehow, someone fetched that soldier out of the crowd and brought him to her.

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that occasion provided her with her biggest thrill of the evening. It left her a bit misty-eyed. During those few moments you saw her, not as a Hollywood movie star, but as a serviceman's wife—a girl who wanted to know more about her guy.

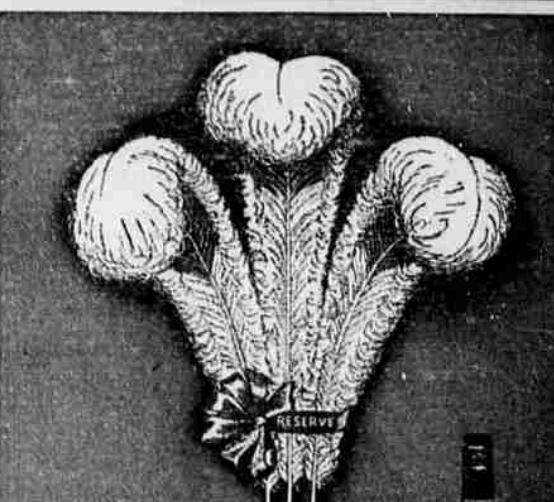
Two hugs bonfires lighted the river bank and glowed brightly over the circle of happy, contented GI Joes and Janes, roasting wieners, munching on sandwiches, sampling the potato salad, sipping coffee brewed from an open fire, having loads of fun—and helping to make happier a girl who wanted to know more about her own GI Joe.

TALENT INFANT CLINIC SCHEDULED THURSDAY

Talent, July 10—An infant and pre-school conference will be held in the Talent city hall Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m., with immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox to be offered, it was announced today. The Talent Parent-Teacher association and health unit will assist Dr. A. E. Merkel, health officer, and Miss Bernice Wilson, public health nurse, in conducting the conference.

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RESOURCES

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 92,615,481.28
United States Government Bonds	279,852,554.67
Municipal and Other Bonds	6,342,768.81
Loans and Discounts	62,862,405.46
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	420,000.00
Bank Premises (including Branches)	3,230,385.36
Other Real Estate	1.00
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	15,483.00
Interest Earned	943,563.88
Other Resources	258,687.22
	\$446,541,330.68

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$6,000,000.00
Surplus	8,090,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,865,594.48
Reserves	1,316,814.69
	\$ 17,182,409.17
Reserves for Interest, Taxes, etc.	1,007,657.85
Acceptances	15,483.00
Dividends Declared	120,000.00
Deposits	428,139,114.56
Other Liabilities	76,666.10
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