

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services.

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Date _____

Dear _____

The valley's annual fruit harvest is again near with growers and packers making plans for picking and packing to begin in a week or so. In Medford the new packing plant of the American Fruit Growers is being completed this week and open house will be held Saturday and Sunday. A fair crop of Bartlett pears is anticipated, with the fruit reported to be of good size. Threshing of wheat and other grains is also underway now and stores are showing locally grown corn, small fruits and melons.

With the weather still hot and plagues the order of the day, postal officials are warning residents that Christmas packages for overseas servicemen should be prepared before long. Mailing is to start September 15.

Another sign of the approach of fall is the effort of school boards to sign up teachers and a statement by the county school superintendent that several schools are still short of teachers, especially men teachers. Coach Al Simpson has announced that the Medford Black Tornado squad will hold the first workout September 4.

Senator Guy Cordon was in Medford last week to discuss local problems with citizens and left shortly after for Washington in order to arrive for the first of the reconversion legislation now up in congress.

Jarvin's Drug store has been sold to John W. Taylor and sale of several city and country residences has been announced, the local real estate market remaining brisk. Medford post of the American Legion, now having a membership of 385, has sent six delegates to the annual convention in Portland this week. Of the membership, 67 are World War II veterans.

Making the fourth member of her family to go into service, Laurene Kell of Gold Hill has enlisted in the Waves. A brother, Leonard, is in the Fifth army, Italy; Ernest is a sergeant with the AAF in England, and a third brother, Clarence, is a sergeant in the medical corps, Ft. Benning, Mary Wall, electrician's mate, also made the fourth member of her family in service when she joined the Waves. Her sister, Janet, is a storekeeper second class at San Diego, a brother, John, gunner's mate second class, is at San Bruno, and another brother, Albert, fireman for the merchant marine, is now home after sea duty. Mary Wall is currently stationed at Washington, D. C.

Among the few young women from Medford to go overseas is Chloe Ellenburg, instrument technician. She specializes in the testing and overhauling of gyroscopic instruments for bombers and is leaving soon from Seattle for an air depot in the

central Pacific. A former Medford nurse, Lt. Patricia Clendenning, was one of two evacuation nurses to spend the night in France following the invasion, the hospital supply ship on which she was stationed having grounded.

A story from Italy relates that T. Sgt. Wayne M. Fairchild is serving with a veteran B-25 bombardment wing and has been given the Distinguished Unit Badge. Sgt. Fairchild's group came up through Egypt and supported the Eighth army in its drives against Rommel and then engaged in the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns before going into Italy. He has been overseas since February of 1943.

Another story from the 12th AAF tells of Staff Sgt. Donald R. Stone, radio operator and gunner on a Mitchell bomber, participating in the 400th mission of his group, which operates in the Mediterranean area. This group was the first to bomb Rome and Sofia and the first to operate from Italian bases. Also from the 12th AAF comes word that First Lt. Robert A. Wilcox has flown 49 bombing missions over Italy and Germany.

S. Sgt. George R. (Dick) Roberts, gunner on a B-17, has completed the required missions from an English base and is awaiting further orders. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters. Sgt. Joseph A. Boardman is due to arrive home after serving 28 months overseas with the air force. Pvt. Dale Job is now serving with a chemical warfare unit in the Southwest Pacific and Sgt. Mark W. Roett is stationed at an air service depot in England. Lt. Frank H. Rogers, Jr., has arrived in Ireland with an air force unit.

On the "missing in action" list this week are Second Lt. Harry M. Beasley, bombardier of a B-17, declared missing after a raid over Europe from England, and Sgt. Herbert R. Botts, paratrooper, declared missing since June 6 in France. Sgt. Botts has a sister, Cpl. Gynell Powell, serving at the Seattle Port of Embarkation with the WAC. Pvt. Stanley Clyde Morgan, wounded during the latter days of the battle of Saipan, is now in an army hospital in Hawaii. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

After having been closed for some time navy recruiting was reopened in this area for a few days and during that time 27 17-year-olds enlisted.

Warrant Officer George Peckham writes from the pre-flight school at San Antonio that he is continuing his musical activities there and set some sort of a record one day by singing for seven

chapel services in a four-hour period.

Among graduates at the naval academy, Annapolis, this month is Morris Leonard, who expects to return to the west coast afterwards, since he has been assigned to duty in the Pacific. Alvin L. Wimer graduated Aug. 4 from the field at Douglas, Ariz., and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He and Mrs. Wimer (Jeanette House) are now home. Ensign D. C. Wimer is stationed on a carrier operating in the South Pacific.

Another promotion in the news is that of Louis N. Iven to first lieutenant at an Eighth AAF bomber station. He is bombardier of a B-17. Herbert Ewing Harper will graduate August 15 from the navy's reserve officers' indoctrination school at Tucson and will be commissioned an ensign.

Second Lt. William F. Cate, fighter pilot, is home on leave and Cadet Harvey M. Morrell has completed basic flying at the Marana field. Recently arrived in England, Lt. Maurice J. Sample has completed his orientation course. Cpl. Frank (Harold) Taylor, with an engineer's unit, is now in France and has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Completing his training, Cpl. Jess Francis is now a gunner for a Liberator bomber and expects an overseas assignment and Cpl. Louis J. Clave has also completed his gunnery training. Charles A. Chaplin will soon graduate from the naval air center at Norman, Okla. Gerald Kubli, now in Hawaii, writes that he has been promoted to the rating of chief pharmacist's mate. John D. Blair has completed naval ordnance training and was rated seaman first class and will be reassigned soon.

Pfc. Ted E. Marshall is enrolled at Scott Field, Ill., for radio training and Thomas Gerety, seaman first class, has completed his course in aviation ordnance at Memphis. Pfc. Louis W. Powell has been transferred to Camp San Luis Obispo and Pfc. A. A. Alexander is stationed at the Santa Barbara marine base for radio and radar training.

Delbert Troxell, seaman second class, is home after indoctrination training at San Diego and James Ganfield, seaman first class, is home from the Bremer navy yard, Sgt. Abe Halfhill is home on furlough from Greenville, Miss.

Completing service with the army in Australia and New Guinea, Clarence Betz is home again and Gaylord L. Loop has received his honorable discharge from the navy after a year of service.

Mary Jane Lewis and Pfc. Bertrand Ellis of Shelton, Wash., have announced their engagement. Pfc. Ellis is in France with an anti-aircraft unit. Marriages announced are those of Capt. Kenneth Patton to Mary Loy Reed of Hall, Tenn.; Evelyn Mina Maxfield of Burlington, Vt., and Ensign Eugene Hayes; Evelyn Louise Zittercob, Ontario, Ore., to Cadet Harry Lyle Thurman. Capt. and Mrs. Patton are at Boise, Ida.; Ensign and Mrs. Hayes were married at Camp MacDonough, N. Y., and

Coming Sunday



Dick Powell and Lucille Ball are starring in "Meet the People", coming Sunday to the Rialto for a three day engagement. "Slightly Terrific", stars Leon Errol and Eddie Quillan.

Cadet and Mrs. Thurman are living near Yale university where the cadet is enrolled.

THE GRANGE

Eagle Point Grange
At the last regular meeting of the Eagle Point Grange, August 1, Kermit and Melba De Haas were elected to membership and first and second degrees were given James Towne.

During lecture hour, Commissioner E. A. Powell discussed the proposed initiative measure for a more modern county hospital. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brooks of Josephine County.

Pomona Master Brooks, representing a trucking association, urged support of a uniform freighter truck law.

The order voted to give the hall a new coat of paint. On the serving committee for the next meeting, Aug. 15, are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and daughter, Barbara, and Ed Cowden.

H.E.C. will meet Aug. 30 at the home of Mrs. P. J. Robinson, with Lottie VanScoy acting as co-hostess.

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill H.E.C. held another quilting party with covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p. m. August 9, with 14 members present. Chairman Florence Howes headed the business meeting. She invited members to her home "Glendora Gardens" on Aug. 23 at 10 a. m. Covered dish luncheon will be served at 12:30 p. m. and ladies are asked to bring their own work. Ladies attending grange meeting Aug. 17 when the Gold Hill Grange exemplifies third and fourth degrees for Gold Hill, Sams Valley and other candidates, are asked to bring cake or cookies.

A Grange picnic is to be held at the home of Nellie Smith on the Old Stage road at 1 p. m. August 13. Those attending are asked to bring dishes for a potluck dinner, family and friends.

Ethel Martin was remembered by her Flora friend and Eleanor Ganong received a gift.

Commercial shipbuilding in the United States grew from around a million tons of ships in 1941 to almost 20 million tons in 1943, says WPB.

PLANE PROGRAM SHIFTS EMPHASIS TO SUPER SHIPS

More B-29's, B-32's Aim; Change to Bring Release Over 100,000 Workers.

Washington, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—The vast aircraft building program, which sent aloft a mighty air army to help roll back axis armies in Europe and Africa, faced its first major retrenchment today and a shift in emphasis to the giant "super" bombers needed to defeat Japan. The war department advised the war production board last night that as a result of the successful Normandy invasion it was cutting back production of four-motored B-24 Liberator bombers, C-46 cargo planes, and possibly P-47 Thunderbolt fighters.

The drastic readjustment will release 120,000 aircraft workers by the end of 1944, but all of them will be needed in other vital industries.

B-29 and B-32 Needed
The war department said that emphasis in remaining plane output was being shifted to increasing the production of B-29 Super-Fortresses, such as those that raided Japan and Sumatra yesterday, and the new B-32, another giant long range bomber, whose full details have not yet been disclosed.

The cutback, announced after extended consultations between military and civilian officials, was described as "the first example of a long-range forward planning cutback of schedules by any of the procurement agencies."

According to war department estimates it will release 20,000 workers in the next 30 days and an additional 100,000 during the remainder of the year.

Los Angeles, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Shuffling of aircraft production schedules to emphasize long range types will not affect west coast plants, pre-war hub of the industry and source of more than half the nation's output, army and industry men said today.

"Our schedules call for 100 per cent utilization of the production facilities of the 12 factories of the seven aircraft companies in California and Washington," said Brig. Gen. D. F. Stone, commanding general of the western district air force material command.

It takes a year's food from 155 acres to feed a bomber-building crew for the time it takes to build a single bomber.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts: Medford and vicinity: Clear tonight and Saturday. Cooler Saturday. Oregon: Clear tonight and Saturday, but fog on coast and partly cloudy in Willamette valley. Cooler Saturday.

Local Data:
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 92; lowest, 49.
Total monthly precipitation, .11 inches. Excess for the month, .06 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 16.04 inches. Deficiency for the season, .57 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 17%; at 4:30 today, 73%.

Tomorrow:
Sunrise 6:15 a. m. Sunset 8:15 p. m.
Past 24 hours: High Low Prec.
Boise 89 63
Boston 90 72
Chicago 99 77
Denver 94 58
Eureka 58 52
Havre 77 50
Los Angeles 63 63
Medford 93 58
New York 73 56
Omaha 100 73
Phoenix 102 36
Portland 85 60
Reno 47
Roseburg 92 57
Salt Lake 89 55
San Francisco 84
Seattle 74 54
Spokane 85 54
Washington, D. C. 66
Yakima 79 53

S. S. NICARAGUA
Richmond, Cal., Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—The S. S. Nicaragua Victory was launched at the Permanente Metals Corp. yard here last night with Mrs. Matilda Quintana, wife of the Nicaraguan consul in Los Angeles, sponsoring the ship.

SIGN OF THE TIMES
Price, Utah, Aug. 11.—(U.P.)—Sign of the times, from the classified columns of the Price Sun-Advocate: "Will the person who stole my alarm clock the evening of July 24th either return it, or awaken me every morning at 6:15?"

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