ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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With but one week remaining in August, thoughts of the home folks are of Labor Day, the opening of school, fruit and tomato harvest, huckleberry picking, and some even look as far ahead as the world series and the hunting season. The fruit harvest is in full swing with both packing sheds and canneries employing large crews and everyone is enjoying a week of cool, bright weather.

Sept. 1 to 4 are the dates of the annual Southern Oregon Golf tournament and about 80 players are expected to enter.

At the courthouse workers in the clerk's office have been busy with nearly 500 applications for absentee ballots for the November election received from servicemen and women. It is thought the number may reach 1000 before the closing date. In the Red Cross workrooms in the courthouse, groups of women are hurrying with the making of surgical dressings since a quota of 210,000 for the summer must be completed this month.

Pears, flowers, apples and fish from Medford were loaded Tuesday night on a special United Air Lines cargoliner which flew to New York city with the first full plane load of perishables ever flown from coast to coast. The plane carried three tons of perishables from several coast points and these were to be specially displayed at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

A tentative county plan for spending some three million dollars on a post-war highway program has been outlined by the county engineer, the program to spread over five years and tie in with state and highway plans. A special sinking fund has been created to save money for the project.

Among the week's interesting news was word of Tom Tams, torpedoman's mate, second class, who participated in the June 6 invasion as a member of the crew of the McCook. Tams wrote his parents that "It wasn't as bad as I expected." Also in the news this week were Sgt. Roger J. Headlee and Cpl. Bruce Merrifield. These two have been close friends for many years, through school, engineering work in Panama and now are living in the same native bamboo hut in India, they write relatives.

Relatives of Cpl. William E. Davis, prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, have had a second typewritten message from the corporal, this signed in his own handwriting. He stated that he was well and urged relatives to write through the Red Cross. For many months it was not possible to write prisoners confined in Philippine camps.

James J. Hamilton, former pastor of the Christian church here and now a chaplain with the 90th Infantry, has been decorated for heroic action on the Normandy battlefields and M. Sgt. George C. Smith, at one time stationed at the Medford airport and whose wife is the former Patricia Hayes, has been decorated with the Soldier's Medal for saving the battle-famed Flying Fortress, "Suzy Q" from destruction by fire. The decoration took place in England, but the incident occurred in Ogden, Utah, before the sergeant was sent overseas.

From England it is reported that Staff Sgt. Leslie Corey is now a technical inspector at a major repair and supply depot of the AAF and Pfc. Claude E. Atkins is now stationed at a north African air service command base.

Lone casualty of the week is Pfc. Norman P. Blais, infantryman killed in France August 3 but a few days after arriving overseas.

Pvt. Robert G. Jennings was recently selected the outstanding man of his recruit platoon at the San Diego marine base and Lt. Thomas A. Helman, who returned to this country a few months ago after many missions over Europe as a bomber pilot, has reported to the AAF training command at Columbus, O., to attend instructor's school.

T. H. Gleason, a veteran fighter pilot who has seen action in the European theater, has been advanced to lieutenant, junior grade, and is now at Norfolk, Va. Home after nearly three years in the China-Burma-India theater of operations are Staff Sgt. Lester C. Cass and Master Sgt. Wesley A. Cox. Sgt. Cass declares that during all the months overseas he never once met anyone from his home district. J. C. Reinhart, CM2c, is home after having been discharged from the naval hospital at San Diego. He was overseas for several months.

Lt. Richard Finch is now an instructor of gunnery at Mill Field, N. J. He pilots P-47 fighter planes. William R. Van Dyke recently graduated from the naval air center at Norman, Okla., and Jack C. Orey, aviation radioman third class, has graduated from the Hutchinson air station in Kansas. Pvt. James C. Gould has been assigned to Camp Plauch, New Orleans, and Pvt. George Samuel Payant to Camp Wolters, Tex.

Cpl. Lester L. Neff recently qualified as marksman with the carbine at the Ephrata, Wash., air base. Marshall K. Williams, overseas with the Fifth army, has been sending his family many German souvenirs.

Several servicewomen are in the news this week, one being Cpl. Georgia Green, now serving as secretary to the post commander at Camp Pickett, Va. Cpl. Green writes that Dolph Janes, LeRoy Edwards and Phyllis Curry are all stationed at Camp Pickett and that she recently spent some time with LaMurle Beck Witt, WAC stationed at Ft. Washington, Md. Fern Kinsey has been selected for specialist training at the WAVEs school at Sampson, N. Y., and Mary Wilson, yeoman second class in the WAVEs and stationed in Seattle, was home last week on leave. Pvt. Florence Runnion is now at Pine Bluff, Ark., and Pvt. Irene R. Chetwood is stationed at the Santa Ana, Calif., air base.

Those home now, or recently home are Sgt. Robert Tuttle, senior gunner for one of the new B-29's, Pratt, Kan.; Clyde Fichtner, SP(T)2c, Treasure Island; Pvt. R. L. Harper, Camp Maxey, Tex.; Pvt. Charles Vanderpool, Texas; Lt. Jack Langston, Boca Raton, Fla.; Gerald Corcoran, coast guardsman home from South Pacific duty, and his brother, Pvt. Myron Corcoran, Ft. Lewis; Ray McKnight, S2c, Farragut; Carrol M. White, seaman 1c, Farragut; Cpl. Pursel, Camp Cooke, Cal.; Pfc. Louis W. Powell, San Luis Obispo; Pvt. Andrew Lee Matney, Greensboro, N. C.; Cpl. Bill Mansfield, Ft. Riley, Kan.; T. Sgt. Royce Finley, Los Angeles.

Marriages announced are those of Frankie Handey to Lt. George E. Kelsch, in Portland, where the couple live, and Miss Margaret Mulroney of Missoula, Mont., to Capt. George E. Andrews. Capt. Andrews is a vetrean of the north African and Italian campaigns, being in the air corps, and is now in Kansas City. Beverly Malone has announced her engagement to Sgt. Ted Bergold of Alameda, Calif.

BOMBERS CRASH

Muroc Army Air Base, Calif., Aug. 25—(U.P.)—Six crew members were killed yesterday when two Liberator bombers crashed within half an hour of each other, base officers reported today.

New York, Aug. 25—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened 3 to 5 points higher today.

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NOTICE

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Peter Dietrich, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her Final Account in the above entitled matter, and the above entitled Court has fixed September 23rd, 1944, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the County Court Room, in the Court House in Medford, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, and for the settlement thereof.

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SPEEDWAY LAUNDRY STARCH Saves TIME LABOR CLOTHES

JAPS WITH GOOD RECORDS IN WAR RETURN TO WEST

Los Angeles, Aug. 25—(U.P.)—Japanese-Americans with good records may be returned to the Pacific coast on an individual basis despite an army exclusion order, it appeared today as a war widow and an army veteran were exempted from the regulation.

Mrs. Shizuko Shiramizu, sister of a soldier in India and widow of one killed in Italy, and Masaru Baba, the ex-service man, were granted permission to return, it was disclosed as U. S. Attorney Charles Carr moved to dismiss suits they had brought against the Western Defense Command to permit their re-entry.

Carr also asked dismissal of a suit by George Ochikubo, dentist, who has volunteered for military service on grounds it was filed in state court. It subsequently was transferred to federal court.

The U. S. attorney said Mrs. Shiramizu and Baba were permitted by the army to return because their records are clear and contain no facts indicating they might be dangerous to security.

Mrs. Shiramizu formerly lived in Salinas, Calif., and Baba in Berkeley. Both have been in relocation centers outside the Western Defense area.

SCIENTIST VERSATILE

Pasadena, Calif., Aug. 25—(U.P.)—Dr. Robert A. Millikan, one of the nation's top physicists and president of California Institute of Technology, today wrote the end of the movie version of a brainy scholar.

The Tigris river is 1150 miles in length.

Putting up peaches?
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To our Millions of Customer Friends and the Thousands of Grocers Who Serve Them

DEL MONTE REPORTS ON CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROSPECTS

Ever since the war started, Del Monte has tried to interpret the canned fruit and vegetable picture in a way that would help our many friends and customers adjust themselves to wartime shortages.

As the largest canner of fruits and vegetables in America, we feel it is our responsibility again to make clear how prospects look to us—why today's situation exists—and what everyone can do to make the best of it.

Big Crops Don't Always Mean Big Packs for Civilians

The farmers of this country are doing a great job.

Peas are a good example. The acreage of green peas sown for processing in 1944 is estimated at 48% more than the five year pre-war average.

Many people feel news like this means our canned food troubles are over. This isn't true.

One reason is the weather. We had a late spring with rains and floods. Planting was late and replanting was crowded into a few short weeks.

Complicating our problem was the shortage of experienced workers.

Peas must be canned at one certain stage in their development to produce a quality pack. This year, the pea crop matured much faster than usual — and we started our Del Monte pea operations with a staff of regular field and cannery workers 30% below normal.

One thing that saved the day for us on peas was the patriotic help of hundreds of citizens of DeKalb and Rochelle, Illinois; Sleepy Eye and Wells, Minnesota; Arlington, Wisconsin; Ogden, Smithfield and Spanish Fork, Utah; Franklin, Idaho; and Toppenish, Washington. Among them were housewives, office workers, public officials—many of whom had never set foot in a cannery before.

With everybody pulling together, we were able to can 50% more than our average pre-war pack. But military needs have grown.

Last year, every member of the industry turned over to the government 20% of its pack of canned peas. This year, the government will require double that amount. So despite all the fine news about crops and packs, there probably will be fewer canned peas for civilians.

The harvest of green beans and corn is not completed. Weather is always a tremendous hazard with any vegetable crop. It looks today as if there would be plenty of string beans. There is some danger that continued dry weather will affect the corn crop. But even if it doesn't the best we can hope for is a civilian supply of corn somewhat less than last year's.

Tomatoes are only beginning to ripen. Present prospects are for a pack as large as last year's. But the amount going into civilian distribution will be considerably less.

In short, the vegetable outlook is not promising.

What About the Outlook on Canned Fruit?

Canned fruit is one of the most popular foods with the armed forces. The government is reserving the equivalent of better than two-thirds of the pack—a material increase over last year's requirements.

This entire amount must be set aside for the armed forces before civilians can get a single can or jar. And rightly—for what good American would deny a serviceman first call on the food he needs?

The canned fruit situation has one bright spot. A bumper crop of apricots produced a good supply for civilians—despite manpower shortages and larger government requirements.

But the pear crop is short—meaning considerably fewer canned pears for us at home. We will have less canned pineapple on our tables, too.

There are two big "ifs" in this year's sizable peach crop—weather and manpower. A hot spell could ripen peaches so fast that we couldn't find enough workers to handle them. With Uncle Sam needing more than last year it looks (even with good weather) like definitely fewer peaches for the home front.

Fruit cocktail? Canners hope to "put up" even more than last year. But quotas for our fighters have grown still faster. Again, this means less at your grocer's.

So, it should be clear that there simply can't be a fruit pack big enough to leave a normal supply of fruit for civilians, after increased military needs are met.

Count on Your Fair Share of Del Monte

Whatever amounts of Del Monte are finally available, however, you can depend on this—

We are doing everything we can to see that you can get your share of them.

Ever since the war started, we have apportioned Del Monte Foods to Del Monte distributors in every section of the country, on a fair and square basis.

Furthermore, we are spreading out our Del Monte deliveries throughout the year. This means that you can hope to find several varieties of Del Monte Fruits and Vegetables on your grocer's shelves at most times.

So look for and ask for Del Monte Foods. You have a right to your share, and your chances of getting some Del Monte Product to answer your purpose are good.

Use Del Monte's wide variety, too. Switching and swapping within the Del Monte line is one of the best answers to wartime shortages, because it is the best way to be sure of quality and flavor.

Other Ways to Help

If you live near a food processing plant, you can help produce a bigger pack yourself by working there part or full time. Check with the U. S. Employment Service or your nearest plant. You can see by this report how much your help is still needed.

And do continue to be patient with your grocer. Understand *his* problems. Remember that the better-known brands are the first to be taken from his shelves.

Try to help ease his load by such thoughtfulness as shopping early in the day and early in the week.

Neither America's food producers nor America's grocers can win the battle of the food front alone. Your intelligent cooperation with the industry, your grocer and your government is very important.

It's a big responsibility. But we have yet to see the problem that is too big for American women. Especially when it means their families will be better fed.

Del Monte Foods

FOOD IS EVERYBODY'S JOB! If all of us do our part—the more there'll be for all!

FRUIT COCKTAIL