

INSPECTION TOUR AND MELON FEED HELD BY FIREMEN

A special inspection tour of the Medford fire department building, corner of Front and Third streets, was held Friday evening when firemen and their families gathered for a wiener roast and watermelon feed at the station. Twenty-nine adults and 15 children, a total of 44 persons were escorted through the rooms, cleaning and painting the entire interior surfaces of the building having just been completed by the firemen during spare hours on duty.

LeRoy Williams was in charge of the affair Friday, and entertainment included Beano and other games.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott expressed pride in the clean-up job Saturday when he praised work done by the other 11 men on the fire staff, all of them "amateur painters." Working as time permitted for the past eight weeks, during odd moments of the 24-hour shift each man serves "on call" at the station each time, the firemen refinished all the walls and ceilings, upstairs and down in an ivory color, with baseboards upstairs slate gray and downstairs silver gray. Doors and other woodwork are green and all furnishings in the sleeping rooms, including beds and lockers were repainted ivory. Closets and furniture underwent a general cleaning also. Downstairs windows are still "blackened out" with paint, and will remain so for the duration of the war as a Civilian Defense safety measure.

Now on order and expected to arrive at the fire station within the next few months, is a new American-LaFrance hose and pumper truck, capable of picking up and pumping 1000 gallons of water per minute, Elliott stated Saturday.

The fire chief also warned the public against carelessly turning in false alarms by dialing incorrect telephone numbers. Telephone number of the station, for use for reporting fires only, is 3333, which is similar to others in the city, while the chief's telephone number is 3790. Elliott quoted national statistics showing that more lives are lost answering false alarms than for actual fire calls. Eight false alarms were rung in one day at the Medford station last week by persons telephoning wrong numbers. When false alarms are sounded, the men must immediately rouse and dress if it be at night, and mount the trucks ready to leave the station as for true alarms, by the time the telephone summons is completed and the correct address known. Medford's crew has a record time of 28 seconds for getting men ready and out of the station on calls.

GAMBLING FEE URGED
Sacramento, Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—State legalization of gambling to increase license revenues of counties and cities tonight was advocated by two North Sacramento city councilmen.

DAIRYMEN FAVOR ASSOCIATION FOR JACKSON COUNTY

A group of Jackson county dairymen are at present spreading interest in organization of a dairy association for the county, the movement having started following a recent meeting in Central Point and attended by about 75 dairymen and others interested.

At the meeting a report of the Josephine County Dairyman's committee was given on the progress made there towards formation of a dairy association with the idea of making cheese and butter. It was decided to conduct a survey in this county to determine the cow population and to ascertain if dairymen would be interested in forming an association or in joining the Josephine county association.

In line with this, questionnaires were issued to volunteers representing several districts and these are contacting as many of their neighbors as possible. Any dairymen overlooked and interested is asked to contact William Howes of Gold Hill.

It is reported that those attending the Central Point meeting were most interested in the statement by the Josephine county committee as to their findings concerning the average higher prices paid to co-op dairymen throughout the state. It was further reported that in approximately six weeks, the Josephine county committee tentatively signed up dairymen representing 4,000 cows and have also gathered data as to available equipment, contacted technical authorities, financial and legal services. At their next meeting, to be announced later, the group expects to incorporate and adopt by-laws and be ready to start construction of plants.

At the local meeting it was said "if Jackson county dairymen wish to start an association, a considerable saving in overhead costs could be made by combining management of both plants under one head. The location could be decided by experts on the results of the survey."

Among those on the Josephine county committee are Victor Bale and Mr. Walker. In addition to Howes, others in the movement are Roscoe Roberts of Central Point, Mr. Dresbach of Rogue River, Eugene Moore of Rogue River and H. E. Conger of Medford.

TRAPPER GETS JOB
Gallatin, Mo.—(U.P.)—Wolves are on the loose in Missouri—but, slow down, girls—this is different! Three Missouri counties have hired a government wolf trapper to meet a wolf menace to the livestock. The counties in the partnership are Daviess, Caldwell and Harrison.

FIRE SWEEPS FOREST
San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—A forest fire which broke out eight miles southwest of Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino mountains early today, swept out of control tonight and was reported burning over several hundred acres of timber.

MAHONEY VISITS SAYS ROOSEVELT CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Declaring that "there is no personal issue between myself and Guy Cordon," Willis Mahoney, Klamath Falls, democratic candidate for United States senator from this district, visited Medford last evening and this morning. "The only issue so far as I am concerned is that of Roosevelt and Dewey," Mahoney said, "and I am one hundred per cent behind the president."

The democratic candidate said that he and the present senator were on the best of terms and that the campaign would be friendly. Mahoney arrived Friday night and conferred with party members and officials. He left Portland last Sunday and had stopped in the cities and towns along the way for pre-campaign preparations. Mahoney stated that his real campaign would start about the first of October. He is returning to Grants Pass September 4 to speak at a picnic.

Also here were Mrs. Mahoney and their daughter, Mrs. L. F. Van Dusen of Astoria, and the three continued on to Klamath Falls yesterday noon.

JAPANESE MENACE CHINA AIR BASES

Chungking, China, Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—Reinforced Japanese troops have backed their way into the Kwangtung province city of Limkoong in a new drive northward from the base of the Luichow peninsula opposite Hainan Island, a Chinese communique said today.

Bitter fighting was reported in the key road junction, whose loss not only would threaten several Allied air bases in the area but would provide a springboard for an enemy drive 200 miles north of Kweilin, Kwangsi province capital and Allied military nerve center for south China.

OPA Rent Suits Are Authorized

Portland—Congress has specifically granted authority to OPA to bring suits for treble damages against landlords in defense rental areas who charge rents in excess of the established maximum for an area, if the tenant fails to take such action within 30 days after the overcharge has been made, James A. Little, OPA rent enforcement attorney, explained today, in answer to inquiries from the public.

The new law gives the OPA administrator the right to sue for three times the amount of the overcharge or \$50, whichever is greater, if the violation was willful, Little explained, in an enforcement program for preventing inflation of rents.

First wholly French newspaper published in Canada was the Le Canadien, issued on Nov. 22, 1806.

OBITUARY

CHARLES N. CULP

Funeral services were held in Eugene Friday for Charles V. Culp, who was born in Medford 63 years ago. He died Monday in Portland of a heart attack.

Mr. Culp leaves three sons, Stanton of Sweet Home and Laverne and Clifton, both of Eugene; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Williams of Marysville, Calif., and two half-brothers, Clifton Culp lived in Medford in 1940 and 1941.

The deceased was the great grandson of the Griffins, who settled near Medford before the turn of the century and his grandfather was John S. Miller, a captain during the Rogue River Indian War and city marshal of Medford for many years.

MRS. MAY J. MacDONOUGH
May Jordan MacDonough, wife of A. J. MacDonough, passed away at their home, 617 Catherine street, at 6:50 p. m. Saturday. Mrs. MacDonough had been ill for more than a year and her passing was not unexpected.

The remains are at the Conger-Morris Funeral Parlor and a complete obituary with funeral announcement will appear in Monday's paper.

Captain Sherin Wins Clusters For Air Medal

Headquarters, 13th AAF, South Pacific—Presentation of two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal to Captain Thomas Homer Sherin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sherin of Eagle Point, Ore., is announced by the Headquarters 13th Army Air Force.

This award was for noteworthy achievements while participating in many bombing missions against Jap shore installations, airbases, and shipping in the southwest Pacific.

Captain Sherin entered the AAF on April 16, 1942, and received his technical education at schools and stations in California, Arizona and Colorado, before departing for overseas on November 11, 1943. He is the pilot of a B-24 Liberator, has been overseas for nine months, and during this time took part in 45 missions. He has previously been awarded the Air Medal and four Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal.

Prior to entering the service, he attended the Los Angeles City college, Los Angeles, Calif., and was employed as an aircraft frame builder.

POST WAR HOPES FOR CHINA HIGH

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—China has great hopes for high development in the post-war era through trade, education, building and the return of the government to the people, C. H. Wang, Chinese vice-consul, revealed here today when interviewed soon after his arrival from China.

Post-war planning is well advanced in China, he said, and much of the work is planned in connection with cooperation with China's allies. The country is now confident of victory after seven years of war, he commented.

BUNGO AS USUAL COSTS LODI, CAL., MAN NEAT \$8000

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—War or no war, "business as usual" apparently is the motto of the bongo artists—the newest result being a sad loss in faith of "honest looking men" by John J. Fiesel, 48, a grocery store and auto court operator at Terminus, near Lodi, Calif.

Along with his loss of faith in human nature, Mr. Fiesel also was minus some \$8,000 in a 1944 version of the old bongo stall which goes something like this:

A week ago "Honest" A. Rogers, passing as a Eugene, Ore., lumberman, called on Mr. Fiesel, saying he represented Lady Churchill, whom he described as a "relative" of the British Prime Minister, saying she was interested in the terminus property Mr. Fiesel had advertised as for sale.

Mr. Rogers, whom Mr. Fiesel said was "one of the most honest-looking men I ever saw," subsequently induced him to go to San Mateo "to close the deal," taking with him \$8,000 in cash. As Mr. Rogers explained it, Mr. Fiesel was to put the \$8,000 in escrow with \$10,000 Lady Churchill would put up to "show good faith."

In San Mateo Mr. Fiesel said he handed over the \$8,000 and while he, Mr. Rogers and "Lady Churchill" were having dinner at a hotel, Mr. Rogers stooped down and picked up a wallet containing \$100 and cards with the name "W. W. Cline."

"Honest" Mr. Rogers suggested they locate Mr. Cline in the hotel. Mr. Cline was profuse in his thanks and said he had planned to bet the \$100 on a "sure shot" horse and sent Mr. Rogers out to make the wager.

Rogers came back excitedly flashing a ticket for \$18,000 exclaiming: "I put all the money on the horse and we won—we're rich!"

But Mr. Cline picked up the ticket and said: "My God, you've got a ticket on the wrong horse—you've lost all Lady Churchill's money and you've lost this honest man's money!"

About this time Mr. Fiesel became suspicious, but Rogers apologized and said he'd have the bank deposit the money right away to Mr. Fiesel's credit—and left, saying "I'll get in touch with you tomorrow."

The next day Mr. Fiesel stayed around the hotel waiting for Mr. Rogers to show up—and called his bank and was informed no money had been placed to his credit.

Today Mr. Fiesel was sure something was wrong and reported to San Mateo police. A warrant was issued charging grand theft.

NO SERIOUS LACK SCHOOL TEACHERS

Salem, Ore., Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—No serious teacher shortage is being experienced this year in Oregon although a few schools are having difficulties filling their staffs because of low salaries, Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, said today.

Emergency teaching certificates have been granted to 737 teachers this year while 1271 were issued last year to teachers who had taught in the past but failed to meet the high standards now set up by the state.

DONALD R. STONE COMPLETES 50TH COMBAT MISSION

At a 12th AAF B-25 Base—Technical Sergeant Donald R. Stone, son of Mrs. Ben F. Stone, 621 West Eleventh street, Medford, has recently flown his 50th combat mission as radio operator-gunner in a B-25 Mitchell bomber flying with a veteran group in the Mediterranean area.

Sgt. Stone has flown over widespread targets in Italy ranging from the beachhead south of Rome to German rail lines in northern Italy near the French-Italian border. His group's aerial campaign against German lines of communication have taken Sgt. Stone over heavily-defended targets in the Po River valley.

On July 10, Sgt. Stone was radio gunner in the ship leading the entire formation of bombers which attacked and destroyed a large railroad bridge spanning the Po river south of Genoa with 100 per cent bombing accuracy. Two days later he was also on a "100 per cent mission" which destroyed a Po river bridge at Ostiglia, south of Verona. These targets lie in the heart of strong German flak and fighter defenses.

Perhaps the most memorable mission for the Medford gunner was on June 9 when he was in the formation which destroyed the Grosseto road bridge north of Rome. On this attack he flew as radio gunner in the lead ship of the formation, the famous B-25 "Idaho Lassie" which completed its 150th combat mission on that day.

Sgt. Stone, a graduate of Medford high school where he participated in football and basketball, was a salesman before entering the army. He has been recommended for the Air Medal.

JEOP MIRRORS ON NAVY PLANE PILE UP WOE FOR JAP

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—Once there were two jeeps which were equipped with mirrors like all good little jeeps should be. But the pilot of a navy PB4Y appropriated the mirrors, wired them on the nose of his plane and consequently a lot of Jap ships are under the surface instead of on top.

This was one of many experiences revealed today by Cmdr. Norman (Bus) Miller, USN, head of VB-109, and some of his crewmen who have been giving the Japs a bad time throughout the central Pacific.

Inventor of the jeep-mirror "periscope" was Lt. Comdr. George L. Hicks, USNR, Three Rivers, Cal., whose lone search plane accounted for three enemy ships sunk, 11 damaged.

Although Miller's outfit was listed as patrol, it always seemed to find enemy shipping and island installations under its guns and bomb bay doors and found it handy to sink or strafe same to the extent of sinking 43 enemy ships, shooting down four enemy planes, destroying 20 on the ground or water, probably getting 26 on the ground or water and damaging 44.

Two hundred and four feet tall and 29.8 feet in diameter is the Grizzly Giant, largest tree in Mariposa Grove.

FINAL CALL FOR MRS. CHAS. R. GAIL

Bessie Card Gail, wife of Charles R. Gail and a county resident for about 15 years, died suddenly yesterday noon at the home of her son, Norman Gail, in Gold Hill. Mrs. Gail had been ill for several weeks but was apparently recovering. She was 54 years of age.

Funeral arrangements are awaiting arrival of two sons in the service, Pvt. Budd Gail at Camp Kohler, Calif., and Robert Gail, radio technician in the navy stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex. The body is at Perl's Funeral Home here and it was stated that time of the funeral and an obituary would be published later.

The Gail family came to Medford from Trail City, North Dakota. In recent months Mr. and Mrs. Gail had been living at Wimer.

FORD GIVEN ORDERS

Washington, Aug. 26.—(U.P.)—The trial examining division of the National Labor Relations Board has recommended to the board that the Ford Motor com-

pany, Richmond, Calif., be ordered to cease interfering with the right of its employees to join the United Office Workers of America, CIO.

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