

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD 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 _____

Many matters of public interest here have been sharing the good war news in recent days, and while the folks at home have been planning how V-day will be celebrated, when the European war is ended, they also are considering the matter of building a new county hospital, are pondering on whether or not to support the proposal to build irrigation and power dams on the upper Rogue and are showing interest in the idea of acquiring river frontage on the Camp White reservation for a state park when the camp land is put up for sale.

The county hospital matter will be on the November ballot, enough signers have been obtained for an initiative petition. Dairymen are working on a proposal to build a cooperative creamery and cheese factory.

Marking Labor Day will be the close of the annual tournament at the Rogue Valley golf course and the horse show planned by the Ashland Riding association. In connection with the annual tournament it has been announced that the club plans a memorial trophy which will honor Lt. Robert R. Hammond, one of the city's finest golfers.

who was killed in action in Italy May 28.

Rain started falling yesterday morning, first for more than a month. It brought to an end several hot days during which the season's largest fire burned over about 125 acres of land in the Elk creek district and logging operations were temporarily suspended in some areas due to the fire hazards.

Two letters from the Pacific theater published this week made interesting reading to the people at home. In one Lt. Spencer Weills, marine fighter pilot, told of being stationed on Guam and described the "mess" which was the aftermath of battle. Weills maintained he was getting fat on K rations. From India Sgt. Bob Archer wrote of his method of snitching rides while en route to Calcutta and described his visit to numerous "shrines", including Firpos bar. Like many other servicemen, the sergeant complains that he misses plain, cold milk more than anything else in the way of food.

Another interesting letter was from Lt. Corinne D'Albini, army nurse who wrote that her hospital unit was having a hard time keeping up with the Third Army in France. Casualties are lighter than expected, she said, and captured Germans are simply amazed over the American supplies and equipment. Staff Sgt. Joe Pruitt wrote from Corsica to say that the island reminded him of Oregon and that he was too busy to go swimming. Action in the southwest Pacific was described in a letter by Pvt. Lee Reynolds, who said that he had just ended a combat period and was glad to get back to meals and a cot to sleep on.

A story about First Lt. Raymond Ross, with the American division, is to the effect that he has worked out a way to cook "choka", a native vegetable which he described as a cross between a summer squash and a cucumber.

Leading the news of honors and decorations is award of the Silver Star to Sgt. George Simmons for gallantry in action in Italy. The story recites that the sergeant, though wounded, covered the withdrawal of his platoon, holding his position until the enemy fled. Staff Sgt. Geo. R. Roberts has been given the Distinguished Flying Cross following 30 missions from an English base as a Fortress waist gunner and is expected home soon. Air Medals have been presented to First Lt. R. A. Wilcox, bomber pilot in Europe; to Second Lt. Mark K. Miller, Fortress bombardier at an English base; First Lt. Robert von der Heilen, bomber pilot in England; and Capt. Thomas Shearin has been awarded two Oak Leaf clusters for his Air Medal. Capt. Shearin is with the 13th AAF in the South Pacific and is pilot

"Make Your Own Bed" Coming



Starting Sunday for a three day showing at the Craterian, is "Make Your Own Bed," starring Jack Carson, Jane Wyman and Alan Hale.

of a B-24.

From a 12th AAF base in the Mediterranean comes word that Sgt. Donald R. Stone recently flew his 50th mission as radio operator of a B-25. Eugene R. Birk, with the 25th Infantry Division in the South Pacific, has been promoted to staff sergeant and Claude E. Atkins has been promoted to corporal at an African air service command base.

Pfc. Dean Davis and Roy Russell, S-C 3c, recently met in Hawaii for the first time in a year. The two are school friends. Capt. H. E. Schreengost arrived in Medford last week from Alaska, where he spent two years, in time for some hundred-degree weather which the officer found rather a contrast to the Alaskan climate. He returns to his post after a month's leave. Harlin Seiler, government construction employee, is in Medford on a brief vacation after two and a half years in Hawaii.

Visitors here this week were Lt. Worlow C. Purdin and his bride, the former Marjorie Scott whose father is W. D. Scott of Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, and who had been attending school in Arizona and Arkansas. The wedding took place shortly after Lt. Purdin returned from overseas after serving 14 months as a pilot with the 15th AAF. Other weddings announced were those of Pfc. Edward Shoemaker to Miss Elsie Gleason of Chicago, and Dorothy Rice to Sgt. Daniel Boverini of Cicero, Ill., who was stationed at Camp White for many months as leader of the SCU orchestra. Jack C. Orey, aviation radioman third class, has been home after graduating from the navy air base at Hutchinson, Kan., and also here was his fiancée, Miss Norma Larson of Berkeley, Calif.

Tom Gerety is now stationed at Miami, Fla., for naval gunnery training and Bill Van Dyke

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ARMY PERFECTING PLAN FOR RETURN HOME OF TROOPS

Nazi Collapse Means Exodus For Some — Others Needed In Pacific Zone.

Washington, Sept. 1 —(U.P.)— With the collapse of German resistance, the exodus of hundreds of American troops from Europe will begin.

Today, five years after the second world war started, the army is perfecting plans to reverse its great mass movement of humanity.

Some of the Americans in Europe will come home fairly soon after Germany quits, some will go directly to the Far East to fight the Japanese, and some will remain abroad to enforce the first phases of European peace.

American commanders in the Pacific will have first call on American manpower released with Germany's defeat, subject to limitation of transportation facilities and the strategic situation in that theater.

Because of the type of warfare in the Pacific, the Allies will not need there immediately too large a portion of the troops released in Europe. In the island to island fighting amphibious combat forces are small compared with the large European armies. Until there is a place for them to fight, large numbers cannot be utilized. And it is not anticipated that the Pacific commanders will ever need all the forces released by peace in Europe.

So when Germany capitulates, that part of the American forces freed from combat there and not needed immediately for occupation in Europe or combat in the Far East will start moving home as transport is available.

Some repatriated individuals and units may expect later to proceed to the Pacific after an interval at home. But the shrinking over-all combat manpower requirements will permit the army to commence discharging troops after victory in Europe. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said recently that this plan would be ready for announcement soon. Meanwhile army sources will not discuss the plan.

SEES TELEVISION 5 YRS. AFTER WAR

Chicago, Sept. 1 —(U.P.)— At least 100 master television stations serving areas containing 67,000,000 persons will be in operation within five years after the war, according to Paul Chamberlain of the General Electric Co.

Chamberlain told the closing session of the National Association of Broadcasters executives war conference yesterday that the feasibility of television networks has been proven by four years of experimental operation of a relay between New York City and Schenectady, N. Y.

Find Mother Guilty of Death Own Baby

Los Angeles, Sept. 1 —(U.P.)— Mrs. Lela Eva Pruitt, 21, today awaited sentence on a verdict of manslaughter for killing her deformed five-month-old son.

A jury convicted the red-haired young Texan late yesterday after a three-day trial during which Mrs. Pruitt denied repeatedly that she had hurled the child into a chair in a jealous rage. Earlier she assertedly had confessed to police that she was angered when her husband, Pvt. James Earl Pruitt, wrote her from Camp Polk, La., that he no longer loved her.

America was named for Amerigo Vespucci, a Florentine who made early explorations sailing for Portugal.

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The public is invited to attend union farewell services honoring the Rev. Ward A. Rice who will soon leave the city, being held in the First Methodist church on West Main and Laurel streets Sunday at 7:45 p. m., under auspices of the Medford Ministerial Association.

Rev. Louis C. Kirby, pastor of the church, announces the service will be presided over by Rev. Harry W. Hansen, association president, assisted by four other ministers.

Rev. Rice will preach the sermon on "Christ's Greatest Question." Mrs. Rice will sing a solo and special music will be directed by John M. Eby.

BABS FIGHTS ON

Hollywood, Sept. 1 —(U.P.)— Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow may be in Boston, but his legal residence is here, Barbara Hutton said today in announcing she would continue to seek full custody of their son in California courts.

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The Spaniards conquered and settled Puerto Rico and Cuba in 1508.

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