

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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After a few coolish days which brought out fall clothes and started the leaves to turning red, summer decided to take a final stand with the result that Tuesday was the hottest day in two years, with the mercury going to 103 degrees. School children are enjoying the last few days before the opening of schools, which start Sept. 11 in the country and Sept. 18 in town. Junior and senior high schools are delayed until the 25th because of the fruit harvest and Central Point school opening has been delayed because of the lack of teachers and for harvest. The Black Tornado squad held the first workout of the season Monday, with 32 reporting to Coach Al Simpson. The Tornado has an eight-game schedule. Labor Day was a quiet holiday, with many people attracted to the golf tournament at the Valley Golf club or going to Ashland for the horse show there. Eddie Simmons captured his fifth tournament, defeating Leland Clark, defending champion, 3 and 2. During the tournament, Simmons shot the first hole-in-one in the 16-year history of the tournament, the shot being made on the tenth hole. Both Simmons and Clark were awarded the Lt. Robert R. Hammond memorial trophy for 73s in the qualifying rounds. Lt. Hammond, twice winner of the tourney, was killed in action in Italy several weeks ago. Red Cross workers last week completed the summer quota of 210,000 surgical dressings and the Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans donated \$300, results of a carnation sale,

for the chapter's blood plasma fund. Other residents are busy rounding up waste paper and one Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the Catholic church has turned in more than 18,000 pounds. Last Sunday the Brethren church dedicated a new building erected at the corner of Mary and Saling streets. A. Z. (Tubby) Dean has purchased the three lots formerly occupied by the Maid-Rite Sandwich and the present Groceria parking lots and will erect a super-service station there when materials are available. Several Medford men were in the news this past week for receiving war honors. Silver Stars have been awarded to Lt. Raymond Ross in the South Pacific and Sgt. Wayne White in France. Lt. Ross, founder of the "Dime A Dozen" club (he pays his men a dime for every dozen Japs) is said to be one of the ace patrol leaders of the famous Americal Division, only army division bearing a name instead of a number. Sgt. Earl Jones and Sgt. Charles K. Culbertson have both been awarded Bronze stars. Sgt. Jones for action with the Fifth Army in Italy and Sgt. Culbertson for operations against the enemy at Alesan airdrome, Corsica, in May. Pfc. J. Seibold was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in France June 29 and Lt. (jg) John R. Marsh, navy flier, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lt. Marsh is a torpedo plane pilot. W. E. Wakefield, aviation machinist mate first class, has been given a letter of commendation from Com. W. F. Arnold for constructing a pre-roller of original design for use in the work of his carrier aircraft service unit. Wakefield has been overseas for 18 months.

First Sgt. Hugh McGinty has been wounded in action a second time. He is with a special service force of United States-Canadian Commandos and was wounded during the early Italian campaign and again during the French campaign. Cpl. Melvin W. Kohn has written his parents from France describing conditions in the area in which his engineer's unit is serving, stating that "things are sure blown to hell in this country" and adding that it might be a good thing if a few more Americans could realize what war is like when you have it at home instead of in some other country. The Home Front editor took time out over the week-end to read a bulletin sent by Sgt. John Eads telling of the deeds of the amphibian engineers in the Southwest Pacific, and found it highly interesting. Sgt. Robert C. Taylor is now serving as a squadron adminis-

trator specialist with a troop carrier of the Ninth AAF, a news report states, and word of T. Sgt. Everett Chapman was recently brought to his parents by Lt. Dale LeRoy Kaegi, home on leave after combat duty in Italy. The two served in the same AAF squadron. Pfc. Roberta Ivanhoe of the WAC has written from London describing how she met Lt. Betty Vilm while walking down the street, and stated that the two planned many future meetings.

Speakers at Rotary club this week were Capt. Howard Schreengost, back from Alaska, and Sgt. Dick Roberts, Fortress gunner back from England after many missions over Germany. Ensign Morris B. Leonard, Jr., has been home on leave, having just graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Manfred L. Douglas completed college work under the navy v-12 at the southern branch of the University of Idaho and took his midshipman's oath at Northwestern university last week.

Sgt. C. B. McCracken has been selected for officer's training and has started the training at Aberdeen, Md. Robert A. Naumes, now at Presque Isle, Me., following a year in Labrador with the North Atlantic Air Command, has been promoted to captain. Pfc. Hugh Power is now at Brookley Field, Ala. Pvt. Roy C. Gray is at Camp Wolters, Tex., for infantry training and Charles L. Cummons is at the Great Lakes Naval Training station. Franklin Gebhard, radioman third class, recently completed training at Ft. Isabel, Tex., and has been transferred to Washington, D. C. Ruth Fitch has completed a course in physiotherapy at Camp White and will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the army nurse corps Sept. 13.

Several marriages and engagements were on the social page Sunday. Joan Holmes and Lt. Eugene P. Myers of Oakland, Calif., were married Aug. 26; Helen Johnson and LaVerne Dunagan, seaman first class, were married Aug. 25 and the wedding of Lila Stillwell and Donald Richey, gunner's mate, took place Aug. 11 in San Francisco. Robert Doms and Olive Davis of Ashland were married last week and Mary Alice Johnson and Pfc. Ralph E. Gillmore, the latter of Ashland, were married Aug. 12 in Columbus, Ind. Engagements announced were those of Ann Luman to Gordon Corum of Eugene; Dolly Age to Sgt. William E. Ritter of Lynwood, Calif.; Paula Blanton to Pvt. Ray Casbeer.

Among those home now, or recently home were Lt. Del Cooley of Ardmore, Okla.; Pfc. Alvin A. Alexander, Santa Barbara; Wallace Johnson, Ft. en route to Treasure Island after graduating from Purdue university; Sgt. and Mrs. Dale Fornerook, Camp Van Dorn; Marvin L. Crocker, ARM2c, member of the famous "Black Cat" patrol of the South Pacific for nine months; Pvt. Donald Casper, who is returning to Camp Robinson, Ark., and T. Sgt. Herbert R. Fitzgerald, home from Tallahassee, Fla.

Emotional Colored Gentleman Cleared

Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—(U.P.)—Charles White, 40-year-old negro arrested on Aug. 3, for violating a national monument when he rang the Liberty Bell in Independence Hall, was exonerated today by a jury of nine women and three men.

White, a Frankfort arsenal employee pleaded an "uncontrollable emotional outbreak," which made him awe-stricken and filled him with a desire to hear the bell ring. Accordingly he struck the bell with a piece of stone and was promptly arrested. The incident occurred during the Philadelphia Transportation company strike.

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