

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 _____

Election interest is beginning to boil locally, with candidates, rallies and parades in the news this week. Both Edgar Smith and Wayne Morse, Democratic and Republican candidates for the senate, were in the city this week and have made many speeches. County Clerk George Carter suffered from writer's cramp after having spent a couple of days initialing nearly 1500 ballots for servicemen overseas.

Deer season opened Sunday and luck seems to be fair with some reporting large numbers of deer, even on the lower levels.

Medford's football prospects look bright. After defeating Weed in the opening game 42 to 6, the Tigers took on Marshfield last week and whitewashed them 33 to 0. The Marshfield team was accompanied by Leonard Mayfield, now superintendent of schools there. Tonight the Tigers are in Eureka for their third game.

The annual football jamboree for B school six-man teams will be held tonight, with Central

Point, Gold Hill, Prospect, Jacksonville, Eagle Point, Talent and Rogue River participating.

The Tribune's well known sports writer, Bill Hulen, has left Jackson county for the larger field of the Associated Press and has gone to Portland where he will write sports and other news for the news service.

With the addition of a new flight both north and south, Medford now has five flights a day each way furnished by the United Air Lines. The new flight is expected to absorb at least part of the overflow business which the line has been unable to handle in recent months.

Important on the lodge calendar this week is celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Elks lodge. Out of the more than 40 citizens who formed the lodge, T. E. Daniels, E. C. Gaddis, John J. Wilkinson, P. A. Hussey and Grover C. Corum remain active members.

Either Medford servicemen are really "something to write home about" or the public re-

liefion's officers are exceptionally industrious, judging from the quantities of news which poured into the Tribune this week.

A special story from the South Pacific was about Marine Sgt. Larry Wagner, composer of "Whistler's Mother-in-Law" and other hit tunes, who kept a transport load of men entertained for an entire ocean voyage. Mrs. Wagner is in Medford with her parents for the duration. Another special story featured Lt. Robert Wilcox and told how he and other members of a B-26 crew were shot down off the coast of Italy, escaped from their plane, were later rescued from the water and when a general check-up was made, Wilcox was found to be still wearing an old hat which he had donned before taking off. The officer has been home recently on leave.

Expected home soon is Sgt. Robert A. Stewart, veteran of 25 months of service, including the Italian and southern France invasions and duty in the Asiatic theater. The sergeant wears many campaign ribbons and stars, an air medal and a good conduct medal. T. Sgt. Wayne Fairchild has left after a visit here. He has seen 19 months overseas duty in various sections of the Mediterranean theater and holds the soldier's medal and several other decorations. Pfc. Ralph D. McGonagle, with the Fifth army in Italy, has been awarded the combat infantryman badge and Sgt. Walter Bish, wounded on Black Island, has received the Purple Heart.

Charles Kruger has been promoted to staff sergeant at an AAF Fortress base in Italy and previously was awarded an air medal. An air medal has also been won by Second Lt. Frank Rogers, Flying Fortress co-pilot stationed in England and T. Sgt. Elmer L. Osborn now wears an air medal, oak leaf cluster, and battle stars for the north African, Sicilian, Italian and French campaigns.

Second Lt. Clyde Chamberlain, transport commander, recently left on another assignment, this time to a south Pacific destination, and Second Lt. Gerold A. Fitzgerald has been made ammunition officer for a battalion of the 37th Division. He has been in Hawaii and Guadalcanal for 16 months. A story from the 13th AAF tells of the part Capt. Thomas H. Shearin had in the campaign against Yap island, once one of the strongest Jap bases guarding the Philippines. From Ireland comes word of the meeting of First Lt. Donald R. Grigsby and Second Lt. Jack M. Bishop, the latter of Ashland. Lt. Grigsby is a veteran of 30 missions and is now a bombardier instructor while Lt. Bishop had just arrived.

Pfc. Glen Watson and Pvt. Jack Watson have written their mother about a chance meeting in France. Pfc. Watson was wounded during the Normandy invasion and was awarded the Purple Heart. Sgt. Eloy Cordova recently wrote relatives here to give details of recent activities of the 361st regiment of the 91st division, now in Italy.

Home this week is Lt. (jg) Henry Fisher who participated as officer on an LST boat, in the invasion landings in Sicily, Italy and France, and who has been selected for advanced training. The lieutenant has been overseas for more than a year. Another navy man home is Kenneth M. Thurston, pharmacist's mate second class, who has been in Hawaii for nine months.

Bennie Longwill has completed officer candidate school in Australia and was commissioned a second lieutenant in an infantry unit. Pvt. Albert R. Roberts writes that he recently arrived in India, and Paul Chestnut, FC2c, has written his parents to describe the part which the crew of his ship had in the French coast landings. Martin B. Webb, stationed in Hawaii, has been promoted to corporal.

Pvt. Wilfred J. Vakoc has been declared missing in action since Sept. 2 in France and Lt. Kenneth Lucas has been declared a prisoner of war of the Germans, having first been reported missing in action Aug. 24.

Thomas Harold Gerey, AOM3, was named honor man of his squadron when he graduated from the naval air gunner's school at Miami. He is now taking further training as torpedoman on a Gruman Avenger. Aviation Cadets Vincent C. Clafin and Dale C. Erickson are both at Garden City air field in Kansas for basic flight training. Cadet Clafin is a returned veteran, having served overseas as an engineer-gunner on a B-25.

Ensign Joe Beach, recently commissioned at Corpus Christi

At Holly Today



Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan are again co-starring in "Chips Off The Old Block", with Ann Blyth, opening today at the Holly for a two-day engagement. The companion feature is "Guns of the Pecos".

and now a PBM pilot, is home visiting his parents. His brother, Robert Beach, is also home, having just completed basic training in the navy at Farragut. Lt. Donald R. Marshall has been transferred from Carlsbad to Hobbs, N. M. James E. Walker, SK2c, is temporarily at Norfolk, Va., and expects to go overseas soon. He has transferred from the Seabees to the regular navy.

Lt. Donald R. Horner, pilot of a carrier-based fighter plane, is confined in a hospital in Norfolk but expects to be discharged soon and to be home for a time. Dale E. Hoskins and William N. Snyder have both graduated from the naval radio school at Indianapolis and received their ratings of radioman third class, while Wallace E. Johnson graduated from electrician's school at Purdue university.

Others home now or in recent days are Jack Waybrant, Gil Tomy, Hob Deuel, Herb Merriman and James Bobbett, all of whom are stationed at Farragut naval training station; T. Sgt. George Edwards from Kingman, Ariz., and Cpl. H. J. Harper, who reported to Augusta, Ga. Pvt. R. L. Harper has been

ordered to a port of embarkation.

...this announced are a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Ray, (Betty Mae Collins), Columbus, O.; daughter to Sgt. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Belknap, (Geraldine Bunch); daughter to T. Sgt. and Mrs. K. A. Brown, (Audrey Craig) of Sarasot, Fla.; son to Cpl. and Mrs. Glen W. Jewett, (Byrnedine McCulloch), Oceanside, Calif.; and a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Langley, (Marion Matheny) at Pomona, Calif.

Ann Luman was married recently to Gordon Corum of Eugene and Luella Arnold to Adam Richter, the latter a machinist's mate in the navy and recently returned from 17 months in the South Pacific.

G. PASS SOLDIER KILLER IN ACTION

Grants Pass, Oct. 6—T/Sgt. Charles E. Ostrom was killed in action in Germany on Sept. 20, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ostrom and his wife, Amy Gilmore Ostrom of Murphy. T/Sgt. Ostrom, who went overseas in April of this year, was serving with the Third army under General George S. Patton, when he was killed.

T/Sgt. Ostrom, who was born in Grants Pass on March 23, 1910, attended the local schools and was a graduate of Grants and Pass high school. On June 30, 1941, he was married to Miss Amy Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gilmore of Murphy.

Private Zahnaw Accorded Honor As Infantryman

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Zahnaw of Hillcrest road, route 4, have received word from their son, Pvt. Theodore H. Zahnaw that

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he has been awarded an expert infantry badge for satisfactory work against the enemy.

Pvt. Zahnaw, who is stationed somewhere in the southwest Pacific theater of war, has been overseas for the past six months and in the service since May 1943. Prior to entering in the army he was employed by Medford Corporation and Western Union. He is with an infantry anti-tank unit.

According to Col. T. C. Gerber, Army Ordnance director of safety, accident statistics prove that a woman worker is far safer in a powder plant than she is in her own home.

Girl Scout Office Also Functioning As Service Bureau

A service bureau has been set up in the local Girl Scout office, 500 East Main street, where community organizations may call for Girl Scout assistance, and where the girls themselves can call for opportunities to render community service. Records of "hours of service" are on file in the office, and when a Girl Scout completes 50 hours of service she is entitled to wear the National Service pin. The bureau operated mainly for senior scouts, but girls of all ages have certain jobs planned for their age level abilities.

Community groups now being served by the Girl Scouts are Wing Inn, U.S.O., the Red Cross, and Jackson County Health association. Financial support depends on Medford Community Chest and War Fund.

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