

PERMISSION FOR FILING CLAIMS ON MOON GIVEN

Washington, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Land Office Commissioner Fred W. Johnson today assured would-be rocket travelers that if parts of the moon should become public domain they could file homestead claims under public land laws.

He gave the assurance in a letter replying to an inquiry from R. L. Farnsworth, president of the United States Rocket Society, Inc., Glen Ellyn, Ill.

"Many of our members write

in and ask us how to go about filing a claim to land on the moon," Farnsworth wrote. "As strange as this may seem to you, it may be a reality within a generation; consequently we would appreciate either telling us how this is done or advising us to whom to direct our inquiry."

Johnson informed him that any person wishing to set up housekeeping on the moon must meet the following requirements of the homestead law; accompany application for land with an affidavit that he has personally examined the land and is well acquainted with its characteristics; prepare to establish permanent residence upon the land within six months after his entry has been approved; and take his family with him.

Despite modern equipment and improved techniques, man cannot compete with nature in scattering seed for new forests.

HOOD RIVER POST HIT FOR REMOVAL OF ALIEN NAMES

San Francisco, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Robert B. Cozzens, assistant director of the war relocation authority, today made public a letter to Jess Edington, commander of the Hood River, Ore., American Legion Post in which he charged Edington with "betraying" the Legion for erasing the names of 16 Japanese-American soldiers from the Post's county honor roll.

Cozzens, who based his knowledge of the incident on newspaper report, wrote Edington: "You have betrayed the Le-

Alan Marshall In Sunday Hit



Alan Marshall doesn't seem to be able to make up his mind between Laraine Day and Marsha Hunt in this scene from "Bride By Mistake" which starts at the Craterian Sunday for a three-day showing.

gion by a deliberate insult to our army, its uniform, and the brave men who wear it. You have attempted to loosen the cornerstone of our democracy by striking at one racial group of descendants out of the six nations we had declared war against.

"You desecrate the grave of the unknown soldier; neither you, nor any other man, knows but that sacred resting place may hold the remains of a descendant of an enemy nation. We had Japanese-American soldiers in World War I.

"You should make haste to replace the names of the loyal American soldiers on the Hood River honor roll and confine your hate complex to the enemy Japanese rather than attempting to imitate the sordid attitudes of those we are fighting."

Cozzens wrote that as a member of the American Legion and as a veteran of World War I, "I know your disgraceful act cannot be condoned by a vast majority of American Legionnaires, nor by the lost battalion rescued in this war by Nisei, nor by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, who cited the 100th battalion of Nisei for bravery in Italy."

Cozzens identified three of the 16 Japanese-Americans as Pvt. Eichi Wakamatsu, formerly of Hood River; Pvt. George M. Hata, Gresham; and Pfc. Hiromu Heyamoto, graduate of Gresham Union high school, all wounded in action.

California Note

With 41st Infantry Division, Southwest Pacific, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—A patrol on this American-controlled island captured a Japanese soldier, who under questioning, said he had been told by his commanding officer that he was in the state of Florida.

He added that he and his companions were quite dissatisfied with Florida. The place didn't appear to be worth a great deal, from any standpoint, and his superior officers weren't too upset about being able to hold it (he said).

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STARS, STRIPES PAPER ATTACKS ARMY JOURNAL

Paris, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—The Paris edition of the army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" sharply criticized Washington's army and navy journal today for its recent article asserting that Britain was more interested in protecting her Mediterranean lifeline to India than in defeating Germany.

In an editorial headed "Let's Look At the Record," the GI newspaper said: "For two years the British fought Hitler almost alone. There was a time when the RAF, the British navy, and the Eighth army were the toast of Americans. There was a time when British-American unity was in full stride and going places.

British people don't gee up with the Army and Navy Journal's slant on Britain's war role. Yet even these facts have been interpreted by some John Bull baiters as a slap at America's war production and America's contribution to lend-lease. It's part of the rumor rat race. Anything goes that throws mud on the integrity, loyalty, or intentions of our British ally.

"We don't know enough about the inside picture to say whether the Army and Navy Journal is right or wrong. But we will say that the record so far is on the side of Winnie Churchill and the British. We are fighting this war beside them. We would like to fight the peace beside them, too."

WIFE MAILS VET DEHYDRATED FOOD

With 41st Infantry Division, Southwest Pacific, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—The lieutenant had been overseas 33 months and he was tired of dehydrated potatoes dehydrated eggs, dried fruit and powdered eggs.

He wrote his wife to forget socks, skin lotions and sewing kits in overseas packages and "go down to the delicatessen and use your imagination."

The package came. There were no socks, no skin lotions, no olives, no pickles, no jams. Just dehydrated potatoes, dehydrated eggs, dehydrated soup.

Lake Creek

Mrs. Nussbaum arrived home last week. She has been working in Oakland, Cal., in a blind school for the past year. She plans to spend several weeks in Lake Creek and then go to Washington and visit her daughter, Mary.

Pfc. and Mrs. Wesley Householder and son, Bobby, arrived here last week. They have been in Salina, Kan., where Pvt. Householder has been stationed. After spending a few days with his folks in Talent he left again for Kansas. Mrs. Householder and Bobby are living with Amy Gussom.

The Lake Creek community carnival was held last Saturday night in the community hall. A fairly large crowd attended. The funds raised will be used to put a floor in the hall.

Mr. Lloyd George has been ill the past few days with the flu, but has recovered and is now driving the school bus again.

Miss Mary Hight of Medford and Miss Karmon Argraves of Portland were week end guests at the Hoeft home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cingcade of Phoenix were callers at the Grissom home Wednesday afternoon.

Bobby Householder has been

CURRENT ALLIED GERMAN OFFENSE STRAIN ON NAZIS

Washington, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that the current allied offensive in Germany is placing a terrific strain on the nazis, depriving them of an expected winter breathing spell and preventing completion of last-ditch mobilization plans.

Stimson revealed that supreme headquarters estimated the Germans had suffered 152,000 casualties between November 9 and November 30, an average of almost 7000 a day.

U. S. army casualties in all theaters through November 28, he said, have reached 483,957, including 92,135 killed, 272,351 wounded, 62,786 missing and 56,685 prisoners. This was an increase of 9,059 casualties over figures announced a week ago through November 22.

Stimson's figures railed over all U. S. war casualties in World War II to 562,468, since the navy has reported casualties of 78,511 through December 13.

The navy total includes 30,029 dead, 34,503 wounded, 9,493 missing, and 4,486 prisoners of war.

Stimson said that of the 272,351 army wounded, 126,592 have returned to duty.

He also revealed that U. S. ground force casualties in Italy from the original landings at Salerno in 1943 through December 9 were 98,366 including 18,898 killed, 87,194 wounded, and 12,274 missing.

FR'S LIFE RECORDED

Hyde Park, N. Y., Dec. 15—(U.P.)—A recorded dramatization of the life of President Roosevelt was added to the national archives of the Franklin D. Roosevelt library here today.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday with little change in temperature.

Oregon: Clear today, tonight and Saturday but with fog or low clouds in valleys west of Cascades; little change in temperature.

Temperature a year ago today:
Highest, 29; lowest, 27.

Total monthly precipitation, 10 inch. Deficiency for the month, 1.19 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 4.58 inches. Deficiency for the season, .11 inch.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 58%; 4:30 today, 62%.

Sunrise, 8:33 a. m. Sunset, 5:41 p. m.
Past 24 hours: High Low
Boise 35 15
Boston 33 13
Chicago 23 14
Denver 53 24
Eureka 62 24
Havre 42 22
Los Angeles 65 47
Medford 59 24
New York 42 28
Omaha 42 28
Phoenix 71 40
Portland 44 31
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Salt Lake 35 15
San Francisco 58 48
Seattle 44 25
Spokane 23 21
Washington, D. C. 34 25
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sick with a cold the past week. LaVern Cartwright, Ph. M. 2/c, has been on leave. He spent part of his time visiting friends and relatives on Lake Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonn and family and Mrs. A. M. Tonn called at the Lucas home Sunday.

The Lilly family has been sick the past few weeks with bad colds and the flu.

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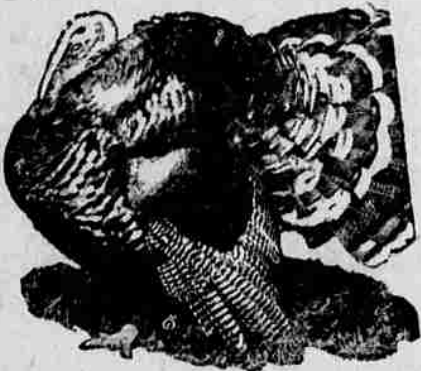
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