

CITIZENS URGED TO PREPARE FOR SALVAGE DRIVE

All citizens of Jackson county were urged today by Robert A. Duff, chairman of the County Salvage committee to redouble their efforts in the saving of waste paper and tin cans pending definite county-wide collections of these materials shortly after the first of the year.

Following conferences this week with E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent; C. R. Bowman, county school superintendent; and G. M. Green, chairman of the Ashland salvage committee, Duff announced that county and city schools will soon be making plans for an intensive waste paper drive throughout the county early in January and that a similar county-wide collection of tin cans will be conducted by schools and school children early in February.

Definite dates for collections will be announced by school administrators and salvage officials at an early date, Mr. Duff said.

"Meanwhile," the chairman pointed out, "each individual householder of Jackson county can be preparing for these campaigns by accumulating all possible quantities of these materials in their homes, pending the start of actual collections."

Newspapers, magazines and cardboard cartons should be flattened and tied securely in small compact bundles for easy handling by collectors. "Proper tying of bundles is especially important," the chairman said, in pointing out that salvage collections are made possible entirely thru the efforts of patriotic volunteers and that what each individual fails to do in properly preparing his salvage materials must be done later by others who also are giving freely of their time and effort to this cause.

All tin cans should be saved and prepared by washing the cans thoroughly, removing labels, cutting off or folding tin tops and bottoms and then flattening the cans firmly by stepping on them full weight. Only prepared tin cans are acceptable for salvage.

FLIGHT TRAINING TO BE RESUMED

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Civilian flight training will be resumed within the western defense command "in the near future," Maj. Gen. H. C. Pratt, commanding general of the western defense command announced today.

Pratt said regulations under which such flying would be permitted will be published by the Fourth Air Force on or about January 15, 1945.

Resumption of civilian flying, outlawed in the coastal area after Pearl Harbor, will hinge on the approval of the interdepartmental air traffic control board, Pratt said. Areas to be used for civilian flying will not be approved for locations which might adversely affect defense of the coast or jeopardize military security, he said.

BOY SCOUT CUB PACK 6 TO ENTERTAIN PARENTS

Boy Scout Cub pack No. 6 will hold its monthly pack meeting and achievement council in the Washington school gym Thursday at 7 p. m. All parents are requested to attend. A special program has been arranged by the Cub for their parents and each Cub will receive a present.

BOSTON BANS BOOK
Boston, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Erskine Caldwell's latest novel "Tragic Ground" was "banned" in Boston today. The novel, a story of poor southern whites stranded far from their homes by the closing of a war plant, was voluntarily withdrawn from most book stores.

CENTRAL POINT GI ADDS TO LAURELS AGAINST GERMANS

Sgt. MacDonald Coleman, Central Point soldier with the 5th army in Italy, has added to his laurels since publication of his last exploits, according to a dispatch from the 5th army.

Sgt. Coleman and a small group of doughboys, the article said, recently killed 16 Germans and captured 15 in a fierce battle for a strongpoint in northern Italy.

The group, members of the 88th "Blue Devil" division of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th army, were attempting to set up and maintain a road block. Discovering a German-held house, the doughboys attacked. After a skirmish they captured the strongpoint and rounded up 15 prisoners.

The Germans counter-attacked and were repulsed. The enemy, however, had the house surrounded, making it impossible for the Yanks to withdraw.

The "Blue Devils" killed 16 Krauts in the fierce fight which followed. The enemy fired several weapons and one Nazi crawled within close range of the building and fired a rocket launcher, setting the house on fire. Under cover of smoke and confusion the Yanks slipped back to their lines.

Sgt. Coleman, who serves with the 349th "krautkiller" regiment, is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cassman of Central Point and husband of Lavonne Cassman Coleman, also of Central Point.

JAP PRISONERS DIE IN BUILDING ENEMY RAILWAY

London, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—The British government said today that about 25,000 British, Australian, and Dutch prisoners of the Japanese died while working on the construction of a railroad between Burma and Thailand.

The death were reported in an official statement supplementing a report to commons by War Minister Sir James Grigg that the Japanese used more than 60,000 white prisoners, most of them from the United Kingdom and Australia, in building the railroad.

Grigg said Britain is protesting to Japan against the past treatment of war prisoners in Burma and Thailand, which improved after October, 1943.

He said the men worked "with all speed and regardless of the cost in human life."

The supplemental statement by the government said the Japanese erected a memorial to some 25,000 who died on the project, of whom fewer than 1,000 were Japanese, the remainder being English, Australian, and Dutch.

Phoenix Church To Present Christmas Service On Sunday

Phoenix, Dec. 20.—Phoenix Presbyterian church choir will present a service of Christmas music Sunday at 10 A. M., according to the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence H. Mitchelmore. M. F. Sheets is director and Mrs. H. W. Frame organist.

Numbers include: "O Zion that Bringest Good Tidings," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "One Midnight Still," "No Room for the Christ Child" and chorus "Sing Unto God." Solo parts are sung by Henry W. Frame, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. George Carpenter, with a duet by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Carpenter.

Mr. Mitchelmore will speak briefly on "Christmas."

LT. R. A. LEWIS IN GROUP CITED FOR AIR ATTACK

First Lt. Robert A. Lewis, 27, son of Mrs. Grace Buck of Jacksonville and pilot of an Italy based 15th AAF B-17 Flying Fortress is a member of a heavy bombardment group cited recently for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy," according to an announcement from his base.

Graduated from Medford high school in 1938, Lewis was employed by the Medford Distributing Co. prior to his enlistment in the armed forces September 16, 1939. He won his wings and commission July 28, 1943, upon completion of advanced training at Columbus, Miss.

Presentation of the War Department unit citation, a blue battle streamer, was made to the Fortress group for a bombing attack against the Romano-American Oil Refinery, Ploesti, Romania, May 18, 1944. When all other groups turned back because of extremely adverse weather conditions, the Fortress unit continued alone, the headquarters report states.

Despite intense, heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire augmented by the devastating cannon fire of 100 enemy fighter planes the group inflicted severe damage on the refinery. Final account of the running air battle read: seven heavy bombers for 28 enemy fighters destroyed and 30 probably destroyed. Since the group's first bombing mission on March 30, 1944, against an airfield at Immotaki, Yugoslavia, the heavy bombers have flown a total of 133 missions and dropped more than 9000 tons of bombs. Fortress gunners have accounted for 70 enemy aircraft destroyed and 40 more probably destroyed.

BODY OF ANN C. WOOD TAKEN TO GRANTS PASS

The remains of Mrs. Ann C. Wood, 38, wife of Harvey Wood, Grants Pass, who took her life in Rogue river last Saturday evening, were forwarded to Grants Pass Tuesday by the Conger-Morris chapel for services and interment upon the arrival of relatives.

MRS. ADDIE S. MCCOY PASSES AWAY AT HOME

Mrs. Addie S. McCoy, 80, passed away at her home, 121 Cottage st., early Tuesday morning. She had been a resident of this community for the past 40 years. Arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris chapel.

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SHORTAGE OF OIL TIGHTENS CURB ON FUEL USERS

Present short supplies of fuel oil, coupled with dangerously low inventories of new oil stoves, make it impossible for local OPA boards to approve applications from new users for fuel oil or for oil stove rationing certificates unless special conditions warrant, it was stated today by George L. Curry, district OPA fuel rationing representative.

Only in rare cases are certificates for oil or for stoves issued, rules requiring that to be eligible, no one in the household is physically capable of operating a wood or coal stove; the oil stove was acquired before August 23, 1943, and possession retained since that date; the oil stove heats the same rooms as before August 23, 1943; or that the oil stove is to replace one worn out beyond repair.

Curry also said that applicants for new installations for oil fired furnaces must meet similar rigid requirements but the Petroleum Administration

War acts on such applications. Consumers were advised never to invest in new or used oil-burning equipment for heating or other use unless they first check with their local board as to eligibility for oil rations.

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