

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas spirit hit Medford this week with several church, civic and fraternal groups planning special services and gatherings, emphasizing Yuletide music and messages. Most county schools will be closed from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2, and students from the University of Oregon and State College and other schools are arriving home for the holiday vacation.

A summary of the past week's activities shows the appointment of Robert A. Duff as chairman of the Jackson County Salvage committee, succeeding Wayne H. Jamison, and citizens are making preparations now for salvage drives in January.

Dr. C. H. Paske and Earl Sims won top award in the city bowling tournament concluded this week, and Alan Kircher and Herbert Hill were awarded the highest scouting medals, the Eagle rank. Lee Bussey is being installed new worshipful master of Medford lodge No. 103, A. F. and A. M. tonight.

Herb Crain, navy recruiter in Medford, won the award for navy recruits for the second consecutive month. C. Lyall (Flash) Fidler is writing a monthly column in Bit and Spur, magazine for horse enthusiasts, and Geo. Buchanan has announced that he is entering partnership with a Pacific coast textile man, to serve as manufacturers' representative here and do wholesaling in specialized lines.

Coos Bay high school's barnstorming basketball team took a close 40 to 39 victory over Ashland last week, and lost 44 to 27 in their game with the Medford hoopers.

Announcement was also made of the engagement of Miss Joan Stoehr to E. Cordell Eubanks of San Francisco and Oakland, and the wedding is to be Dec. 27 in Medford.

A daughter was born to Lt. and Mrs. William Dolph Janes in Portland, and Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Robert C. Wright (Hazel Cowan) are parents of a son born at Camp White. Both men are now overseas.

Awards received by local servicemen include the silver star for gallantry in action, given to Capt. Richard Burton Thierolf, now in the Philippine Islands, and the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, awarded to Major Edgar L. Tharp, stationed at Colorado Springs, Colo., on behalf of his son, S-Sgt. Wallace L. Tharp, now a prisoner of war in Germany. The Purple Heart medal has been awarded posthumously to Clement J. Haas, killed in action in France Sept. 9, and Charles W. Campbell, F 1-c, has been cited for heroism in saving a shipmate from drowning.

Local soldiers now taking part in the battle in Italy include Col. R. W. Broedlow, regimental commander; Lt. Col. Howard W. Reynolds, battalion commander; Sgt. Eloy Cordova, first cook, and Pvt. James W. Glenn, cannoneer, all members of the 361st infantry regiment, and Sgt. MacDonald Coleman of Central Point, with the Fifth army. First Lt. Robert A. Lewis of Jacksonville is a member of a heavy bombardment group of Flying Fortresses based in Italy which was recently cited for

"outstanding performance of duty."

Men in the 399th infantry regiment of the 100th division include Pfc. Robert F. Kyle, Jr. of Medford and Pvt. David M. Cox of Ashland.

Sgt. Sheldon Eller has written praising the Red Cross services overseas. Seabee Guy D. Corliss, SK 2-c in the South Pacific, appears in two pictures of the Sept. 15 edition of "The Leatherneck."

Capt. Robert W. Crews and First Lt. Donald R. Grigsby are expected home on leave soon after overseas duty, and First Lt. Frank Robers has just returned from overseas. Second Lt. George H. Peake and Flight Officer Merton LeRoy have arrived in England, while Major Lester F. Nielsen is now in France.

Second Lt. Marlon Horton is in Oakland, Calif., awaiting assignment, and Staff Sgt. Alvin L. Tilton has been assigned to overseas duty. Aviation Cadet Dale E. Erickson is taking basic flight instruction in Kansas, and Oran C. Chastain is at the aviation cadet center at San Antonio, Tex. Pvt. Robert Lowe Steacy is in an army hospital in England.

Willard A. Cave has been promoted to motor machinist's mate second class. Jiro Shimodo has been inducted into the army from Ohio.

Home on leave this week were Staff Sgt. Charles William (Bill) Lovell after 32 months in the South Pacific; Pfc. Douglas E. Jones after 14 months in the Pacific; Bill Peck, Jr., just returned from the Philippine Islands; Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Jack S. Ganfield, from Everett, Wash.; Pvt. Myron Corcoran from Camp Beale, Calif.; Ensign and Mrs. Stanley Jones from San Francisco; Charles Elmer Hinkle, S 2-c from Farragut; J. D. Lubbers, Jr. ARM 3-c from De Land, Fla.; Second Lt. Richard McElhose from Great Bend, Kan.; Cpl. Bob Dietrich from Lockbourne army air field, Columbus, Ohio; and Pfc. Gerald L. Bishop who has now reported to Camp Beale.

Notably discharged from the army were Leland E. Jones and William Maxwell Black, both returned from overseas duty in the Asiatic-Pacific area.

C.I.O. INTERVENES

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The executive board of the San Francisco C.I.O. council today adopted a resolution calling for the reinstatement of Dr. Homer P. Rainey as president of the University of Texas.

## ENGLISH RATIONS DURING WARTIME TOLD IN LETTER

A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hydes, Hawthorne avenue, Medford, from their nephew, Norman Hillier, a resident of Sheffield, England, gives an account of hardships which English people are forced to undergo during wartime.

Hillier wrote that people in his community have become so used to not being able to get things, go places or do things that they seldom mention it even among themselves any more. Curtailment of bus service due to tire and gas shortage makes the city almost dead after 9:30 p.m., Hillier stated.

"Food rationing, which is only just coming into operation, is with us a matter of course, but it has been so well arranged that we seem to get just about the minimum essential quantity of most things to keep us pretty well up to par," the letter stated.

Dairy products have been hard hit by the war in England, with two pints of milk a week per person the ration. Eggs seem to have practically disappeared, Hillier wrote, with the average being about one egg for each person per month.

Coal Scarce

One ton of coal has been allowed for three months heating purposes, with clothes a dear item. Hillier stated he has been allowed about 50 clothing coupons for a year. No clothing can be purchased without coupons; a suit takes 26 coupons, an overcoat 16, a pair of shoes 7, a shirt 7, a pair of socks 2, a handkerchief 1 and so on. Regardless of quality, the coupons are the same, Hillier explained. The clothing coupons must also be used for table cloths, tea towels and personal towels. There is a tax upon everything except essentials; that is, fuel and food, Hillier wrote.

Hillier wrote that he feels the Russian war may be over in another year and stated it is likely the German people at home would crack first. He commented on the grand job America is doing in the Pacific war against Japan "with very little help from us."

## Reclamationists Name G.P. Men on District 4 Board

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The Oregon Reclamation congress, winding up its first meeting since 1941, late yesterday elected Ed Lage, Hood River, as president of the congress for the ensuing year.

George Cochran, La Grande, and Art King, Corvallis, were named vice president and secretary.

The congress also elected its new board of directors at the last session of the convention. They include:

Dist. No. 4—Victor Boehl, Grants Pass; Charles Edwards, Eugene; Niel Allen, Grants Pass; William Tugman, Eugene; Reid Carter, Grants Pass.

The Troop Carrier Command, youngest command of the U. S. Army Air Forces, is larger today than the whole of the American air forces three years ago, according to the Office of War Information.

## BICYCLE CEILING PRICES REVEALED

Dollar-and-cent ceiling prices, in line with those of March, 1942, for newly authorized war model balloon tire bicycles and war model folding bicycles were announced today by the OPA, effective Dec. 18, setting maximum prices for sales by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

Four types of war model bicycles have been designated for pricing purposes: Lightweight folding bicycles, balloon-tire folding bicycles, lightweight conventional bicycles and balloon-tire conventional bicycles.

Typical retail ceiling prices for these four types, without headlights, when sold in eastern states are: Lightweight folding bicycles, \$41.75; balloon-tire folding bicycles, \$44.50; lightweight conventional bicycles, \$32.50; and balloon-tire conventional bicycles, \$34.75. In the western zone, retail prices would be \$2 and \$2.20 higher because of additional freight rates.

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So That Our Staffs May Enjoy the Holiday Season

### Medford Lumber Dealers

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## In YOUR Home This Yuletide

We Are Happy to Announce That Our Beautiful YULETIDE CLUSTERS

will be available to residents of Medford and surrounding communities this week for only

# \$2.00

These are the same beautiful door-hangers we advertise and sell nationally for \$4.95 delivered.

We have had many calls from local people regarding these beautiful door and window hangers, and we are making this special announcement for the benefit of our many Medford friends. You will want one of these beauties when you see them, for there are so many ways these Yuletide Clusters can be used. You can put "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" on your own front door with this exciting arrangement of fir boughs, huge sugar-pine cones, a little golden bell that tinkles merrily every time the door is opened, and scarlet satin bows with streamers that gleam with holiday greetings and good wishes to your Christmas guests.

Or, if you prefer, you can decorate your mantel or holiday table with this touch of our own fresh, green, western forests, and add just the right finishing touch to your holiday home with the fragrance of spicy, fresh fir-boughs.

Or, it can be hung in the window to tell your friends and neighbors that your household is keeping Christmas.

Because of this attractive price, \$2.00, our supply will not last, so come in early, or call and we will gladly reserve one for you. You can pick your Clusters up at our new Fir Street Packing Plant... but don't delay, we want as many of our Medford friends as possible to share the joy of giving and receiving one of our nationally famous Yuletide Clusters.

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### Season's Greetings

To all our good friends everywhere we send our deepest best wishes—for the health and safety of loved ones; for the welfare of our great nation; for a speedy Victory and a just peace.

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