ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

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One "drive" follows another on the Home Front, and this week the salvage paper drive is being completed and plans being laid for the 1945 campaign to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. One carload of scrap paper was shipped last week and another is being prepared this week, with school children of the entire county appearing at school each morning loaded down with old magazines, newspapers and cardboard. Bill Grenbemer is again chairman of the "polio" campaign and already a number of benefits have been planned. Final figures on the last war loan drive have been released showing that Jackson county exceeded its quota on all issues. Total sales were over $3,000,000.

Final reports of the Chamber of Commerce post-war fact-finding committee have been made indicating the probable amounts that will be expended by public agencies, industry, farmers and others in the immediate years after the war and indicating probable trends for this county. It is anticipated that such agencies as the federal and state highway commissions and the forest services will spend large sums when labor and materials can be obtained and that business men, farmers and home owners will be in the market for equipment and machinery. Practically everyone contacted when the surveys were made said they wanted to buy a new car as soon as possible.

The Eagle Point cheese factory, recently acquired by Christ's Church of the Golden Rule, is scheduled to start soon on a small scale. About April 1 the dairy is expected to begin full scale operation with supplies from about 350 cows. The church some time ago acquired the large Hanley ranch as well as other ranch properties in the vicinity of Eagle Point.

Medford high school extended their southern Oregon conference leadership to three straight last Friday and Saturday when they took both games from Grants Pass; 34 to 31 at Grants Pass Friday night and 46 to 21 here Saturday. Ashland, in second place split in a series with Klamath Falls played at Ashland and beat Grants Pass Tuesday night. The Pelicans are in a tie for second with Ashland although they have played two less games than the Grizzlies. Grants Pass, in last place, has yet to win a conference game.

League clashes this week-end send Medford to Klamath Falls for a two-game series and Ashland goes to Grants Pass Friday night.

A joyful reunion between Pfc. Howard Ferns and Otis V. Johnson, Slc, who met in the Admiralty Islands, was described in a recent letter which the latter's family received. These two close friends had not met in 22 months and Johnson declared 'the first sight of his old friend sent chills up and down his spine.

Every day sees additioal men home from all parts of the war world. Capt. Robert Sleeter, who spent many months "down under" with the 41st Division, spoke at Rotary club the week in an optimistic tone. Cpl. Burdette Kindred, who served in the Solomons and on Saipan, has returned to this country and will take officer training at Quantico, Va., while his brother, Sgt. Bryce H. Kindred, home after 30 months with the 41st Division, has returned for overseas duty.

Ronald V. Pinkham, navy signalman 2c, is visiting his mother in Central Point after South Pacific duty. Ronald is one of six brothers in the service. Capt. Lee D. Pinkham is in the coast artillery, Canal Zone; Staff Sgt. Arden R., infantry, France; Second Lt. Ernest J., who recently left for overseas duty with the AAF; Flight Officer John C., in AAF at Coffeyville, Kan., and Barkley A., S3c, in the Pacific.

Also home after South Pacific duty are W. E. Jamieson, navy; Dale Vincent, S1c; Roy F. Cherry, S1c, whose most recent assignment took him to Leyte island; Wilbur L. Tucker, CEM, who spent 30 months in the South Pacific; Ernest T. Ross, GM1c, who has been given an honorable discharge after 28 months' service, mostly in the South Pacific.

Thomas Kearney, CBM, and Sgt. Marcus L. McKenzie both have returned from the Aleutian Islands. Kearney has reported to Bremerton, Wash., and McKenzie to a station in Texas. Lee Franks, MM1c, was home after 22 months in North Africa with a Seabee maintenance unit and is now at Camp Parks, Calif., while Eugene Dunagan, MM2c, is home after serving on a transport which took him to many parts of the world. Victor Royston, painter 3c, has also reported at Camp Parks after a furlough at home due to the illness and death of his wife. He was called home from Hawaii. Robert F. Hoefs, TM2c, is home after 18 months overseas and reports next to a Rhode Island base.

Capt. Dwight H. Findley is now in Italy with the air corps and Lt. Com. A. J. Loeffler has been assigned to overseas duty with the navy.

Thomas J. Hensler has been promoted to first lieutenant at a base of the 12th AAF, Corsica, from where he flies on "bridge-busting" missions and at another base of the same air force Staff Sgt. Joseph S. Pruitt has been awardd a silver oak leaf cluster to the air medal. The sergeant has flown more than 60 missions. From the Ninth Army comes word that Sgt. Henry J. Burmeister now has four bronze battle stars won since the Normandy invasion.

Cpl. Sebastiano Fagone, wounded in November, has been awarded the Purple Heart and has returned to duty with the Seventh Army. His brother-in-law, Leonard Smedley, BM2c, is on sea duty in the Pacific. Sgt. Dell Crowl, now in Germany after serving in Africa, Sicily, Italy and England, recently sent his family a large box of souvenirs gathered in his travels.

Added to the casualty lists this week was Joseph Collins, SS3c, who died in the South Pacific Dec. 28 of cardiac thrombosis. He had served in the Pacific areas for three years. Cpl. William N. Kime has been reported missing in action in Belgium since Dec. 17. He had been overseas since September. His brother, Pvt. John Kime, is in Italy with the 91st Division. On the last prisoner-of-war list were the names of Sgt. Lloyd L. Albern and Sgt. Herbert R. Botts, listed as prisoners of the Germans. Staff Sgt. James F. Delisle of Ashland is reported wounded in the European area. A telegram was received this week from Pfc. Robert F. Kyle, Jr., saying that he was making a most satisfactory recovery from his wounds received Dec. 8 while serving with the Seventh Army.

Sgt. L. L. Neff and Master Sgt. Seth Coy, the former last at Kearns, Ida., and the latter at Wendover, Utah, have been assigned to overseas duty.

From the women's services comes the word that Bonita Hammack is now taking WAVE indoctrination training at the Bronx, N. Y., and that Nancy B. Wall, SK2c in the WAVEs, completed early training and is now attending specialist school at Georgia State college for Women, Milledgeville.

Carroll Allen Poe has been honorably discharged from the Seabees and has returned to Medford to live.

Society news last week included the engagement of Maurine Shearer to Lewis E. Conger; the wedding of Elizabeth Bare and Lt. Willis H. Caples at Camp Bowie, Tex., where the groom is stationed; and the marriage of Mary Jane Jacobs to Cpl. Vernon E. Williams of Calexico, Calif.

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Abbott and Costello Coming

"Lost in a Harem" starts Sunday at the Craterian. In this musical comedy Bud Abbott and Lou Costella get involved in many hilarious situations in which the secrets of a harem are revealed.

Rialto's Stars

Here are Isha Kabibble and Sully Mason, featured in the new Kay Kyser picture coming Sunday to the Rialto for three days, "Carolina Blues." Scheduled as the companion feature, "The Unwritten Code" presents a thrilling action drama revealing behind-the-scenes of the prisoners of war, starring Ann Savage and Tom Neal.

Olive Barber's Observations

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Reminiscent of Hillside experiences is that which we are now going through in the home in which I'm staying. For the Littlest Lad's father got him a dog. A silkey-eared, blonde, brown-eyed Cocker spaniel pup; a pup only time and stern measures will convert to the ways of polite society. In short, a pup which is not yet "house broke."

The little dog was picked up on the streets by the humane society and after being duly advertised and no owner appearing to claim it, it was sold to Littlest Lad's dad. The pup was then bathed, defleaed and presented to the boy when he returned from kindergarten.

Judged by the actions of both dog and boy, one would have thought they were being reunited after a long separation instead of meeting for the first time. Both were seized with a joyous hysteria and flung themselves about over the house in as mad a neck-risking set of capers as I ever saw. All in all, it was quite a day.

It was also quite an evening for boy and dog being separated for the night, the boy howled in bed and the pup dittoed in the garage. "Sandy's lonesome for me!" shriekingly wept the boy. The little dog's wails supported the boy's claim. A compromise was reached; the pup slept in the basement next to the furnace.

The next day saw the start of Sandy's education in the matter of certain personal habits. When dark and dampish spots appeared on the living room rug, Sandy's nose was introduced to them with some violence and his little teehiney paddled. You'd have thought the little dog was being torn limb from limb, the way he howled. But it was the boy who really suffered. He accepted the dog's shrieks at their face value and the streaming eyes in the little grief-distorted face hurt the mother more than she had hurt the dog. The pup, sensing an ally, redoubled his shrieks and rolled hypocritical eyes of suffering at the lad.

I should have known better, but I didn't, so I put in my oar and told the boy his mother hadn't slapped the pup hard enough to hurt a flea. The pup understood and his eyes promised he'd get even. He did. Tonight, some clippings left on my bedroom floor were strangely wettish. A brown and insolent eye half hidden by a blonde and silken ear peered around the door jamb, then disappeared in scratchy-toed haste. The pup was avenged.

CANADA AGREES

Ottawa, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Canada has agreed to accept the interim agreement on international civil aviation signed by representatives of Canada and 37 other countries at the recent international civil aviation conference in Chicago, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced today.

Woman Testifies Husband Nice But Rough Mannered

Hollywood, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Blonde Eleanor Lucas, who told the judge her husband was really a "nice person," held a divorce today anyway from Lt. George Theodore Lucas, air force test pilot.

"I've known him all my life," the 21-year-old wife testified. "He is a nice person who doesn't drink or smoke."

Puzzled, Judge Jess E. Stephens inquired what the trouble was.

"I guess we just weren't temperamentally suited," she said. "It was just little things—ripping a nightgown off me one night and throwing me against the wall and different things like that."

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