WEEK UNION SERVICES ENDING TONIGHT

The pre-Easter union church services which have been conducted here the past week with nightly sermons by Dr. Russell V. DeLong, of Gary, Ind., will close today with two meetings. At a rally at 3 p. m., at the Church of the Nazarene, Dr. De Long will speak on "The Meaning of Easter." He will speak again in the same church at 7:30 p. m.

One of the largest audiences of the Lenten series filled the First Methodist church Friday night with ministers from more than a score of churches occupying the platform as guests of Dr. Louis C. Kirby, pastor. The all-city choir was lead by John Eby. At the close of Dr. De Long's discourse many presented themselves for consecration.

An unusual feature of the meeting, according to the Rev. F. W. Weatherford, president of the Medford Ministerial association, was the necessity for a second benediction at the close, so deeply moved were those present.

Dr. De Long pictured the possibilities of world evangelism when the war is over and cited basis for hope "that all on earth may receive the word of Christ within the next 25 years." He concluded his address with a description of Madame Chiang kai-Shek in the Chicago stadium when she appealed for Christian missions

1st Lieut. Hammond Cited Posthumously For Gallant Action

1st Lt. Robert R. Hammond's gallant action on the Italian front was recognized in the posthumous presentation of the silver star to the officer's wife, Mrs. Maxine R. Hammond, at a ceremony conducted at Camp White Friday afternoon by Col. John R. Young, post commander.

Accompanying the award was a citation from the adjutant general, Washington, D. C., setting forth the facts of the Medford officer's action on May 28 1944, in which he preceeded into enemy territory to reconnoiter, then led his machine gun unit into action, directing and encouraging his men under intense enemy fire until he received his fatal wound.

1st Lt. Hammond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hammond, reside in Fern Valley.

SGT. LOWELL GROW IS WOUNDED ON IWO JIMA

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grow, 17 Almond street, received word Saturday of the wounding of their son, Sgt. Lowell Eldon Grow, of the marine corps, in action on Iwo Jima. Extent of the injury, sustained March 1, was not stated in the letter from marine headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Sgt. Grow, who has seen much action in the Pacific, has been overseas over two years. He attended Medford and Eagle Point schools before entering the service early in the war.

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3 COMMISSIONED IN STATE GUARD AFTER LONG DUTY

The commissioning of three new officers in Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, Oregon State Guard, with headquarters at the Armory, was announced this week by Brig. General Ralph P. Cowgill, commander of the Oregon State Guard.

The three new officers are Second Lieutenants Verl G. Walker and Walter D. Jensen, of Medford, and Oscar Minnick of Central Point. Lieutenants Walker and Minnick have been members of Headquarters Detachment here since the unit was organized on December 16, 1941. Lieutenant Jensen has been a member of the organization about two years.

The new officers were commissioned to fill vacancies existing under an enlarged table of organization, according Major Carl Y. Tengwald, battalion commander. Promotion of the new officers from the ranks of the detachment leaves vacancies in the ranks which, Major Tengwald said, he hoped would soon be filled by new enlistments.

Men 16 years old may enlist in the Oregon State Guard, if they have consent of their parents, and the State Guard training gives them an advantage when they are enlisted in the army later, Major Tengwald said. Men over military age, also are eligible for enlistment.

SAMPLE HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

Posthumous award of the Air Medal to 2nd Lt. Maurice J. Sample, was made Friday evening to the flier's wife, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Sample, at her home, 306 North Peach street. The presentation was made by Capt. Otha M. Smith, commanding officer of the Medford army airfield.

2nd Lt. Sample was first pilot on a B-17 bomber and lost his life in a raid over Germany on September 22, 1944.

Besides his wife, the officer is survived by his mother, Mrs. Muriel C. Sample, 306 North Peach, and a daughter, Betty.

Gold Hill Soldiers On Italian Front

Gold Hill, March 31.—Two Gold Hill soldiers, Pfc. William R. Force, and Pfc. Alvis Winn, are seeing strenuous action on the Italian front with the 10th or "Mountain Division." It was the 87th infantry of this division which spearheaded the Kiska operation and now in Italy is credited with taking Mount Belvedere in four hours in a night advance. The operation was achieved by the use of ropes, a technique learned in mountain training in this country. Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Gold Hill, is a member of the 87th while Winn is in the 85th infantry. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Winn, now live in Bend.

Heads Elks

Melvin R. Plaskett, by special dispensation was installed as Exalted Ruler of Medford lodge of Elks last Thursday. He will be out of the city the coming week. Past Exalted Ruler H. N. (Doc) Butler was the installing officer.

Michigan drillers struck oil in 246 wells during 1944. A total of 710 wells were driven including 400 which proved to be dry holes and 64 produced gas.

BIRTHS

HENNEY, to Mr. and Mrs. Mildren M., Central Point, March 31, 1945, a boy, 6 lbs. at Sacred Heart hospital.

REP. VAN DYKE ON VETS COMMITTEE

Representative Frank Van Dyke of Jackson county has been appointed to serve on an interim committee along with Rep Harvey Wells, Multnomah county, Rep. C. L. Lieuallen, Umatilla county, Sen. Lee Patterson, Multnomah county and Sen. Ernest Fatland, Morrow county. The appointments were made by Eugene E. Marsh, speaker of the house of representatives.

The interim committee was appointed pursuant to HR 15, relating to welfare of veterans of World War 2. The committee is to make a study of all legislation of congress and Oregon pertaining to veterans and how to integrate legislation and will consult with state and federal officials and advise how to render more effective such legislation.

Van Dyke said he was especially pleased to be appointed on the committee for he is much interested in the welfare of veterans of World War 2.

Lamar Coverstone Is 1st Lieutenant

Lamar Coverstone was promoted to rank of first lieutenant March 19, according to word received by his mother, Mrs Ethel Coverstone, 119 South Ivy street. He is a member of the 385th bombing group and has been in action since October and in the service since August, 1943. He received the air medal in January, his mother said. Lt Coverstone is a navigator on a leading plane.

He is a graduate of Medford high school and attended Oregon State College prior to entering the air corps.

Shipments of dry cells for military batteries reached an estimated high of 200,000,000 cells in January, 1945. This total still does not meet increasing military requirements.

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