

# Organizer of "Dime A Dozen" Club Arrives Home On Leave

Capt. Raymond Ross, the infantry officer who organized the well-known "Dime a Dozen" club and paid his scouts ten cents for each 12 Japs they killed while fighting with the famous American Infantry division in the South Pacific, has returned to the United States and Medford after an absence of two and one-half years.

It's possible that even at the low price of ten cents a dozen the captain's club cost him some money for the officer and five hand-picked scouts earned the reputation of being the best patrol in the entire division and public relations writers with the division wrote many an interesting story about their feats.

"Capt. Ross," one dispatch said, "is one of the smallest officers in his division and is known as one of the most fearless and highly respected jungle patrol leaders in the Pacific war theater. He stands five feet, five inches tall and weighs but 125 pounds. His men idolize him. Perhaps one reason they do is because he would not ask any of his men to do anything he wouldn't attempt himself."

**Started As Chaplain**  
The captain began his army career as a chaplain's assistant and served for a year at Ft. McDowell, Calif., before entering officer candidate school at Ft. Benning, Ga. He joined the American Infantry division while the men were resting at a Fiji Island camp and when he asked to be assigned to a jungle mission, was at first tactfully refused. Later his commanding officer relented and the captain's scouting career began on Bougainville during the campaign there.

Capt. Ross says he organized his "dime" club in an effort to bring his scouts some of the recognition which he felt they deserved. The captain, who readily admitted that killing his first Jap so unnerved him that he could scarcely hold his rifle in position, said the sight of his dying and dead companions soon changed his frame of mind. He now plans to remain in the service and follow the army as a career.

Commenting on the nervous and mental breakdown of some of the men in service, the officer said he had diverted his mind from the pressure of war by concentrating on the beauty and interest of the jungle. "If the men take time to notice, the

jungle can be beautiful," the officer said. "The tropical plants, the beautiful birds, the gorgeous waterfalls and the magnificent rainbows tended to offset the horrors of battle."

**Problem In Return**  
Like many servicemen overseas for long periods, the officer admitted that the problem of meeting friends and loved ones when he returned home troubled him a little. He found, however, that the problem dissolved into nothing when he actually arrived and "in 15 minutes after I met my fiancée at the train, it seemed like I had never been away." Thursday night Miss Dorothea Olsen of Medford and the officer are to be married at the local Methodist church.

Capt. Ross spent his two and one-half years overseas on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, the Fiji Islands, Hawaii and the Philippines and will return to the 164th Infantry of the American division later. He reports to Ft. Lewis June 1. He has been awarded the silver star and the bronze star with two oak leaf clusters.

## National Forest Timber for Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon, up to and not later than 2:00 P.M., May 26, 1945, for all the live timber marked or designated for cutting and all merchantable dead timber located on an area embracing about 80 acres within Sections 7 and 17, T. 32 S., R. 2 E., Rogue River National Forest, Oregon, estimated to be 400,000 feet B.M., more or less, of Douglas-fir, and 180,000 feet B.M., more or less, of ponderosa pine, and 40,000 feet B.M., more or less of sugar pine. No bid of less than \$3.00 per M feet for Douglas-fir, \$6.55 per M feet for ponderosa pine and \$9.60 per M feet for sugar pine will be considered. In determining the high bid, the rate for Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine only will be considered. Bids with rates in excess of those permissible under MPR 460 will be reduced to the allowable maximum in making the award. In addition to the prices bid for the stumpage, a cooperative deposit of \$0.50 per M feet B.M. to be used by the Forest Service for paying the cost of slash disposal, and a cooperative deposit of \$0.25 per M feet B.M. to cover the cost of tree planting, seed sowing and timber stand improvement work on the area cut over, for the total cut of timber under the terms of the agreement, will be required. \$2,500.00 must accompany each bid, to be applied on the purchase price, refunded or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to conditions of sale. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Medford, Oregon.

# PAROLE VIOLATOR IS BEFORE COURT AS PROBLEM BOY

Keith L. Larson, 17, charged with being a reform school parole violator, appeared before Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna today as a problem boy. His case was continued until it can be determined if it is possible to return Larson to the state industrial school and then transfer him to the state prison, pending induction into the army for which he is eligible.

District Attorney George W. Neilson told the court that Larson "is too old for the reform school, and too young for the penitentiary. Maybe a hitch in the army would teach him some discipline—nothing else has."

The district attorney said Larson, in an auto, nearly ran over him in front of the Neilson home one time. Following a warning by the police, Larson then drove past the district attorney's house on Bartlett street three or four times, each time yelling "Is this slow enough for you?"

Juvenile Officer Robert M. Elder said Larson, when paroled recently, was permitted to return to Jackson county, over his objections.

The district attorney further stated Larson had a long record and that "he has been a source of constant trouble here in one way or another, flying around most of the time in an auto."

Attorney George A. Codding representing Larson, said the boy was not as bad as his record indicated, and suggested "the public take some of the blame" for non-regulation of the sale of wine and beer to juveniles, in outlying and suburban areas.

## Central Point

Central Point, April 26 — At the second meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, held at the Woodman hall, Wednesday, temporary officers elected were: Mary E. Hawley, president; Martha E. Krupp, treasurer; and Zoe Hill, secretary.

Mrs. Henry Freeman returned last week to the hospital for further treatment.

Friends of Corporal and Mrs. J. J. Munshaw were entertained, April 17, at the home of Mrs. John Clark in honor of the Munshaw's first wedding anniversary.

Missionary Circle met at the home of Mrs. Edwin Jones, Friday, with a large number present. A splendid program was presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bigham and children, Dale, Della, and Bernice, from Antelope, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mose.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tetherow visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kite Sunday. Mr. Kite is still unable to work because of a leg injury received several weeks ago.

Lulu Floux left Sunday for Martins, Calif., to visit her mother, who is 77 years old and in failing health. Mrs. Floux plans to return May 3.

## Handball Tourney Nears Final Round

Chicago, April 26 — (U.P.) — Another title match between defending Champion Frank Coyle, New York, and Joe Platak, Chicago, runnerup last year, was in the offing today as the National AAU Handball Singles Meet moved into the semi-final round today at the Town club. Coyle meets Jack Srenco, St. Louis, today and Platak opposed Lt. Paul Turner, St. Paul. If Coyle and Platak survive they will meet tomorrow in the finals just as they did last year when Coyle defeated Platak, 1943 champion.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many kind acts and expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Buck, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McDaniel.

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## Musical Program Set By Students Of Griffin Creek

Mrs. Myrna Frink, principal of the Griffin Creek school, announces a program to be given in the school gymnasium Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. Orchestra numbers will be under direction of Edwin Root.

The program opens with a number by the Junior orchestra, followed by a flute solo by June Verschoor. Shirley Cox and Bruce Niles will offer accordion solos, which will be followed by two orchestra numbers.

Students from the third and fourth grades will sing two songs, followed by renditions by fifth and sixth grade students and seventh and eighth grade students. The senior orchestra, assisted by orchestras from Lone Pine, Howard and Oak Grove schools, will play seven selections.

Carlene Mark will entertain with two cornet solos and Beverly Mero and Muriel Tolle will give two piano duets.

Thursday, April 26, 1945 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

**RUTH McCULLAH WINS**  
Palm Springs, Calif., April 26 — (U.P.) — Pint sized Ruth McCullah today held the 10th annual Palm Springs women's golf crown with a 146 total for the 36 hole event over the O'Donnell desert course. She finished seven strokes ahead of the second

place winner Betty Jean Rucker, Spokane, Wash.

Nowata, Okla., was first called Noweta, a name suggested by a Cherokee Indian woman, who said the name meant, "We welcome you to come." The town's name was later changed in post-office records.

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