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.

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Much front page news this past week has centered around labor troubles both in the county, in Oregon and throughout the nation. In the three northwestern states many lumber workers are on strike or are negotiating for increased wages, and in this county eight mills are reported closed. A fuel shortage may result unless work is resumed soon, fuel dealers state.

Last week-end Crater Lake park temporarily closed when a record early snowfall fell, but warmer weather has permitted reopening of the south entrance. The early snowfall stopped filming of "Canyon Passage" at Diamond Lake, but work was renewed later.

A new Veterans of Foreign War post has been instituted at Central Point, with Marshal Day as commander, and the American Legion posts and auxiliaries of Medford and Ashland installed officers at a big meeting here Wednesday. Anticipating the return of heavy tourist travel, the Pacific Highway association recently held a meeting and planned an advertising campaign.

The ninth annual county 4-H club show is being held this week, with much stock being shown and more than 500 exhibits. Headquarters for the annual Community Chest drive have been opened at the Chamber of Commerce building.

First speaker for the new Knife and Fork club was Archduke Felix of Austria, and he urged the nation to work for "a broad Christian peace" which he believes is an absolute necessity if an "atomic war" is to be prevented.

Housewives were relieved to read that one-third of the meats now under rationing are to be released Sunday.

Declaring that soldiers of the 41st Division celebrated V-J day in a tamer fashion than the folks at home, Lt. Col. Clifton Pond, division chaplain, recently wrote to a Medford friend of conditions in the Philippine Islands.

Lt. Herbert Hammond, USMC, has been awarded a bronze star for heroic action with an engineer's unit on Iwo Jima and Pfc. Tracy J. Muse has been awarded a purple heart for wounds received on Okinawa.

Staff Sgt. Douglas E. North, with the 40th Infantry Division in the Philippines, has been awarded an air medal. Promotions in the news were those of Henry Fitch, with the 248th Station hospital in Germany, to sergeant; Ted Vance to sergeant at Camp Roberts, Calif., and Houston Pitts to technical sergeant at a B-I base where he is a liaison pilot.

From Europe comes word that T/Sgt. Donald Higgins of the 660th Engineer's unit is still engaged in making maps, the work which his outfit has carried on throughout the war. Donald Wm. McClure, R1c, is on the USS The Sullivans, only ship of the fleet adorned with a green shamrock, and Robert S. Riggs, on the USS North Carolina as a coxswain, is now with the occupation forces in the Japanese area. Russel E. Seaman, coxswain, is with the USS Bowie.

From England relatives have received details of the wedding of Lt. Donald Richardson and Miss Doreen Mary Garnett of Daisy Bank, Leek. Other weddings announced are those of Pauline Clement to Lawrence Jones, Eloise Wrangham of Los Angeles to T/Sgt. William Pedersen; Doris Babcock to Cpl. Kenneth Schurman; Lt. John B. Harr and Dorothy Lewis of Houston, Tex., and Jeanne Davis, Shady Cove to Warren Helm, Medford.

Kenneth Maurice Thurston, recently discharged from the navy, has entered Washington State college to study veterinary medicine and Del Cooley plans to reenter Oregon State college as a sophomore. He was formerly a lieutenant in the air corps. Robert R. Leavitt, S2c, has been sent to Norman, Okla., for combat air crewman training, while Ensign Sam Young, who just finished advance radar training at MIT, Boston, is home on leave before reporting to Newport, R. I.

Among the large number of men returning home in recent days after discharges from the army was Franklyn Fanger, former technical sergeant who served with the 450th bomb group and who holds the air medal and silver star after 50 combat missions. Others home are Paul Jennings, who served 20 months with the Atlantic fleet; Robert M. Tuttle, who served nine months with the air corps in the Pacific theater and wears the purple heart, air medal with three oak leaf clusters and the distinguished flying cross, and Wayne Harris, who served with the navy five years, including 26 months with the Pacific fleet.

Charles Wharton, RT2c, has been on leave after sea duty and while visiting here he was joined by his brother, Lt. S. T. Wharton, who is leaving soon to join the Japanese occupation forces. Randall M. Gifford, EM3c, is here on leave from the "Golden City" after a trip from Leyte and Major Donald Moore is home after two years in the South Pacific with the army. Also home from overseas is Lloyd E. Pitts, AMM1c, now at Bremerton awaiting discharge from the navy, and Preston J. Card, metalsmith, and Gage Sanden, EM1c. Card was recently discharged and Sanden will return to duty on a carrier. Roger Card, CB, is now on Okinawa after a year in the Aleutians.

Lt. Richard Wright is now on inactive duty after serving overseas as a bombardier and in this country as an instructor. Mertz (Red) Edwards, former sergeant who served in the African-Sicilian and C-B-I theaters, has been discharged and is home.

Men returning now are in time to see the opening football games of the season. Medford high's Black Tornado took the first step in defense of their Oregon high school football championship when they trounced Albany 68 to 0 here last Friday night. Tonight Medford will face Marshfield high school at Coos Bay.

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SGT. JOHN SMITH DEATH CONFIRMED

S/Sgt. John J. Smith, son of Mr and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Portland, formerly of Medford, has been officially declared dead by the war department after having been reported missing Nov. 11, 1943, in action with the air corps in the European theater. His wife resides in Pennsylvania.

Word from the sergeant's parents was received this week by his brother, Frank A. Smith, route 1, Central Point.

Sgt. Smith, who was born in Medford and attended St. Mary's academy and Medford high school, was stationed in England with a heavy bomber squadron. He was employed with Mason Erhman and Co., before entering the service.

KEEP SEABEE PORT

Washington, Sept. 28—(U.P.)—The navy department said today that Port Hueneme at Los Angeles would be continued as a seabee depot "indefinitely" but that the training of special Acorn seabee units would be ended after the graduation of the present class. The department added that Point Mugu also would be retained but that it had not been decided for what purpose the base would be used.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon Please remember

EX-JAP CAPITAL DISPLAYS LITTLE SIGN OF BATTLE

Untouched by Bombs, Nara Shows Little of War On Surface; Supplies Found.

By Hazel Hartsog
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Nara, Central Japan, Sept. 28 (U.P.)—On the surface, Nara has been in another world from war.

The parks, temples, shrines and business houses of Japan's first capital are much the same as they have been for hundreds of years. The people are still provincial, rather than industrial or military-conscious as are the people of Tokyo or Osaka.

But underneath you can feel the greater spirit of Old Japan and ancient principles, probably because this once was the religious and historic center of the empire.

Untouched By Bombs

Nara has been untouched by bombs. Nestled at the foot of green mountains, it looks like another country. While the people of Osaka, Kobe, Tokyo and Yokohama trudged through rubble, wearing bewildered or even resentful looks, the citizens of Nara seemed to look upon our small party of correspondents and soldiers as tourists.

A few children ran and hid when we approached but overnight word of our arrival spread. Shops suddenly put out wares apparently hidden or saved until the Americans reached here. A shortage of food spurred the Japanese to offer to barter wares for sugar, cigarets and canned food.

Insufficient Imports

Although Nara is surrounded by farms, which looked prosperous enough to feed the populace, there have not been sufficient imports.

Amid the peaceful parks and shrines, however, some evidence of war-mindedness cropped up.

Some of our party visited schools for children under 12 and saw the bags used by the children for bayonet practice with sticks.

Riding through the parks, where the oldest shrines of Japan are located, I saw a group of 20 children—approximately 5 or 6 years old—taking exercise with an adult leader. It was not the type of game American children that age would play. Instead, these youngsters were running three abreast at a steady pace.

Army Goods In Shrine

Inside the Nara temple where the world's largest Buddha—53 feet 6 inches high—is located, we found stacks of what appeared to be army stores. Bales of shoe soles, shoe laces, army tarpaulins, cotton yarn and felt were stored in this shrine.

The shrine building was filled with barbed wire and other stores. Even these buildings dating back to the eighth century did not completely escape the touch of war.

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