

## Peacetime Woes Of Men In Pacific Exceed Hardships Of War Declares Yeoman Frank Hull Serving On LST

An informative picture of the confusion resulting in the Pacific from the efforts of the army and navy to return men home as speedily as possible and still carry on essential occupation and other tasks, is contained in recent letters of Frank Hull, Jr., yeoman first class on the LST 778.

Letters written while the LST travels between Okinawa, Korea and other bases, tell of lack of supplies, thousands of men waiting in ports without transporta-

tion and other interesting details. Writing Oct. 10 young Hull described a rough trip from Okinawa to Korea and said that before leaving Okinawa the LST had taken to sea in an effort to outrun a typhoon. The LST, according to Hull, is hard to manage in a storm and "between fighting the elements and dodging floating mines, all hands, plus the army, had a miserable time."

### No Fresh Food

"To make our woes even more complete, we haven't had any fresh provisions for three weeks. Nothing but dehydrated foods and a limited selection of canned goods." After describing a typical day's menu he added "I can assure you it is far from a satisfactory diet, regardless of what the army and navy publicity departments have to say about it. Such stories are written in Washington. Since the end of the war the navy's system of supply has for some reason failed to operate efficiently."

Later he wrote, "Truly, since the end of the war it has been far rougher and inconvenient out here than before. We have been continuously on the move and short of everything."

In a third letter the young man said "It is pretty tough seeing many of your shipmates grow old and gray-haired in a short span of 2 or 3 months. This thing is beginning to tell on them. The duty has been tough. Everyone accepted the good with the bad before the surrender but now every man's thoughts are of home and loved ones."

### Men Tired, Exasperated

"Tough, level-headed fellows, who were always in the middle of everything pitching for all they were worth are becoming listless, tired, discouraged, exasperated and mad. You see the war is over, at least that is the claim, and instead of a let-up they keep pouring it on and on. It is go, go, go, plus adverse weather and LST's just don't take rough weather in their stride."

"Another thing, each island we visit, each navy base, has thousands of men on them sitting around with enough points to go home but no transportation. We hear stories of ships returning to the states, see ships sitting idle in harbors for days (arrive in a port and see ships sitting at an-

chor that were there two weeks ago when we left). The fellows feel they are getting the dirty end of the stick.

"The picture is bad, but perhaps we out here are looking at it from a selfish point of view and with rather limited knowledge. But if the navy would admit it, things are not running too smoothly."

Yeoman Hull has been in the navy about four years.

## PROSPECT ARMY MAN BACK FROM CHINA WAR ZONE

Sgt. E. G. Nye of Prospect is spending a furlough at his home after serving the past year and a half in the China and India theaters of operation. Sgt. Nye was a member of the 426th night fighter squadron attached to the 14th air force, commanded by Gen. Claire Chennault.

Sgt. Nye took part in bombing and strafing attacks on Japanese railroads, bases, air fields and other installations in China and helped drive the Nips off the huge B-29 strips and to make way for the big planes to carry on their devastating work against the enemy.

The sergeant, who has been in the army for the past 3½ years, had only the highest praise for the pluckiness of the Chinese people. He told of the high death rate and commented that it is a wonder the Chinese are able to survive because of the many diseases. An ancient custom of the Chinese, still in practice, is to bury their dead above ground with a high pile of dirt being placed over the body. It is a crime to disturb one of the mounds, Sgt. Nye said, and because of the great number of graves, they deprive the Chinese farmer of badly needed land. It was necessary to move some graves to make room for a B-29 landing strip, the sergeant continued, for there was not room enough in the valley where the strip was to be built to land the big craft without moving some of the graves.

### HIGHWAY TRAGEDY

Reno, Nov. 5.—(U.P.)—Police today were investigating the wreck of two huge oil trucks in which Lloyd Anderson, 30, of Reno, and an unidentified man were burned to death on the Donner summit after the vehicles collided on the icy pavement nine miles north of Truckee late yesterday.

## TWO LOCAL BOYS START TRAINING AS NAVY PILOTS

Charles Maben Gerhardt, 705 Palm street, and Russell Max Killingsworth, Jacksonville Star route, box 127-A, Medford, reported to the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Nov. 1, to begin naval air cadet education, according to announcement from the office of naval procurement, Seattle.

Gerhardt is a graduate of Medford senior high school. Killingsworth was graduated from Jacksonville high school.

As part of the navy's recently announced peace-time continuation of its famed V-5 pilot training program, 2,400 young men were selected to enter leading colleges throughout the nation. One year of college training will prepare them for pre-flight and flight training. Upon completion they will be commissioned either ensigns in the navy or 2nd lieutenants in the marine corps.

The Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 1311 Exchange Building, 177 Marion street, Seattle 4, Wash., has started selection of applicants for the March 1 class. Young men 17 through 19 years of age who will be high school graduates by February 25 are eligible to apply.

## THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange Gold Hill Grange officers were elected at the Nov. 1 meeting as follows:

Master, John Gray; overseer, Roy Cameron; lecturer, Adah Jones; steward, Ora Dahl; assistant steward, Glen Chase; chaplain, Myrtle Reed; secretary, Lyndal Cameron; gate keeper, Roy Bornaman; Ceres, Vada Dahl; Pomona, Ann Christensen; Flora, Beverly Christensen; lady assistant steward, Edna Chase

### Talent Grange

At the last regular meeting of Talent Grange the annual election of officers was held as follows: Master, L. H. Gallatin; overseer, Harry Hamilton; lecturer, Mrs. R. D. Adrian; chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Harris; treasurer, Geo. Hartley; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Straus; steward, Ira Culver; assistant steward, Steve Lunak; gatekeeper, R. D. Adrian; Ceres, Mrs. Margaret Mathes; Pomona, Mrs. Anna Lunak; Flora, Mrs. Elva New-

## Lt. Hansen Cited



Lt. Glenn A. Hansen, USN, son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry W. Hansen, 52 Ross Court, Medford, Ore., whose wife, Barbara, lives at Mercedes, Tex., was recently presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross at ceremonies in the Philippines. He won the award for 20 combat missions in the southwest Pacific as pilot of a Navy plane. (Official Navy Photo).

man; lady assistant, Mrs. Margaret Hamilton; executive committee, Lloyd Lacey.

Talent Grange will hold its annual Booster Night Thursday,

Nov. 8, with covered dish supper at 6:30. Grangers and their friends are invited.

On Saturday, Nov. 10, the Grange will serve a turkey dinner between 6 and 9 p. m. Remainder of the evening will be given over to a dance.

### Upper Applegate Grange

Obligations in the first and second degrees were given Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sconyers at the meeting of Upper Applegate Grange held Oct. 13.

An interesting lecture hour was participated in by all members.

George Sconyers was appointed chairman of the victory bond drive.

The quarterly report, read by the secretary, Edward Finley, showed three new members gained.

Next meeting will be Nov. 10. A covered dish dinner will be enjoyed at 6:30 p. m.

A committee including Mr. and Mrs. Scoville and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Port served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Upper Applegate Grange will hold a Thanksgiving dance the night of Nov. 22.

## RENT CEILING POLICY FIXED FOR NEW HOMES

Washington, Nov. 5.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration today announced a rent-ceiling policy for new homes under which increased building costs since 1939 will be taken into consideration.

Maximum rents on new hous-

ing will be based on the following formula: Prevailing rents for comparable accommodations on the date at which maximum rents were frozen in each community plus a substantial allowance to offset current higher construction costs.

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## PROBE OLD MURDER

Sacramento, Nov. 5.—(U.P.)—District Attorney John Quincy Brown today announced that new investigations are being made into the case of Severino Paiva, 27, convicted of the ice box slaying of his sisters 11 years ago.



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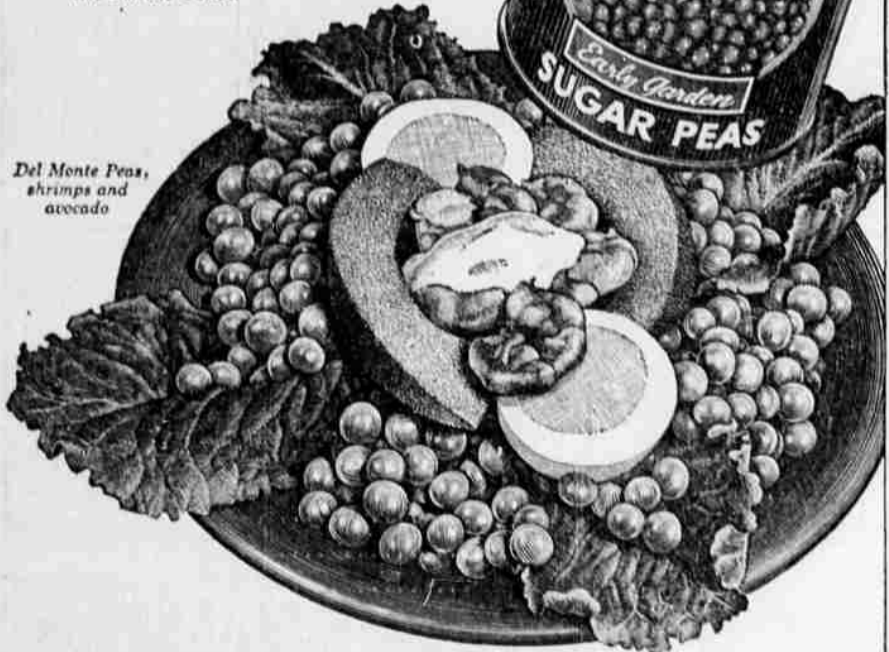
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