

### Local and Personal

**In Salem**—Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county school superintendent, was in Salem yesterday, attending a meeting of the legislative committee of the Oregon county school superintendent's organization.

**Signals Painted**—Vernon Thorpe, city director of public works said that a crew of two men is busy now painting posts, control boxes and light heads of the city traffic signals.

**Kiwanian Meet Postponed**—A spring meeting of Kiwanis club officials in Division 15 of the Pacific northwest district has been postponed until May 1, members of the Medford club were notified last week. The meeting was to have been held today at the Jackson hotel.

**Runaways**—Two Portland boys, ages 14 and 15, are being held in the county jail on runaway charges, city police said. They were picked up yesterday at 3:20 a.m. at the Greyhound bus depot and their parents and Portland authorities were notified.

**Posts Bail**—Theodore Roosevelt Longworth, 52, Milwaukie, Ore., posted bail yesterday on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor, city police reported. They said that he was arrested at Fourth and Bartlett sts. about 1:40 a.m.

**Property Purchased**—Property located at 1132 Court st. has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan C. Brewington, who will operate a nursery there, it was announced Saturday. It will be known as the Court Street Nursery. The Bewingtons formerly lived at 2605 Tennessee dr., Medford. The sale was handled through Leslie Kellow Real Estate office.

**Son Born**—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pitts, Gardena, Calif., are parents of a son, Steven Mark, born March 19. The parents are former Medford residents. The mother is the former Miss Wilma Hall and the infant's father is a son of Mrs. Verlenia Pitts, 532 South Fir st.

**Visits Here**—Mrs. R. L. (Lunetta) Bussey, former Medford resident, visited here the end of the week. She served as court reporter for Judge William Fort of Eugene who was here on court business. While here she visited her mother, Mrs. D. W. Mansfield at Ashland, and her father, T. R. Pollock, at Jacksonville.

**Hospitalized**—Grover N. Bryant, 619 South Central ave., an electrician at Timber Products company, was taken to Community hospital Saturday morning from work by Medford Ambulance service for treatment of what appeared to be shock, it was reported. He was improved later in the day, the hospital said.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Sincerely appreciated are all kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during the illness and passing of our beloved wife and mother—Einar C. Johnson and children.

**GETTING CONFUSED?**

Some folks are wondering if we've started a store in Medford Let's get it straight right here about names. Any similarity is purely coincidental. Dad tells me his folks came from Sweden and that the name is spelled J-O-H-N-S-O-N, not Johnson or Johnston. The nearest relatives are in Massachusetts. (Don't you wish yours lived that far away?)

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### News About Servicemen

#### MARINE RECRUITERS

A Marine Corps recruitment team, headed by Capt. W. J. Skvaril, San Francisco, will be on the Southern Oregon college campus tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to interview students in the freshman, sophomore and junior class interested in applying for the platoon leaders class program.

They will be in the campus coffee shop.

The program permits those joining to enlist and work toward a commission on graduation. Such students attend two six-week summer training sessions at Quantico, Va., and on successful completion of the training and on graduation, he is commissioned.

#### NEW RATING

Cecil Thames, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Thames, 3286 Lone Pine rd., recently was promoted to electrician's mate fireman with the Navy, according to news received by his parents. He is serving on the LST 799 landing ship tanker now at San Francisco. He is a Medford High school graduate and attended Oregon State college before entering the service April 26, 1954. The ship on which he serves is employed in detecting and destroying enemy mines, and it is one of the many Navy ships to be awarded the Navy accommodation medal.

#### IN ALASKA

Second Lt. Edwin W. Dey, whose wife, Carol, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Dev, live on the star route out of Prospect, recently arrived in Alaska and is serving with the 71st Infantry division. He is a member of the 4th regiment, and previously was stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla. He is a 1954 graduate of Oregon State college, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and joined the Army last September.

#### Births

**GIBSON**—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, 1218C West Main st., March 22, 1955, a girl, 6 pounds, at Osteopathic hospital.

**BLANK**—To Mr. and Mrs. Don, 1122 North Central ave., March 22, 1955, a girl, 7 1/4 pounds, at Osteopathic hospital.

**DOWLESS**—To Mr. and Mrs. William R., route 1, box 4, Gold Hill, March 22, 1955, a boy, 7 1/2 pounds, at Community hospital.

**BAILEY**—To Mr. and Mrs. Glen F., 3089 Madrona lane, March 23, 1955, a boy, 6 1/4 pounds, at Community hospital.

**WEISS**—To Dr. and Mrs. Ralph R., 621 West 11th st., March 17, 1955, a girl, 9 pounds, at Osteopathic hospital.

**LEHMAN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald, 2763 Howard ave., March 25, 1955, a boy, 8 1/2 pounds, at Osteopathic hospital.

**HOLLOWAY**—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold, 625 Clark st., March 25, 1955, a boy, 8 pounds, at Community hospital.

**BRADBURY**—To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin, 240 Charlotte Ann rd., March 25, 1955, boy, 8 1/2 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

**PEREZ**—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe, 406 King st., March 25, 1955, girl, 6 1/4 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

**MORRIS**—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles, route 2, box 201, Central Point, March 25, boy, 7 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

**Garage Fire**—A garage fire reported "in the 300 block of Oakdale" was checked out by firemen Friday afternoon. The call did not specify whether it was north or south Oakdale, and firemen finally located the scene in the garage of Edward Carlyon, 327 South Oakdale ave. It had been extinguished by the time pumps from the main and west side stations arrived. The fire marshal was checking on a report the fire had been started by a small boy who ran away when discovered.



**INSTRUCTOR**—Leonard I. Linds, above, will instruct a police class in criminal processes at the advanced training school here tomorrow. Linds, who has been a regular instructor in the annual classes, is on the staff of the state attorney general. The classes are sponsored by the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and the Oregon State Sheriffs association.

### School Shop Facilities at Eagle Point are Expanded

Eagle Point—Approximately 95 students are making use of Eagle Point High school's recently expanded shop facilities, according to Don McGovern, shop instructor.

The addition, completed last month, is 110 feet long by 25 feet wide, and doubles the floor space which is available for classes.

Since completion of the addition, rooms for lumber storage, painting, and a fireproof spray booth have been added to the shop facilities. The school's metal shop also has been enlarged.

The increased working area allows students more room for projects, including boat building, according to McGovern. At the

#### Obituary

**DONNA DILLON**  
Funeral services for Donna Elaine Dillon, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dillon, Gold Hill, are pending at Conger-Morris funeral home. The child died Saturday.

**CLARENCE McRAE**  
Funeral services for Clarence Burdett McRae, 70, of 621 Cherry st., who died Thursday, will be held in Conger-Morris chapel Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. with the Rev. Dr. D. Kirkland West of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Committal will be in Siskiyou Memorial park. Mr. McRae was born April 2, 1884, in Chaffield, Minn., and had lived in Medford since 1924, coming here from Montague, Mont. On Sept. 28, 1911, in Kalispell, Mont., he was married to Ellen T. Johnson, who survives.

Other survivors include a brother, Archie, Mesa, Ariz., and a sister, Mrs. Leona Webb, Guam.

**ETTA CLOSE**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Belle Close, a resident of the Medford area for the past 40 years, who died Friday, will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Monday in Chapel Mortuary, with the Rev. F. Wildon Colbaugh of the Medford Assembly of God church officiating. Interment will be in the Granite Hill cemetery at Grants Pass.

The deceased was born in Rochester, Minn., on Oct. 7, 1870. She was married on Sept. 18, 1892, at Lake Crystal, Minn., to Perry Foote Close, who preceded her in death in October of 1951 in Medford. In 1910 the couple came from North Dakota to the Medford area, where Mr. Close operated the Riverside garage for a number of years, and then became postmaster at Siltcoos, Ore., for 15 years before returning to Medford, where the family lived at 718 Welch st. Survivors include three sons, Ruben V., Frank W., and Arthur P.; one daughter, Mrs. Jessie Gideon; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of Medford.

## Labor Court Called Greatest Contributor To Industrial Peace Throughout Sweden

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles written for The Mail Tribune by Walter Mattila, a Portland newspaperman now visiting Scandinavia.)

By **WALTER MATTILA**  
Mail Tribune Special Writer

Stockholm, Sweden.—(By Air Mail)—An American industrialist touring this far-advanced industrial country will not be exposed to jurisdictional union disputes in the country's large shipyards, chemical, metallurgical or any other plant.

Nor will the American visitor find a factory closed by a labor dispute over terms of a labor contract.

And he won't come across a plant being picketed by employees who charge their boss would not negotiate with them.

Such disputes are lacking in Sweden in part because organized labor has developed more rapidly there with respect to

negotiating. Since 1902 employees have had the right to elect their collective bargaining agent for negotiating with employers.

**Greatest Contributor**  
But the greatest contributor to industrial peace in the naturally aggressive period of early labor contract making in Sweden has been the Labor Court.

It was the answer for dealing with increasing labor disputes of the period following the end of World War I. The public came to regard these controversies as very costly and not altogether necessary. With their long history in public administration, the Swedes inquired into the possibility of eliminating certain of these disputes.

This reform program developed the Labor Court which held its first session on Jan. 28, 1929. It was made up of three impartial members, and five who represented employers, workers and salaried employees.

**Binding on Both Parties**  
Its jurisdiction was limited to disputes concerning the application and interpretation of collective agreements already signed. These are considered binding on both parties under Swedish law.

There is no restriction in the Labor Court act to negotiating for wages or working conditions, and the strike is still a weapon of the unions, and the lockout of the employers, in disputes over new agreements.

What the Labor Court act does is to eliminate strikes or lockouts after a contract is signed. If union jurisdictional disputes should develop, they are handled by the federation of labor unions. There is no appeal from either decision.

At first the Labor Court was bitterly opposed by labor unions. They feared the court was prejudiced in favor of management and that its very purpose hindered vigorous organizational effort by unions.

**Has Eminent Jurists**  
The labor unions finally called a one-day general strike against the court proposal in 1928. But today they have appealed more often to that body than employers. Its judges are among Sweden's most eminent jurists. Labor now supports it

as a fine institution in the administering of justice in modern industry.

At the 25th anniversary of the court, when King Gustaf Adolph and many government people attended its session, Axel Strand, head of Sweden's labor federation, said, "Twenty five years ago nobody would have dreamed that the president of the Labor Federation would today be present to offer his felicitations. But the fears that were then felt in labor circles have not come true. We have for a long time emphasized the positive importance of the Labor Court and have advocated that its authority be extended to spheres not covered by collective agreements."

On the same occasion Gunnar Dahlin, president of the court, said, "About 1,500,000 employees in Sweden have their employment and wage conditions regulated by collective agreements. The fact that the Labor Court has been able to fulfill its function is due to the strength of the labor organizations, themselves, and to their willingness to negotiate. In fact they settle among themselves the great majority of controversies."

**Right Not Restricted**  
The court has not humored Swedish labor to win respect. It has repeatedly held that an employer's right to discharge an employee shall not be restricted. Yet it legally approves the basic agreement, which unions

and employers have themselves drafted and signed, to place restrictions on discharge of employees.

Recently the court imposed heavy fines on longshoremen for conducting wildcat strikes. Employers were not compensated for losses, but the fines were substantial. The union and its members were found guilty of a breach of court. Normally in Sweden fines against people of modest income are levied in proportion to their take home pay but that principle was not observed in disciplining of the labor contract violators.

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