

Ex-General in German Army Now Makes Home in Medford

Henry Warrelmann Recalls Service With Afrika Corps

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War is a cruel taskmaster and its hardest blows may be struck after the fighting has ceased. No one appreciates this more than the family of Henry Warrelmann, of Medford. Their experiences, however, are an encouraging chapter in the history of post war adaptation to circumstances. They came from Germany to Oregon to find a new way of life.

With only a smattering of English, and with little or no experience as a laboring man, Henry took a job first in a lumber mill. Then he decided to learn the trade of a carpenter and found employment.

Not Easy Change But it was not easy to change from the military life, for which he was trained in the Prussian tradition, and which commanded his attention for 25 years.

Since the war is ended, he is more concerned today with the problems of peace, although his daughter, married to a Navy man, and his two sons, serving with the American Army in West Germany, maintain his interest in military problems.

When the war ended, he was Maj. Gen. Henry Warrelmann, who served with General Rommel in the African campaign, and who went with the forces that invaded Russia before the tide turned and he was called to the western front, where he was captured and lodged in a British prison camp.

With his family in need and his resources gone, he made his way with them to the new country. They lived in Grants Pass, where they have relatives, and for a time in Oakland, Calif., before deciding to settle down in Medford, where they have obtained a comfortable home.

May Return But General Warrelmann is a little apprehensive about the future now, since he is not getting any younger. He has been considering the possibility of going back to Germany to finish out his career with the new army there, and retire after 30 years service with a pension.

The Warrelmann family has made numerous friends in this section since they have been here, and when it was learned that a general who fought under Rommel was living in this part of the country, ranking military authorities came from Washington to interview him.

One of the lessons learned by General Warrelmann is that isolationism is a real enemy in these times.

Sees Isolationism "I notice a trend here in this country toward isolationism. It was isolationism that held Germany back in the years before the war. That, and the delay in getting started in the drive for world trade."

He referred to the history of the formation of the Hanseatic League, to show that his native land was not always behind the times in setting the pace in trade and intercourse with other nations. He comes originally from the region around Hanover.

General Warrelmann now speaks excellent English, but is somewhat baffled by the American idiom. He discussed technical phases of the war freely, and with considerable insight regarding the "grand strategy" as well as the psychological factors involved.

Hands Were Tied "It was in the winter campaign of 1941 that Hitler lost the war," he stated. "By ignoring the recommendations of his generals to strike toward Moscow in the summer of 1941 or the spring of 1942, and by retaining his army to hold the Russians in a circle, our hands were tied."

He gave his view of the reason for the position assumed by the Germans in Africa in the south, and in Norway in the north. "It was not simply occupation, but self-defense, which necessitated this action. These bases were a threat to the security of the Reich, as they are to all of Europe today, in the event of another encounter," he stated.

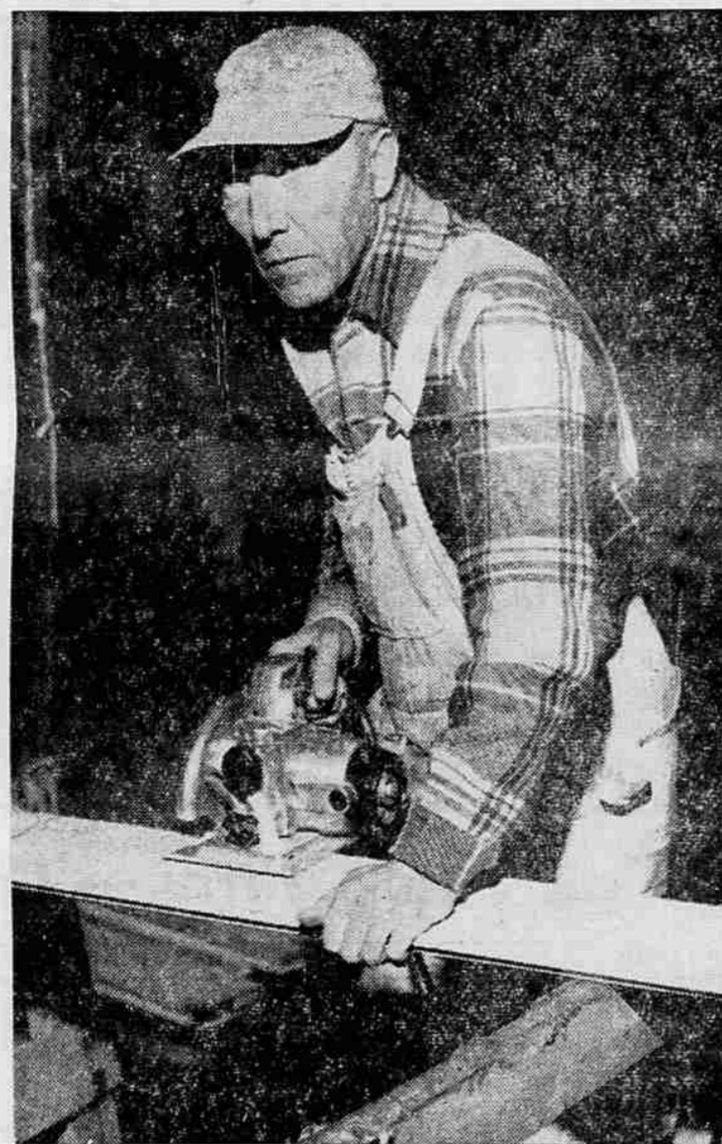
Rommel was not only a great field marshal, but he was a student of the problems of war, and he regarded the stand undertaken by the Germans as the only means of preventing an east and west conflict, Warrelmann believes. He was popular, not only with his men but at home where he was considered available for the presidency.

Speed and Tactics Asked what it was that made the "desert fox" so hard to catch, he answered "Speed and tactics." He found British generals proverbially slow, not only in movement but in recognizing the significance of strategy.

"I kept the tagebuch, or what I suppose you would call a diary, of this campaign, showing on a



WARTIME PICTURE—Henry Warrelmann, now a resident of Medford, is shown above (right) in this picture taken during the war when he was a major general in the German army, serving with Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps. The famed "Desert Fox" is shown at right. The picture was taken in North Africa during the early part of the campaign that made Rommel's name known throughout the world for brilliant, rapid and hard-hitting strategy. Warrelmann, a professional soldier, came to this country after the war, and now is a carpenter employed by Cascade Forest Products.



EX-GENERAL TODAY—Shown above is a picture taken last week of Henry Warrelmann of Medford, a former major general in the German army, whose reminiscences about the war are told in the accompanying article.

map what we did. It was captured and destroyed, and the record of my judgment got lost," he said. The loss, from a military standpoint, is considerable, in view of the originality and the efficiency displayed by the Panzer troops.

General Warrelmann feels that a misunderstanding about the term Prussian should be corrected. The Prussian junkers or land holders are confused with the Prussian military tradition. "It must be a good system of training for military life," he said. "Your own General Washington placed General von Steuben, a Prussian, in charge of the training of soldiers in the American revolution."

Still Vigorous Perhaps no other German officer now living has met the tests of his profession with a greater degree of fortitude than General Warrelmann. His military career made him resourceful and adaptable. Today, he has the vigor and alertness of step that belie his age at the midcentury mark.

In viewing the apparent softness of young men today, the general feels strongly that it is the fault of civilization but not of culture. He feels that with culture a man is more flexible and alert mentally, and is able to meet adversity.

"I wonder how many in the army today, with the meals that are available, would keep going if they had nothing to eat but grass. I have been in places where that was all there was to eat," he said.

State Taxes To Be Roundtable Topic

The roundtable meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Monday will deal with aspects of taxation at the state level, according to Paul Hornbeck, chairman.

He said State Tax Commissioner Sam Stewart will be a guest at the meeting, and Jackson county's legislators, State Sen. Phillip B. Lowry and Representatives Al Littrell and E. H. Mann, will also attend. The roundtable sessions are being devoted to questions of taxation for the next few weeks, and last week about 35 persons attended a discussion of city and county tax problems.

Mark Goldy Named To Agency Committee

Mark Goldy, Medford, has been named to the Region XV committee of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, the federal office which administers the voluntary home mortgage credit program, it was reported last week.

He will represent the National Association of Real Estate Boards on the committee, which serves the northwestern area with headquarters in Portland. The program is designed to foster the channeling of private mortgage investment funds into remote areas and small communities, and for the housing of members of minority groups.

The appointment was announced by Albert M. Cole, administrator.

Member Drive Planned In Farm Bureau Week

Dave Blair, president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau, which is affiliated with the Oregon Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau, has announced that "Farm Bureau Week" will be observed here the week of Dec. 4.

The objective is to better acquaint the people of the county with the importance of a prosperous agriculture and the efforts of the organization to improve farm conditions, Blair said. A membership campaign will be conducted to invite all Jackson county farmers to join the bureau, he added. Teams will be formed in each of the county centers.

Blair pointed out that Gov. Paul Patterson has issued a statement endorsing the membership campaign, and the work of the bureau.

A radio program dealing with

Police Chief Urges Cooperation In Making '55 SD Day Success

Medford Police Chief Charles Champlin pointed to last year's Safe-Driving Day record in Oregon, and urged local residents to cooperate in reducing the number of accidents.

On Dec. 15, 1954, Safe-Driving Day last year, there were no fatalities in the state, and the number of accidents was reduced about 40 per cent, according to figures compiled by the traffic division of the state highway department.

In Medford last S-D Day, there were two accidents, both relatively minor.

Suggests Rules Champlin suggested that motorists follow several basic "common sense" traffic rules in helping prevent accidents Dec. 1, this year's Safe-Driving Day.

Drivers should check their speed, make sure the car is mechanically safe, should not drive if fatigued or sleepy, drive according to weather conditions and time of day, and be courteous.

Champlin noted that more than 3 out of 10 drivers in fatal accidents violated speed laws. Violations of speed laws are almost twice as high on rural highways as in urban communities, he said.

Vehicles involved in fatal accidents for which vehicle condition was reported, about six per cent had unsafe conditions, the police chief pointed out. He added that about 1 out of 14 drivers involved in fatal accidents had physical conditions



COURTEOUS DRIVER—Mrs. Joyce Meadow, route 2, Medford, receives a check from Aubrey Loper, secretary of the Medford Safety Council, for being the first winner of the council's "Courteous Driver of the Day" program. The program, along with the "Partner in Safety" project, is in conjunction with the council's membership drive. Mrs. Meadow identified herself from a license number published in the Mail Tribune.

which could have contributed to an accident. In the majority of the latter, the condition was fatigue or sleepiness.

Weather is Factor The weather was rainy, snowy or foggy in about one out of six fatal accidents, according to figures compiled by the National Safety Council based on fatal accident reports from more than 20 states.

Champlin pointed out that during winter months weather conditions are at their worst.

In addition to adverse weather conditions, night driving is considerably more hazardous than day driving in winter months, Champlin noted.

Failure to yield the right of way or to remain on the right

side of the highway contributed to a great number of fatal accidents, as well as many less serious accidents. Champlin urged drivers to practice good manners on the highway as in the home or elsewhere.

According to National Safety Council figures, about 24 out of 100 fatal accidents the driver or an adult pedestrian had been drinking.

Safe-Driving Day has been designated by President Eisenhower's Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with national organizations to demonstrate that traffic accidents can greatly be reduced when motorists and pedestrians fulfill moral and civic responsibilities for safety.

Physicians Slate Television Showing

Medford is one of only about 35 U.S. cities where a closed circuit television showing for doctors will be given this week, it was announced Saturday.

Members of the medical societies of Jackson, Josephine and Siskiyou counties will attend the private broadcast the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the studio of television station KBES-TV. Arrangements for the showing were made with the cooperation of the station, and it was pointed out that Medford is probably the smallest city in the nation to have the showing.

The program will originate at the clinical session of the American Medical Association in Boston, Mass., and will be edited by Dr. Chester S. Keeler, director of Boston University school of medicine and physician-in-chief at Massachusetts Memorial hospital.

The "videoclinic," as it is called, is a visual medical journal designed to be of assistance to doctors in practice. It is sponsored by Smith, Kline and French laboratories.

WEATHER By United Press Northern California: Mostly fair through Sunday but variable cloudiness extreme north; fog night and morning in valleys; little change in temperature; variable wind 8-16 MPH near coast.



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Muscular Dystrophy Drive Ends Monday

Results of the fund raising campaign for muscular dystrophy research will be reported here the first week in December, it was announced Saturday by Wes Coleman, of Medford Fire Fighters, and Larry Rose, of the Medford Letter carriers, co-sponsors of the drive.

The drive will close Monday, and they urged those who may still wish to participate to mail their donations in the return envelope provided local residents as soon as possible.

Mitch Millick, chairman of the event, and leaders in other phases of the campaign, have expressed their appreciation for support given the fund drive, including the fire department, the post office, the Chin Up club, and others, including press, radio and television for informing the public of the facts about the disease.

"Only through public awareness of the seriousness of the disease and through voluntary contributions for medical research, can this baffling disease be brought under control," Millick said. "Nearly 200,000 victims in the United States are grateful for the generous support given the drive."

To help insure raising healthy calves, some dairymen keep them in individual pens with about 25 to 30 square feet of floor space until they are three or four months old.

that the signature was a forgery. "I couldn't teach the monk to sign his name," he said.

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