

Local Naval Unit Rated Among Top in U.S.



RECRUIT CLASS—Ensign Robert Semon is shown above instructing Navy recruits in the Navy rating and advancement system during a seaman recruit class at the Medford Electronics division of the U.S. Naval Reserve training center in the Federal building. Being instructed are (left to right) recruits Kent Johnson, Dennis Kight and James Evanson. They are three of the 22 recruits in the class which is taught the basic Naval recruit training course. The

Medford unit was commended last week by the 13th Naval District headquarters in Seattle as having produced the best recruiting results of any of the 27 electronics divisions in the district during the past five months. During this time the unit has recruited 17 new men and added 18 returning Navy veterans to its ranks. This brings the total unit strength to seven officers and 78 men compared to the district average of five officers and 40 men.

Reserve Division Top Contender For National Award

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Medford's Naval Reserve Electronics division never sees a ship or even water in the course of its regular training, but it is rated as one of the top electronics divisions in the U.S.

One might think that being landlocked would depress a Navy unit. And it might depress some, but not Medford's—they are leading contenders for both their district and national performance trophies.

An electronics unit is considered to be at full strength when it has 59 reservists. Medford's unit has 85. In fact, it was the only Naval Reserve unit of any kind in the 13th Naval district to be at full strength last year.

Consider Second Unit
Because of the unit's size, consideration is being given to the formation of a second electronics unit here which would bring the local reservists classification up to Battalion.

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the unit's establishment in Medford. The establishment of a second unit here would be a fitting commemoration of this anniversary.

Judging from the unit's present size and performance, it is hard to believe that just two years ago its performance was rated so poor that the district headquarters in Seattle recommended an extensive reorganization.

The reorganization was effected and Naval Reserve Lt. R. A. Schuchard was made commanding officer. **Rises to Second Place**
Under Lieutenant Schuchard's command the unit rose, in just one year to place second in district competition. It was bested by another landlocked group in Great Falls, Mont.

Radioman First Class Robert D. Churchill, the regular Navy man assigned to administer the unit, expresses complete confidence that the unit will walk away with the district trophy this year and even place well toward the top in national competition.

Headquarters for the local unit is in the Federal building on North Riverside ave. However, the Navy just recently appropriated \$60,000 for a new Medford Naval Reserve center.

Radioman Churchill says that the new reserve center is evidence that the Navy regards Medford's unit as a growing and permanent unit. He said construction should start sometime during the present fiscal year.

Unit's Performance
The district trophy for which Medford's unit is competing with the 27 other electronic units in the northwest, is awarded on the basis of a unit's performance in five basic categories. These are personnel, administration, training, organization and leadership and over-all performance.

If the Medford group should win district competition, then it will compete with other districts for the national title. If it qualifies for national competition it will be honored with a national inspection.

National inspection means that some of the top brass from Naval reserve headquarters in Omaha, Neb., will come to Medford to make a unit inspection for comparison purposes with other district winners.

Of the 85 men in the unit, 30 are non-rated, which means seamen or seaman apprentices, seven are officers and the rest are in between.

The non-rated men are serving out their military obligation, Churchill said, and the rest are career reservists. There are seven officers in the unit, five lieutenants, one lieutenant junior grade and one ensign.

Primary Jurisdiction
Primary jurisdiction of the unit is in Jackson county although it draws reservists from as far away as Yreka. Meetings are held two nights a week on Monday and Wednesday.

The unit is authorized to train four specialties for personnel. They are radioman, radarman, electronics technician and signalman.

Non-rated seamen are instructed in basic naval recruit training courses until they qualify for a rating and one of the four specialties.

The rated reservists are instructed in the four specialties. Instruction is done by re-



RADAR PROBLEM—Three of the nine radarmen in the Medford Electronics Division of the U.S. Navy Reserve are shown above attempting to plot a radar problem during the course of instruction at the local unit's training center in the Federal building on North Riverside ave. From left to right they are Thomas Merriman, radarmen third class; Robert C. Johnson, radarmen first class and instructor; and Harry J. Gibson,

radarmen third class from Ruston, La., who is on temporary duty with the local unit. In the center of the plotting table can be seen a black oval which represents a ship. The problem is to guide this ship through the hypothetical sea without running into anything or getting attacked by the enemy. Three types of radar problems are studied by the group—submarine, aircraft and surface radar problems.



RADIO DRILL—Shown above receiving messages on the two-way radio circuit at the Medford unit's Naval reserve training quarters are (front) Ron Miller, radioman seaman, and John Laferriere (rear) radarmen third class. The unit has a radio frequency that operates for four nights each week. This circuit is hooked into 13th Naval district headquarters in Seattle so the unit is always in constant contact with all other units in the district. The two men above are in the act of receiving messages from the district headquarters. Laferriere was recently given a medal for 10 years duty in the Navy.

serve officers or petty officers. **Operates Radio Circuit**
The group operates its own radio circuit for four nights each week. This circuit is hooked into the 13th Naval district's circuit at Seattle, so the unit is always in constant contact with all other units in the district.

HOAXERS GOOFED
Tujunga, Calif. — Two teenage boys were arrested here for placing 15 telephone calls warning that a bomb had been hidden in the auditorium of Mt. Gleason Junior High school. The warnings caused no fright among students and teachers. There is no auditorium at the recently built school.

Landlocked or not, Medford can be proud that its little Navy is one of the best organized, best trained, and best manned of all the country's reserve Naval units.

Resolution Asks Labor Law Repeal
Pendleton—UPD—A resolution seeking repeal of the Landrum-Griffin labor reform bill was scheduled for introduction by the Southwestern Oregon Central Labor Trades council at the 5th annual convention of the Oregon AFL-CIO which opens here Monday.

The bill, passed by the last session of Congress, is termed "restrictive class legislation" by the union.

The measure is "highly detrimental to the rights of labor . . . and threatens the very existence of many Unions," the resolution contends.

The resolution asks for the "outright repeal of the Landrum-Griffin bill and that a new law be enacted which will protect the legitimate rights of labor."

Quotes From the News

By United Press International
Oneida, N.Y.—State Trooper Capt. Harold J. Muller, following the arrest of deaf-mute Earl Leachey on charges of killing his two young sons:

"The boy (Leachey) told us he was under a lot of tension at home. You can imagine how it would be for him not to be able to hear or talk to anyone."

West Los Angeles—Bank messenger Lawrence Robbins, 19, who resisted two bandits and saw one bystander killed and three wounded when they tried to help him:

"It was all my fault. I was going to be a hero and I got somebody killed and all these people hurt. I should have given them the damned money."

Denver—A White House spokesman, after bride Betty Steed won President Eisenhower's sympathy when she wept because her airman husband was restricted to base:

"Her husband will be off base tonight."

Windsor, Ont.—Gordon Dickinson, 14, who with his two sisters had been kept prisoner 11 years by their mother, from a hospital bed:

"I hope they don't make us go back home. I don't know why Mummy kept me in all the time. I guess she didn't like me."

State AFL-CIO Conclave To Hear 15 Resolutions On Portland Paper Strike

Pendleton—UPD—Fifteen of the 89 resolutions to be introduced at the 5th annual convention of the Oregon AFL-CIO here Aug. 1-5 deal with the Portland newspaper strike, according to the research and education department of the Oregon AFL-CIO.

A copy of the resolutions to be introduced indicates support of convicted dynamiter Levi McDonald, resolutions to obtain legislative support to end "strike-breaking" and a proposal to officially recognize Portland as "City of Seab." Resolutions No. 1 is "united action to win newspaper strike." The second resolution is handed the weight of parliamentary amenities—election of officers and district board members.

Resolution 50, to be introduced by the Oregon State Council of Carpenters asks for mass support of "enactment by the state legislature of a law . . . to prevent the importation of strike-breakers."

Another resolution to be introduced by Pressmen asks support for Levi McDonald, convicted in Multnomah and

Clackamas counties for hiring the bombing of newspaper trucks. The union asks the convention to enlist the aid and support of the American labor movement and let it be known "that we will not desert our own in the face of persecution and prosecution instigated by the enemies of organized labor."

Investigation of the newspaper strike by the state legislature; request Gov. Mark Hatfield to use his authority to settle the strike; cancel newspaper subscriptions; outlaw professional strikebreaking and condemnation of strike insurance, are included in other resolutions.

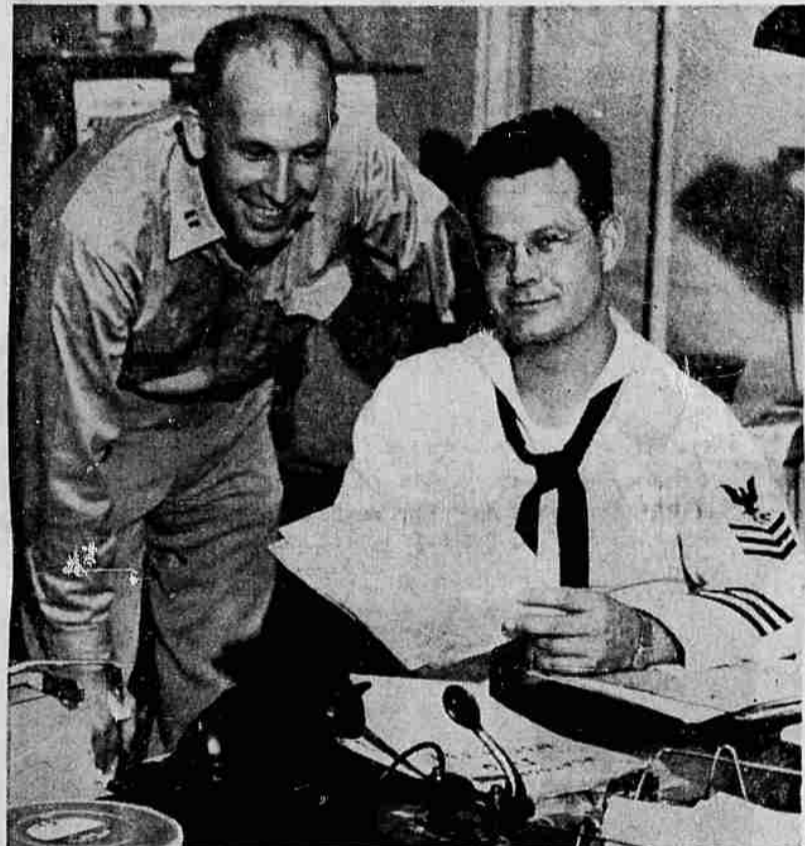
Two resolutions to be proposed refer to McDonald; seven refer to strikebreakers.

Cyclist Injured In Collision Here

Jon Kent Wood, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleveland Wood, received lacerations on his chin, multiple contusions and a simple fracture of his right leg after colliding with a car while riding his bicycle in front of his home Friday.

Driver of the car was Gordon Edward Reeves, 54 Long Island dr., Eugene.

Young Wood was taken to the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital following the accident.



PERFECT SCORE—Lt. Loren L. Sawyer, unit training officer and Radioman First Class Robert Churchill are shown above looking at the first perfect score ever made on an application for enlistment at the local unit. The score was made by Robert T. Williams, who enlisted with the Medford unit with four other men July 25. Churchill is

a reservist on active duty. He is from Butte, Mont., and has administered the local unit for more than two years. The unit has the largest number of personnel of any electronics division in the 13th Naval district, which covers the Pacific Northwest and parts of Montana, but Churchill emphasizes that there is always room for more.

Cause of Fire Said Controversial

Jacksonville — A small fire on South Third st. here Friday afternoon was extinguished by volunteer firemen and rain, but the exact cause remains controversial, according to Bette Hoskins, Mail Tribune correspondent.

At the height of the thunderstorm, a large pine tree snapped in half and knocked a power line down which at the same time caused a small fire in a grassy area near the edge of a forest. The heavy rain limited the fire until volunteer firemen from Jacksonville could be summoned.

Many residents say the wind caused the tree to fall on the electric power lines, while others attribute it to lightning.

California - Oregon Power company officials said Saturday they received a report about 5:15 Friday afternoon that lightning had hit a tree and broken either a limb or the top of the tree, which then fell on a 2,400-volt power line. COPCO spokesmen also noted that the report said a house was on fire. Troubleshooters found no house on fire.

Power service was reportedly out in the area for about an hour.

Local electrical personnel report that power outage resulting from the storm was little compared to the Wednesday night storm. Only scattered "transformer-fuse outages" were reported, mostly in Jacksonville, Central Point, Ashland, and surrounding areas.

Former Grants Pass Mayor Dies

Grants Pass—UPD—Morris M. Milbank, former mayor of Grants Pass, died at the Josephine General hospital here Saturday, as a result of a heart attack. He was 60.

Milbank had entered the hospital Wednesday after suffering a heart attack.

He was mayor of this southern Oregon city from 1948 to 1952. Milbank, president and principal owner of the Rogue River Box Factory, Inc., also was a former president of the Oregon League of Cities.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret, W., a son and two daughters.

4-H NEWS

Westside Hayburners
The Westside Hayburners 4-H Horse club held their regular meeting at the home of Martha Humphrey, July 26, at 10 a.m.

The member's record books were checked by our junior leader, Penny Sampert, and our president, Linda Smith.

The different horsemanship tests were taken by the different horse club members. Discussed was the Desert Pegasus Horse show to be held at Dunn's at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It will be open to all 4-H horse club members. The next meeting will be held at the home of Roxy Terry, Aug. 8, at 10 a.m. The club members are to bring a sack lunch. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments served. Bonnie Cheney, Reporter

Milk Producers End Conference

Ashland—William Canapa, Reno, Nev., was chosen president at the concluding of the Western States Milk conference held in Ashland Saturday.

Canapa replaces Richard Westerberg of Ashland who had been president since the conferences were started five years ago.

Other new officers include Andrew Anderson of Albuquerque, N.M., vice president, and Merrett Nash of Seattle, Wash.

One of the topics of discussion at the three day conference was the use of pesticides.

The group also agreed that the trend seems to be toward a more uniform standard of operation in the different western producer organizations. The Oregon Milk Producers code of operation seems to be the favorite method of unifying producers.

Thirty-five delegates from 10 western states attended the conference.

Big Wind Destroys School Framework

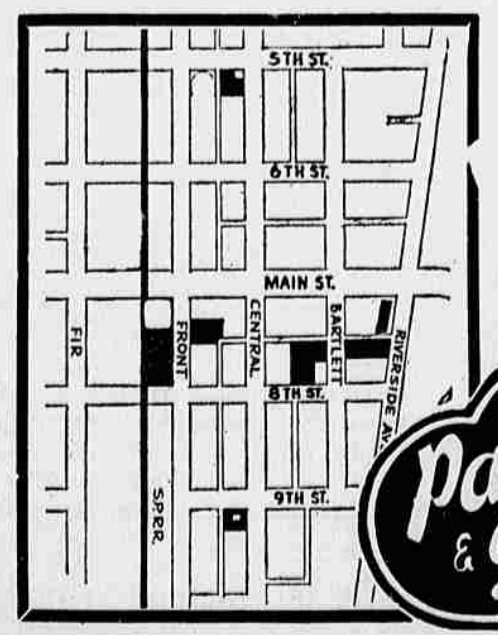
Prineville—UPD—A violent wind of cyclone intensity flattened the completed framework of the \$443,000 Crook county junior high school here Friday night. All but the south wall of the construction project was blown to the ground. County School Superintendent Cecil Sly said no damage estimate could be immediately given but did say that completion of the building would be delayed at least a month.

"REAL COOL MAN"

"Like Dig this PARK & SHOP cats—it's the coolest thing in town. Park on a convenient lot—Shop the nearby member merchant and no drags like meter plugging. No hurry—No worry. Just lick a stamp—Hand the man your ticket. It's Dreamsville man—Like way out!"



"Carry on Homer, I said—to which he replied—'When I bought my last turtle-neck sweater, I figure I saved enough to earn my grub—By PARKING FREE WHILE ON MY SPREE! It's amazo—7 big lots—Each handy to a cool Downtown Merchants pad. Like, when the temp is over C—This Daddy'O beats the heat with Park & Shop. Like man—The squares have gone all out!"



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