

City Briefs

Notice to Campers—All Girl Scouts who are planning to attend Camp Esther Applegate at Lake o' the Woods are reminded to bring their ration books, health certificate and camp balance fee no later than June 28 and 29, between the hours of 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., or June 30 between the hours of 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. It is asked that all girls complete registration at this time at 412 Main, as no money will be taken at the bus depot.

Duck Stamps Wanted—Members of the Klamath Sportsmen's association are urged to bring their last season's migratory waterfowl stamps to the meeting Wednesday night at 8 p. m., at the Willard. The stamps will be turned over to Ducks Unlimited, which will use the proceeds for testing ground restoration work.

Boys Leave—David O. Henderson and Ernest F. Goza of Klamath Falls, Virgil D. Barger, Tulelake, and Thomas E. Beeson, Lakeview, will leave for navy examinations in Portland Wednesday. Keith Cook will leave Portland for San Diego Wednesday for navy "boot" training.

Meeting—A meeting of the Klamath Sportsmen's association will be held Wednesday, June 27, at 8 p. m., at the Willard. Prizes and a duck lunch are features of the program. There will be a discussion concerning the state game commission meeting.

Returns to Base—William M. Melhase, SM 3/c, United States navy, returned to his base on Sunday, June 24, after spending a 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Melhase Sr. Much of his leave was spent at the Melhase summer home at Lake o' the Woods.

Health Director Here—Mary Jane Greene, health education director of Portland, for the Oregon Tuberculosis association, is in Klamath Falls for a few days to help plan the coming X-ray survey to be held in the county July 30 to August 8.

Singerettes—The monthly potluck luncheon and meeting will be held Thursday at 12:30 p. m. in the KC hall. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. N. B. Gale and Mrs. M. D. Klous. All members are asked to bring one cup of sugar.

Meeting Place Changed—The Rebekah Social club will meet in the IOOF hall Wednesday, June 27, for a potluck luncheon at 1 p. m., instead of at the home of Mrs. Fred Cofer, 1017 High, as previously planned.

Church Groups—Council groups of the First Christian church will meet Thursday, June 28, at 2 p. m., as follows: Group 1, Mrs. George Wirtz, 420 Jefferson; group 2, Mrs. John Selby, 1948 Manzanita; group 3, Mrs. Harvey Hayden, 3206 Shasta way.

On Furlough—James B. Conroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conroy of 2237 Wantland, is home on a short furlough. Conroy, who has been stationed at Princeton college in Princeton, N. J., reports to Salem July 1.

Sojourners to Meet—A regular meeting of the Sojourners will be held Wednesday, June 27, at 1:45 p. m., at the Willard hotel. All newcomers to Klamath Falls are cordially invited to attend.

On Furlough—Pvt. Jack Taylor, paratrooper, is home on a 10-day furlough from Fort Benning, Ga., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Taylor of Spring Lake.

In California—Mrs. Paul Landry and her two daughters, Mary and Ruth, are visiting Mrs. Landry's relatives in Santa Barbara, Monterey and Los Angeles.

Returns—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kramer have returned from Los Angeles where they have spent some time since their marriage on May 13. Mrs. Kramer is the former Esther Dunivan.

Daughter Born—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hunter Jr., on June 26. She is the Hunters' first child and will be named Starla Lee.

Visitors—Visiting in Klamath Falls have been Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Garrett and son, The Garretts are from Wenatchee, Wash.

Best to Washington—Project Director R. R. Best of the Tulelake WRA center has left on a business trip to Washington D. C.

Council to Meet—The Modoc county defense council will meet at Canby Wednesday evening. Several Klamath men are going to the meeting.

In Portland—J. K. Sayre, Greyhound bus depot agent, is on business for his company in Portland today.

Navy Leave—William Hayes, USN, is at home on leave from Montana.

Shopping—Mrs. W. C. Dalton was in town shopping recently.

WITNESSES IN CRAWFORD CASE QUERIED HERE

Questioning of witnesses began this morning in the case of the state of Oregon vs. Merle M. Crawford, Klamath Indian charged with raping Elizabeth Petersen, 60-year-old Mills addition white woman. An all-male jury was selected shortly after court convened this morning. The case is being tried in circuit court with Judge David R. Vandenberg presiding.

First witness called by the state was Louis B. Reed, 2028 1/2 Wantland, whose back yard abuts that of the prosecuting witness, Mrs. Petersen. Reed testified that Crawford came to his home about 5 p. m. on February 20, and stated that his wife was in the hospital and that he was lonesome and wanted company. Crawford had a bottle of whiskey with him, Reed testified, and they had a couple of drinks. Crawford also mentioned wanting a taxicab, Reed stated.

At about 8:30 p. m., Alfred Baaken, a neighbor, came over to the Reed home to borrow a camp cot, Reed declared. He and Baaken had two more drinks but Crawford had none at this time, Reed said. Baaken left at 8:45 p. m., and at 7 p. m., Mrs. Petersen arrived with some eggs for the Reeds.

"Small Drink"
Reed said that he poured Mrs. Petersen a small drink, "an even tablespoon," at that time and that she drank it. At 7:10 p. m. they all three left as Reed had to meet his wife at 7:20 at the railroad depot.

Reed testified that Crawford said he wanted some cigarettes and that Mrs. Petersen said she thought she had a cigar or some cigarettes at her house. Reed said that he left then and that Mrs. Petersen was walking to-

ward her house with Crawford a short distance behind. He met his wife at 7:20 p. m. at the depot, and they decided to go home, Reed said. They arrived home about 8 p. m., Reed stated, and about 9 p. m. decided to go over to Mrs. Petersen's home and thank her for the eggs. They walked across the alley and were walking around Mrs. Petersen's home when they heard someone say, "Oh, my God, please don't, my husband will be home," followed by three loud bumps, Reed said.

Door Locked
After finding the front door locked they went around the house again to the kitchen door which was ajar. Both Reed and his wife walked into the kitchen and on into the living room, Reed testified.

They saw Crawford and Mrs. Petersen on the floor of the living room, Reed stated. When Reed and his wife entered the room, Crawford leaped up and swung at Reed, according to Reed's testimony. The two men then fought, he said.

"Crawford Sober"
Reed further stated that Crawford was not drunk. Mrs. Reed left and returned with two neighbors. Police were then notified and Crawford was arrested. Reed testified that Mrs. Petersen's jaw was swollen and that her chest and throat were inflamed.

Chief Defense Attorney George Roberts of Medford questioned Reed as to the contents of the whiskey bottle. Reed said that there were three inches out of the bottle when Crawford arrived at his home at 5 p. m., and that there was about three inches left, or "less than half-full" when they all left the Reed home.

Upon further interrogation by Roberts, Reed said that a whiskey bottle and a brandy bottle, along with several different types of glasses were on the drainboard when he and Mrs. Reed arrived at the Petersen home. The contents of the whiskey bottle had been taken down "about three inches" and

and she smelled one glass that she said had had intoxicating liquor in it. She also stated that there was no sign of a struggle in the living room, when she and Reed entered, but that a percolator in the kitchen was broken.

Declares Recess
Judge Vandenberg then declared a recess until 2 p. m. The next witness to be called by Humble will be the complaining witness, Mrs. Petersen.

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Physicians To Get Refresher Course

PORTLAND, June 26 (AP)—Physicians returning from military service may enroll for refresher courses without tuition under a \$100,000 Kellogg Foundation fund awarded the University of Oregon medical school.

Dr. D. W. E. Baird said the fund will be spread over four years, the period when most physicians will be returning to civilian practice.

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"I told you that was a good hoghead! Sir, the station's there on the left. Go in, and you'll see a guy harnessed to a headphone. He's the brass pounder; the op. Give him the picture! Just ask him to tell the DS to give us a good run, and to slip it to the hogger to take it extra easy on how he puts the air under this train."

SGT. ERNIE WALL—hospital train patient and ex-S.P. railroader—eyed the three silent patients in the bunks opposite, and the Medical Corps Major. The three wounded men had been carried aboard in Los Angeles—in heavy body casts. Every slight jar and jolt caused them waves of pain. Budgies from the same Arizona range land, they'd been seriously wounded by the same Jap mortar shell. They hadn't rallied in the hospital, and now they were being returned to a hospital near their home—a final, desperate attempt to save their lives.

On went the train . . . on through the night. In the cab, Harva and his fireman . . . in the DS office, Ed . . . along the way, other dispatchers and operators, the yardmasters, and all the others . . . all making split-second decisions to give the Priority Special a "good run" . . . letting it go through—unchecked—while other trains paused momentarily at meeting points . . .

But, as the train left the station, there'd been a sudden application of the air brakes—for an auto trying to beat the train to the crossing. The jolt had brought them unbearable agony. More such jolts might come—and even the small vibrations of starting and stopping were

The miles clicked by . . . telephone and telegraph wires hummed . . . schedules were re-worked, timed to the second. On went the train . . . Alhambra, Colton . . . up San Geronimo Pass . . . India. Not a single stop, despite the many other war trains crowding the division . . .

Somehow, Ernie hypnotized the Major with his sincerity—and strange language. Major obeyed Sergeant—and Ernie settled back. He knew S.P. people—like Harva White, the engineer ahead; Si Youngblood, the station's veteran operator; Ed Farwell, Los Angeles dispatcher, the "DS." Sure, they'd give 'em a good run . . .

Then Ernie became aware of a stir in the opposite bunks. The current of life suddenly quickened. The eyes of the three burned with an expectant glow.

In a few moments the Major returned, an undecided look on his face. Quickly, before he could speak, Ernie began, "Did the brass pounder get word to the DS—the dispatcher, sir?"

"The desert!" one of them whispered. "Mister, don't that smell good!"

"Yes, he told the dispatcher," the Major answered vaguely.

Through the odors of drugs and medicines and germ-proof cleanliness, they had caught the first faint fragrance of their homeland. And at last, they were at peace.

"And did the dispatcher get word to the eagle-eyes—the engineer?"

Again, the Major was conscious of elements far beyond our horizons. And then, as he turned away, he saw Ernie. "How did you know we could have a 'run' like this? With all the people involved . . . all those other trains on the track . . ."

"Yes," the Major nodded absently, "he called the engineer to the phone. Said something to him about a Priority Special."

"Why," said Ernie, "that's just how it had to be done. It's men and women with the know-how, hitting it off together. They'd just naturally handle a job like this without a stumble." He said it with candid conviction.

"He did? Well, sir, you've got not a thing to worry about from here out. Why, a Priority Special's the kind of train the President of the United States gets!"

The Major considered this a moment, "I think you're right, Sergeant," he said, and went gratefully to bed.

Ernie leaned over the edge of the bunk and grinned. The three hurt men relaxed, grinned back—and the Major was aware then that there are elements of the spirit that medical science couldn't reach.

The complete story, "Priority Special," by Harry Bedwell, is now in booklet form (32 pages, illustrated), and you may have a copy free by writing—

Ernie listened to far, familiar sounds, gave a complacent nod, and made a remark which jolted the Major. "Had you noticed we're on the way again?"

Claude E. Peterson, Vice President
Southern Pacific,
Room 735, 65 Market Street,
San Francisco 5, California

The Major glanced quickly out of the window. The town lights were streaming by, thinning rapidly as the Priority Special swung into the open country at a growing speed. Yet Ernie alone had felt it when Harva White put his train into gliding motion . . .

They had lost momentum; but the Major couldn't tell by how much. The train drifted quietly; then, all motion was gone. Quickly, Ernie pushed his advantage.

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