

Memorial Service To Be Held For Lt. Benson

A memorial service for Lt. Gordon Benson and the men lost in Subic bay, the Philippines, a year ago tomorrow, Friday, December 15, will be held Sunday at the 11 o'clock service at St. Paul's Episcopal church with the Rev. Frederick C. Wissenbach officiating.

Lt. Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Benson of 507 Alameda, was one of 1800 men lost as they attempted to escape from a Japanese ship and make their way to shore just two or three blocks distant.

Flowers for the altar will be sent by the Bensons in memory of their son and his companions. There will be special music and all friends of the family or of men lost on that date, are invited to attend the memorial.

Lt. Benson's parents have been advised that the commanding general, army service forces, directs that the American Defense service ribbons, Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon, Bronze Campaign Star for the Southern Philippines campaign and the Philippine Defense service ribbon with Bronze Star be sent to Mrs. Benson.

Following is a tribute to the young airman and history of his life:

"Gordon Benson left Portland with his brother and parents at the age of four, and Medford, Oregon, was his home town till 1938, his sophomore year in college, the University of Oregon, Eugene. Since then, Klamath Falls has been his home, where he spent many happy vacations from school, making many friends.

In college, Gordon was active in many ways. He was also politically minded, continually helping to put his house, Phi Delta Theta, on top.

Next to flying, Gordon loved horses and riding, ever since he was a nipper, and he continued through college, also in the Philippines. While a sophomore, he rode in the Eugene Hunt club show, winning first prize in the jumping class, and coming in fourth in the thoroughbred pacing.

In 1940, during spring term, six Phi Deltas passed their physical exams for the army air corps with flying colors, among them, Gordon Benson. Following graduation from the university, and after a brief vacation with his parents at Klamath

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Memorial



Lt. Gordon Benson

Falls, Gordon departed for elementary training at the Ryan School of Aeronautics in connection with the army, at San Diego, Calif. Part way through his training period, Gordon was selected, along with 14 other cadet pilots, for transfer to the new United States army air corps training detachment at Heinet, Calif. On scheduled time, the class of men was transferred to Randolph Field, Texas, and finally to Kelly Field, Texas, from where a large group of AAF pilots finally graduated, including Gordon, in February, 1941.

Gordon came home to Klamath Falls for his vacation, and on April 21 sailed for Manila, P. I., on the large army transport "Washington," on which he and two other pilots shared the bridal suite for the voyage.

To all of these grand boys that day, rumors of war with Japan meant nothing. They were so sure it was merely idle talk, and so confident that if it did happen, it would be so rapidly stopped by them.

Very few, if any, of these splendid young men have returned home.

Letters were regularly received from him by his family, via clipper, and in August, 1941, he was greatly troubled at the knowledge that his brother in the States was taking steps to obtain a transfer in the AAF to the Philippines, in order to be near and fight with him in the event of war. He did all he could to discourage it, as there were more pilots out in the Philippines than planes for them to fly.

Gordon's last letter was written November 30, 1941, from a little nip but just off their field—the only place where they could have a light, as the field and barracks had been "blacked out for awhile, until the Japanese war-talk began to die down."

After that, starting January 19, 1942, radio messages were received from Gordon, once each month for three months, then a long lapse of news. In August, 1942, news was received through the kind efforts of War Correspondent Frank Hewlett, who located a fellow pilot of Gordon's, that "his squadron, stationed at Iba, was hit hard the first day of the war, but your son succeeded in getting his plane off the ground, and in turn, was with MacArthur's army when it retreated to Bataan. He was one of the squadron's finest flyers, and was last seen on the Mariveles air field. He was either a prisoner, or one of the guerillas now, it was supposed."

On May 11, 1943, a wire was received from the war department, confirming the fact that Gordon was a prisoner, located at Camp 2, and between September 12, 1943 and February 26, 1945, seven POW cards were received with Gordon's signature. In December, 1944, following radio announcement of the sinking of the Jap prisoner boat

the 15th, Gordon's mother had a premonition that all was not well with her boy. She wrote the war department, also to her other son, Lt. Colonel Noel Benson, who was in Florida at that time, and he made a special trip to Washington for the purpose of finding out personally the whereabouts of his brother, and "from all accounts of the Japs, he was a prisoner in Japan, and a special form of address was sent his mother to follow when writing him."

Hope High Various letters, and a long distance phone call, from fellow prisoners of Gordon's, recently liberated were received by his mother up to the middle of July, all encouraging, and intimating that he had been sent to Japan. Hopes ran very high among members of Gordon's family, who expected to hear from him almost any minute to say he was safe and coming home. Added to this, various accounts of Gordon's activities in the Philippines—that made his family proud and very happy—were being received from time to time.

From Gordon's old squadron commander, a regular army man—Lieutenant Col. P.—verified everything his Captain G. said. He also told an interesting story about Gordon over there. "The Japs came over their field one day early in the war, and Gordon and some of the other fellows took off to 'get 'em.' The lieutenant colonel said Gordon got one, and came flying across the field right on the tail of another, just pumping him full of lead, when he ran into some of our own ack-ack. It shot his plane up quite a bit, and he made a crash landing. He wasn't hurt at all, and the colonel said he climbed out of the wreck, and was really mad. He said Gordy is tops with him."

Fatal News On the evening of July 23, two months and 10 days ago, the fatal news wire from the

Rosson Urges Full Aid To War Veterans

By MAX FRYE

Pointing out that there is need for sober consideration of veterans' problems in every community in the state, Hugh Rosson, director of the department of veterans' affairs of the state of Oregon, addressed a gathering of vets and their families last night in the high school auditorium.

Rosson declared it was popular policy of public speakers during the war years to make assurances to service men and their families that there was no need to worry about the post-war years of readjustment.

"We told these men that a grateful nation would take care of them, and now it's up to us to make good on our promise," he declared.

Emphasizing the size of Oregon's problem, Rosson pointed out that over 140,000 Oregon men and women have served their country in World War II, in comparison to 44,000 in World War I.

GI Bill "Many veterans are now asking just what we are going to do for them," Rosson declared. "We can point to the GI bill of rights, which despite its faults is one of the grandest pieces of legislation ever enacted by any nation."

Reviewing the major benefits of the GI bill, he pointed out that \$500,000,000 has been allotted for hospitalization; that the veterans administration has been expanded to give better service, sending a representa-

war department came to Gordon's parents, to say he was killed in action while being transported aboard a Japanese vessel. A letter received later stated that 1619 prisoners embarked December 13, 1944, at Manila on this boat which was bombed and sunk in Subic Bay, P. I., December 15.

Following is an excerpt from one of many letters from those who knew of Gordon's activities before he boarded that boat.

Capt. H. F. K.: "Gordon flew the courier plane a number of times from Corregidor to the island of Mindanao. Eventually he was assigned to the Del Monte air field, and it was at this place he was captured, I believe, in May of 1942. His morale was high, and his ideals were the same. You have every reason to be proud if him. He was a good soldier and a perfect gentleman."

tive to many communities of the state, including Klamath Falls.

Rosson also lauded the educational provisions of the bill, which guarantee at least a year's schooling to every veteran.

For the veteran who wishes to build or buy a home, or start his own business, loans are available, he pointed out.

Stating that while employment aid is not yet up to the standard he hopes for, Rosson explained that special consideration is given to veterans at U. S. employment agencies, and that every vet is entitled to 52 weeks' unemployment compensation in the two years following discharge.

Preference Reviewing legislation enacted by the state for veterans, Rosson pointed out that veterans are given preference in state civil service jobs and state public works projects; that loans for education or for buying farms and homes are available to Oregon's sons and daughters.

"These men and women—veterans of World War II today, but leaders of our state and community tomorrow—must be given every benefit they are entitled to, and it's up to all of us to see that it is done," Rosson concluded.

Harry F. Stengel of the rehabilitation committee of the American Legion, who introduced Rosson, told of the committee's work in helping the disabled vet and the widows and orphans of veterans in receiving benefits and aid to which they are entitled.

The evening meeting followed an afternoon session for fourth district American Legion post service officers, during which Stengel instructed in procedures followed in filing for claims and benefits.

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LAKEVIEW, Dec. 14 (Special) John Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hanson of Westside, has been named manager of Lakeview Water Users, Inc., to succeed Harry Sandquist who has resigned to accept fulltime administration of his duties as Malheur county agent.

Hanson was serving with the Oregon state police at Baker and Enterprise and he and his family were living at Ontario when he entered the army in January, 1941. He served in various army camps in the United States before being sent to Hawaii, and from there to Guadalcanal, Palau islands and Guam. He attained the rank of major in the army infantry.

Hanson is a graduate of Oregon State college, class of 1938. His family returned with him from Nampa, Idaho, where they have been visiting with her parents.

WISCO Stock Valued At \$300 Per Share

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (P) — A circuit judge has set value of Willamette Iron & Steel corporation stock held by the late Amedee M. Smith, WISCO president, at \$300 a share as of last March 25, when Smith died.

An appraisement of \$100 a share, submitted by Ira Walker—named by Executrix Myrtle B. Smith, was rejected. Judge Ashby C. Dickson said lack of co-

operation by the firms involved—WISCO and the Hyster company—indicated assets were purposely withheld from the court-appointed appraisers, Ashby C. Dixon and Leon Buller. Theirs was the \$300 figure.

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— Says MRS. FREDERICK W. PORTER, 1349 CLAY STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

When did you start using this sauce, Mrs. Porter?

"About 20 years ago when we came to California. I'm a graduate of the National School of Domestic Arts and Sciences, Washington, D. C.—and good cooking always has been a hobby with me. And in any dish calling for tomato flavor—I just reach for Del Monte Tomato Sauce. I know it'll give me just the flavor I want."

Have you used other tomato products for flavor?

"Yes, once or twice during the war when I couldn't get Del Monte Tomato Sauce. But I've found nothing like so well. I like to have 5 or 6 cans handy, because I make tomato dishes about once a week."

What do you like best about Del Monte Tomato Sauce?

"Its dependability. I'm always sure of good, rich tomato flavor—yet this sauce isn't so spicy that it kills the flavor of foods cooked with it. My Tomato-Eggplant Casserole, for example. I 'thought up' this recipe about 10 years ago. The unusual flavor combination and appetizing tomato color make this dish a great favorite with us."

You'll like Mrs. Porter's spicy-good
TOMATO-EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

<p>1 medium-size eggplant Olive oil or other cooking oil ½ cup flour Salt and pepper to taste ½ cup minced onion</p>	<p>½ cup minced green pepper Grated cheese, if desired 2 cans Del Monte Tomato Sauce Chili powder to taste, about 1 tsp. to 1 tbsp.</p>
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Wash the eggplant but do not peel. Cut in ¼" thick slices. Combine the flour, salt and pepper in a paper bag. Fry the slices in the fat until they are a fine brown, add more oil if necessary but use as little as possible. Remove the eggplant, add the minced onion and pepper and fry until done but not brown. In a well buttered casserole arrange layers of the eggplant, onion and pepper, grated cheese and chili powder. Cover and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for about 30 min. or until bubbly hot. This dish looks grand and tastes grand. Serves 4-5. This dish looks grand and tastes grand! The rich flavor of Del Monte Tomato Sauce sees to that!

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