

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

★ JOHN W. BANKS, Fireman 1/c is now at Pearl Harbor where he has been stationed since his August 17 departure from Camp Shoemaker.



John W. Banks

Previous to his embarkation he was at Diesel Engineering School at Gulfport, Mississippi. He entered the service in February of this year. He is the son of Ernest Banks of Covelo and graduated from Covelo high school in 1939.

★ Pfc. BRADFORD SCOTT, son of Mrs. Bessey E. Scott, and grandson of Mrs. Irene F. Bradford, was on Guam at last report, on his way to a final station somewhere in the Pacific. He was a high school graduate with the class of 1942 at Ukiah.

★ A letter received Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Mark King of Ukiah from their son Cpl. MARK KING, Jr., said he was at Jinsen, Korea.



Mark King, Jr.

after a trip from Panay Island, which was made on a 500-foot land craft transport which encountered on route one of the worst typhoons on record and which almost swamped their boat. During the storm the boat was lifted by the waves to an angle of 45 degrees, which is almost the extreme danger point. En route to their new base they touched at Okinawa. Cpl. King is with the 52nd Amphibious Engineers and has been in the service since December of 1942, and overseas since May of last year.

★ Now with the 604th Engineers, ROBERT E. RICHIEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Richiey of Ukiah, recently arrived in Okinawa after a trip through Panama Canal. He has had three years of service, two years of which he has spent overseas, in England and France, with three combat stars to his credit. He trained at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Robert's brother Earl served with the 8th Air Corps as first radioman and was killed on his fateful mission over Koblenz, Germany, December 24, 1944. Earl has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart. Another brother, George Richiey, recently arrived at Camp Beal.

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MOTOR VEHICLES FROZEN TO SUPPLY VETS ORDERS

Applications of Returned Soldiers to Come First

All motor vehicles declared surplus, or in the process of being declared surplus, have been frozen for veterans for a period of 10 days beginning Monday, October 1, and extending through the close of business Wednesday, October 10, according to Edward F. Madigan, regional director of Smaller War Plants Corporation.

The purpose of this freeze period is to satisfy the unfilled applications on behalf of veterans, who desire these vehicles for professional, commercial or agricultural purposes. The order for the 10-day freeze arrived just as the Office of Surplus Property, Department of Commerce, was distributing a special list of the best 800 trucks in its inventories. It was planned to sell these trucks at spot sale. The special list was immediately withdrawn from circulation however, and turned over to Smaller War Plants Corporation for its use in filling orders from veterans of the recent war.

Automotive experts of the Department of Commerce also were instructed to prepare a second list of not-so-good trucks which might be sold at very low prices to veterans equipped to put such vehicles in operating condition. The commerce department ordered deferral of all sales of automobiles.

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Fitch Mountain's Summer Colony Hit By Brush Fire

Two year-round homes of Healdsburg residents, eight cottages belonging to San Francisco residents and one cottage whose owner was not named, all located in the Fitch mountain summer colony area near Healdsburg were destroyed Thursday afternoon in a series of the most destructive brush and grass fires to hit Sonoma county during this season of bad fires.

Of the eleven cottages lost, eight of them had just been closed for the fall and winter by their San Francisco owners and were destroyed with all their contents.

The fire was started by a sudden gust of wind, which the report says, whipped a pile of ashes into a blaze. The ashes apparently had been left the night before when the bay city families had cleaned out their stove. A strong wind made the destruction of surrounding homes a certainty.

James Howard's Estate Appraised At \$49,055

The report of the inheritance tax appraiser shows the James A. Howard estate worth \$46,055.13, and inheritance tax due the state to be \$1007.73.

Mr. Howard died December 16, 1944, and left a will which bequeathed to his daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Beall, and her husband, Edward C. Beall, the 364-acre ranch south of Elk, with the residue of the estate going to Mrs. Beall.

The appraiser's report lists the property as estate in probate, \$1176.44; ranch transferred to daughter in contemplation of death, \$39,500; cash in Fort Bragg bank in joint account with Gertrude Beall, \$5378.59. Attorney William Van Dyke is the appraiser.

Contract Let For Alder Creek Miway Bridge

The contract for grading and surfacing and construction of a steel plate girder bridge over Alder creek, seven miles north of Point Arena, has been let by the department of public works of the county to Querin Brothers of South San Francisco at a price of \$182,963. The bridge is on highway No. 1.

SINCE WE WERE A COUPLE OF KIDS

They always are doing things together apparently — Normand Daniels of Hopland and C. G. (Jack) Jackson of Cloverdale. They were born on the same day, went through school together. And now both are learning to fly, and they soloed on the same day — September 18. The two are students at the Thompson-Athey aviation school at the Sky Ranch, near Tyton.

Thief Given State Prison Sentence

Andrew B. Parrack, itinerant fruit worker who robbed George Locatelli of the contents of his wallet while Locatelli was unconscious from a fainting spell the afternoon of August 8, was sentenced by Superior Judge Liburn Gibson to serve an indeterminate sentence at San Quentin prison.

Parrack, who was arrested by Ukiah police shortly after he was seen frisking the unconscious man, had gone on a spending spree in a Perkins street bar where shortly before he had been mooching drinks. In the final shakedown by police he yielded all the money lost by Locatelli except what he had spent for liquor during the short interlude.

Elected to stand trial, Parrack was appointed an attorney for his defense, but at his arraignment pleaded guilty and asked for probation. Investigation of his record by Probation Officer Scott brought out an array of law violations, all the way from Kansas City to Spokane, with a 16-month rest at Walla Walla prison. Probation was denied and he was sentenced Friday.

80 Lions-Ladies Dine at Ladies Nite Barbecue

The Lions club meeting, held Saturday evening at the municipal park was ladies night, featuring barbecued chicken and steaks, prepared over the barbecue pits by Harold Zimmerman, Don Ciriella and A. C. (Tiny) Ryan. Mrs. Zimmerman prepared the salad for the 80 guests. A brief meeting of club members followed the outdoor supper.

Later the 40 couples repaired to the municipal clubhouse where they danced to the music of Greco's orchestra until 1 o'clock. The next meeting of the club will be Thursday noon at the Maple Cafe with Judge Liburn Gibson, chairman of the war chest drive, to be guest speaker.

Vandals Busy While Fire Victims Were Dying

During the fire of last Tuesday night, when the Oaks Hotel at Fort Bragg was destroyed, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucchesi, owners of the hotel, was ransacked and valuable jewelry and other articles stolen.

The Lucchesi home is adjoining the hotel site and during the fire, Mr. Lucchesi says, he noticed several people moving in and out of the house, but thought they were helping with the rescue work and fighting the fire.

Police Have Whodunnit Mystery To Solve

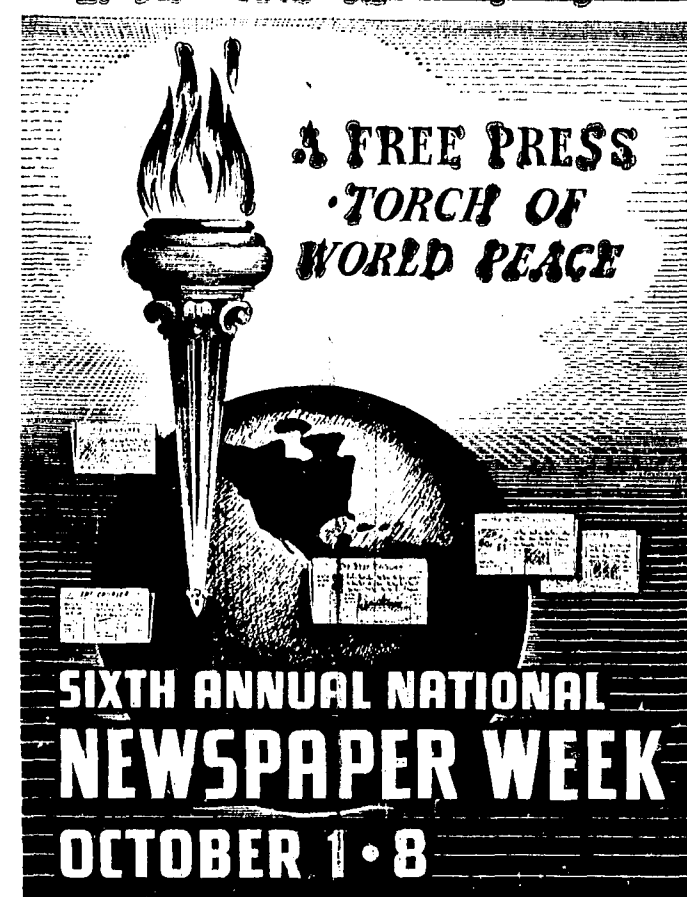
The person who entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hogan in Ukiah Heights Thursday night of last week took \$23 in cash, wrecked a piggy bank and stole a fountain pen and a pair of cuff links.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan were in the city and only their young son Donald was in Ukiah. He was away from home at the time. They found the house unlocked and walked in.

BEAR TALK OF WAR CHEST

At a meeting of the 20-30 Club September 25, Fred Leonard introduced Sgt. Arthur Hoffman of the Marine Corps from Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland, who spoke to the group about the current War Chest drive. The regular business meeting followed.

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"A free press-torch of world peace"—slogan for National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8, is no empty, meaningless phrase.

During the last four years of suffering and bloodshed men and women of America have often pondered the questions: "Why must we have war? Why must thousands and thousands of our boys give their lives for victory and eventual peace? Why do Germany, Japan or other militaristic nations inevitably seem to start these world conflicts, bringing death, privation and hunger to millions?"

Obviously it would be overreaching to claim that a free press in those military-minded nations would prevent all war. The answer is perhaps not so simple. Yet it can truthfully be proclaimed that a free press the world over would go a long way toward keeping the peace.

When a nation sets out to conquer the world or a part of it, it is the leaders, both military and political, who send it into war. A people informed of truth and facts is a people who will not be so likely to follow such deluded and self-worshipping men, as Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo.

Once the press becomes a mouthpiece of the government, it is only too apparent that dictators will use it to shape the thoughts of their uninformed millions to their own disastrous ends.

As a nation we are too prone to accept the freedom of our press without thinking what it would mean if it were snatched away.

For keeping the world peace, no single influence can be so all powerful as the free press. It is our insurance of knowledge, our protection against schemers, mountebanks and would-be Napoleons. Let us cherish it and uphold it against any and all suggestions of control.

Bridge Open For Light Traffic Over Salmon Creek

It was reported here Saturday that the bridge over Salmon creek, south of Albion, had been opened for light traffic Friday, but limited to passenger cars.

This bridge was out of commission Tuesday night after a loaded lumber trailer broke away from the truck, crashed through the railing and ripped out a number of the bridge timbers as it dropped to the bottom. Authorities closed the bridge and north-bound travel was routed from Navarro through Keene Summit to Comptche, thence to Mendocino over the Ukiah road.

It is expected the repairs will be completed by the middle of this week.

Funeral Services For Two Ft. Bragg Fire Victims

Funeral services were held at Fort Bragg Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Irene Sargent and daughter Wanda, the female women who lost their lives in the destruction by fire of the Oaks Hotel at Fort Bragg Tuesday night of last week.

Mrs. Sargent had been in Bureka the preceding week for the weekend with her two daughters there. Mrs. Howard Wimer and Mrs. Ira Smith, and had then gone to Fort Bragg where she met her daughter Wanda and the two remained overnight in the hotel, planning to meet the husband and father, who was employed at a lumber mill a few miles outside Fort Bragg.

VISITS HERE AT WEEKEND

Mrs. Luther G. Jordan, wife of the new business manager for P. B. Motors, was in Ukiah from San Francisco over the weekend, visiting with her husband and searching for a house. Mr. Jordan has been living at the home of W. H. Parker, but the family is eager to move north.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hagans and Henry Keller visited the Santa Rosa Fair Friday.

Dale Nott Arraignment Was Heard Monday

Dale Billy Nott, the Irish and Indian murderer of Beatrice Francisco on the evening of September 18, was in court last Friday for his first appearance and Superior Judge Gibson appointed Attorney Henry Spurr for Nott's defense and set Monday morning for his arraignment and plea. Nott had his preliminary hearing in Justice court last week and was held to answer after witnesses had testified Nott had told them he had murdered the woman by strangulation.

● Mrs. E. L. Sisk, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edith Beak, county purchasing agent, in Ukiah for a fortnight, plans to return to her home in Pacific Grove the middle of the week.

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AUTHORITY TELLS TREMENDOUS RISE IN TAXATION

See Capita Take Up \$319.30 During Last Decade

Because \$522.85 is what the average California taxpayer was nicked by the tax collector during the 1944-45 fiscal year, if you paid less you are not an average Californian. Ten years ago, so the tax experts are telling us now, the average was only \$193.05. Some jump!

State fiscal experts figured out this bad news which was released for publication during the past week. It was done on the basis of population, along with the California State Chamber of Commerce report on federal, state and local tax collection in the state during the last decade.

Sidney M. Ehrman, chairman of the state chamber's taxation committee, says \$4,622,029,743 was the total take of all tax collection agencies during the 1944-45 fiscal year. And that was an increase of \$386,166,398 over the previous year.

Going back over the same ground by another route, Mr. Ehrman tells us that tax collections in the state have increased seven fold since the total of \$632,228,599 paid during the 1935-36 tax period. Then he gets personal by telling us that in the last fiscal year the federal government took from us \$3,722,459,219; the state's nick was \$557,570,524, and the 4500 local taxing governmental agencies—county, city, school and special districts—took \$342,000,000. This brings home most forcibly that the greatest part of the state's tax burden increase in the 10-year period has been for national governmental purposes.

The California tax story of 10 years ago was like this: Federal taxes, \$193,168,555; state taxes \$183,328,580; local taxes \$255,711,464.

The chamber of commerce breaks down the California overall tax total of \$4,622,029,743 for 1944-45 into 28 varieties of revenue for which that amount was collected and gets lump totals like these: Federal taxes, \$3,722,459,219; state taxes, \$557,570,524; local property taxes, \$342,000,000. These round figures are estimated on the basis of actual levies, the state chamber expert says, and adds, "Local property taxes, which bear the burden of local government—fire, health, police protection, recreation, etc.—show the smallest percentage of increase during the decade, despite tremendous demands for government services made upon California municipalities and counties by war swollen population rises," and adds that the net conclusion from all this is that the average Californian taxpayer's bill has jumped 9.12 per cent during the last fiscal year.

● The Sea Scouts will hold their first meeting of the season this Monday night at the municipal clubhouse.

Rotary Governor Hots

Rotary District Governor Joe Gabriel of Hollister will be in Ukiah this Monday evening to meet with members of the board of directors of the Ukiah club and at the Tuesday luncheon meeting he will be the guest of the club at the Palace Hotel, and will address the meeting.

Hangar Unit Ordered By Council

A representative of a San Francisco firm which manufactures prefabricated metal hangars was here for a hearing by the city council last week end and quoted a price of \$2350 for a 3-plane unit, 33x48 feet and \$6250 for 6-plane units, f.o.b. Construction, the gentlemen said would be approximately 20 per cent of the purchase price, with foundation and floors costing 25 cents per square foot. Later, Contractor Charles M. Swannell was authorized to build a 1-unit hangar at a cost not to exceed \$600.

The California-Maine Corporation of San Francisco was awarded the contract for a gas-air combination vaporizer and mixer at \$2440 f.o.b. Denver. This is additional propane gas making equipment.

An agreement was authorized between the city and the NWP for erection of a transformer structure and overhead wiring, west from Leslie street.

An annual payment of \$1000 to Ukiah Volunteer Fire Department was authorized and Ukiah Golf Course green fees were set at 50 cents for 18 holes on week days and 25 cents for 9 holes; Sundays, 75 cents for 18 holes and 25 cents for 9 holes.

Howard's Ranch Barn Lost Sunday Afternoon

Ukiah Fire Department's No. 2 truck was sent to the Ridgewood ranch Sunday afternoon to stand by in case the fire which destroyed one of the barns got beyond control. Two forestry trucks and a truck from Willits answered the alarm.

The barn lost was one of the first buildings of its kind at the ranch and was built by the Van Arsdale, who owned the property at the beginning of the present century. Destroyed with the building were a quantity of harness and other trappings, some of it highly valuable.

No other buildings were near enough to be seriously threatened and the damage was confined to the one barn.

Ukiah firemen accompanying the truck were Burt Thurston, Al Bechtel, Walter Bogner and Neil Anker.

HAS QUIET CELEBRATION

Clark Bailey of 207 Ford street, who celebrated his nineteenth birthday last year in style befitting the occasion, passed a quiet ninety-first anniversary at his home last Friday, September 27.

THE WEATHER

Low temperatures were on a steady rise over the weekend assisting the change in time in making it easier to get up in the morning. Fire department's records showed the mercury to register 92 high and 37 low Thursday, 91 and 40 Friday, 92 and 42 Saturday and 92 and 43 Sunday.

COURT DECLARES WELLESLEY GUILTY OF PERJURY

Headless Torso Suspect's Alibi Try Backfires

Sheriff B. G. Broadbuss returned Thursday night from a trip which took him first to Oakland where he and three residents of the coast gave testimony in the perjury trial of William A. Wellesley, the former coast country woodsman now held by Alameda county authorities for the murder of Austin Barber of Lakefield, Minnesota.

The perjury indictment grew out of Wellesley's insistence that he be heard at the grand jury investigation of the Barber murder, when he attempted to establish an alibi testifying that he was on the coast at the time the headless and handless torso of Barber was found in Niles canyon and said that Walter Saunders, a friend had taken him to the Mendocino county coast. When Saunders produced evidence to show Wellesley was romancing the perjury indictment followed. He was convicted and will be sentenced Tuesday.

In the meantime, Alameda county authorities are completing their investigation of Barber's murder.

While in the bay district Sheriff Broadbuss took time out to look into the matter of a hit and run incident which happened last May and for which he had a John Doe warrant for the party who rammed the hay wagon belonging to Reed Farnsworth of Potter Valley. After he had finished with that matter Andrew Lagonick of Oakland promised to be in Ukiah October 1, to plead guilty to charges of drunk and reckless driving.

At Stockton, Broadbuss looked for a trace of the trio involved in the theft of a car, at Fort Bragg, the slugging of Constable Carl Enochs of Mendocino after he had placed them under arrest, and the later theft of a county pickup truck in which they evidently made their escape from the county in spite of the highway blockade. While there, Broadbuss found that Joe Nelli, a bar and restaurant owner whose place of business is about two miles east of Stockton, had been slugged and robbed of \$1100 by two men while a third sat in Nelli's Ford car which was the one found along a deserted railroad right of way on the coast when it was abandoned by the men who stole the car at Fort Bragg which they drove to Mendocino on September 16. Broadbuss has evidence the trio was from Stockton.

En route home, the sheriff stopped at Richmond long enough to contact M. C. Seaton, wanted here and charged with non-support.

PROMISSORY NOTE SUIT

Susan G. Cleland has brought suit against E. U. White for judgment on a promissory note for \$2144.07, with interest at 6 per cent from September 27, 1940, the date the note was executed. H. L. Preston is the attorney.

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