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Who's Elmer?

WHERE'S Elmer? This rallying cry, to be heard wherever members of the American Legion gather...

Roseburg is to be host to the state convention of the American Legion, and will entertain thousands of the men and women of this great organization.

Who is this John Elmer Legion, so soon to be Roseburg's guest of honor?

He has been presented to the public in many guises. He has been termed a treasury robber, a military, a selfish, greedy citizen, a rascal and a wastrel.

Once he marched away to the sound of martial music, Plaudits of the multitudes rang in his youthful ears. Many were the promises of honor and fortune to be his upon his return.

He saw and suffered hardships. He experienced horrors that made him old before his time. He saw his comrades killed and mutilated.

But John Elmer Legion was not resentful; there was little capacity left in his character for resentment. Emotions had been stirred too deeply to feed the slight pang of being forgotten.

Because he demanded care and treatment for his suffering comrades and the widows and orphans of his buddies he was made to suffer abuse. Because he classed himself with the most lowly of laborers and demanded recognition on that basis, he was called a treasury robber.

It would seem most difficult to express character in terms of cold figures, but a nationally recognized firm of statisticians has accomplished that result.

John Elmer Legion, soon to be Roseburg's guest, has been placed in his collective form for comparison beside Mr. Average American Citizen.

Elmer is a home lover. Sixty-five per cent of the American Legion members in Oregon own their own homes.

New Deal, seeking the votes of the mass numerous have-nots, promises them that it will HAMPER the heavy by shattering them with heavy taxes and unfriendly laws.

It may do just that, and probably will, if it is retained in power, but in the END it will merely destroy the have-nots and ALL WILL BE HUNGRY TOGETHER.

Ohio's 3 per cent retail sales tax produced \$12,759,275.58 in the first three months of 1936. Schools and local governments receive the bulk of the income.

cent own passenger automobiles, compared with an average of 58 per cent of all U. S. families owning cars.

Elmer is a man of responsibility. The statistical findings show an average annual income among families of the American Legion of from \$2,100 to \$2,200 per year, or almost double the figures shown for a national average by the most recent governmental survey.

In the face of these cold-blooded figures, carefully gathered by expert accountants, showing how John Elmer Legion stands in comparison with the average citizen of this country today, there can be little doubt left regarding him.

A home-loving, family man, who provides well for his family and who takes a responsible place in the business and industrial life of the nation, must, without question, be seeking to preserve and maintain, rather than rob and destroy that nation for which he offered his life as a sacrifice.

Perhaps in his reunions with his comrades he may be noisy and boisterous. No one knows better than he the limitations of human emotions. No amount of play can ever compensate for the intense offering he has endured.

But though he may play noisily and boisterously in his joyous reunion, he is nevertheless shown by cold calculation and unprejudiced comparison to be a citizen that Roseburg should and will be glad to welcome.—C. V. S.

Editorials on News (Continue from page 1.)

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"This one," Nat said, placing his finger on one of the copies, "is a picture of Joe Gaudio. This is the kidnaped boy. And this—is James Moridon."

Tyler peered at the pictures. Gaudio, as far as he knew, he had never seen. The picture of the kidnaped boy revealed an eager-faced, smiling lad. It was the third picture, that of James Moridon, which brought a startled exclamation to his lips.

"Why, that picture is the image of your son, Mr. Gordon, as he is today!"

Gordon nodded slowly. His head still bent over the pictures. Then he raised his eyes to Nat's. Bitter grief and pain shone from them, shone all the more because of the complete lack of emotion in his face.

"I am James Moridon," he said. "My son, David, was the boy who was kidnaped."

Tyler stared at the picture of James Moridon, and then at the man he had known as Gordon. It was certainly not the same face.

Gordon, observing the puzzlement in his eyes, gave a little sigh. "I was in the war," he said slowly. "I—I was badly wounded. My face was horribly mutilated. What you see now—is the result of plastic surgery."

Nat gave a sudden exclamation. "Of course! Now I understand! That was the one thing missing!"

Gordon sank back and regarded them from eyes which seemed suddenly sunken, without lustre. He threw out his hands, then, with a quick gesture.

"And we, the so-called younger generation, intend, etc., etc."



"THERE'S MURDER IN THE AIR"

By ROY CHANSLOR

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Doris pushed into his sight then, bent over him.

"Nat," she said. "Nat, you're sure you're all right?"

Back through his mind came the picture of her standing in the doorway. That look on her face! It had been so strange and terrifying. Now it was filled with anxiety. He heard himself saying: "Quite all right."

He saw Ruth turn, tight-lipped, toward Doris, wondered at the expression on the blind girl's face. Then Tyler was talking, in a low voice, asking the two girls not to talk. Ruth nodded, stepped back out of sight. Tyler took Doris' arm.

"It's not badly hurt," he said. "Please—Helene needs you now."

Doris made a strange little noise in her throat, half sigh, half sob. Then she seemed to hear Helene for the first time. She hurried into the other room. Gordon following. Carlotta had her arm about Helene, who was half sitting up in the bed. She was talking in a soothing voice.

Doris went to the bed, pushed Carlotta, almost roughly, away from the sobbing girl, and placed her own arms about her shoulders. Helene's chin, lifted her face. It was still blank and staring.

White Doris creased her brow, he spoke to her gently, soothingly. The girl made no response. David entered from Doris' room, followed closely by Harrigan and Nelson.

"Musta fired from the balcony," Nelson was saying. "What's that?" said Gordon sharply.

He turned toward Nelson, who gestured toward the open French windows. "He musta stood right out there," said Nelson.

Gordon shook his head emphatically. "No, no," he said. "There was nobody there. I was outside, on the lawn, when I heard the shot. I could see clearly in the moonlight. There was nobody on the balcony when the shot was fired."

(To be continued)

KRRR PROGRAM (1,500 Kilocycles) SPONSORED BY NEWS-REVIEW

REMAINING HOURS TODAY 4:09—The Editor Views the News. 4:15—Melody Matinee.

4:45—Dance Time with Speed Rober. 5:00—Dixie Memories. 5:15—Nelson Eddy.

5:30—Motor Shop Garage presents The Hawk. 5:45—Richard Crooks. 6:00—Chevrolet's Musical Moments.

6:15—Jesse Crawford at the Organ. 6:45—Band Selections. 7:00—Grab Bag Program. 7:15—Hansen Motor Co. Veterans Program.

7:30—Grab Bag Program Cont'd. 8:00—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 Morning Hours 8:30—Devotional. 8:45—Sacred Selections. 9:00—Program Dedicated to Veterans Facility.

9:30—Old Time Fiddling with Ernie Crane. 10:00—Sunday Request Program. 10:30—Sunday morning concert with Pearl Rose-Robinson.

RAMBLINGS of the NEWS-REVIEW MAN By PAUL JENKINS

Myrtle Creek Mail THROUGH the efforts of the Myrtle Creek Rod and Gun club 50,000 fingerling chinook salmon have been planted in the waters of North Myrtle and South Myrtle creeks within the past week.

Another project on which the club has worked will also probably be completed this summer, namely the removal of the old dam in the river at the south limits of Roseburg, which at low water stage is considered a barrier to the progress of fish up the stream.

Oakland Tribune Members of Oakland Development club staged a good win event, as well as made a most enjoyable evening for themselves, Monday evening when they entertained the club members at a dinner at the Commodore Hotel.

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Daily Devotions DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

There is a right way to pray. This right way is quite independent of any scholarly discussion of the philosophy of prayer.

Many a humble Christian who knows nothing about the philosophized problems involved in prayer. Know how to pray "through me speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love."

Here on Business—Ward Cochran, of Oakland, was a business visitor in Roseburg Friday.

Attends to Business—A. C. Barneff, of Portland, spent Friday and today in this city attending to business.

Spends Day in Town—S. J. Chenoweth, Oakland resident, formerly of this city, spent Friday in town attending to business.

Here from Coast—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dunham, of Marshfield, are spending several days in this city attending to business.

Get Marriage License—A marriage license has been issued at Albany to David Harry Harvie, 30, of Lewiston, and Marie Lane, 29, of Glde.

Visit in Eugene—Mrs. Dave Harris and daughter, Miss Betty Anne Faulkner, and Miss Lydia Wilson spent Thursday visiting friends in Eugene.

Visiting Mother—Miss Annette Whipple, teacher in the Baker schools, has arrived here to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Mary Whipple, on South Main street.

Undergoes Major Operation—Mrs. Floyd Miller, of Dilard, is reported to be doing nicely at Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene, where she underwent a major operation this week.

Home From School—Jack Bathrick, student at Oregon State college, is home for the summer visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Bathrick, on Moore street.

Move to Summer Home—Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Shoemaker and family, Mrs. Betty and Miss Doris and Bertram, are moving from Blakely street to their place at Winchester for the summer.

Son is Born—A seven and a half pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brauburn, of Marshfield, at the Coquille hospital on Thursday, June 3. Mr. Brauburn is a former resident of Winston.

Visit in Eugene—Mrs. Harry Black and son, Burton, and Mrs. K. L. Whipple and daughter, Betty Mae, and Eva Baker spent Thursday in Eugene visiting Mrs. Whipple's daughter, Lois Ann, student at University of Oregon.

Arrive Today—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trueblood and small daughter, Anne, of Mohonk Lake, New York, arrived in Roseburg today to spend the summer with Mrs. Trueblood's mother, Mrs. F. H. Churchill. Mrs. Trueblood was formerly Miss Helen Churchill of the local J. C. Penney company store.

Postpones Meeting—The D. A. V. auxiliary has postponed its meeting announced for next Wednesday until June 24, at which time election of officers will be held. Members of the organization planning to attend the state convention in Medford next week include Mrs. and Mrs. Ward Cummings, Mrs. Gray Young, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Preston, Rev. Perry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. Panoast.

Mrs. Taylor Leaves—Mrs. S. E. Taylor returned to her home in Coquille Friday, after participating in a family reunion at Winchester, visiting at the home of Mrs. Edna S. Ackert, also with old friends and relatives of Myrtle Creek, and attending graduation exercises of her sister, Carol W. Ackert, in Ashland. Mrs. Taylor graduated from the same institution in 1927.

Visit at Cummings Home—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wiley of Newberg, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Panoast of Bridge, have returned to their homes, after spending a few days in this city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cummings. Mr. Wiley was formerly assistant manager of the local J. C. Penney company store. The Wileys left Roseburg for a trip to Boulder dam, Los Angeles and La Juana, Mexico.

FORECLOSURE SALE DRAWS BIG CROWD Great interest was shown this morning in the resale of property on tax foreclosure at the courthouse. The property was bid in last fall by the county for delinquent taxes, following a public sale, and as required by law the county placed valuations on the various properties, and offered them for sale at public auction today. The lower hallway of the courthouse was crowded this morning as H. C. Darby, special tax collector, conducted the auction.

Local News

Mr. Foster in Town—Roy Foster, of Ideyid, spent Friday in this city on business.

Improving—Harry Rapp, who is a patient at the veterans' hospital, is reported to be improving.

Back From Corvallis—Mrs. F. C. Frear drove to Corvallis yesterday and brought her daughter, Miss Dorothy, student at O. S. C., home for the summer months.

Home From Eugene—Bill Wharton, student at University of Oregon, has arrived here to spend the summer months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wharton.

Flowers Given to Office—T. M. Winniford, of Garden valley, presented a bouquet of sweetpeas and another of white Easter lilies to the Roseburg News-Review office yesterday.

Home From College—Harrison Winston, student at Willamette university at Salem, is spending the summer at Winston with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Winston.

Visit at Smith Home—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gray, of Mojave, Calif., visited several days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith, 825 South Main street. Mr. Gray and Mrs. Smith are cousins and had not seen each other for several years.