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Heroism Is Not Enough

THE guards were heroes, every man, the dispatches say, telling of their desperate rear-guard action all the way from Ipo to that last stand before Singapore. MacArthur's Magnificence are heroes, every one, scratching and clawing every inch of the way as they are gradually forced back toward the end of the Bataan peninsula.

Heroism is not enough.

The thing predicted from the moment of the unexpected attack on Pearl harbor has come to pass. The bad news which we were warned to expect is here. We have lost the opening rounds of the war. We are, up to this point, a defeated nation.

To speak in such terms is not defeatism. It is realism. Victory can come only after defeat has been looked squarely in the face. Today all America is slowly realizing that we could LOSE this war.

Americans are not the kind of people to be discouraged by that prospect. It is the first preliminary toward bucking down to the kind of an effort that will win it. Win it we must, for our own sake, for the sake of our future and our children's future, for the sake of all humanity and civilization. Win it we will.

But events in the south Pacific make it clear that the task will be even greater than most of us had feared. It is too late now to bemoan the gin-palm and polo mind that lost Malaya and Singapore despite the individual heroism of the men who fought in vain. That mind has had its counterpart here. It is, or must be, a thing of the past.

We shall have to fight our way inch by inch to the destruction of Japanese military power; anything less implies our own destruction. While we do this we must at the same time extend utmost help to every theater of war where it is possible to strike, directly or indirectly, the enemies that have combined against us.

It is a sobering thought, and one which means very simply that no person's private affairs count for much until this menace has been removed. Like our forefathers of the Revolution, we are in for a battle for survival. Let us serve notice on the world, by actions, not words, that we propose to survive—and how!

A Ship's Testament

ALWAYS men have thought of a ship as being more than a conglomeration of wood and steel. So strong and dependable and alive it seems that men endow it with personality; so graceful and lovely, that men feminize that personality, and use the pronoun, "she."

The U. S. S. Augusta, sturdy cruiser of the battle fleet, has now added to that tradition of personality by drawing a will. Naval vessels have bank accounts, representing profits from operation of the ship's service facilities. The money is used from time to time for improvements and additions to the equipment. The Augusta now directs in her will that should she be a total loss her funds shall go to the Navy Relief society.

Thus a ship has been given not only a personality, but a heart.

Editorials on News

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down the street to do a little checking.

Put down in one column the people who have a son or a brother or a nephew or a cousin or

a husband in the armed forces of the United States. In another column put down those who have no one in whom they are interested in the army, the navy or the marine corps.

Your first column will be long and your second will be surprisingly short.

DON'T let anybody tell you that Americans with sons, brothers or husbands in the armed services don't know there's a war.

IT is true enough the American people aren't going around crying and wringing their hands. It is equally true that they are going about their normal affairs in more or less their usual manner. What SHOULD they be doing? Wailing and tearing their hair? Standing in the middle of the street and jumping up and down and screaming?

IF they thought these things would really help win the war, the American people would be doing them.

But they don't think so. Their practical common sense tells them that for the present at least doing their everyday jobs as efficiently as possible and as CHEERFULLY as possible is the BEST thing they can do. So that is what they are doing.

THIS tale is loose in financial and industrial circles of the Pacific Coast. This writer has heard it twice in recent days in widely separated quarters.

The starry-eyed boys of the New Deal (not the responsible leaders of our government but the more or less crackpot fringe that still hangs on in Washington) are aiming at an ultimate national debt of FOUR THOUSAND BILLION dollars.

It's just another screwy rumor, of course—too absurd to be paid any attention to. It is significant only as an indication of the thoughts that are in men's minds. Generally speaking, business men expect when the war is over to go through a door which as yet they can not see into a world that will be UTTERLY NEW.

THEY aren't scared. Whatever kind of world we shall live in after the war they are ready to accept. The big thing now is to WIN the war. Business men are smart enough to know that if we lose the war nothing else will matter.

While he may not put it to himself as clearly in words, the man on the street knows it just as well as the business man.

THAT is why these astronomical sums that are being dealt with in Washington dispatches create hardly a ripple on the surface of public opinion.

Astronomical appropriations mean astronomical debts. Debts HAVE TO DO WITH THE FUTURE.

But everyone knows instinctively that there will BE NO FUTURE unless we win the war. So why worry about debt?

The only thing worth worrying about is spending these astronomical sums wisely enough to insure the winning of the war.

Estimates of Tire Needs Are Asked

Estimates of truck tires needed during the coming year still are being received by the Roseburg tire rationing board, it was announced today. The board has requested operators of logging trucks to file an estimate of anticipated needs in order that data might be submitted in an effort to secure larger quotas in the near future. All such estimates must be turned in immediately. It is stated, as the data soon must be sent to the state office.

The board reports the following certificates issued since Feb. 9: Trucks—E. R. Holm, O. S. Chambers, Noble Standley, C. W. Dishman, Ray Laurence, Robert Burroughs. Passenger cars—Robert Paulson, Harry Parrott. Obsolete—Robert J. Clark, George F. Jones, Terry Dunham, O. A. Rowe, Milford Biddington, G. L. Looney, E. A. Heater, A. J. Starmer, F. W. Shortridge, C. H. Wallen, G. W. Gillam, C. E. Bourne.

Beginners First Aid Class Starts Thursday

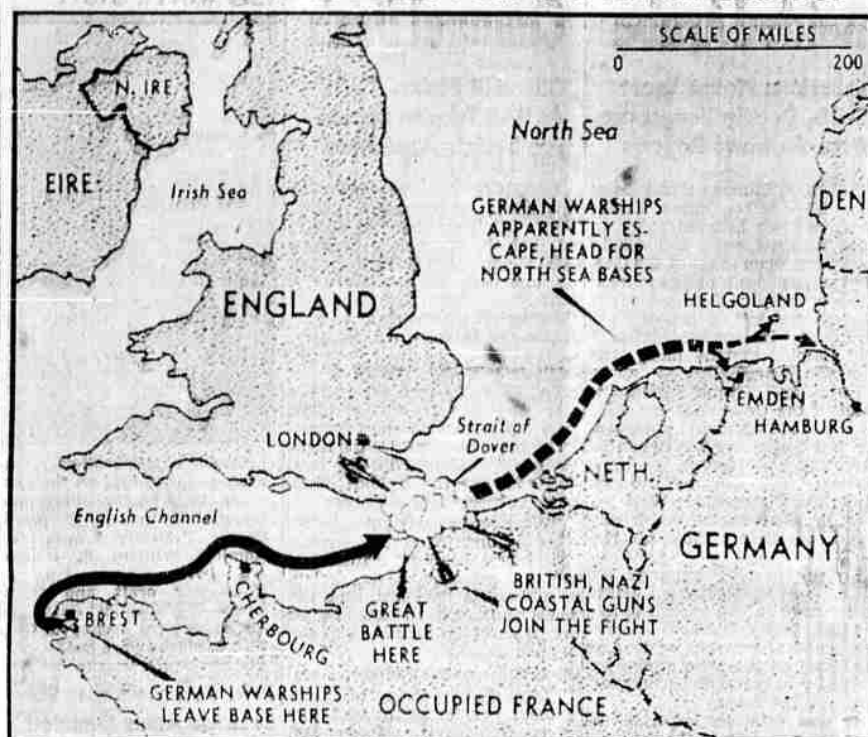
A beginning class in first aid will start at 7:30 p. m. Thursday at the junior high school gymnasium. It was announced today. Although designed for the medical auxiliary of the civilian defense unit, the course will be open to any interested persons and anyone desiring to take the course is invited to be present.

The advanced class of the medical auxiliary will meet at the junior high gym at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

OUT OUR WAY



Here's How German Battle Fleet Ran British Gauntlet



The biggest battle fought off England's shores since the defeat of the Spanish armada ended in apparent victory for the Nazis when a German battle fleet headed by the 26,000-ton battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and supported by a giant air escort fought its way through a gauntlet of British air and surface craft and scattered into the mist of the North Sea. British and Nazi coastal guns joined in the free-for-all as the German battleships and the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen dashed from their harbor at Brest apparently for safer North Sea bases.

Improvement Of Ranges Included In AAA Program

Good grass is the best way to obtain the increased production of milk, meat and wool needed in the food-for-victory program, and new provisions of the AAA program will help Douglas county ranchers improve ranges and pastures, the county AAA office has announced.

A new range management practice in the 1942 AAA program affords range operators assistance in seeding, applying fertilizers, removing brush, building fences, constructing fire guards and stock trails, providing water facilities and otherwise improving ranges and pastures. Ranchers of Douglas county may obtain further information on the 1942 range improvement program by calling at the county AAA office. Those planning to take part in the program should act very soon, however, so that a management plan can be prepared for each ranching unit before the start of the pasture season.

First Aid Class on Air Raid Wardens to Meet

The first aid class No. 1 for air raid wardens will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the circuit court room of the courthouse. All air raid wardens assigned to the class are urged to be in attendance.

Spend Day Here—Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strong and daughter, Mrs. Franz Tetherau, of Rice Hill, spent Monday here visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Strong just recently returned from a trip to California, where she spent a short time with her son, Byron, of the U. S. navy air service, who had a few days leave in San Francisco.

By Williams

Enemy Aliens Put On Move in West

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16—(AP)—Hundreds of enemy aliens, the vanguard of many thousands yet to be moved, were cleared from California's key military and industrial areas over the week-end.

They were residents of 69 restricted zones for which the government has set an evacuation deadline of last midnight.

Federal authorities, searching the areas for possible stragglers, said the removal was without incident. Any enemy aliens found in the zones now will be subject to internment until the end of the war.

Even as the first exodus was being completed, government men looked to Washington for guidance in carrying out further orders for the removal of thousands of other aliens from prohibited zones in California by Feb. 24.

Tom C. Clark, western co-ordinator of enemy alien control, left for Washington after indicating that the army and navy were not satisfied with measures taken so far. He said a modified kind of martial law permitting the removal of scores of thousands of aliens and many of their American born children, might be adopted to clear California, Washington and Oregon coastal areas of persons considered undesirable by the army and navy.

Clark estimated there were 33,500 Japanese, 71,700 alien Germans, and 100,000 alien Italians in California.

"The biggest danger from alien Japanese is their espionage menace—what they might see and hear and pass on to others to do our enemies the most good," Clark said.

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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Red Nichol's Orchestra.
4:25—Around the Ring.
4:30—Lest We Forget.
4:45—Music Depreciation.
5:00—American Legion Auxiliary.
5:15—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats.
5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine.
5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.
6:00—Dance Review.
6:15—Phil Stearns News, Aviation.
6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola.
6:45—Interlude.
6:50—News, Cal. Pac. Utilities.
6:55—Interlude.
7:00—News and Views, Studebaker.
7:15—Arthur Kassel's Orchestra.
7:30—Arthur Mann From London.
7:45—Recital Hall.
8:00—What's My Name, Standard Brands.
8:20—BBC News.
8:35—The Shadow.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Music for You, McKean & Carstens.
9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
9:45—Dick Jurgen's Orchestra.
10:00—Sign off.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30—Top of the Morning.
7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.
7:15—Rise and Shine, Plough Chem. Co.
7:30—Interlude.
7:40—Motorist's Edition of State and Local News.
7:45—J. M. Judd says "Good Morning."
7:50—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club.
8:30—This and That.
8:45—As the Twig Is Bent, Post's Bran Flakes.
9:00—John B. Hughes, Asperitane.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Shopper's Guide.
9:45—Wayne West Songs.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Helen Holden.
10:30—Front Page Farrell, Ana-cin.
10:45—Joe Frassetto's Orchestra.
11:00—Adventure of Jane Arden, Copco.
11:15—Wheel of Fortune.
12:00—Interlude.
12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co.
12:15—Interlude.
12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.
12:25—Rhythm at Random.
12:45—State News, Hansen Motor Co.
12:50—News-Review of the Air.
1:00—Mutual Goes Calling.
1:30—Johnson Family, Swans-down.
1:45—Bonke Carter.
2:00—John Sturgess, Baritone.
2:15—I'll Find My Way.
2:30—At Your Command.
2:45—The Bookworm.
3:00—Johnny Richard's Orchestra.
3:15—Man About Town.
3:30—News, Douglas National Bank.
3:45—Musical Matinee.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Sam Brewer.
4:25—Musical Interlude.
4:30—Frank Cuhel, Interlude.
4:45—Music Depreciation.
5:00—Homes on the Land.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

In storm or fog, the pilot of an airplane may not be able to see the ground. Clouds may prevent him from locating the landing field. But from the ground, an electric beam is sent which registers on his instruments. That beam is his avenue to safety. He lands "on the beam." The instrument board of his plane is covered with dials, meters and gauges. The action of those instruments is governed by known facts of air pressures, of magnetic attractions, of demonstrated laws of physics. Relying on them the aviator may fly unerringly to his goal through the darkness of night, across the seas, out of sight of guide posts, landmarks, or stars, through the dangers and uncertainties of storm or fog. What is true in the realm of aviation is also true in the realm of the spirit. We must keep "on the beam" if we would avoid a spiritual crack-up. The world has travelled far from fundamental principles. No longer is religion the common denomination in all our thinking. Science, education, economics, these are the gauges on the instrument board of our lives. But science, education and economics are full of error, changeable finite. We shall never solve the problems of infinity by the pitiful logic of finite minds. We shall not penetrate the fog or safely ride the storm with no guide except our own reason. Eternal life is no longer worth the sacrifice of present possible enjoyments, has been the slogan of this present generation. Amen.

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7:15—Henry King's Orchestra.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Fordham vs. CCNY Basketball Game.
8:15—Dick Stabile's Orchestra.
8:30—Adventures in Melody.
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Your Federal Income Tax

No. 38
Bad Debts—Method of Deduction

Bad debts constitute a considerable item in the returns of many taxpayers and may be treated in one of two ways—either by deduction from gross income in respect to debts ascertained to be worthless either in whole or in part and charged off, or by a deduction of a reasonable addition to a reserve for bad debts. Taxpayers were given an option for 1921 to select either of the two methods. The method used in the return for 1921 must be used in returns for subsequent years unless permission is granted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to change to the other method. Application to change must be made at least 30 days prior to the close of the taxable year for which the change is to be effective. However, a taxpayer filing a first return for 1941 may select either of the two methods, subject to the approval of the commissioner upon examination of the return. Permission to adopt the reserve method is limited to taxpayers having a large number of accounts where credit is extended over a considerable period of time. It is not granted for the purpose of handling one specific debt.

What constitutes a "reasonable addition" to a reserve for bad debts must be determined in the light of the facts, and will vary as between classes of business and with conditions of business prosperity. It will depend primarily upon the total amount of debts outstanding as of the close of the taxable year, those arising currently as well as those arising in prior taxable years, and the total amount of the existing reserve. In case subsequent realization upon outstanding debts prove to be more or less than estimated at the time of the creation of the existing reserve, the amount of the excess or inadequacy in the existing reserve should be reflected in the determination of the reasonable addition necessary in the taxable year. A taxpayer using the reserve method should show in his return the volume of charge sales (or other business transactions) for the year, and the percentage of the reserve to such amount, the total amount of notes and accounts receivable at the beginning and end of the taxable year, and the total amount of the debts ascertained to be worthless and charged against the reserve during the taxable year.

Conservation Of Bale Ties Urged

Another threat of shortage this week drew a prescription for conservation from the Douglas county USDA war board. Bale ties are the latest agricultural item to be affected by the war-time shortage bugaboo.

Leo Sparks, chairman of the county USDA war board, asks farmers, dairymen, stockyard operators and livestock producers to exert special efforts to conserve the present supply of bale ties. Such efforts will allow ties which are carefully removed from bales now to be re-used this summer.

Mr. Sparks suggests that bale ties be removed without cutting, or be cut as close to the loop as possible. When baling, short pieces of wire bale ties which ordinarily would be discarded can be spliced and used.

The chairman has been informed that farmers will need between 90,000 and 100,000 tons of 14 and 15-gauge wire for baling hay and straw and other forage crops in 1942, or the equivalent in weight to about three thousand battlements, or three thousand medium tanks.

Repeating the previous call for conservation of burlap, Mr. Sparks asks farmers not to set their old burlap sacks. Supplies of new sacks will be limited, he points out, and every old sack should be saved for use at harvest time.

Defense Bond Payroll Unit to Meet Tonight

All members of the payroll group of the county defense savings bond sale committee are urged by H. O. Pargeter, county chairman, to attend a meeting to be held at 7 o'clock tonight at the Douglas Abstract company office. George H. Godfrey of Portland, deputy administrator, will be present to address the meeting. Members of the payroll group are: H. C. Berg, county vice-chairman, J. F. Dillard, Charles E. Emery, Carl G. Enander, Fred A. Goff, M. B. Green, H. T. Hansen, Thomas Hartfield, Clair High, J. B. Hennessy, E. R. Kenny, Herbert D. Quine, Lyman L. Spencer, R. L. Whipple, Roy O. Young, Geo. K. Quine, Adam Flurry, Curtis Calkins, Glen Owens, Howard Stucky, Kenneth Ford, Roseburg; Ward Ingham, Glendale; John Standley, Camas Valley.

New Warship Launched 9 Months Ahead of Slate

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Feb. 16—(AP)—The battleship Alabama plunged today from the Norfolk navy yard building ways into the waters of the Elizabeth river. The new dreadnaught was speeded to completion nine months ahead of schedule.

Secretary of the Navy Knox hailed the launching of the 35,000-ton warship as the end of the "defense era" and the beginning of a "war era."

"And ships will pour from our yards in ever-increasing quantities; ships which bring us supremacy at sea; ships which will bring us victory," the secretary said.

Martin Marks, Early-Day Roseburg Resident, Dies

Martin Marks, early-day resident of Roseburg, later a coffee merchant of Portland, Ore., for 45 years, died in the latter city last Saturday at the age of 73. He was a son of the late Saul Marks and a brother of the late Herman Marks of Roseburg, and was born in San Francisco.

Survivors include two sons, Martin, Jr., and Julian, and a sister, Mrs. J. F. Reinhart, all of Portland.

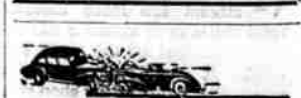
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