

### Granges Active Despite War Duty, Report to Pomona

Douglas county granges are remaining alert and active despite the overtime farm work, Fred A. Goff, county deputy reported at the meeting of Douglas County Pomona grange, which met Saturday with Riverside grange. Goff urged the various granges to endeavor to bring into membership the many new residents locating in farm areas and to make particular effort to acquaint young people with the work of the grange.

An extension program for Douglas, Josephine and Coos counties, having as its leading feature the youth movement, is being arranged by state grange officers in cooperation with local grange membership Goff reported to the members of Pomona grange. All members will be contacted, especially young people, with a view of assisting in community welfare and home building.

**Activities Narrated**  
Reporting the work of the county agricultural committee, of which he is chairman, Goff reported that the committee has been active in price, transportation, labor and marketing problems. He told of installation of seed cleaning and shipping facilities at the Roseburg supply building, and stated that the organization is expanding its services slowly but efficiently.

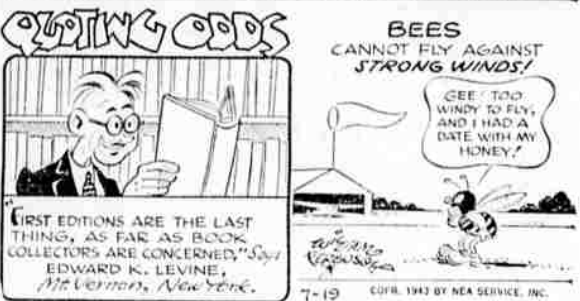
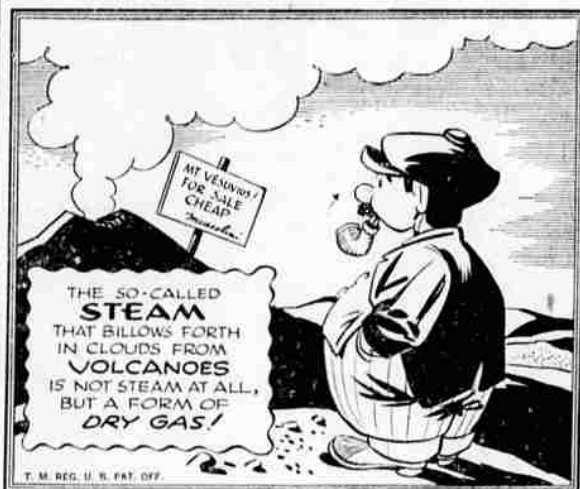
With regard to the agricultural situation, he reported that lamb marketing is well under way. Poultry and eggs are at high peak, but returns are only average, due to high feed costs. The pest hunt, he said, is lagging because of the increased work on farms. Riverside grange is the only one maintaining pest hunt reports.

**Dinner and Program**  
The Pomona grange meeting was conducted by W. O. Patterson, master. The morning hours were given over to the business session with a basket dinner being enjoyed at noon under the direction of Mrs. Bessie Tipton, chairman of the home economics committee of Pomona grange.

The lecturer's program during the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Elsie Spackman, Pomona lecturer, and included group singing, led by Mrs. Arlene Myers, accompanied by Mrs. Ben Chilson at the piano; roll call, "The Four Freedoms," as roll call topic; address by Elmer McClure, state deputy and overseer of the Oregon state grange, and readings by Susie Richards and Elsie Spackman.

Doris and Priscilla Salven were received as new members and were given the obligation by Mrs. Alice Goff. Plans for the state-wide coming contest, sponsored by the state grange and White Satin Sugar company, were discussed. Final details were left to a later meeting. An invitation was extended to the Bonneville Power administration to conduct

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### 'Ike' Greets Canadians in Sicily



General Dwight Eisenhower, commander of Allied forces in North Africa, is shown greeting Canadian officers on Sicily. Eisenhower conveyed compliments to Canadian command through Captain J. E. Moore (third from right). Official U. S. Army Signal Corps Radio-Teletype photo.

an industrial survey of Douglas county, and a committee was appointed to represent the grange in cooperating with the power administration in gathering survey data.

### First DeMolay Member Killed By Traffic Guard

KANSAS CITY, July 19—(AP)—Louis G. Lower, 41, first member of De Molay, masonic organization for young men, was fatally shot yesterday when he challenged the authority of a man attempting to direct traffic at the busy Union station plaza. Detective inspector Edward J. Larson said Clyde Souders, 49, whom he identified as a war plant guard and former police clerk, is being held in jail and will be taken before the prosecutor today. No charges have been filed. Larson said Souders told police he had fired at Lower's arm when he thought Lower was reaching

### Nazis Reeling Before Reds' Counter-Drive

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heavy losses in the Nazi armored and air divisions, the Russians said. They announced they had knocked out 78 tanks and 137 planes on Saturday and said an incomplete check showed 20 more tanks destroyed yesterday to bring German losses to the staggering total of approximately 3,500 tanks and 2,000 planes in the last two weeks.

Russian communiques have indicated during the last two days that Red army troops were advancing steadily if somewhat slower despite adverse weather conditions. Their reports of the fighting showed that the Germans were nipping at the Soviet flanks and melting back in the face of determined Red army mechanized attack.

### NAZI BASES OVER WIDE AREA BOMBED FROM AIR

LONDON, July 19—(AP)—A strong force of allied planes was reported heading across the English channel this afternoon in the direction of Calais and Boulogne.

Earlier, the air ministry announced that RAF bombers and fighters destroyed eight enemy aircraft and damaged two enemy vessels in attacks last night on Nazi airport facilities in France and shipping off the Dutch coast. Swift mosquito planes on intruder patrols over northwest Germany and enemy-occupied territory attacked and damaged ten locomotives and bombed railway targets near Dieppe.

Two enemy fighters were knocked down as Typhoon bombers with fighter escort blasted the Abbeville airfield in France and two others were destroyed by Mustangs on patrol off the Dutch coast, the announcement said.

An additional four fighter planes were reported shot down in an attack on an enemy convoy by coastal command Beaufighters supported by Spitfires and Typhoons. Hits were registered on two units of the convoy.

Eight British planes failed to return from the Sunday operations. Other Blows Dealt  
In similar raids Saturday night, British fighter planes swept over France, Holland and Belgium, hitting up railway targets and airfields and attacking shipping with the loss of one plane.

The Berlin radio also reported "nuisance flights" over Germany Saturday night by allied planes. The Paris radio, in a broadcast recorded by Reuters, reported today that a great fire was raging in the French city of Rouen and damage already ran into millions of francs. It did not give the cause of the fire.

### A. E. Benson, Veteran of Spanish War, Passes

Albert E. Benson, Spanish-American war veteran and president of Portland, died at the Veterans hospital last Saturday. He was born in Massachusetts, October 2, 1876.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. A. B. Smith, of Jennings Lodge, Ore. Funeral services were held at the Veterans cemetery this afternoon. Arrangements were in charge of the Douglas Funeral home.

### Emil G. Helander of Reedsport Passes Away

Emil Gustave Helander, 58, resident of Reedsport, died at the county hospital Sunday afternoon. He was born in Finland, April 3, 1885. The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### Decline of Stocks Of Merchandise in Stores Foreseen

Stocks of merchandise in retail stores will decline steadily during the next six months, in the opinion of D. E. Carr, owner-manager of the Carr Variety stores at Roseburg, Reedsport, North Bend and Bandon. Mr. Carr returned Sunday from a trip to market centers at Portland, Seattle, Chicago, New York, New Orleans, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Stores have been maintained during the last few months, on pre-war stocks held by jobbers, Carr states. These surpluses are wearing exhaustion. Factories still engaged in production of consumer merchandise are far behind on orders and are able to supply only a fraction of the demand.

He anticipates that the pinch on consumers will become noticeable before Christmas. He reports that he found travel accommodations somewhat crowded throughout the mid-west and east, but on the Pacific coast the condition was much worse, with trains, buses and other means of transportation far more congested than in other sections of the country.

### Allies Bomb Rome After Destruction of Naples

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The war's initial attack on Rome followed closely the greatest aerial assault ever carried out in the Mediterranean theater—a daylight raid by more than 500 allied bombers Saturday on Naples, Italy's largest port and most important base for sending supplies and reinforcements to Sicily.

Wave after wave of bombers, principally American, poured hundreds of tons of explosives on Naples, after a night attack on the same objective by block-buster-carrying Wellingtons of the RAF.

Although the terrific pounding which started in the pre-dawn hours was continued until late afternoon, most of the daylight bombing was parked into less than two hours. Blockbusters and 1,000-pound bombs were showered on docks, rail yards, airfields and industrial areas, spreading a carpet of flames which sent smoke rising to a height of 12,000 feet.

Flying Fortresses led the way in the daylight portion of the devastating assault, followed by Mitchell and Marauder bombers and American Liberators.

The allied air forces also struck at mainland airfields of Italy at Monte Corvino and Pomigliano Saturday night, dropping explosives in strings across runways and buildings, it was announced. In direct support of the British Eighth army driving up the Sicilian east coast, other fleets



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of aircraft blasted at Catania and Randazzo, key communications center across Mount Etna from Catania.

Across the strait from these objectives, Halifax and American Liberators hurled tons of explosives upon Reggio Calabria's rail and port facilities early Sunday.

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA**, July 19—(AP)—The Rome radio said today that many residences were left aflame from the bombing of Rome but made no assertion that any damage had been done to church, cultural or historical structures.

### Mrs. Mabel B. Buttler Passes on in Roseburg

Mrs. Mabel Vera Buttler, 56, died Saturday in Roseburg following a prolonged illness. She was born February 7, 1887, at Warden, San Bernardino county, Calif., and was married to Lester J. Buttler at Santa Barbara, Calif., February 10, 1903. She came to Oregon in 1931, making her home at Grants Pass, moving to Roseburg in April, 1940. Mr. Buttler passed away in May, 1941.

Surviving are four daughters and seven sons: Mrs. Vera Gentry, Ventura, Calif.; Mrs. Alice Mitchell, Honolulu, T. H.; Mrs. Mary Ward and Rosie Buttler both of Roseburg; James Buttler, Ventura, Calif.; Sylvester Buttler, Klamath Falls; George Buttler, who is a prisoner of war in Japan; Benjamin Buttler, U. S. army in South Pacific; Gilbert and Earl Buttler both of Roseburg, and Private Johnathan Buttler of Camp William, Wisconsin. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. T. C. Hannon of the Nazarene church officiating. Interment will follow in Masonic cemetery.

### William D. Shelton, Infant, Passes Away

William Delbert Shelton, two months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert B. Shelton of Myrtle Creek, died suddenly Sunday morning. He was born at Roseburg, May 14, 1943.

Surviving, besides his parents, are two brothers and a sister, Donald, Beverly, and Phillip Shelton, all of Myrtle Creek. He is also survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Halbert, of Santa Clara, Calif., and Mrs. Margaret Shelton, Umpqua, Oregon.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at the Masonic cemetery where interment is to take place. Rev. Len B. Fishback officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Douglas Funeral home.

### Italy Exhorted to Resist; Dismal Future Pictured

BERN, July 19—(AP)—Declaring that Italy would be dismembered, her people enslaved and her treasures looted if she yielded, Carlo Scorza, new secretary of the fascist party, broadcast from Rome last night a frantic appeal for last-ditch resistance to the allies.

The speech, obviously a reply to the Roosevelt-Churchill unconditional surrender demand which last week was conveyed to the Italian people by radio and leaflets dropped from planes, acknowledged, however, that the plight of Italy is desperate.

Italy, Scorza said, is "as never before in mortal danger," picturing her as "little group of men" standing up against the two richest powers in the world who, he asserted, are "most avid to gorge and wishing to destroy her territorial and political unity and abolish her rights."

"The Italians know that this is a war of continents," he said. "The Italians know that this is a war of race, with the British and Americans as the vanguards of the inferior hordes."

**Gloomy Picture Painted**  
Although he made no direct reference to the allied ultimatum he held that only through continued resistance could the Italian nation survive. Recounting the nation's gains under 23 years of fascist rule he painted a stark picture of the fate in store for Italy in surrender.

"Resist! Resist! Resist!" he exhorted. "If the enemy should be victorious, what fate would befall us? The nation would be

broken up; the people would be reduced to a mass of serfs and most of them would fall under the Russian whip. The stronger would be sent to toil in the Urals mines and in the steppes; the less strong would raise flowers for the ladies or would sketch ceramics for English baronets. The sacked museum, the schools subjected to the whims of the conquerors; the idle arsenals, the ports deserted of our ships; the closed factories, the abandoned fields would bear witness."

### Oregon Convict Slain, Prison Guard Wounded

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stole an automobile owned by Chief of Police Harry Niles. He was apprehended and was serving out his original term.

Doolin was received at the prison from Clackamas county in November, 1942, to serve a 25-year term under the habitual criminal law.

### Fines Imposed on Six In Justice Court

Robert Walter Hausman was continued in custody here today following failure to pay a fine of \$10 after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public street, Justice of the Peace Thomas Hartfield reported. Other fines imposed in the justice court following pleas of guilty to the respective charges were announced by Judge Hartfield as follows: Richard Peakes, \$10, overlength load and \$50 overload; Samuel L. Hebard, \$10, failure to stop at a railroad crossing; Robert W. Owens, \$15, overload; George W. Short, \$10, failure to stop at a railroad crossing; Sylvester W. Coughran, \$10, axle overload.

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