

Roland Agee Is Claimed by Death

Roland Agee, well known resident of Roseburg for many years, died Tuesday at Mercy hospital at the age of 77. He was born at McMinnville, Oregon, son of the late Benjamin C. and Sarah Lady Agee, and in early life served as a deputy sheriff under his father in Douglas county. His activities at various times also included farming, operation of a grocery store and a partnership with A. A. Wilder in a gent's clothing store in this city.

Mr. Agee is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Miles, Fred, Earl, Elmer and Millie Agee, Roseburg; Asher Agee, Glendale; Minnie A. Cochran and Mrs. E. A. Kurtz, Portland.

Peace Plank Criticism Awaits Dewey's Reply

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liberty at home;" to providing stable employment by encouraging private enterprise freed of government competition and "detailed regulations."

"Remedies for economic and political problems should be based, the statement asserted, on intelligent cooperation between the federal government and states and local government and the initiative of civil groups, not on the panacea of federal cash."

"Four years more of new deal policy would centralize all power in the President, and would daily subject every act of every citizen to regulation by his henchmen; and this country could remain a republic only in name," the platform said. "No problem exists which cannot be solved by American methods. We have no need of either communist or fascist technique."

Making appeals to business, labor and agriculture alike, the platform charged that new deal "perverts" of labor laws "threatens to destroy collective bargaining completely and permanently."

Pledge Given Farmers

Farmers were promised an "American market price" to be maintained by commodity loans, price supports and other measures, and government aid in dealing with "unmanageable surpluses" by means of crop adjustment. This will probably go a long way toward removing the principle of crop control as an issue. The republicans pledged, however, the elimination of subsidies as a substitute for adequate prices at the market places. They also promised to free farmers from "regimentation and confusing government manipulation and control of farm programs."

In the field of foreign trade, the republicans promised farmers, livestock producers, workers and industry that they would establish and maintain a "fair protective tariff" on competitive products to the end that the American standard of living would not be impaired through importation of products produced with lower-paid labor.

They expressed willingness nevertheless to cooperate with other nations to remove international trade barriers.

Other planks pledged aid to small business; tax relief for individuals and corporations when peace returns; a "genuine" western hemisphere good neighbor policy "commanding respect, and not based on reckless scolding of American funds;" rigid economy in government expenditures, and enforcement of laws against monopoly and unfair competition.

Expansion of the social security program was pledged with an assurance that the existing private practice of medicine would not be disturbed.

States' rights also were emphasized in the administration of a social security program which the platform set forth under five points:

1. Old age and unemployment

insurance for those not already covered.

2. Return of the public employment offices to the states.

3. A study of federal-state programs for maternal and child health, and assistance to the blind, with a view to strengthening these programs.

4. Federal stimulation of state plans to provide medical and hospital service for the needy "without disturbing doctor-patient relationships or socializing medicine."

5. Stimulation of state and local low cost housing plans "when such housing cannot be supplied or financed by private sources."

Dewey and Bricker Nominated by G. O. P.

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change our direction here at home. We are here to name as president a man whose character and record give assurance that this nation will now go forward to a greater future."

Without naming President Roosevelt, Griswold said "the past will have its spokesman in this campaign" but the republicans propose in Dewey to have "the spokesman of the future."

Great Record Cited. He praised Dewey's record as a racket-busting prosecutor who "broke the alliance between corrupt politics and crime" and declared: "What a house cleaning this nation needs and what a man to do the job!"

As governor of New York, Griswold said, Dewey has "humanized" the tax system and given the public a "one-page tax report so simple as to baffle no one except a Washington bureaucrat." A surplus of \$164,000,000 in state funds "has been locked up for the day when the boys return—to stimulate jobs."

Dewey and the state legislature "working as a team" have provided a "model program" for security and rehabilitation of war veterans without "a directive from Washington."



RATION CHANGE ON PUMPS

Endorsement by the State AAA committee is now required by the War Production board on applications for a preference rating on an internal combustion engine over 20 h. p. or an electric motor over 1 h. p. for use in an irrigation plant. The new procedure places rationing of well casing and pumping machinery on a state rather than a county basis. Applicants are required to state on their applications the basic information needed to judge the feasibility and desirability of the enterprise. Applications will be reviewed by county farm rationing committees which will make recommendations to state committees and issue the necessary purchase certificates for approved enterprises.

STORAGE SUPPLIES UP

June 1 stocks of all food items in cold storage, except apples and creamery butter, were larger than a year earlier. Total beef in storage on June 1 was nearly three times greater than on June 1, 1943; pork, 50 per cent greater; lamb, three times greater; eggs, 17 per cent greater; frozen poultry, six times greater; frozen vegetables, nearly twice greater; frozen fruits, about 20 per cent greater.

FARMS FOR VETS

About half of the seven million acres of U. S. land acquired from private owners for military purposes during the war can be developed into good farms if the land is not needed for future military use, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Current estimate is that 8,000 to 10,000 farms and ranches of various sizes could be set up on these acres.

BAE also reports that if the rate of retirement from farms continues at the same level as before the war, there will be about 500,000 family size farms available to new operators, including war veterans, in the first 10 years after the war.

P. A. Comstock Funeral Arranged

Philetus Abraham Comstock, 81, a resident of Sutherlin for the past 35 years, died at a hospital in Eugene Tuesday, following a short illness.

Born near Palo, Mich., May 4, 1863, he had engaged in farming throughout his active lifetime. He was a member of the Christian church.

He was married Nov. 10, 1930, to Mrs. Jennie Slater, at Sutherlin, who survives.

He leaves a daughter and two sons by a former marriage, Mrs. Leta Young and Max Comstock, Sutherlin, and Kenneth B. Comstock, Seattle, together with three stepsons and three stepdaughters, Harold R. Slater, Redwood City, Calif.; Richard T. Slater, Coquille; Mrs. Blanche Parker, Gresham; Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Drain; Walter Slater, Oakland, and Mrs. Mildred Joelson, Roseburg. A brother, Al Comstock, resides at Fenwick, Mich.

Funeral services will be held in the Methodist church, Sutherlin, at 2 p. m. Thursday, conducted by the Rev. J. B. Needham, with interment following in the Valley View cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Caen at Stake in Great Battle Now in Progress

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command acknowledged a penetration in one area in this sector, but said other blows were thwarted.)

Trap Threatens Rommel

Gen. Montgomery held a position of great potential advantage at Tourville, about six miles southwest of Caen. A swift armored drive from there, such as characterized his African desert offensives, would cut all Marshal Rommel's communications into Caen and certainly trap a number of Nazi divisions around the city. Rommel was known to have four tank divisions, two of them seasoned outfits, in this area. The biggest tank battle of the campaign, similar to those which characterized the fighting in Libya and Tunisia, appeared in the offing.

The British advance was made in the hardest kind of fighting. The Germans used tanks extensively and dozens of big German Tiger and Panther tanks were destroyed.

(Berlin radio declared the guns of "modern British battleships" were being employed in the fighting around Tilly, with planes directing their fire for several hours. It acknowledged a withdrawal of two kilometers "to avoid unnecessary losses.")

Mop-up Completed

On the Cherbourg peninsula Americans continued their mop-up job, capturing an arsenal

which had been holding out, and attacking German-held Maupertuis airfield to the east of Cherbourg and remnants of Germans trapped at Cap De Le Hague.

Americans in Cherbourg captured a second German general, the deputy commander of Cherbourg, Maj. Gen. Robert Stettler, yesterday when they stormed the arsenal in the port city, one of the last centers of Nazi resistance.

Supreme headquarters disclosed that the allies had suffered 40,549 casualties in the first two days of the invasion. German losses in killed, wounded, and captured for three weeks of battle were estimated at not less than 70,000.

American casualties were 24,162, more than half the total suffered by the allies and did not include those incurred in the assault on Cherbourg.

Clearing weather gave the allies the opportunity to throw their air superiority into the furious battle raging on the eastern wing of the bridgehead.

Japanese Steel Ring Tightening on Hengyang

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the largest number in some time. Salpan Task Not Ended

AP Correspondent - Rembert James reported from Salpan that Americans on "the firing line" thought they glimpsed the eventual end of the hardest land battle in the central Pacific, although none doubted the most difficult fighting still lay ahead. "The Americans control the air, half the island and hold the initiative,"

American planes again raided Guam and Rota islands south of Salpan, Tokyo radio said, declaring that from 60 to 100 craft struck at the islands still in enemy hands. These were the third attacks in four days on Guam and Rota, suggesting that the U. S. navy was clearing the way for expansion of its holdings in the Marianas, which are 1,500 miles from Japan.

Coupled with the reported Guam-Rota raids was an air blow at Yap from Gen. MacArthur's southwest Pacific theater.

Yap, 250 miles northeast of Palau in the Carolines, was slugged with 35 tons of bombs, presumably to insure that Japanese air forces there are kept from interfering with the Salpan operations 700 miles to the north.

It was Yap's third raid in a week and 30 enemy planes rose to meet it. Eight were downed. The Americans lost a Liberator.

MacArthur's airmen bombed Palau and Woleai, wrecked a Jap freighter off Boeroe island west of New Guinea, damaged three other vessels in the East Indies, and attacked their old favorite, Rabaul.

The Japanese retaliated with a ten-ton raid on Black Island's Mokmer airdrome, inflicting minor casualties.

Myitkyina was still under

heavy attack by Lt. Gen. Stilwell's troops and a supporting Chinese force cut the Burma road below Lungling, which the Chinese are trying to recapture. The Chinese who captured Mogauing moved six miles northeast and took Namli.

Losses Compared. The allies lost 6,000 men killed or missing and 12,000 wounded in the Burma-India campaign from Jan. 1 to May 31, it was estimated officially today.

The Japanese in the same period lost 21,700 dead, and probably 20,000 wounded, headquarters said. These figures do not include losses suffered or inflicted by Stilwell's Chinese American forces.

Finland Handed Over To German War Forces

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cavalry paraded through the heart of Helsinki.

Finland's government announced officially last night that von Ribbentrop had answered an appeal for help with troops, and proclaimed that a "perfect understanding" had been reached between the two countries. Dispatches said the alignment was so complete the Finnish com-

unique henceforth would be a part of the German communiqué.

Aid Asked By Finn Chief. As the Germans took possession of Helsinki, Associated Press Correspondent Robert Sturdevant managed to telephone from there, despite stringent censorship: "I am moving—I emphasize moving—to the American legation tonight. Watch Berlin."

Sturdevant said Finnish President Rytli last week initiated the request for German aid and that von Ribbentrop flew to Helsinki to confer with Rytli and Foreign Minister Ramsay.

All through the negotiations, it was said, the Finnish parliament was uninformed of the proceedings, a duplication of the actions of Rytli and his associates when Finland went to war with Russia in 1941.

Relations between the United States and Finland were described as on a "day to day" basis.

Scheduled Meeting of Lions Club Deferred

The Roseburg Lions club today announced cancellation of its regular meeting scheduled for tonight. The regular dinner meeting was cancelled to avoid conflict with the bond shows at the Indian theater.

I. O. O. F. Will Honor Soldier Here on Leave

Sergeant Melvin H. McCord of Glendale, the first member of Philatopian lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., to return from the fighting front for a furlough at home, is to be honored by a reception and dinner at the lodge hall Thursday night. The dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock, all lodge members and the members of their immediate families being invited to attend. Arrangements are in charge of Grand Master Ralph L. Russell, Lorne T. Swenson and Dale Adams. The regular weekly meeting will follow the dinner.

Mrs. Harry Howe Dies At Her Roseburg Home

Mrs. Harry (Maude Irene) Howe, 48, died at her home, 101 Roberts St., Roseburg, this morning following a short illness. Born at Mattoon, Ill., Aug. 21, 1895, she had made her home in Roseburg since 1930.

Surviving are her husband, Harry Howe, a son, Lt. Wayne Howe, in military service; her mother, Mrs. Nancy Keller, Payette, Idaho, who has been in Roseburg during Mrs. Howe's illness, and four sisters, Mrs. Ed Patton,

Payette, Idaho; Mrs. Fred Sherman and Mrs. Marie Stonehocker, both of Boise, and Mrs. Homer Moon, Ilo Springs, Idaho.

Mrs. Howe was a member of the Baptist church.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. L. L. Simmons at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel at 10:30 a. m. Friday. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

Scheduled Softball Games Are Postponed

Attention of softball fans was called again today to the fact that games originally scheduled for Wednesday night will not be played until Thursday night, in order to avoid conflict with the war bond shows to be presented tonight. The regular doubleheader will be presented Thursday at Finlay field, starting at 7:15 p. m.



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