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The Weather
U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon.
Forecast for Roseburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy with showers tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

In the Day's News

losses than the enemy can. (Just as Grant, in the final campaign before Richmond, could afford to lose more men than Lee.)

THE losses, as announced, afford another interesting slant. We took approximately 24 times as many prisoners as von Rundstedt did. It is a fairly well established rule of war that more prisoners are taken by the OFFENSIVE side than by the defensive—especially in a sudden drive in unexpected strength, accompanied by surprise.

OUR obvious conclusion is that the Germans were BUYING TIME. Why they were willing to pay such a price for the time thus bought, we do not know.

IF we Americans are wise, we will keep our fingers crossed about Poland, the Balkans, etc., where the Russians are methodically establishing something even more tangible than a sphere of influence. It is obvious by this time that Moscow knows what it is about and is determined to carry through whatever plans it has in mind.

BOLISLAW BERUT, president of the new Polish provisional government just established at Lublin with Russian aid, called in the correspondents at a dinner the other night and told them some interesting things about Poland.

THE 18-YEAR OLD VOTER

By Charles V. Stanton

SHALL voting age be lowered to 18 years? That is a question being seriously debated in many states of the Union and one coming before the Oregon legislature at its current session. It is quite probable the matter will be referred by the legislators to the people of Oregon.

It is easy to say: "If he is old enough to fight for his country, he is old enough to vote." It is an appealing sentiment. At first glance it would seem indisputable.

But what happened to an 18-year-old before he was able to fight? He was placed in a camp where every waking hour was devoted to one task and one task alone—learning to fight. He was carefully coached and trained. He spent hour upon hour marching—marching until every bone in his body ached, his feet covered with blisters, and he was ready to drop with exhaustion.

But even then his every movement was supervised. He was told what to do and when to do it. If he showed superior talent, he was made a non-commissioned officer and took on more responsible duties.

Who would think of appointing an untrained, 18-year-old youth to lead an army? Or who would think of sending out an army of untrained 18-year-old youths to engage in combat?

If 18-year-olds could be as thoroughly trained to vote as they are taught to fight we would be very much in favor of permitting them the right of franchise. In fact, as soon as enough had been so qualified, we would favor disfranchising all untrained voters.

It is true that high school youths are given a smattering of history and civics. But we doubt if any great number of 18-year-olds could debate seriously upon any major political issues. Their minds are not attuned to such subjects.

The American Legion in its Beaver Boys State, an annual summer school where a selected group of boys receives special training in civics and administration, is doing a remarkably fine work in educating voters.

But rather than lower voting qualifications, it is our opinion they should be raised.

Records recently compiled by the National Commission for the Defense of Democracy Through Education show that 24.9 per cent of the voters in this country have received no more than a 6th grade education; 33.1 per cent have had one or more years of high school education, 24.1 per cent have graduated from high school and 4.6 per cent are college graduates.

Simply because a man has not had more than a 6th grade education does not necessarily mean he is ignorant or unqualified as a voter. Nor do we imply that a person is ignorant at the age of 18 years. What we are endeavoring to point out is that we need training and education to be voters just as we need instruction to be soldiers.

If an 18-year-old youth is old enough to fight after a year's training, he would be old enough to vote if given the same type of intensive instruction in the duties of citizenship. But when he is required to obtain that knowledge through association and debate with people little more informed than himself, or through serious study, which all too few voters attempt, he needs more years to mature his judgment before undertaking the right of franchise.

Proper voting is as important as winning wars. In fact, if every nation had voters who were trained and qualified before being permitted to cast ballots, we probably would have fewer wars. It is irresponsible leadership that produces war and such leadership results only from failure of people of a country to see clearly and act responsibly.

Sentiment is a fine thing in its place, but if we learn anything from the great war in which we are now engaged it should be the lesson of individual responsibility toward government. Rather than introducing a large body of untrained and largely irresponsible voters, we should be thinking of ways to create more thoroughly qualified voters among those to whom the privilege of franchise now is permitted.

Victory Garden Program Will be Continued in '45

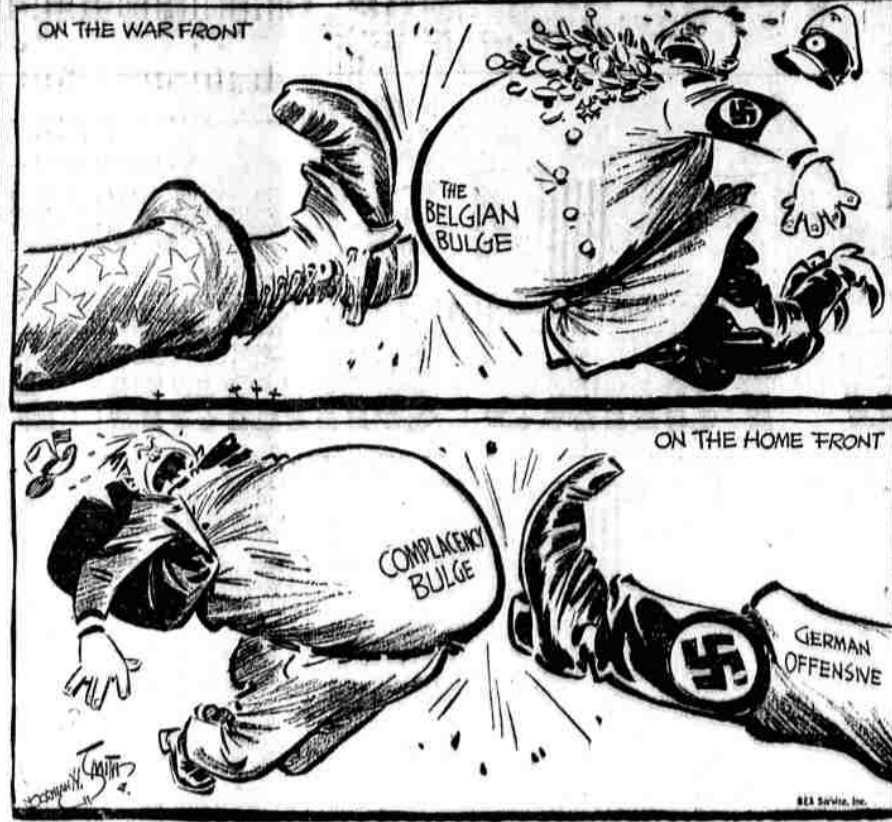
Victory gardens will be continued in 1945, with a government campaign to put into effect a "conversion program" designed gradually to transfer this great war-time activity to a peace basis and make it a permanent feature of American life.

Whatever food surpluses may be released by an armistice, the need for more garden-fresh vegetables to improve national nutrition has been demonstrated by war experience. At the same time, expansion of victory gardens to include the growing of flowers and other ornamental plants will be urged.

To help retain permanently the enormous social benefits which have accompanied the Victory Garden campaign, the department of agriculture has been urged to develop its services, now wholly rural, to take in the city and suburban gardeners who make three-quarters of the 20 million Victory Gardens, which produced half the fresh vegetables available to civilians in the last two years.

Benjamin Franklin was the first postmaster general of the United States.

Perfect Targets



3 More Soldiers Get Long Terms For Supply Thefts

PARIS, Jan. 18—(AP)—Despite a plea that they had been browbeaten into signing confessions, three more American soldiers were convicted by a general court-martial Tuesday on charges of looting army supply trains in black market deals and were sentenced to long prison terms.

Both Cupp and Enepe testified that the officers of their unit were lazy. Roepke said once he submitted a letter for censorship and left hastily because it contained a large money order, but he said the officer read and sealed the letter and made no comment about the money order.

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THURSDAY
6:00—Music You Remember.
7:15—Lowell Thomas.
7:30—Songs of Great Cheer.
8:15—Voice of the Army.
8:30—Keyboard Rappers with Bob Doty.
9:30—Wings Over the Nation.
FRIDAY
8:30—Lanny and Ginger.
10:30—Luncheon With Lopez.
11:30—News-Review of the Air.
12:15—Dance Parade.
1:30—House of Mystery.
6:30—Double or Nothing.
9:00—Reddy Archer vs. Ralph Zanelli.
9:15—Roseburg vs. Junction City.
9:30—Freedom of Opportunity.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Tune Tabloid.
4:30—Boys' Town.
5:00—Sam Hayes, S. & W. Fine Foods.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's.
5:30—Tom Mix, Reilly's Parina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Furban's Toothpaste.
6:15—Dinner Music.
6:30—Music You Remember, Douglas Supply Co.
6:45—The Male Quartet, G. W. Young & Son.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.
7:30—Songs of Great Cheer, Copco.
7:45—The Old Corral.
8:00—Keyboard Rappers with Bob Doty.
8:15—Oregon State Orange.
8:30—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Red Miller Wildcat.
9:30—Wings Over the Nation.
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Kampter's Sav-N-Ser.
10:15—Music for the Night.
10:30—Sign off.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1945

- 6:30—Chevrolet Auction.
7:00—News, J. A. Tolter Co.
7:15—Blue and Shine, Smith Bros.
7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:40—Furniture Store.
7:40—Khapsody in Wax.
8:00—Dr. Louis Talbot, Los Angeles.
8:15—Men About Town.
8:30—202nd Army Band.
8:30—Shoppers' Guide.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:30—Musical.
9:30—Musical Clock, Modern Furniture.
9:45—Luncheon With Lopez, Van Camp, Inc.
10:45—Wheel of Fortune.
11:45—Morning Melodies.
12:00—Market Interlude.
12:15—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.
12:30—Treasury Song for Today.
12:45—Alka Seltzer News.
1:00—Alka Seltzer News.
1:15—Musical Concerts.
1:30—Musical Serenade.
1:45—Musical Serenade.
1:45—Alka Seltzer News.
2:15—Musical Serenade.
2:30—Musical Serenade.
2:45—Musical Serenade.
3:00—Griffin, Sporting.
3:15—Daily Records, Hunsingers, Maria.
3:30—Johnson Family.

W. F. McKinney, One-Time U. of O. Grid Star, Dies
OLYMPIA, Jan. 18—(AP)—Ward F. McKinney, 51, Hotel Olympian cigar stand operator, World war one veteran and one of the top flight football players at the University of Oregon two generations ago, died here suddenly last night.

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Cake Flour Red & White 2 1/2 lb. pkg. 27c
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Mayonnaise Red & White, Pint Jar 30c
Salad Dressing Sunspan, Qt. Jar 43c
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