

Sutherland School Opening Set; Staff Still Three Short

SUTHERLIN—The board of School District No. 130, Sutherland, has set the date for the opening of school as September 17.

The new school building is progressing nicely and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the time school opens. Most of the millwork in all of the rooms has been installed and is being painted. The asphalt tile flooring has arrived and will be laid in a very short while.

Superintendent Ivan C. Parker states that three vacancies in the teaching staff remain to be filled, one in the grades and two in the high school. With the cessation of hostilities, it is anticipated that numerous teachers will be seeking positions in the public schools and while the number is still not great there are some signs of relaxation in the extremely critical teacher shortage, Parker states.

The present grade school instructors include: Geneva, Garman, Hazel Davis, Elsie Snackman, Doris Garrett, Lois Palmer, Minnie Smith, Frances Cook, Clara Trozelle, and Thora Powell. Those contracted for high school positions include: Leila Wimberly, Alyce Peplon and Mr. Parker.

Plans for the coming school year include a physical education program for seventh and eighth grade boys and girls, high school students; home economics for high school girls; high school shop; a hot lunch program for both high school and grades; an intensified science curriculum; and other services. High school students will buy their books from the school office Wednesday and Thursday, September 12 and 13. High school students will be registered for the school year. For their convenience the office will open from 9 to 12 in the afternoon. School books may be obtained at this time also.

Due to the fact that the new school bus recently purchased will be late in arriving, details relating to transportation will be given at a later date.

Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Ivan C. Parker and daughter, Mary, Martha and Susan, arrived in Sutherland Tuesday after having spent two enjoyable weeks at Neskonwilt. They also visited friends and relatives in Woodburn and Salem.

New Type Wheat Heavy in Yield, Without Beards

OAKSDALE, Wash., Aug. 31.—(AP)—A new winter wheat variety, developed over the last 10 years in the back yard of a local resident, produced 72 bushels to the acre in a 27-acre field this year, the originator said today. The production is about twice the average of 35 bushels in this area this coming year.

The wheat, now being raised under contract on the Claude James ranch, is named "New Victory." Its originator, who declined to be identified until he has received patent protection, said the wheat is without beards, grows about five feet tall and does not lodge.

Its outstanding quality, he said, is that it stands up considerably, producing many heads of grain for each kernel sown. Last year,

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Hobart Black, farmer who harvested the crop, and warehousemen verified the yield and said it was the largest known in Whitman county.

Thought GI Mate Dead, Marries His Uncle

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both her with the future." His bride added, "I don't know what I'll do about it. I'll have to have time to think this out."

Marshall received a medical discharge from the Navy in May, 1944.

Mother Never Lost Hope
The couple received the news in their new home in Wichita, when Mrs. William S. Ross, mother of the confused bride, phoned to tell them that Gene had been found alive. Mrs. Ross said Marshall seemed stunned, but said he was glad that Birdwell was alive.

"Gene had gone with Ann ever since he was 10 years old," the sergeant's mother, Mrs. John K. Igo, said. "He worshipped the ground she walked on." They were married two years ago yesterday, on Aug. 30, 1943. Mrs. Igo said she had never lost faith that her son was alive.

"Oh, if Ann had only waited," exclaimed the girl's mother when she heard the news.

Birdwell Not Yet Told
News about the welfare of the sergeant came from the Kansas City Star's Pacific correspondent, who reported that Birdwell was now safely aboard the evacuation ship Reeves off Yokohama.

"The doctor says I need a few vitamins, otherwise I'm okay," the newly liberated prisoner told the Star correspondent. He said that his plane was shot down in flames over Balikpapan, Borneo, but that he had parachuted before the plane blew up.

The sergeant has had no chance as yet to hear of the events that have taken place the past two weeks in his family.

Nippon Prison Ordeals Bared by Rescued Men

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said they always welcomed American bombing raids on Japan.

Many B-29 crewmen were among the prisoners and had been beaten severely. Airmen, like submariners, were placed in a "special" classification by the captors.

V-Day Eases Brutality
Conditions improved after Japan's surrender was announced, the prisoners said. Beatings were less frequent, and from plane-dropped rations the men got their first real meal in months.

Prisoners will be sent home as soon as possible.

Among the survivors on the mercy ship, Reeves, was Commander Richard O'Kane of Durham, N. H., skipper of the U. S. submarine Tang, torpedoed off Formosa last October.

The sub effected a sensational rescue of 22 pilots shot down during carrier plane crashes against Truk, Japanese naval bastion in the Carolines.

O'Kane found eight other crewmen of the Tang.

"We were held and questioned incessantly under constant threat of death," O'Kane said. "It was worse than anything we had seen before."

Vital Statistics

MARRIAGE LICENSES
NEWPORT—John William Newbort and Della Anna Newport, both residents of Roseburg, a remarriage.

DRIVER EXAMS SLATED
Examinations of applicants for permits or licenses to operate motor vehicles will be held in Roseburg Wednesday, September 5. The examiner will be at the city hall from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Russo-China Pact Long Step Toward World Tranquility

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The new Russo-Chinese treaty of friendship is on the face of it—one of the most constructive pacts of the entire World War period.

Of course the proof of the pudding is in the eating, but the 30-year agreement, if carried out in the fullness of its promise, would go far towards guaranteeing peace between Asiatic nations for the coming generation. And that would do much to ensure global tranquility.

This in itself would be an intangible boon to humanity, but the pact seems to strike much deeper than that. We have here a gesture by Moscow which appears calculated to dispel suspicions held by the other allies regarding Russia's ambitions, not only in Asia but in Europe.

These suspicions certainly exist, but they cut both ways. The Soviet Union also has her doubts about the attitude of her allies in some particulars. This mutual distrust has constituted one of the greatest threats to continued unity among America, Britain and Russia—the Big Three upon whom the rest of the world depends to maintain peace. Without that unity no security organization can be made to work.

Soviet Influence Spreads
The close of the war is resulting in a realignment of spheres of influence among the European powers, for whether we like it or not—and a lot of folk don't like it—those spheres of influence are there. The Moscovites have been extending their influence into zones which formerly were under the sway of Britain, France, Germany or Italy.

Southeastern Europe is providing one of the current hot-spots. Communism is showing strength, and only last week British Foreign Secretary Bevin bluntly told the House of Commons that the governments of Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary—all in the Russian zone of influence—"do not represent the majority of the people." American Secretary of State Byrnes also notified the Bulgarian government that Washington didn't consider it as fully representing the people of Bulgaria.

Russia Yields Gain
As regards Asia, the world at large had been figuring that Moscow wanted to control Manchuria, among other territories. When the Russians declared war on Japan and quickly overran Manchuria, it looked as though the Soviet Union had the Asiatic situation in a sack. She might even dominate China.

Now along comes this Russo-Chinese treaty in which Moscow signs away sweeping potential gains. The Soviet Union will support General Chiang's government morally and give it military supplies—and won't aid the Chinese communists who are at odds with Chiang's regime. This might have the effect of removing the gray threat of civil war in China.

China Given Big Chance
Russia is to withdraw her troops from Manchuria within three months of Tokyo's surrender and China once more gets this great state which Japan stole from her. The Manchurian city of Port Arthur, which Russia leased from China in 1898 but lost in 1905 in the war with Japan, is to be used jointly by China and the Soviet Union as a naval base. The two countries also are to operate jointly the Chinese Eastern and Southern Manchuria Railways.

There are other terms, but none of them seems to lessen China's sovereignty. If this agreement is carried out it will give China a chance to build up her strength and become the major power which she is now in name only. It seems to be a pledge by Russia that she has limited her spheres of influence.

Hara-Kiri or Trial Up To War Lords of Japan
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theory of the atomic bomb but that the Nipponese lacked uranium and the industrial power of the United States to produce such weapons.

He said that Russia's entry into the war was expected by experts but came as a shocking surprise to most of the people as they had had no inkling of it.

Turning Point Realized
Asked when he first began to realize the war was turning against Japan, he said that while the battle of Midway was not a victory, "neither was it a defeat."

But, after Saipan and the subsequent bombing of Japan proper "we felt that we couldn't take it easy."

He was concerned about the

loss of Korea and Formosa, which would reduce the Japanese rice crop about one-fifth. How to feed the nation is the biggest problem, he said. When it was suggested that presumably rice still could be bought from those countries, he shrugged and said, "that may depend on the occupation terms."

Preference Waived To Get Employees For Vets Facility

The Veterans facility at Roseburg is in need of 65 or more employees to serve in various departments, according to Thomas W. Craig, Portland, assistant regional director, U. S. Civil Service commission, who has been surveying Civil Service needs in the Roseburg area as a part of the placement program for veterans.

Due to the facility's critical need, Craig said, civilians will be accepted for Civil Service positions and jobs will not be held exclusively for veterans.

Positions and starting salaries for women and men needed in various departments were listed by Mr. Craig as follows: Women—graduate nurse, \$2320; dietitian, \$2330; mess attendant, \$1572; hospital attendant, \$1572; janitor, \$1572; stenographer, \$1700; laundry helper, \$1572. Men—hospital attendant, mess attendant, laborer, janitor, \$1572 in each classification. Overtime at the rate of time and one-half will be worked per week. Veterans will receive preference, but until enough paid for more than 40 hours veterans are available any applicant qualified to perform the duties required will be given consideration, Craig said.

Thomas W. Morgan, Pioneer, Passes On

Thomas W. Morgan, 8, 7Douglas county pioneer and well-known resident of Lookingglass, died yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fern Goodman, at Coos Bay, where he had been visiting. He was born in Douglas county May 19, 1888, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, early settlers.

He was married to Lena Beymer at Heppner, Oregon, April 19, 1896. He spent most of his life here except for about fifteen years in eastern Oregon. Mrs. Morgan passed away about 4 years ago.

Surviving are seven sons and daughters; Dwight C. Morgan, Melrose; Mrs. Fern Goodman Coos Bay; Mrs. Gladys Martinez, and Mrs. Faye Peterson, both of San Francisco; Mrs. Marvel Lehn, Roseburg; Mrs. Ruth Hodges, Bremerton, Wash.; Mrs. Ann Caulson, Roseburg. Twenty grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home in Roseburg Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with conducting services and interment in the Lookingglass cemetery.

Meat, Gasoline Outlooks Take on Brighter Color
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get automatically a certain percentage of pork loins and shoulders. It will have to buy in competition with civilians.

Gasoline—The OPA said ceiling prices won't change when the better quality fuel comes in. You'll pay the same for higher-octane gasoline that you pay now for lower-quality. "And it won't be long before the change occurs."

The OPA, in its battle against inflation, soon will equip thousands of housewives with "anti-inflation shopping lists."

They'll keep a record of the food they buy, and how much they pay. The OPA intends to prosecute stores that sell above ceiling prices, but it needs facts on which to base the prosecutions.

WPA Chairman J. A. Krug issued a report based on a WPA survey of 42 major industries. He predicted that by December, industry will be producing civilian goods at a higher rate—in value than it did in the pre-war years 1939-41. That doesn't mean industry will have absorbed all the unemployed war workers and veterans by that time. Far from it.

The "unemployment compensation" bill in Congress is backed by President Truman. The proposal is to use Federal funds to help the states bring their pay level of \$25 a week for 26 weeks.

But the powerful Ways and Means committee of the House apparently was frowning on the measure today. One supporter said privately that probably not more than six of the committee's 24 members would vote for the bill. Chairman Doughton said it outs "a premium on loafing."

The work of war went on for

Gen. Wainwright Hero Despite His Own Misgivings

By DEWITT MacKENZIE

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Uncle Sam's Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who is now en route to Japan after his release from a Jap prison camp in Manchuria where he has been buried alive since his surrender of the American force at Corregidor, has become overnight one of the leading personalities in the great drama which is unfolding in Tokyo bay.

All this is quite unwitting on Wainwright's part. On the contrary it's the last thing he would have expected. Throughout his terrible years of imprisonment he has been tortured with the nightmare of his surrender. He thought he must be in disgrace with the folk back home.

Even now he can hardly understand his elevation to fame. You get that from his humble statement—but more strikingly from the years of hell that show in the eyes of the radiated photo which was taken on his release. That picture haunts one, for it tells the story of a man who thought he had failed in his great stewardship. Read his statement to the press.

Fortitude Is Attested
"I have had very little direct contact with my country or of our agencies thereof or even with my family for over three years, but such contacts here and there as I have had have caused me to believe that the administration, the War department and the American people have accepted my dire disaster with forbearance and generosity which I am sure are unique in the experience of a defeated commander."

Place beside this apologetic remark Wainwright's comment when arrogant and brutal Gen. Homma made his second demand for American surrender of the hard-pressed American forces. This is related not by Wainwright but by a fellow officer who remains anonymous. Said the American commander:

"I've been to general staff school and the war college, but they never taught me what to do if I was called upon to surrender. I guess we shall have to continue fighting."

Finally there was nothing left for Wainwright to do but capitulate, or sacrifice the lives of his entire command without reason.

"My gallant troops, he says, 'had perhaps made a defense against more overwhelming odds, under more disadvantageous circumstances, than troops of the American Army had ever been confronted with in history.'"

Moral Victory Recognized
So it is particularly fitting that Gen. MacArthur should have invited Wainwright, and members of the latter's staff who were in prison with him, to be present at the formal surrender of Japan aboard the battleship Missouri.

In replying to MacArthur's message, Wainwright said of his colleagues:

"All this group were with me on the tragic day when I had to surrender, and I'm especially anxious that they be present when we accept the Japanese surrender."

It is to be hoped that this gesture by MacArthur will help Wainwright to overcome his feelings about that surrender. He isn't the type who ever could look on himself as a hero, but the American people would like him to know that they regard him as a hero. We want him to know we fully recognize that his stand at Corregidor was a great moral victory, and that it was a mighty inspiration for the fighting men who went on to victory.

Uncle Sam says "well done" to a gallant man who will go down in history as having contributed much to the Allied cause.

P.S.—Wainwright was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in Chungking yesterday for extraordinary heroism in action in the Philippines in 1942.

Yankee Troops Swarm Steadily Into Japan
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chimneys standing amid ashes of the ruined city.

Suicide Fliers Thwarted
Many Japanese expressed relief that the war was over but they had no love for defeat or an alien army on their sacred islands. Stories were told of plans by the kamikaze (suicide) corps to shoot down the emperor's surrender emissaries to MacArthur, a plot said to have been thwarted by the emperor himself.

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busy American minesweepers, they swept over Tokyo bay, now an American lake pockmarked by wreckage of the Imperial navy which saw the war end with only one undamaged first line ship to its name—the cruiser Sakawa.

The Yokosuka naval base, once the proud guardian of approaches to Tokyo, was being developed as a shore station for Admiral Halsey's Third fleet and attached British units.

Occupation will spread to southern Japan next Monday when Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army veterans of New Guinea and the Philippines start moving into Kyushu island.

Marcus island, onetime outpost of Tokyo, surrendered to U. S. naval officers almost simultaneously with radio reports that Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright arrived in American-held Yokohama to witness Japan's formal surrender.

The hero of Bataan and Corregidor, reunited with General MacArthur in Japan, said "this is what I've been hoping and waiting for for three and a half years" in a Manchurian prison camp.

Hongkong Disputed Point
While a British naval force lay in Hongkong's harbor to accept surrender of the crown colony, Chungking intimated that Chinese are not satisfied to let the Union Jack continue to fly there. Premier Soong was expected to reopen the question in a forthcoming visit to London.

China's "internal peace depends upon collaboration" between Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek and Chinese communists who enjoy "the support of wide masses," the Moscow newspaper Red Star commented significantly. Other Moscow newspapers prominently played stories on negotiations between Chiang and Chinese leaders.

Chinese troops moved into Hankow, long the invader's base in central China, and started down the road to Hanoi, capital of Indo-China.

U. S. minesweepers worked over watersways of China to speed evacuation of prisoners of war and U. S. troops. Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer said Shanghai should be open to commerce by October and the Yanks out of China by spring.

A British naval force was opening up Hongkong.

Relief supplies were ordered dropped today on Hainan island, to the south, where 400 prisoners of war were reported in critical condition. Tokyo asked Superforts to use "more care" in parachuting supplies to prisoners, saying 17 persons have been killed and 35 injured by mercy packages.

Marcus Japs in Bad Shape
At the Japanese surrender of Marcus island, Rear Adm. F. E. M. Whiting was presented with three Japanese ceremonial swords.

The Japanese officer told Whiting his garrison was 2,455 personnel, the majority ill, emaciated and suffering from dysentery. Three hundred others were permitted to depart two days ago aboard a Japanese destroyer-transport, which brought food and supplies to the starving Japanese.

Matsubara himself arose from a sickbed to attend the parity.

Says Japs Exaggerate Bombing Radioactivity

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Japanese reports of deaths from radioactive effects of atomic bombing were pure propaganda in the opinion of Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, commanding general of the Manhattan district.

Studies by scientists in this country do not bear out the death reports, Groves said.

"Nothing could be more useful to the Japanese as propaganda," he asserted.

"While the people of the United States would be committing suicide if work on the atomic energy were not continued," Groves said, "I believe commercial uses of this force are probably decades away."

"We want to have enough bombs for anything," he continued. "Hiroshima and Nagasaki should show that the nation having atomic bombs is in complete control of the situation."

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