

**Today We Pay Tribute to—**



Sgt. Arnold M. Malone, 21, son of Mrs. William Malone, 708 M avenue, La Grande, who served in the south Pacific area.

He attended Riveria elementary school and graduated from the local high school in 1942. Before induction, February 17, 1943, Sergeant Malone was employed in a shipyard.

His wife, the former Violeta McMurrin, and their young son, Ronald, reside at 708 M avenue.



Return of Tech. 5 Donald E. Shade of La Grande to the United States for discharge after serving overseas for 35 months, is announced in a message from Honolulu.

He entered the army in March, 1940 and was with the coast artillery in the Marianas and Volcano island campaigns and has been stationed at Iwo Jima.

Corporal Shade is the son of Mrs. Perry E. Lofton of La Grande. His wife, Thelma, and their children, Franklin, 11 and Susan Mary, 10, live in Boring.

He wears the American defense and Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbons with two bronze battle stars. He has a total of 124 discharge points.

Official announcement was received here today from an eighth air force fighter station in Essex County, England of the award of the air medal to 2nd Lt. William G. Spencer, 24, son of Guy W. Spencer of La Grande.

Lt. Spencer, whose wife, Ina, lives in Tallahassee, Fla., received the award for "meritorious achievement in aerial flight over enemy occupied Europe," during which he destroyed three German planes on the ground and shared in the destruction of a fourth.

Prior to entering the AAF Lt. Spencer was a student at the University of Oregon.

George M. Carlson of La Grande, has been promoted to the rank of technician fifth grade at McCloskey general hospital, Temple, Texas where he is a ward technician. He has been in the service five years and eleven months and has served in Hawaii. His wife Alma resides at 1909 3rd St., La Grande.

Second Lt. LeRoy G. Rochester of La Grande, has informed relatives and friends here that he has been transferred to El Paso, Texas, from Sioux City, Iowa, where he has been receiving instruction as pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress. Included in the transfer is his assignment to an instruction class in piloting a B-29 Superfortress.

**"We Flew Without Guns"**  
by Gen. Genovese  
Romance... excitement... adventure... in this story of the daring men of the CNAC.

Starts Wednesday in the Evening Observer

**Strawberry Crop Nearly Non-Existant Shortcake, Jam Supplies Hard to Find**

By United Press  
Strawberries are going to be mighty scarce this year on the west coast. The ordinary housewife will be lucky to get many berries for canning or to top off a shortcake. A combination of black market activities, OPA ceilings, weather, reduced acreage, labor shortages, and other factors are the main reasons why strawberries will be limited.

Many growers are reluctant to sell on the open market at OPA ceilings when restaurants, canneries or black market operators will pay considerably more. Many growers find city folks are coming right out to the farm to take the berries.

A United Press survey of principal marketing areas of the west coast revealed a general reduction of supplies over previous years.

**Acreage Drops Drastically**  
In Sacramento, for example, the normal strawberry acreage of from 1200 to 1400 acres has dropped to 100 acres with evacuation of the Japanese. There is no canning or processing reported because the retail demand is so heavy, and no appreciable black market is operating. Prospects for next year are a little better.

The Los Angeles strawberry crop has been extremely short for two years. Growers dropped acreage when this high labor cost crop was not designated as essential. The OPA filed injunctions against four large growers last month for attempting to get above-ceiling prices by eliminating brokers and selling direct to retailers.

**Northwest Supplies Light**  
The growing season is less advanced in the northwest and only the very early crop has reached the market. In Portland, the wholesale trade virtually was blanked as the farmers failed to offer the berries for sale, preferring to deal direct with retailers. Black market activities were said to be heavy and the OPA kept a close watch on outlets. Some stores reportedly bought berries at retail ceiling and sold without profit merely to accommodate their customers.

Wholesalers in Seattle have received few berries yet and a retail grocer's spokesman said most are headed for freezers.

Freezing weather in the Tacoma area ruined the smaller-than-average crop expected. One produce house reported many farmers had plowed under their berries and their will be only one-tenth the former output. Another house said farmers can black market berries for more than the fruit companies pay. Acreage is 60 per cent less than 1940 because of the labor shortage and cold weather.

**Farmers Sell Direct**  
The trend or prices was cited by one Tacoma fruit company man who said he paid \$1.56 for a flat of strawberries but farmers were selling direct to consumers for \$4 a flat.

Spokane school children are being organized by the YWCA into victory crop corps to begin picking this week, weather permitting, and wholesalers admitted the trend started last year for customers to go direct to the growers to buy berries. Supplies will be more plentiful if the sun shines.

Salem retailers told a similar story of farmers selling direct to the retail trade, often right out of the patch, eliminating need for records, ceilings, trucking or low margin of profit. The crop is smaller than usual.

San Francisco has few strawberries and all go into the retail trade. The lack of volume cut down probability of black market operations, although wholesalers said it is possible that some existed.

**OLD TEST OF VIRTUE**  
A unique test of womanly virtue was used by the Bretons who lived in northern Europe centuries ago. Powdered agate was sprinkled in the beer of the doubted one, and if she couldn't hold it down, she was considered impure.

**WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS of Half a Peace?**

**ANSWER:** The same as the problems of a full war. Half a peace won't give us any new buses to serve you. It won't eliminate the need for planes, tanks and guns.

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**Society Briefs**

Miss Dolly Lawrence and Miss Edna Shepherdson, Baker teachers, are among the summer session students at Eastern Oregon college.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schilling have returned from a week's vacation in Portland.

Mrs. W. R. Moseley of Pocatello, Ida., and Mrs. H. M. Allen of Halfway stopped in La Grande for a short time Saturday en route to Salem where Mrs. Allen will spend the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Moseley are former residents of La Grande. He was a member of the police department.

**La Grande Woman's Mother Succumbs**

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Olson, who were called to New Plymouth, Ida., Thursday night by the critical illness of her mother, advised friends here yesterday that her parent died Saturday night. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow in Payette.

**Publisher and USO Chief on Honeymoon**

SAN MARINO, Calif., June 11 (UP) — Maj. George Palmer Putnam, 56, publisher and former husband of missing aviatrix Amelia Earhart, was honeymooning today with his fourth bride, the former Margaret I. Haviland, 36.

Capt. Willard F. Learned, army air forces chaplain, performed the wedding services yesterday. The bride is director of USO mobile service work in the Los Angeles area.

**RATION CALENDAR**

**Processed Foods:**  
Book 4 — Blue stamps N2 through S2 valid through June 30. Blue stamps T2 through X2 valid through July 31. Blue stamps Y2, Z, A1, B1, C1 valid through August 31. Blue stamps D1 through H1 valid through September 30.

**Meat, Butter, Fats, Cheese:**  
Book 4 — Red stamps E2 through J2 valid through June 30. Red stamps K2 through P2 valid through July 31. Red stamps Q2 through U2 valid through August 31. Red stamps V2 through Z2 valid through September.

**Sugar:**  
Book 4 — Sugar stamp 36 valid through August 31.

**Shoes: Loose stamps invalid.**  
Book 3 — Airplane stamps 1-2-3 now valid. New stamp valid Aug. 1.

**Gasoline: Coupons not valid unless endorsed:**  
"A" 15 coupons (4 gals. each) expire June 21. "A"-16 coupons (6 gals. each) valid on June 22.

**Stoves**  
Apply local board for oil, gas stove certificates.

**Wood, Coal, Sawdust:**  
Delivery by priorities based on needs.

**Fuel Oil:**  
Period 1-2-3-4-5 coupons valid through August 31.

**Waste Paper and Cans:**  
Bundled waste paper and prepared tin cans may be left at the salvage depot, 1106 Jefferson street.

**Legion Auxiliary to Nominate Staff at Wednesday Session**

The American Legion auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. in the Saeajawea hotel, to nominate officer for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Lee Thomas, president will preside and members of the refreshment committee will be Mrs. T. B. Lumsden, chairman, Mrs. J. D. Meyer, co-chairman, Mrs. Harry Moon, Mrs. Elmer McManus, Mrs. Ed Mayberry, Mrs. Stanley S. Mills, Mrs. Christine Neilson, Mrs. K. H. Williams, Mrs. Harry Turner, Mrs. Lloyd Jones, and Mrs. J. B. McLaughlin. The committee has asked each member to take a cup, sugar and spoon.

**Delmer Denny and J. E. Lawrence Wed**

Delmer E. Denny became the bride of James E. Lawrence at the home of George H. Currey, justice of the peace.

Mrs. Hazel D. Stevens and Joe Lee Stevens and the groom's mother and sister were the only witnesses. The couple will make their home at the Mt. Emily camp, Starkey.

**Eastern Star Will Honor Past Officers**

Hope chapter 13, Order of Eastern Star will honor past matrons and patrons at the meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Masonic temple.

Mrs. Ray Winters, worthy matron and Bruce Morehead, worthy patron, will preside. Mrs. Nate Zweifel is the chairman of the refreshment committee.

**More Meat To Be Provided For Some Areas of West**

WASHINGTON, June 11 (UP) — The office of price administration today announced a temporary plan to make more meat available in sparsely populated areas of California, Washington, Oregon and Nevada where the shortage is acute.

Effective June 11 through Oct. 15, the action was designed to bring more meat to restaurants and commissaries serving laborers in fisheries and lumber camps in this four-state area.

"Many small towns and rural areas have increased population as a result of war," the announcement said. "These new people work as farm laborers and in fisheries and lumber camps where they are almost totally dependent upon restaurants and commissaries for their food."

The measure would allow the OPA district director to designate meat shortage areas of no more than 25,000 population "deficiency areas."

He also could authorize retailers in these areas to increase their sales of retail meat cuts to other retailers for resale and to restaurants. The sales limit would be 70 per cent of the total monthly dollar volume.

**LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE**

You may be able to drive your car from the American continent to Russia and on to Europe some day. Some modern engineers say it is not too fantastic to dream of a tunnel beneath Bering Strait.

**Social Calendar**

**MONDAY**  
7:30 p. m. Camp and hospital unit, USO center.  
8 p. m. Townsend club program and business meeting, IOOF hall.  
8 p. m. Royal Neighbors, IOOF hall.

**TUESDAY**  
8 p. m. Woman's Benefit Association, IOOF hall.  
8 p. m. St. Ann's guild, Mrs. Jack Hatmaker, 1204 First street.

**WEDNESDAY**  
8 p. m. American Legion auxiliary, nomination of officers, Saeajawea hotel.  
8 p. m. Hope Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Masonic temple.

**THURSDAY**  
2 p. m. Lutheran ladies' aid, Mrs. H. R. Voetherg, Cove and Watson avenues.

**Economic, Social Body Approved at Security Parley**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11 (UP) — The united nations conference started its last lap today by receiving a final committee report recommending creation of an international economic and social council which will seek to eradicate some of the causes of war.

Commission II—one of the four into which the conference is divided — met publicly to receive and consider the report of its technical working committee on social and economic cooperation.

It was the first of a series of open commission meetings which probably will be held daily until all of the 12 committee reports are received and adopted. The committee on security council enforcement action—one of the vital sections of the proposed world charter—is scheduled to report to commission III tomorrow.

Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts of South Africa presided at today's meeting and Manuel Noriega Morales of Guatemala read the committee report. The latter is rapporteur of the committee.

The objective of the council will be to promote higher standards of living, full employment, cultural and educational cooperation, solution of economic and social problems, and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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