

Today We Pay Tribute to—



David G. Sanderson, S.C. 2/c, is now serving at Davisville, R. I., on limited service, after 13 months in Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The 26-year-old son of Mrs. Rosa Sanderson of Elgin, attended elementary school in Summerville and was graduated from the Elgin high school in 1937. Prior to entering the navy October, 1942, he was employed as fireman on the railroad. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Elgin.



Pfc. Klarys Paxton, marine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Paxton, arrived home recently on a two weeks furlough from Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

Pfc. Jack D. McGhean of P. O. Box 576, La Grande, is now being processed at Camp Atlanta in northeastern France, as a member of the first ETO armored division to be ordered to the Pacific.

Pfc. McGhean is a member of 67th armored infantry battalion and served with the 13th armored division in the battle of the Ruhr pocket and in the drive through Bavaria into Austria. He holds the combat infantryman's badge, EAME ribbon with two battle stars.

The 13th, popularly known as the Black Cat division, captured more than 20,000 German prisoners in the fighting in the Ruhr and took an additional 19,000 in Bavaria. In the closing days of the war in Europe, it captured Hitler's birthplace city of Braunau, Austria, and liberated 14,000 allied prisoners of war.

Pfc. McGhean is the husband of Mrs. Lorraine McGhean, P. O. Box 576, La Grande. He will be given a furlough before the division begins its training for action in the Pacific.

France Buntin, RFD 1, La Grande, with the 728th railroad division in France, has been promoted from technician fifth grade to technician fourth grade.

Del Breshears, USN, is visiting his aunt and cousins in Cove.

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Assassination of Matteotti Kept Mussolini Scared

Dumini, Killer, Did As He Wished Afterwards

ROME, July 21 (UP)—Inside story of the brutal murder of socialist leader Giacomo Matteotti in 1924 was told to the United Press today after the arrest of the assassin, Amerigo Dumini, on Thursday in Piacenza.

It's a long story of terror, blackmail, bribery, and bloodshed. It's aftermath held Mussolini terrified and helpless for two decades.

A well-informed American government official said "Mussolini knew that he had to get rid of Matteotti if his plans as fascist dictator were to succeed. He sent to Milan for Dumini, a well-known thug, and three companions. Mussolini offered them the equivalent of approximately \$25 to knock off Matteotti.

Prepared For a week they shadowed him. They learned his schedule, his routine, and then picked him up on the murder night as he came from his home.

"They threw him into a car and immediately started off. One of the thugs was injured because the car left too fast and he was dragged. The trio had the murder carefully planned, even to the point of carrying lime sacks in the car with which they intended to destroy all evidence.

"But Matteotti put up such a bitter struggle they were forced to stab him sooner than they had planned. There was so much blood in the car and it began dripping so fast that they got frightened and hurriedly dumped the body. They buried it in a shallow grave.

Cleaned It "Then, still scared, they decided on the bold course of driving their car directly into the courtyard of the government palace where Il Duce had his offices. They left it there, parked under the very noses of the police, while Dumini cleaned away the blood."

The government official continued, "The car stood outside the palace even while Signora Matteotti knelt in front of Il Duce's desk pleading for her husband's life. The Duce sat there holding the blood-soaked envelope containing Matteotti's private papers, rings, and watch and promised her he had already given a personal order for her husband's safe release."

Portland Police Hunt For Slots

PORTLAND, July 21 (UP)—Portland police, at the orders of their chief, Harry M. Niles, began scouring the city today to confiscate slot machines.

The sudden interest in the slot machine situation came from a front-page story in the Oregonian which said the "one armed bandits" are back on the job in Portland.

City police found little consolation from Gov. Earl Snell, who declared enforcement of the slot machine law is a job for local authorities but his office "interprets the law to mean that in event the situation is out of hand locally the executive department has very definite obligations and responsibilities."

Sheriff Martin T. Pratt of Multnomah county reported there are no slot machines in operation in the county outside of Portland.

Douglas Announces Orders Reduction

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 21 (UP)—Douglas Aircraft company today announced a drop of more than one-third in its backlog of army orders and a 24 percent cut in production during the past six months, reflecting army cutbacks for a one-front war.

Vice-president and controller Ralph V. Hunt reported in a mid-year statement the backlog of dropped almost 35 percent to orders at the end of May 1945 \$1,052,706,000, compared with \$1,612,050,000 the year before.

Planes completed in the first half of this year totaled 64,552,000 pounds — a 24 percent reduction from the same period in 1944.

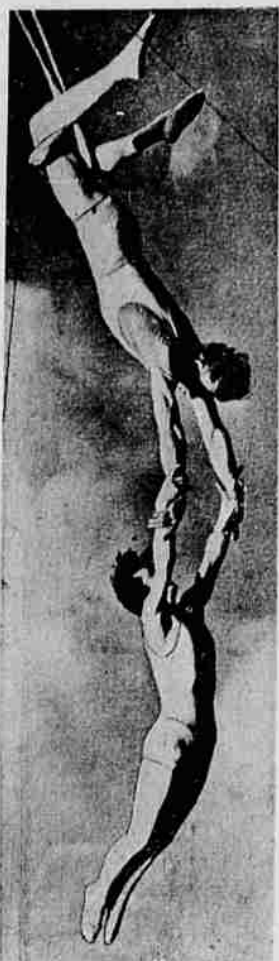
Employment at all Douglas plants dropped to 93,126 last July 1 from a peak of 157,200 in August 1943.

Japs Strengthen East Burma Hold

CALCUTTA, July 21 (UP)—Japanese troops in the Myitko area, 23 miles northeast of Pogy in eastern Burma, have strengthened their hold by moving into nearby villages, a southeast Asia command communiqué said today. Indications have increased they might attempt an early offensive.

Allied artillery hammered 100 to 150 Japs in the area 10 miles west of Toungoo and caught another party of 30 soldiers busy digging in the Gaunggy neighborhood, 117 miles east of Meiktila.

Hardest food to eat with chopsticks is a soft pigeon egg in soup.



ABOVE THE CROWD — Two members of the famous Flying Conello troupe with the Russell Bros. Pan-Pacific Circus to show here at 2:30 and 8 p. m. Friday.

Man Learns Doesn't Pay to Interfere In Children's Fights

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 21 (UP)—Eugene Van Tress, 52, learned a \$55 lesson today. It doesn't pay to intervene in a fight between neighborhood youngsters. Van Tress paid \$55 in justice court after being found guilty of slapping the face of 5-year-old Darlen West, after the girl hit his 4-year-old daughter.

De Mille Flooded With Letters Over Radio Controversy

PORTLAND, July 21 (UP)—Cecil B. DeMille, dean of motion picture producers, and a noted radio personality of the last few years, said here last night he had received more letters over a recent \$1 assessment fight against the American Federation of Radio Artists, in which he was forced off the airways when he refused to pay the \$1 fee, than he has on all the motion pictures he has ever made. Most of the letters came from members of unions.

DeMille said in referring to the recent high-publicized clash with labor officials, he believes in unions and collective bargaining but he would give his "last drop of blood to fight the dictates of a few men who believe they can control the political rights of American citizens."

Oregon Man Will Command Marines

KLAMATH FALLS, July 21 (UP)—Col. Merlin Schreider, arrived here today to take command of the Klamath Falls marine barracks, succeeding Col. George O. Van Orden, who will return to overseas combat.

Col. Schreider, a native Oregonian, recently returned to the United States from Okinawa, where he had an outstanding record.

Silver Falls Timber Plant Sold to Babb

SILVERTON, July 21 (UP)—The Silver Falls timber company plant has been sold to the R. A. Babb Hardware company of Eugene, M. C. Woodward, Portland, president disclosed today.

Babb indicated the mill will be dismantled, but planers will likely open early in August to finish lumber for government and civilian use.

The deal includes the sawmill, planers, land and locomotives, but does not include the downtown retail yards, Woodward said.

The Silver Falls timber company mill closed June 9 after 25 years of operation. At the time of its closing, 250 men were employed at the mill.

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Beavers Grab Six Game Lead With Double Wins

Win Four in Row From Hollywood; Seattle Loses

By JACK DAILEY Portland Beavers leaped ahead six games in the Pacific coast league pennant race as they beat the cellarite Hollywood Stars for the fourth consecutive time last night 2-1.

Seattle, second in the standings, went down to defeat before the fourth place San Francisco Seals 7-5. The Sacramento Solons defeated the Los Angeles Angels 3-0. The San Diego Padres split a twin bill with the Oakland Acons, the Padres dropping the opener 3-2 but recouping in the nightcap 9-6.

Seven Hits Beaver hurler Wandell Mosser gave up seven hits to the Stars but struck out 11 batters in the process. Frank Stone continued his hitting streak by driving in the first Beaver run in the opening frame when Harris and Demaree had got on base by a walk and a hit. Hollywood's lone tally was made in the fourth on a walk and a fielder's choice by Willingham.

Sacramento's Guy Fletcher held the Angels to five hits as the Solons tied up the current series at two-all. The Seals scored twice in the second on Ed Zippy's single, Ted Greenhalgh's centerfield blow, Jack Calvey's double and Fletcher's fly to right.

Two Each San Francisco scored two each in the second and fourth and sixth innings. The Seals added the seventh run as Neil Sheridan drove a line drive home run over left field wall. Gus Suhr with two singles, a triple and two walks accounted for three Seal tallies. Joe Sprinz singled twice and doubled to bring in two.

In the first game, Ferguson, Padre pitcher, with a two-run lead, blanked the Acons for six innings but allowed Oakland to tie it up in the seventh. Les Scarsella, who had hit a homer in the fifth, tripled in the eighth for tie winning run when Padre reliever Nelson balked. Del Ballinger, enraged over umpire Bill Dorian's decision, threw the ball into the stands. San Diego manager Pepper Martin rushed in to protest and other players of both teams joined in the melee. Police were called to restore order.

High Nazis Doubt Hitler Escaped On Submarine

KIEL, July 21 (UP)—High German naval officials say Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun definitely could not have escaped to Argentina aboard the recently interned U-boat 530.

Vice Admiral Eberhard Godt, chief executive staff officer of Germany's U-boat fleet under Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, said yesterday the U-530 "went to sea from Kiel or a Norwegian port—but probably from Kiel March 3."

Hitler is known to have been still in Germany later than that. British intelligence officers said they were "99 per cent" satisfied Hitler and his girl friend did not escape by sea and that Adolf died in Berlin.

Godt said the U-530 was never ear-marked for any special Hitler mission. He said, as far as he knew, there had never been any submarine plans for Hitler's escape.

Vice Admiral Helmuth Heye, one of Germany's greatest naval intelligence chiefs, said: "I believe Hitler died in the Berlin chancellery. It is impossible for a man like Hitler to live as an unknown Mr. X. If he did not die in Berlin it would be impossible for both me and Doenitz not to know about it."

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Dodson Leads in St. Paul Tourney

By WALTER BYERS

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 21 (UP)—Leonard Dodson, golf's swash-buckling "clown prince" of a few years ago, has reformed. He now is a deadly serious player, making him the man to beat today as second round play gets under way in the 72-hole St. Paul open.

Dodson staged a story book finish when he blazed a five under par 67 over the Keller country club course yesterday to take a one-stroke lead on the 110 man field and to show that at long last he has become a businessman golfer.

Leads Field Now 32, and a slim 150 pounds, the Kansas City veteran has dropped the devil-may-care clowning and betting which made him the game's merry-maker during 1941 when he was a big money winner.

Dick Metz, the Kansas cowboy, was leading the field with a 68 when Dodson finished his first nine with a 35, one under par. Then Dodson fired four birdies, three in a row, on the incoming nine for a four-under-par 32. Not once during the 18 holes did he slip to a bogie.

Dodson dropped out of the big tournament play after his outstanding '41 and '42 seasons and has been working as a club pro since, his latest job being at San Francisco. Now he's back, unattached, trying for a comeback as are so many former stars.

Two Ties Chuck Congdon, Tacoma, Wash., slipped in late with a 34-34-68 and then Henry Ransom, warrant officer in the merchant marine academy at New York, added his 33-35-68.

Toney Penna of Dayton, O., too fifth place with a 35-34-69, while bunched at 70 were Ky Laffoon of Chicago, Ed Furgol of Detroit, playing his second tournament as a pro; Jim Gaunt of Ardmore, Okla., Jimmy Hines of Chicago and Virg Shreeve.

Senators Say U. S. Must Retain Bases

WASHINGTON, July 21 (UP)—Senators insisted today the United States must retain post-war control of strategic island bases in the Pacific despite President Truman's statement in Berlin yesterday that the United States will "not want one piece of territory" out of the war.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D., Colo., ranking majority member of the senate military affairs committee, said this country must "occupy and fortify" all vital strategic Pacific bases and "control all the potential bases" in that sweep of ocean.

"But I feel Truman was not talking about the Pacific," Johnson added. "I think he was talking about the Atlantic and Europe."

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., said he "preferred to assume Truman was just overlooking" the matter of strategic island bases in the Pacific. Taft believes the U. S. should keep control of all the islands north of the equator.

One complete field range can be purchased by the U. S. army for \$75 spent on a war bond.



FREE AGAIN — Pitcher Phil Marchildon, first prisoner of war to return to diamond, is back with the Philadelphia Athletics after discharge from U. S. army. Here he is in dug-out at Shibe park.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	50	31	.617
St. Louis	48	36	.571
Brooklyn	47	37	.560
Pittsburgh	43	41	.512
New York	45	43	.511
Boston	40	42	.488
Cincinnati	38	40	.487
Philadelphia	24	46	.370

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	46	34	.575
Washington	42	36	.538
New York	41	38	.519
Boston	42	39	.519
Chicago	42	40	.512
St. Louis	39	38	.506
Cleveland	37	41	.474
Philadelphia	28	51	.354

PACIFIC COAST			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Portland	70	41	.631
Seattle	64	47	.577
Sacramento	56	55	.505
San Francisco	56	57	.496
Oakland	54	57	.486
Los Angeles	50	60	.455
San Diego	51	62	.451
Hollywood	45	67	.402

Rematch of Greco, Janiro Promised

NEW YORK, July 21 (UP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs today promised a re-match after Jolting Johnny Greco of Montreal hammered over a close but unpopular decision over young Tony Janiro in their eight-round bout last night before more than 16,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.

In this "natural" between a slugger, Greco, and a boxer, 18-year-old Janiro, Greco lived up to the 8-5 odds favoring him and won the unanimous verdict. But young Janiro made such a grand fight of it the fans booed the decision lustily.

Greco weighed 143 pounds; Janiro 141½.

Browns Get Back Into 1944 Stride, Win 2

By CARL LUNDQUIST NEW YORK, July 21 (UP)—The wise guys took a first look at Sigmund Jakucki's pitching and guessed that the "strawberry roan" of the St. Louis Browns soon would be back on the Texas sandlots as a semi-pro.

That was in 1944 during the first swing around the circuit for the amazing Browns, whose followers hadn't got used to their leading the league. The Browns might stay up there, they hoped, crossing their fingers, but Jakucki—not much chance. He just didn't look like a big leaguer.

Five Tricks Today the Browns are back and Jakucki is up but they aren't. How neatly the Galveston, Tex., paper-hanger fooled the experts, makes one of the most pleasant success stories of war time baseball and the scoffers now are pulling hard for him to make the grade in peacetime.

The Yankees wouldn't know how he does it, but were ready to testify today that the ex-star of Ray Dumont's semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kan., brought along a fine bag of tricks when he came to the majors.

Tigers Lose Big Sig used both his bat and his arm to beat the Yankee, 4 to 3, yesterday and old Al Hollingsworth followed with one of his better days, winning the second game, 3 to 2, to give the Browns a sweep.

Washington turned the tables on the leading Tigers, moving

Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, July 21 (UP)—Unquestionably Bobo-the-hobo Newsum is referring to himself in the victorious third person today, saying for example, "Good old Bobo won his third straight yesterday."

Newsum, big right-handed pitcher of the Athletics, refers to himself generally in the first person only when he loses, with such remarks as "I done my best but nobody was hittin' behind me."

22 Changes Bobo has had plenty of opportunity to use the first person during the current campaign because he clicked off 12 straight defeats until he finally managed a victory over the Browns on June 12.

When Bobo had achieved his 12 straight defeats with the A's, almost everyone in baseball figured that he had won himself a ticket to another club. They thought Newsum's yen for travel had overpowered him, and that he would make his 22nd club-change since entering organized baseball in 1928.

But he didn't. He stayed right with ancient Connie Mack of the A's. And Connie Mack has been playing along with him, indirectly denying rumors Newsum was to be shifted to another club.

Wants to Stay Because of Bobo's three-game winning streak, many sideline observers insist big Newsum is trying at last to make certain he is not shifted again—that he wants to end his playing days in Philadelphia.

This could be true because Newsum is the most travelled of all current ball players. His status has been changed 21 times since he became a professional with Raleigh in 1928. He is 35, and a grandfather; but he doesn't

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