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Million Reds Attack Japs in North

13 More Teachers Elected

Thirteen additional instructors for the La Grande public schools were hired by the La Grande school board at their recent meeting. These are in addition to those who had previously signed contracts.

Mary Bennett, Salem, a graduate from Willamette university, and with a B. S. degree from that school will teach girls' physical education in the local high school. She did her cadet teaching in the Salem high school.

Kay Buck, graduated from Eastern Oregon college and with cadet teaching done in the Central school will teach in the elementary grades. Mrs. Buck is a La Grande girl.

At Central

Naomi Detrick will teach eighth grade home economics and science. She attended State college of Washington, is a graduate of Eastern Oregon college and did her practice teaching at Central school.

Clifford Exley, graduated from Central Washington college of education with a B.A. degree has been assigned to instruct junior high athletics and social science. Exley previously taught at Colville, Wash., for 10 years.

Paul V. Goddard, graduate of Southern Oregon college of education and teacher at Moro for four years, at Ontario junior high for fur years, Lakeview one year and at Corbett two years, has signed a contract to instruct in the elementary grades.

Dee A. McLin will be the industrial arts instructor in the high school. He was graduated and received his B.S. degree from Central Missouri state teachers college, and taught in Arbyrd, and Risco, Mo., Lajara, Colo., and Goodland, Kas.

Jeanne Mae Nice, is to be another instructor in the elementary schools in the city. She has her B.S. degree from the local college and previously taught at Wolfe Creek for two years and at Island City one year.

Thelma E. Olsen will instructe the high school classes in Latin, Spanish and library, Miss Olsen has a B.A. degree from Carleton college, Carleton, Minn., and taught two years in Yuma, Colo., nine years in Eaton, Colo., four years at Buffalo, Wyo., and one year at Carleton, Minn.

Boys Dean

Owen Price, a graduate of the local college and teacher in The Dalles and Nyssa, is the new dean of boys and will also teach classes in social problems in the local high school.

E. R. (Bob) Quinn, who so ably coached the local college teams and has been athletic director there for the past 15 years, will instruct social science and basketball in the high school. Quinn, who recently completed a year's study at Columbia University, New York, has a B.S. degree from Oregon State college and a M. Ed. from the University of Oregon.

Hope Vollink comes to La Grande from Primghar, Ia. She has a B.A. and M.A. from University of Iowa, and during the previous year was an assistant in English at the U. of Iowa. In La Grande she will be the clinic instructor.

Jean Williams, La Grande, a graduate of the University of Oregon, is returning to the local high school as instructor of English I, after serving 18 months in the American Red Cross.

Gene Cooper, graduate from the University of Utah, with a B.S. degree, has taught six years in Glenns Ferry, Ida. In La Grande he will handle boys' physical education and football, and assist in basketball and track.

At the meeting were Supt. Fred Patton, W. B. Starmer, chairman of the board; Ray Williams, clerk; Claude Berry, Lester Kingsley, C. W. Bunting and Foster Sims.

Summerville Youth Injured in Accident

William Roberts, 18, is in the Grande Ronde hospital today following an accident yesterday afternoon in which the car he was driving overturned between Summerville and Imbler.

Roberts received head injuries in the crash, and was unconscious for more than an hour. He is "doing well" now, it was reported, and is allowed visitors.

Typhoid Fever Cases in State Most in Week in Eight Years

One case of pneumonia, two cases of typhoid fever and one of whooping cough were reported to the state board of health for Union county this week, with 90 percent of the doctors in the county reporting.

Eight cases of typhoid were reported last week throughout the state. Not more than two cases were reported from any one area and there is no evidence that a definite foci of infection exist. This is the largest number of cases of the disease reported in a single week for more than eight years.

Another case of poliomyelitis, the 16th for the state this year was reported from Portland. This compares favorably with last year when up to this time 60 cases had been reported throughout Oregon.

OREGON BIRTHS DECREASE IN 1944

PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (UP) — Oregon births dropped 3.7 percent from the first half of 1944 in the same period of 1945 the Oregon state board of health reported today.

There was a drop of 9.7 percent from the corresponding period in 1943, the report said. Deaths declined more noticeably with a decline of 6.2 from 1944 and 9.9 percent from the first half of 1943.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, believes comparison of statistics with the first six months of 1943 is significant for an all time high for birth and death records was set during that time.

In Multnomah county social diseases led the list of communicable diseases with 25 cases of gonorrhea and 12 of syphilis. There were five cases each of mumps and whooping cough, four each of chickenpox and scarlet fever, three of tuberculosis and one each of measles, menigococci meningitis, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever and whooping cough.

Optical Company Gets Army Navy E Award Fifth Time

The American Optical company, for the fifth time, has been given the army-navy E award for outstanding service in the production of war equipment, Paul Rainer of the local office was advised today.

The communication telling of the award came from the head office at Southbridge, Mass., and was made by Robert P. Patterson, under-secretary of war.

It read as follows: "For the outstanding service in the production of war equipment which you have maintained, the fine record which brought distinction more than six months ago and your standard of practical patriotism is one of the which you may be proud.

"This fifth renewal is a symbol of high achievement over a long period. You may now fly the army-navy award flag with four white stars.

American Optical company produces all army, navy, air corps and marine goggles, prescription glasses, bomb sight lenses, gas mask lenses, and intricate lenses used in submarines.

PROBE OF DIVORCE

CHICAGO, Aug. 9 (UP)—An investigation has been opened into the divorce recently granted Adline Judge, movie actress, state's attorney William J. Tuohy said today.

Members Needed For Price Panel Of Ration Board

Unless more members can be found for the price panel and someone for price clerk can be found for the OPA office here, the functions of the price panel and price clerk for La Grande will have to be transferred elsewhere, possibly Baker, Jack Hale, OPA district officer from Portland, said here yesterday.

Some action must be taken after another couple of weeks or so, he announced yesterday at a meeting at the rationing board offices. There has been no price clerk for the last six weeks and the records are in bad condition. There are only five or six members on the price panel now serving.

More personnel is needed particularly on the price panel he said.

Business and professional men and women present at the meeting are Fred Lanzer, Mike Lynch, E. H. Ford, W. F. Klinghammer, Dale Zimmerman, Gordon Capps, Fred Patton, E. B. Berglund, Tom Harper, T. B. Lumsden; Mrs. T. J. Edwards, Betty Searles, Mary Archer, Gladys L. Henderson, Ann Johnson, Victor Eckley, R. L. Gray, Frank Schiro and Vernon Hoyt.

Truman Steps Into WPB-OPA Battle

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (UP)—President Truman stepped into a WPB - OPA quarrel over reconversion policies today with an order to WPB chief J. A. Krug to continue a program for "an orderly transition from war production to civilian production."

The president decreed retention of previously outlined material and inventory controls which, it was understood, Krug had wished to drop at the earliest possible moment.

250 Farm Jobs In County Filled By Labor Office Here

More than 250 jobs were filled on farms and ranches in Union county by the farm labor office here during the months of May, June and July, the office announced today.

In May, with fewer calls for help, only 11 men were placed including two veterans. In June, however, 22 men including five veterans, were put in jobs, and seven women and 92 youths (boys and girls less than 18 years old) were assigned to farm work.

In July, 60 men, 12 veterans among them, were found jobs on farms and four women and 61 youths. July total was 125, June, 121 and May, 11.

These figures do not include transient cherry pickers.

Jaycees Hosts to 3 States

La Grande junior chamber of commerce will be host at a tri-state meeting Aug. 18 and 19, when the national president of the Jaycees, Washington and Oregon presidents and state directors will be present.

Honor has been payed La Grande and the local organization in the choosing of this city for the conclave, in that never before has a small city been selected as the site for such an event. Other cities chosen in previous years have been New York, Chicago, Savannah, Oklahoma City, Memphis and San Francisco.

Delegations

Washington state will send a delegation for an educational get-together on junior chamber of commerce problems, and that group will meet Saturday morning as will the Oregon group. Idaho, which by then will have completed its meeting with the national officials, will send a delegation as guests.

Entertainment has been planned for Saturday afternoon for the delegates and their wives, and Saturday evening a banquet will be served by the local hosts.

Institute

Sunday morning the entire group, including the Idaho guests will participate in a Jaycee institute. The history, foundation, purpose and aims will be discussed, and the part played by the individual organizations in the state and the state in the national institution will be explained. Dean of the institute will be the Washington president.

It is planned by the La Grande organization to have present those from Baker and Pendleton who are interested in junior chamber of commerce activities.

Oregon Forest Fires Now Nearly Under Control

PORTLAND, Aug. 9 (UP) — Oregon's forest fires were not completely controlled today but forestry officials were optimistic the worst danger was past.

Going into the fifth week, the Tillamook burn in western Oregon was being hemmed in by bulldozer fire trails, aided by higher humidity and lower temperatures. One of the main fights remaining is to save the watershed of Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

While the fire is embraced in an overall area of 225,000 acres, it was estimated about 150,000 acres actually was burned.

Five men have been killed.

Firefly troopers from the Portland air base participated in a unique battle to save the Forest Grove watershed by stringing 6,000 feet of fire hose to stem the flames.

A series of 130 lightning fires were reported under control. Seventy marines from Klamath Falls helped fight a fire in the Grasslake district 50 miles south of Klamath Falls which covered 1,200 acres.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE in Manchuria takes shape of giant pincers to cut the country in two. Map shows also height of Japanese successes, which are now beginning to recede rapidly.

Nagasaki Atomized

GUAM, Aug. 9 (UP) — Preliminary reports indicated the second atomic bomb to be dropped on Japan all but obliterated Nagasaki, a major naval base and Japan's 11th largest city, during the noon rush hour today.

Crew members of the Superfortress which loosed the terrifying bomb on Nagasaki watched the earth-shaking explosion and flashed back to Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of the strategic air forces, that results were "good."

"No further details will be available until the mission returns," Spaatz said in a brief communique.

But to all hands that brief report — "results good" — indicated Nagasaki, a city of 252,630 persons, virtually had been blown off the map of Japan by an explosion equal to that which levelled four and one-tenth square miles of Hiroshima, target of the first atomic bombing raid last Monday.

Radio Tokyo was silent on the results of the Nagasaki attack. Only yesterday, however, it told how searing flames and horrible concussion blasted and burned to death "every living thing" within range in the Hiroshima raid.

Tokyo admitted that, even four days after the mighty atomic explosion in Hiroshima, it is impossible to assess fully the devastation wrought by the bomb. Bodies, burned beyond recognition and too numerous to count, still remained in the ruins.

Group Interested In Swim Pool Will Meet For Discussion

Harvey Carter, chairman of the Red Cross water safety committee for Union county, announced today a group of representatives of various organizations over the city will meet at 7:30 p. m. Saturday at the high school to discuss proposed sites for a projected swimming pool.

The group will be made up of representatives of Parent-Teacher associations, churches and service clubs, Carter said.

The meeting was inspired by proposals that the pool to be built as soon as materials are available be placed either at Pioneer park or built in connection with the high school.

Jensen Says Reds Like 'Brave' Kid

RICHLAND, Wash., Aug. 9 (UP) — Here is what Rep. Ben F. Jensen, R., Ia., had to say of Russia's entry into the war against Japan yesterday:

"When I was a kid, I got brave too when the other fellow was down and all but licked."

Oregon Stock Men Plan Three Ram Sales in Month

Oregon stock men are getting ready for three ram sales scheduled at Pendleton, Albany and Lakeview.

The oldest one, Pendlenton's 19th annual sale, is sponsored by Oregon Woolgrowers association and is set for Aug. 17. Consigners from both eastern and western Oregon will offer Rambouillets, Hampshires, Suffolks, Lincolns, and crossbreeds an announcement of the sale said.

The Albany sale on Aug. 27 will include 115 rams and ewes from 34 Willamette valley flocks. Breeds represented will be Romney, Lincoln, Carriedale, Shopshire, Suffolk, Southdown and Hampshire.

The Lakeview southern Oregon ram sale Sept. 14 will offer 225 rams made up of Sufolks, Hampshires, Romeldales, Rambouillets and crossbreeds.

H. A. Lindgren, extension livestock fieldman at Oregon State college, said sifting committees at each sale will make sure only high quality animals are offered.

Chinese, Yanks Go In Action

CHUNGKING, Aug. 9 (UP) —Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commanding general of U. S. army forces in China, announced today American-trained Chinese paratroops and commando battalions have gone into action in China as part of a long-planned coordination with the Soviet Red army.

Simultaneously a Chinese government spokesman, welcoming the U.S.S.R. into the war against Japan, called on the Japanese people to comply with the joint demand of China, United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union for unconditional surrender.

Chinese Commandos

For the first time he announced the U. S. army is training and equipping 20 Chinese commando battalions, some of which already have engaged the Japanese in hand-to-hand combat. Known as "Rangers", the commandos have used "cold steel" against the Japanese and several battalions now are on their way to the battle front, Wedemeyer said.

Wedemeyer disclosed operations in the China theater are aimed at assisting the Soviet army by hampering the northward movement of Japanese troops. He said the American command here has been collecting information on Japanese for the Russians for "some time."

Will Leave

Wedemeyer predicted the Japanese now will withdraw from south China as fast as they can move their equipment.

Wedemeyer said the Russian declaration of war against Japan opened up the possibility of shuttle bombing between Okinawa and Siberia. He believed it will shorten the conflict "an awful lot."

MILLION MEN OF REDS OPEN BATTLE

LONDON, Aug. 9 (UP) — A Red army of 1,000,000 or more men crashed into Manchuria from the east and west at key points along a 2,000-mile front today and — Tokyo said — collided head-on in battle with Japan's crack Kwantung army.

Allied sources in Chungking said the Soviets already are several miles inside Manchuria. In the west, Tokyo said, the Russians forced the border at Manchouli, 50 miles east of the outer Mongolian border. Another enemy broadcast spoke of "sharp fighting" in all areas.

Use Bombers

Tokyo said Red air force members, roaring out ahead of the advancing ground forces, bombed the communications centers of Hailan, Harbin, Chiamussu and Kirin in Manchuria and Rashin and Genzan in northern Korea.

Russia exploded her first far eastern offensive of world war II only a few minutes after her declaration of war against Japan took effect at midnight. Tokyo said the assault began at 12:10 a.m.

In Moscow, it is revealed Russia's declaration of war against Japan makes it possible now to disclose that in recent weeks a mass of Soviet troops, tanks and planes has been moving eastward to reinforce the Red banner army. Exact strength of Russia's far eastern forces was unknown outside high military quarters.

Colonel Eberhard To Visit Parents Here Three Days

Lt. Col. Franklin K. Eberhard will spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday in La Grande visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Eberhard. He will be accompanied by his wife and five-year-old son, who will remain here for a longer visit.

Colonel Eberhard was with General Clark's Fifth army from North Africa through Sicily and Italy and for the past year has been located with that army in northern Italy.

He will return to headquarters of American occupation army in Vienna via Washington. Eberhard entered the army as a reserve officer before Pearl Harbor.

BOMB PLANNER—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, 41, professor of physics at University of California, Berkeley, Calif., credited with planning, organizing work on new atomic bomb, is director of project at Los Almos, N. M.

Fleet, Bombers Contribute to More Jap 'Ruin'

GUAM, Friday, Aug. 10 (UP)—Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet, again contributing to the "rain of ruin" on Japan, unleashed 1,200 carrier planes against industrial centers of Honshu in a continuing raid yesterday and more than 80 Superfortresses struck at the vast Nippon oil refinery near Osaka early today.

The Superforts heaped demolition bombs on the refinery and tank farm area at Amagasaki, one of the largest producers of fuel for Nippon's battered war machine, Amagasaki already had been 11 percent destroyed in a raid July 30, and another 36 percent of the city was "removed" by the Japanese, presumably to escape aerial destruction.

Complete

Simultaneously Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the U. S. strategic air force announced the most complete devastation ever brought to any Japanese city by high explosive bomb was visited on Toyama on northern Honshu a week ago.

Tokyo said a fleet of B-29s late this afternoon attacked industrial targets around the metropolitan area and American warships earlier thrust within 10 to 20 miles of the Japanese coast to shell Kamaishi, steel center in northeast Honshu.

Tokyo identified the targets of the Superforts as Oji Shima, Ogikubo and Tamachi in the industrial heart of Tokyo. Part of the force attacked nearby Senju.

200 Miles

Spaatz said reconnaissance photographs showed 99.5 percent destruction to four cities and an oil refinery hit by 800 Superforts Aug. 2.

Further reports from yesterday strike by 225 Superforts against Yawata, Japan's "Pittsburgh" showed the B-29s had to dodge flak for 200 miles on their way to the target.

Sawmills Idle In Klamath Falls Area

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 9 (UP)—Federal conciliation service officials today sought to end walkouts in several Klamath county area sawmills.

The idleness started when CIO unionists walked out of two Weyerhaeuser Timber company mills Tuesday. Sympathy strikes shut down the Bly Logging company's Sprague river camp, and the Chiloquin Lumber company's northern Klamath county camp.

The union has a maintenance of union agreement with Weyerhaeuser but not a union shop, reportedly the issue of the strikes. The CIO International Woodworkers of America have organized all the camps.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.

Temperature:

Maximum 90

Minimum 57

Forecast: Scattered clouds tonight and Friday.

Why Does Atom Act That Way? Prof. Badgley Explains

(Editor's note: Prof. Ralph Badgley of Eastern Oregon college of education has written the following explanation of the action and "wherefore" of the atomic bomb which has already demolished two Japanese cities.)

How did it all start anyway? Where did man get the idea that he could release energy from the atom? where did he get the idea even that matter is made up of atoms?

It all began with the Greeks, probably as far back as 1000 b.c. Man, looking around him at houses of various designs and sizes each built from a common unit, the brick, logically decided that all matter must be made up of some common unit which he named the atom. In the fifth and fourth centuries b.c. Leucippus and Democritus advanced the theory that matter could be built up from some common unit or atom.

Build Others

Not all the scientists of the time held this view, however. Aristotle believed matter to be continuous, and because of his great influence this theory was accepted for a long time. In the 17th century, A.D. Newton, one of the greatest of early scientists, gave the atomic theory powerful support, and in 1807 John Dalton advanced his atomic theory of matter. This was a definite beginning, supported by a certain amount of expermental evidence, and is considered one of the three or four great theories of physical science.

During all this time the chemists had been attempting to find the fundamental elements and having isolated them assigned to them an "atomic weight." Since they could not weigh a single atom, oxygen was assigned a weight of 16 units and all the other elements were then weighed in terms of oxygen equals 16. That is hydrogen weighed 1 unit or 1/16 of the weight of oxygen. (A hydrogen atom actually weighs only 0.000,000,000,000,000,000,000,00166 grams).

William Prout observed many of the atomic weights appeared to be whole numbers and advanced the hypothesis all the other elements could be built using hydrogen as the building stone. Later measurements, however, showed that the atomic weights were not whole numbers and proved that the atom itself was not a small indivisible and indestructable particle as once supposed.

Two More

In 1865, Newlands-Meyer and Mendeleeff independently arranged the elements according to their atomic weights. They found that every eighth element had similar properties indicating the elements might actually be built up from a common "building stone." In 1896 Becquerel discovered radioactivity and in 1910 Marie Curie isolated radium.

Here was an element that spontaneously blew apart. This was the final proof the atom itself is complex. Some of the parts were "caught" and their properties studied and another great and exciting discovery was made. **One element could be made from another one:** called today a transmutation of elements. Radium disintegrated to give alpha and beta particles and gamma rays. The alpha particles were found to be the nucleus of the helium atom. Radium blew apart to give helium. Later it was found that the final disintegration product of radium was lead.

All this time the scientists were worried because the atomic weights were not whole numbers. How were they to build their elements from a common building brick if the final house did not add up to the total mass of bricks used?

Work by F. W. Aston with his mass spectograph indicated that the elements themselves were not as simple as originally thought but were mixtures of isotopes. But even this was not the answer

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