

Prisoners Need Hospital Care

Mrs. Lynch, Former Leader Here, Dies

Word has been received here of the death in Portland today of Mrs. J. D. Lynch, former La Grande resident.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lynch, who had been ill several months, will be held at 9 a. m. tomorrow at Holman and Sons in Portland.

Mrs. Lynch was prominent in La Grande affairs, and was president of the Neighborhood club from 1923 to 1924. She was an excellent and entertaining speaker, and while president, the club had 325 members, the largest membership it has had since its organization 51 years ago. She organized a musical department to the club, which was very successful, and was prominent in entertaining the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs which met here at that time.

For the past few years she has

been housemother at Snell hall, on the Oregon State campus at Corvallis.

Surviving her are two sons, Schowalter, Portland; Douglas, now serving overseas; a daughter, Mrs. Leo Miller, La Grande; and other relatives.

Government to Quit Competing For Meat Supply

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (UP)—The American public was told today its biggest wartime competitor for the meat supply, the government, will step out of the priority market Sept. 2.

As a consequence food officials predict civilians will get 25 percent more meat in the last three months of 1945, still leaving 700,000,000 pounds for export.

The agriculture department announced it is lifting the last remaining set-aside on federally-inspected meat production. Packers no longer will have to reserve 50 percent of the output of pork shoulders and loins.

Set-aside on beef, mutton, lamb, veal, and other pork cuts were removed 10 days ago. Henceforth military and other government needs for meat will be met by purchases on the open market.

There was more margarine, canned pineapple and pineapple juice on grocery shelves in August, and less applesauce, mixed fruits, lard, cooking and salad oils and sugar.

Office of price administration is worried about another inflationary food price spiral such as followed World War I.

To combat this it plans to hand out "anti-inflation shopping lists" to housewives to use for spotting above-ceiling prices on meats and other foods.

Nine Girls Attend Project Meeting

Nine girls in "our home" projects were present last night at a meeting of the Mt. Emily 4-H club at the home of Mrs. Hagey.

Girls brought completed items which they had made for credit in the project, and two girls gave a demonstration on simple shirt-making which they will also present at the county 4-H club fair to be held Sept. 19 and 20 in La Grande. Refreshments, consisting of frosted graham crackers and punch, were served.

Present were: Mrs. Hagey, Miss Doris Wheeler, Union county home demonstration agent, DeLeva Carpenter, Florence Carn, Leona Carn, Janet Coats, Jean Hopkins, Gail Hug, Evelyn Lloyd, Agnes Tsatsos, and Kathryn Tsatsos.

Justice Marries Two Couples Here

Charles P. Byrne and Marie Dunham were married Aug. 23 by Justice of the Peace George Currey. Witnesses were Mary Cooper and Edith Currey. Dale Edward Lefever and Vivian Fay Pupil were married Aug. 29 by Justice Currey. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are residents of Baker county.

Assignments of Teachers to Schools in System Announced; School Opens Tuesday

When schools here open at 9 a. m. next Tuesday there will not be more than two teacher vacancies and these probably will be filled before the opening date. Supt. Fred Patton announced today in listing the teacher assignments here.

The two vacancies so far in the second and sixth grades at Riveria school.

In addition to regular high school course, radio and auto mechanics will be offered if enrollment warrants, Patton said.

Assignments:
Ackerman: Edith Darby, 1; Ruth Kuhlman, 2; Eva Wear, 3; Mable Hawkinson, 4; Elizabeth Harris, 5 & 6; Floyd Hill, 6 & 7. Central: Imogen Russell, 1; Mollie Gower, 2; Nell Mahaffey,

3; Edna Mae Burress, 4; Vivian Grubb, 5; Berta Lloyd, 6; Larry Brunette, 7.

Greenwood: Nell Thacker, 1; June Coolidge, 1; Evelyn Masten, 2; Frances Wilson, 3; Grace Snook, 4; Jeana Mae Nice, 5; Elsie Gietthuber, 6; Pauline Johnson, 7; Floyd McLin, prin. math.

Riveria: Beatrice Young, 1; Nina Kame, 3; Bessie Gelbel, 4; Elinor Kennedy, 5; John Bennett, prin, 7.

Willow: Neva Neill, 1; Kay Buck, 2 & 3; Ruth Greene 4 & 5; J. B. Conaway, prin. 6 & 7.



MAJ. GREG BOYINGTON, Corsair fighter squadron leader, returns to American fleet alive after 17 months of mistreatment in Japanese prison camp.

Imbler School to Open Tuesday; Same faculty

IMBLER, Aug. 31 (Special)—By order of the Imbler school board of directors, Imbler Consolidated Schools will open Sept. 4. School will be in session until 12 that day.

High school students will register on Sept. 3 from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. Students are requested to enroll on this date regardless of when they start an enrollment will determine courses to be offered and materials to be purchased.

Schedule for bus No. 1 follows:
South from Imbler to Ruckman corner, west to foothill highway (7:55), north to Pleasant Grove (8:05), west to Frank Smith corner (8:07), north to John Lewis (8:12), west to Cantrel corner (8:14), north to Simpson corner (8:22), east to Dry Creek by way of Geo. Craig (8:30), then through Summerville (8:35), back to Imbler (8:42).

Bus No. 2: Same as last school year.

All teachers of the Imbler school faculty have returned with the exception of Mrs. Blanche Quebbeman, who resigned. She will be replaced by Mrs. George Downing.

Teachers for La Grande schools for the 1945-46 school year who arrived last night are:

Clifford Exley, from Colville, Wash., who will teach social science and athletics in Junior high school. He has two children, a boy, 5, and a girl 18 months old.

Gene Cooper, from Glens Ferry, Ida., who will teach physical education and football in high school. He has a son, 4, and a daughter, 8.

Leonard Rice, from Roseburg, vocational agricultural teacher, with three children, a girl, 2, a boy, 4, and a three-months old baby.

Mary Bennett, from Salem, who will teach girls' physical education in high school.

High school: Leonard Rice, agric.; Lucy Comstock, commercial; Edith Anderson, commercial; Jean Williams, English; Marie Tiggelbeck, English; Maxine Jones, English; Helen Schaper, English, dean of girls; Clifford Exley, soc. sci.; Ron Walk, trades; Leslie Smith, soc. sci.; Helen Quinn, mathematics; Helen Shoemaker, mathematics; Vernal Shoemaker, science; O. P. Welgel, music; Naomi Detrick, science, home ec.; Thelma Olsen, Latin, Spanish, library; Mario Ledbetter, home ec.; Ray Kellogg, soc. sci., mech., dr., art; Dee McLin, man. tr.; R. E. Quinn, soc. sci.; Owen Price, soc. sci.; dean of boys; Mary Bennett, girls' P. E.; Gene Cooper, boys' P. E.

Japanese Hope Americans Continue Fair; Anxious to Start on Road to Friendship

By JAMES McGLINCY
TOKYO, Aug. 31 (UP)—T. Kase, Harvard-educated, spokesman for the Japanese foreign office, said today Japan is ready to pay the price of defeat but he asks for American friendship while his country carries out provisions of what he termed the "stringent" Potsdam surrender declaration.

In the first official statement of Japanese policy to the American press, Kase described the war criminal problem as "very, very delicate."

"Japan is anxious to do everything possible to start on the long road to — shall I say — friendship? Again it depends on you."

Japan Ready
"Stevenson said it takes two to make a kiss," said Kase. "It also takes two to make friendship, Japan is ready."

He said America should be firm but fair in dealing with Japan. Kase reflects the views of Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu.

"If the Japanese people can be convinced any man designated as war criminals should be brought to justice, they will not object." He said the case of the Japanese military men accused of specific atrocities is different because they had violated international law.

Favorable
Kase acknowledged there had been "great apprehension and anxiety" as to how Japanese surrender envoys would be received in Manila.

"Our correspondent reported your attitude was firm but fair," Kase said. "After the return of our envoys, the reports they gave did much to relieve the apprehension of the people. You know our people are shy. Now they also had a fear of how they would be treated."

"Remember—every one of them expected to die. But the manner in which your ships entered Tokyo bay, and the way the men

landed at Atsugi airdrome has created a favorable impression."

Another Try
He was asked whether he thought Japan would want to make another try to world domination in perhaps 50 years from now.

"We are paying a very great price for our attempt. However, if your treatment is too severe, the Japanese people will react."

The Japanese only a few months — even week — ago were beating and jabbing Americans with bayonets.

Yanks Place Heavy Guards on Strategic Points Near Tokyo

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HDQS. YOKOHAMA, Aug. 31 (UP)—U. S. air and sea forces mounted armed guard over strategic points within a 200-mile-square sector of the Tokyo plain today and Gen. Douglas MacArthur prepared to receive Japanese surrender.

In light drizzling rain and under grey skies armed units of the 11th airborne division fan-

ned out over the metropolitan Atsuga - Yokosuka - Yokohama areas.

Seen Few
They set up guard posts at main intersections, bridges, strategic points, and around buildings taken over by the American forces.

More than 40,000 American army and navy men were ashore and thousands more were pouring in. But as they fanned out over the metropolitan region their numbers still seemed small.

MacArthur is busy arranging for the surrender ceremony Sunday. No untoward incidents of any nature with the Japanese were reported and it was said they continued to cooperate fully.

Worst Beaten
Tokyo itself is off limits to American forces but correspondents who inspected the Japanese capital said it was the "worst beaten up city" they had ever seen. Japanese informants placed destruction at "about 60 percent."

It may be considerable time before any large number of American troops enter Tokyo. Life in the city is at a complete standstill.

All allied prisoners in the Tokyo area, with the exception of one prison camp, have been liberated. Seven hundred were released from the Omori camp. All records at this camp were seized by the recovered personnel team of the 11th airborne division.

Stoddard Brothers Here for Visits
Waldo I. Stoddard and David, I. Stoddard, brothers, are here for first visits here together in several years.

Both sons of an earlier lumber industry family here, they have still large interests here.

Waldo Stoddard is executive vice president of the Michigan state bank of Grand Rapids. He is a former athlete of La Grande high school basketball and was president of his senior class. He and his brother Howard, were in banking business together here.

David, also a native of this area, still has farms here, but for the past few years has been in charge of church work in the midwest for the Latter Day Saints church, with his headquarters in Chicago.

Three Cove 4-H Clubs in Meeting
Three Cove 4-H club groups were represented last night at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Dena Towle. Fourteen members of child care, sewing, and cooking clubs were present. Watermelon was served for refreshments.

Industry Expects to Produce 'More' Employment Next Year "133 Percent"
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—Industry expects to produce more civilian goods by the end of the year than it did before the war.

Production Chief J. A. Krug, made public the war production board's first survey of the progress of industry's shift-over to peacetime output. He said reconversion rate is better than he expected. Using 1939-41 as the base peacetime period the survey showed that:

1—In July 1945, civilian production was at 46 percent and employment at 51 percent.

2—August production estimates were 48 percent and employment 57 percent.

3—By December, production will be 112 percent and employment 96 percent.

4—By June 1946, production is expected to reach 187 percent and employment 133 percent.

"In our book," said Krug, "the reconversion rate is much better than we had expected. These industries, our experience has shown, don't usually stick their necks out in making future estimates. I have great confidence in their figures."

Truman Orders End of OWI in Foreign Fields

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—President Truman today ordered abolition of the office of war information and asked Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to prepare a program to put American foreign informational needs on a continuing basis.

Effective immediately, the foreign functions of OWI and the informational operations of the office of inter-American affairs were consolidated in a few interim international information services within the state department.

Domestic Ends
Effective Sept. 15, the domestic functions of OWI will be abolished. Byrnes was directed to abolish the interim international information service by Dec. 31.

The president made it plain the government's future international information program will not compete with American private organizations and individuals in the fields of news, motion pictures and communications.

Praises Press
Instead, he said, the government's program will be designed to assist American private enterprise in disseminating information abroad, supplementing private services with "specialized" informational activities in which commercial or other limitations make it difficult for private concerns.

The president praised the work of OWI under leadership of Elmer Davis. He said the agency made "an outstanding contribution to victory."

Carlos Easley to Teach Radio at Eastern College

The new terminal curriculum in radio-electric service and management at Eastern Oregon college will be headed during the coming year by Carlos Easley. Mr. Easley comes well qualified for this position, having completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Colorado in 1942. He expects to complete the requirements for the Master's Degree at that institution in the very near future. Easley has had considerable experience as a radio technician in the State of Texas and has taught physics and radio in the Boulder, Colorado High School. He headed the Science Department at the Pendleton High School last year, doing considerable work in electric frequencies as an avocation. Easley served as instructor in mathematics and science at Eastern Oregon college during the army aviation program here.

MacArthur Meets Wainwright Again
Gen. Douglas MacArthur shook hands today with Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright. Wainwright, freed from a Japanese prison camp in Manchuria, was rushed by air via Chungking and Manila to be present at the formal surrender ceremony Sunday. The meeting took place in a private dining room of the hotel where MacArthur and his staff awaited Wainwright's arrival.

"Well, I'm glad to see you," MacArthur said, shaking Wainwright's hand as the emaciated officer walked in. Wainwright, obviously in fine spirits, swallowed momentarily and said "I'm glad to see you, too."

Wainwright was accompanied by Gen. Sir Archibald Percival, British commander at Singapore.

Curfew to Start Here Next Tuesday

Beginning next Tuesday, Sept. 4, curfew will go into effect, City Manager Ed Ford said today. The siren will be sounded at 9:45 p. m., with three blasts given, and all children 16 years of age or less must be off the streets by 10 p. m., unless accompanied by grown-ups. Parents of children out after hours will be held responsible.

Tales of Brutality Continue

By FRANK BARTHOLOMEW
ADMIRAL BADGER'S FLAGSHIP, YOKOSUKA Aug. 31 (UP)—Fifty percent of the 1,500 allied war prisoners already rescued from camps in the Tokyo area were treated so brutally by the Japanese they need hospital care. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen revealed today. Most prisoners said they were beaten regularly. Some showed torture scars on their hands, apparently the result of thumb screws or similar devices.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, member of Admiral William F. Halsey's staff, said there were many reports of prisoners dying from beatings and lack of care. No instances of deliberate executions yet have been reported, however.

Home Soon
The latest count showed 1,494 American, British, Australian and Dutch prisoners liberated and aboard the hospital ship Benevolence. Those who do not require hospital treatment will be transferred for transportation home.

Some prisoners told of an "inquisition center" inland from Tokyo. Airmen and submarine crews were the main "customers," Stassen said.

Shiragawa "hospital" also was among the worst places, prisoners said.

No Remorse
"You shouldn't use the word 'hospital' for that place," Stassen said. "You could only describe it as a hellhole. The filth was indescribable."

An American doctor captured on Guam was given a pick and shovel job until recently and not permitted to treat fellow prisoners.

Asked if Japanese camp officials had expressed any remorse, Stassen said: "I just can't analyze what a Jap appears to be."

Swim to Ships
Tales of torture spurred American rescue squads. Doctors and nurses worked without rest to care for the hundreds who poured aboard the U.S.S. Benevolence. Most of the men who have been freed so far came from seven prison camps near Tokyo. Hundreds, naked and starving, tried frantically to swim out to meet their rescuers.

They kept shouting, "Thank God, you've come. Thank God, you've come."

The rough-tough rescue teams, who up until now have landed in the face of shrapnel and bullets, found their new assignment almost more than they could bear. Many of those who stormed ashore to aid the sick and weak were openly crying. "They could only reply, 'Take it easy, boys. We'll get you all. Take it easy.'"

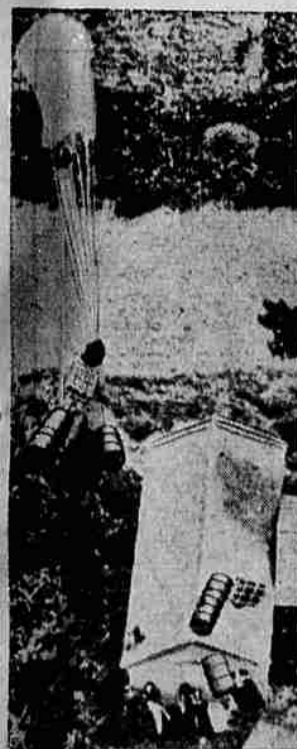
Complaints mounted rapidly against the treatment accorded prisoners.

(Marine combat correspondent Sgt. Don Petit of Burlington, Vt., quoted a rescued marine of the Wake Island garrison today as saying that Maj. James P. S. Devereux, marine commander at Wake, was believed to be alive and well. But the dispatch did not report Devereux whereabouts.)

Many of the war's major mysteries slowly began taking solid shape as prisoners who were captured in all corners of the Pacific began to tell of their experiences. (Hamilton Faron, representing the combined allied press, reported from the hospital ship Reeves off Omori, the famous American submarine Tang was torpedoed and sunk off Formosa, Oct. 25. Only nine of her crew, including Cmdr. Richard H. O'Kane of Durham, N. H., escaped. O'Kane and eight of his men were among those rescued from Omori.)

Carrier planes still circling over other camps saw signs reading: "We want food."

Keizer to Join McGraw Hill Staff
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—Dexter M. Keizer, former president of Reed college, Portland has resigned as a public member of the war labor board, the WLB announced today. He will join the economic staff of McGraw-Hill Publishing company.



SUPPLIES, NOT BOMBS—Parachute with supplies falls near farmhouse in dropping area adjacent to Weilsian, China, prisoner of war camp. Food and clothing are in the barrels attached to chute dropped by B-29s of 73rd bombardment wing. Prisoners run and crouch near house. 20th air force photo by navy radio-telephoto.

Fewer Sales For Taxes in County, 1945

An unusually small number of tracts in Union county have been foreclosed this year, it was announced today, said Colon R. Eberhard, district attorney.

Only 31 tracts were foreclosed for delinquent taxes, no payments having been made on 1941 and subsequent taxes. In normal years, as many as 100 tracts are foreclosed.

Thirty-seven tracts were advertised in the summons, but taxes on six were paid before Tuesday.

Tracts foreclosed may still be redeemed, it was announced, by payment, within a year, of taxes, interest, penalty, and foreclosure charges. If, at the end of the year, the tracts are not redeemed, a deed is issued to the county by the sheriff, and the tract is sold.

Thirty-four owners of the 37 tracts were named in the summons, published every Friday from July 27 to Aug. 17.

Baker Elks Give 7 Scholarships

Elks lodge of Baker has awarded seven scholarships in Baker and Grant counties. A special scholarship committee met with D. Roben J. Maaske, president, and Lyle H. Johnson, registrar, of Eastern Oregon college to make the selections. The scholarships were given to outstanding seniors on the basis of character and personality, worthiness and need, leadership qualifications, and scholarship record. The scholarships were awarded to: Alice Bergeson, Shirley Leonnig and Marjory Walter of Baker; Barbara Johnson of Keating; Mary Lee Cork of Monument, Edna Kenworth of North Powder; and Madonna Cummings of Richland.

Seven Fined in Justice Court

David Ray York, Pondosa, was fined \$5 Wednesday in justice court on charge of not having operator's permit or vehicle license. Willard Carey, La Grande, was fined \$10 for violation of the basic rule. Owen L. Mills, transient, was fined \$5 yesterday for not having a muffler on his automobile. Kenneth Duane Sanderson, Summerville, was also fined \$5 for having no muffler. John Oscar Potter, Joseph, was fined \$8 for not having operator's permit. Harvey Eugene Strasbury, transient, was fined \$10 for not having a tail light, and Earl Richard Whopies, Baker, was fined \$8 for not having a tail light.

Reservations for Douglas Luncheon Wanted Saturday

Reservations for the luncheon next Tuesday at which William O. Douglas, associate justice of the U. S. supreme court, will be chief speaker, should be made by Saturday night with the chamber of commerce office. Charles Reynolds, vice president, urged today.

Because of the holiday Monday, there will be no opportunity to make reservations that day.

Raymond Gray, chamber president, will be the presiding officer and it has not yet been decided who will introduce Judge Douglas. Mrs. Ada Clark will prepare the luncheon which will be served at the Elks lodge.

Weather To Be Good Labor Day

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (UP)—Go ahead and plan that Labor day outing, the weather bureau suggested today. The entire nation can expect mostly good weather over the three-day Labor day holiday.

President Truman noted the approach of the nation's first peacetime Labor day holiday in four years with a warning to motorists.

Loss in Kaiser Yards 3 Millions As Ships Saved

PORTLAND, Aug. 31 (UP)—The 2,800-foot outfitting dock of the Kaiser Oregon shipyards lay in ruins today after a \$3,000,000 fire which damaged seven unfinished war vessels.

The spectacular fire forced closure of the yard until next Tuesday. Since the yard had only three more ships to complete and was cutting down its force rapidly, it was believed the fire may prove to the impetus virtually to end the wartime job of the yard.

It was feared the loss would pass the \$25,000,000 mark shortly after the fire broke out and the seven ships caught fire. Then it was discovered quick action in towing the ships into the Willamette river had prevented interior damage to the vessels.

The fire broke out yesterday when an acetylene line burst under the outfitting dock, igniting the wooden piling.