

"Story of Atom"
To Begin Tuesday
In Observer

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Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.
Temperature:
Maximum 87
Minimum 43
Forecast: Clear tonight. Sunday partly cloudy, slightly cooler.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 1, 1945

FIVE CENTS

JAPS TO SIGN TODAY

Quille Released from Prison Camp

Last desperate stand made by U. S. marines and civilians on Wake island before it fell to the Japanese two days before Christmas, 1941, are described by liberated prisoners on the hospital ship USS Benevolence.

Among them is Larry W. Quille, formerly in the advertising department of the Evening Observer. He was chief time-keeper for civilian workers on Wake island. Torture endured by the prisoners was also described in a United Press dispatch to the Observer today.

Tense Moments
Anchored within sight of Yokohama, the Benevolence received 1,494 prisoners as naval task forces rushed the work of evacuating the men who fought so valiantly in hopeless campaigns early in the war.

The tense moments of those final days on Wake were revealed by the diary of George P. Coates, Los Angeles, a civilian engineer. His story was matched by Quille.

Coates' diary tersely told of

Wake's last days as an American possession:

"Dec. 23: Enemy vessels were known to be offshore at 12:30 a.m. All guns manned — by 1 a.m. all our planes out of commission. Submarines left a few days ago. Shelling started at 1:15 a.m.

Overran
"Two enemy destroyers overran the surf and are grounded on shore. Our shore batteries gave them hell. One destroyer is in flames, the other taking 30 rounds a minute.

"The Japanese are landing at several points on the south shore.

"The three-inch is sinking landing party — 30 and 50 spray- ing landing parties.

"Japanese making for brush low. Some 38 vessels now closing in. Shelling island. Jap snipers picking off men from rear.

"At 7:23 a.m. Wake island surrenders."

Stripped
Coates' diary then described the roundup of 800 American pri-

soners who were forced to strip naked and kneel for several hours under guards holding machine guns. They were then taken in trucks to the airstrip where they waited for hours in the broiling sun. About 20 percent of the men were given clothing or allowed to retain their clothing.

"The prisoners were lined 25 deep with machine guns at their front," the diary continued. "The guards moved to the rear and we all thought we'd be shot but nothing happened."



LIBERATED POWS ON JAPAN WILD WITH JOY.—Revealing orgies of beastial beatings, inquisitorial regime of Jap prison camp, first of some 500 prisoners in Yokosuka area, suffering from concussions, malnutrition, burns, are liberated. Wildly jubilant, these men, from camp at Omori, Japan, wave American, British and Netherlands flags. U. S. navy radio-telephoto from USS Iowa.

3 Injured In Crash At Elgin

ELGIN, Sept. 1 (Special)—Mrs. Oscar Benshaddler, wife of a prominent farmer near the Flats, was seriously injured at 8:45 a. m. Saturday when the car which she drove was in collision with a car in which Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodell of La Grande were riding.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodell received severe cuts and bruises and returned to La Grande with Dr. Ivan Bennett of Elgin, who gave emergency attention to all three of the injured persons.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodell were enroute to Innaha to spend the Labor day week-end fishing and camping when the accident occurred. The collision was head-on right by the mailbox of the Elgin farm home a mile east of Elgin.

Both cars were considerably damaged. Mrs. Benshaddler is at Grande Ronde hospital where she is being treated for chest injuries, lacerations about the scalp and bruises and contusions to both knees.

Wainwright to Fly To U. S. Next Week

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 1 (UP)—Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, commander of Bataan and Corregidor, will fly to the United States next week to receive a long-postponed welcome.

Here to witness Japan's formal surrender to the allies aboard the battleship Missouri tomorrow, Wainwright broadcast to the United States today a message of gratitude for the nation's "generous understanding" of his surrender of the Philippines in 1942.

Wainwright said he will return to Manila after the surrender ceremony, stay two or three days there and "thereafter I expect to fly to the United States."

"I am looking forward to the time when I can again set foot on the soil of our glorious democracy," he said.

Fire on Meadow Creek Controlled

Fire which was started by lightning a couple of days ago on the ridge between McCoy creek and Meadow creek was brought under control by state foresters last night. It had covered about 200 acres, mostly grassland.

About 15 crew men and a number of volunteers had worked to bring it under control. Several days ago a lightning fire which started on Mt. Harris was put out before it had burned more than an acre.

BODY RECOVERED

SALEM, Sept. 1 (UP)—State police yesterday recovered the body of Emilio DeLafuente Guardado, Mexican hop picker, who was drowned Tuesday in the Willamette river near Independence.

United Nations May Get Atomic Bomb

U. S. Considers Proposal to Help Peace

LONDON, Sept. 1 (UP)—United States is considering a proposal to place the atomic bomb in the hands of the world security council to enforce permanent peace, former Secretary of state Edward R. Stettinius, jr., revealed today.

Stettinius, chief American delegate to the executive committee of the United Nations preparatory commission, admitted at a press conference control of the atomic weapon might be transferred from the United States and Britain to the world police organization.

Study Decision
A decision on that question, he

Hunters Must Wait Until Next Year For Enough Shells

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (UP)—Hunters will have to wait until next year to do all the shooting they want, according to the announcement today the ammunition ration for the coming hunting season will be the same as last year.

A hunter must sign a certificate to get his allotment which will consist of 100 shotgun shells; 150 rounds .22-caliber rim-fire cartridges; 40 rounds center-fire rifle ammunition or 50 rounds if packaged 50 to the box.

South 40 Executive Committee to Meet

Executive committee of the South Forty club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the county agent's office, it was announced today. The committee will plan the 1945-46 program, with the first general meeting scheduled for Sept. 18.

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Road Graveled at Gumbo Point for Year Round Use

Job of widening and graveling the Mt. Emily road at Gumbo point has been completed and the road crew is now working on a 6 mile of road at Indian springs, near the summit ranger station. With the completion of this job, the two sections of the loop road from La Grande to Kamela via Mt. Emily that have formerly made travel nearly impossible during spring and fall will be eliminated.

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Doug Burnett Dies in Action In Jap Camp

Cpl. Douglas Burnett, 32, son of Mrs. Lulu M. Burnett, was killed in a Japanese prisoner of war camp in the Philippines Dec. 14, 1944, according to an official message from the war department received last night.

Since the message did not go into detail, it was assumed Corporal Burnett had died in some sort of escape action or against his captors in support of outside attacks. Later letters may give an explanation.

Joins in 1939
Corporal Burnett joined the army in 1939 and was in the coast artillery on Corregidor, where he was captured in 1942 when the Japanese overran the islands. He and Willard Hall, who recently returned, were in Cabanatuan and Manila together.

Only last Jan. 17 and May 26, his relatives had received "official" Japanese cards from him with his signature and two weeks ago a message was received from the Red Cross that packages or message might be sent him.

Here 15 Years
Born in Union county, Corporal Burnett had been a resident of La Grande 15 years and had attended school in La Grande and Enterprise. He was a member of the Eagles lodge and of the Christian church. Before joining the army he had been employed in logging camps and in restaurants here.

Besides his mother, he leaves four brothers, Lynne of Pine Grove, Calif., Earl of Stanfield, Howard of La Grande, and Halger of Hermiston; three sisters, Mrs. Vivian Davis of Portland, Mrs. Lois Gooderham and Mrs. Crystal Fossum, Baker.

Building Permits Total \$37,665 in First Eight Months

Building permits for the first eight months of 1945 in La Grande stood at \$37,665 today, according to records at the city office. Value of new construction in August was \$10,825, a gain over any previous month this year.

Figures are:
January \$1,700
February 4,525
March 1,700
April 3,800
May 3,735
June 6,155
August 10,825
Total \$37,665

First Plane Stolen In Oregon Found

PORTLAND, Sept. 1 (UP)—Oregon's first stolen airplane case was solved today with the arrest of two 17-year-old boys in Mountain Home, Ida., where they landed a Piper Cub plane stolen Thursday from the Portland-Trousdale airport.

The sheriff of Elmore county, Idaho, said the boys told him one of them had two hours flying time and the other none when they took off at dawn. The FBI joined state and county officers checking their flight.

They were quoted as relating their first stop was at Walla Walla then Baker, where they left yesterday afternoon for Mountain Home.

\$10 Bill Found, Owner Didn't Call

Honesty proved itself to be the best policy Wednesday, when Observer carrier Patsy Willy had \$10 returned to her by city police. Patsy found the bill lying in the street the latter part of June, and took it to the police, who held it on the chance the loser might call. When no inquiries had been made after two months, the police — on the principle of "finder's keepers" — returned the bill to Patsy.

Thirty-seven husky La Grande high school youngsters greeted their new football coach today at the first turnout for practice of the school year.

Gene Cooper, noting the enthusiasm and spirit of the morning session of more than an hour, ordered them back again at 2:30 p.m. for further calisthenics and running, which had taken up the morning drill.

Equipment had been issued yesterday.



S/SGT. TALBERT M. BENNETT: Returns home with soldiers medal, other decorations.

Talbert Bennett Discharged; Has Soldier's Medal

S/SGT. Talbert M. Bennett, who has been in the army three years and 15 days is home with a discharge and also brought with him a final citation and the soldier's medal.

The medal was given for inspirational conduct. When a field servicing gasoline trailer, parked near the heavy bombardment aircraft on his base, burst into flames, Bennett and other soldiers, with utter disregard of their own safety, seized hand extinguishers and helped to prevent disaster to the bomber and other equipment and installations.

Sergeant Bennett joined the army Aug. 14, 1942 and was discharged at Camp Beal, Calif., Aug. 28, 1945. He was a gunner on a B-24, with the seventh air corps in the south Pacific.

He had 36 missions from Saipan and four from Guam. Besides his soldier medal he has two battle stars to the Pacific theater ribbon and the air medal with six oak leaf clusters.

Before joining the army Sergeant Bennett was employed by Bowman-Hicks lumber company. After a rest he intends to go back to logging. His wife is the former Maurine Westenskow, and they have a son, Terry, 18 months old. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bennett.

Government Lifts Whipping Cream, Butterfat Ban

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (UP)—The government today lifted a wartime ban on the sale of whipping cream, removed an order limiting the richness of ice cream and announced about 20,000,000 pounds of butter set aside for military purchase will be released to civilians.

All the actions are effective immediately. They were announced by the agriculture department.

The actions removed all controls over production and distribution of dairy products except a set-aside of cheddar cheese.

The agriculture department said whipping cream probably would become available to civilians almost immediately. The ban had existed since 1943.

Because of shortages of sugar and other ingredients no substantial expansion in the quantity of ice cream and other dairy products was anticipated at once, although the quality of what is produced may now improve.

Butter points will drop from 16 to 12 points a pound tomorrow because of the reduction in military requirements.

High Gridders Start Practice

These will not be attempted, however, until the squad has worked the soreness out of muscles and bruises of early sessions are healed.

Only one regular is back from the squad of last season, the coach said. He is Doc Kilgore, a back. Several members of the squad are large and fast. Competition for positions will be wide open.

First game of the season will be with The Dalles, at The Dalles field Sept. 14.

President to Speak Following Ceremony

WASHINGTON, September 1 (UP)—The White House announced today the Japanese surrender ceremonies aboard the battleship Missouri off Tokyo will go on the air at 6:30 p.m. PWT today (10:30 a.m., Sept. 2, Tokyo time).

President Truman will make his brief V-J day radio address sometime after 6:30 p.m. (PWT) White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said.

Ross said the president would be on hand in the White House broadcasting room from 6:30 PWT on, "ready to speak when the signal comes."

Speech to Troops
Ross also revealed Truman will speak again tomorrow at 6:10 p.m. PWT during a two-hour armed forces radio service broadcast.

The president's Sunday night address will be "a speech to the troops," Ross said.

The message said the surrender ceremonies would "go on the air at 10:30 a.m. on the second"—9:30 p.m., EWT tonight.

"Just how long the ceremony will be we don't know yet," Ross said. "At the completion of the ceremony the president will go on the air."

Once the president has made his V-J day proclamation, radio networks will be switched back to Tokyo bay for brief talks by MacArthur and fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

On Missouri
Truman's talk to U. S. troops will be brief, Ross added.

Ross was unable to say what the exact nature of the surrender ceremony broadcast from the battleship Missouri in Tokyo bay.

V-J day may be tomorrow. The ceremony will signal the final end of world war II.

Surrender Text
Which Japs Sign

ABOARD THE USS MISSOURI, Tokyo Bay, Sept. 2 (UP)—Following is the instrument of surrender:

1. We hereby accept provisions in the declaration issued by the heads of the governments of the United States, China and Great Britain, July 26, 1945 at Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet socialist republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the allied powers.

2. We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the allied powers of the Japanese Imperial general headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control.

All Commands
3. We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed.

4. We hereby command the Japanese Imperial general headquarters to issue at once orders to the commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

5. We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the supreme commander for the allied powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender.

Invited to Sign
After the Japanese were invited to sign and had signed, the representatives of the allied nations were invited to affix their signatures to the surrender. They are United States, China, United Kingdom, Russia, Australia, Canada, France, The Netherlands, New Zealand, in that order.

Then the general was to say: "Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are closed."

Judges Selected For 4-H Club Fair Here Sept. 19-20

Judges have been named for the county-wide 4-H club fair to be held Sept. 19 and 20 at the fair grounds, it was announced today.

L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader from Corvallis, will judge special contests; E. M. Houser, county club agent from Ontario, will judge livestock and poultry; H. G. Blank, Cove, will judge saddle horses.

In charge of the fair are H. G. Gassett, Cove, superintendent, and Vernon DeLong, La Grande, assistant to Mr. Gassett.

NO PAPER MONDAY
Because of observance of Labor day, the Evening Observer will not publish an edition Monday.