

What Do We Know
About Japs Even
Now? (See Editorial)

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Weather
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Temperature:
Maximum 82
Minimum 39
Forecast: Clear tonight and
Thursday.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1945

FIVE CENTS

Pvt. Clayton Klein Released from Japs

Pvt. Clayton C. Klein, 26, has been released from a Japanese prisoner of war camp, according to word received here today by his parents from the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klein said he "had been returned to military control," according to the telegram, and will be returned to the United States soon. He had been a prisoner of the Japanese ever since the fall of Corregidor.

Leaving here with the national guard, Private Klein had spent a year at Camp Murray before going to the Philippines in the regular army.

He has been in a camp in Osaka since December, 1944, and before that had been in camps in the Philippines and in Mukden, Manchuria.

Born in Arkansas, he came here with his parents and the other members of his family in 1930. He is a graduate of La Grande high school and attended Eastern Oregon college a year.

Word of his release came in time to reach his brother, I. N. Klein, former marine staff sergeant, who left early today with his wife for New York City, where they will make their home.

In the marines he had been in charge of business machines at the marine depot at San Francisco and will work for the machine company in New York. They have been house guests of his parents since Sept. 4.

A third brother, T/3 Paul, is in the Philippines and writes he will be home in a matter of months. In the army three years, with the 82nd field hospital, he was in the battle of Okinawa.

Boyington Comes Home to Noisy, Boisterous Gang

OKLAND, Calif., Sept. 12 (UP)—Wearing the shiny new silver oak leaves of a lieutenant colonel, Gregory Boyington, of Okanogan, Wash., the marine ace who couldn't stay missing, came home to a roaring welcome from his fellow "Black Sheep" today.

A four-motored transport bringing "Pappy" and 21 navy enlisted men, landed here at 5:46 a. m. Twenty-one original members of the "Black Sheep" squadron, which Boyington welded from a group of green replacements into one of the fighting outfits in the Pacific, grabbed him on their shoulders.

"This is the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me," Boyington yelled.

The 21 Black Sheep—17 flying officers and four ground crewmen—had been waiting at the terminal more than two hours.

They wanted to collect a round of drinks they said he had promised them "when this war is over."

They last saw him Jan. 3, 1944, shortly before he bagged his 26th plane.

The outfit was first organized by Boyington in August, 1943. Only a few of the men had combat experience. Many had been eased out of other squadrons because they were not believed good enough.

**Yanks Died at Rate
Of 30 Daily on Ship**

JINSEN, Korea, Sept. 8 (Correct)—(UP)—Conditions aboard the hell ship were so terrible the Japanese crew never ventured below decks, and American prisoners—half-smothered in horse manure—died at the rate of 30 a day.

Lt. Col. Joseph E. Kramer of Coupeville, Wash., told about it today after American rescue teams reached this prison camp at Jinsen—where only 300 prisoners remained alive out of 1,619 who sailed from Manila last Dec. 13.

"We carried our own dead topside and threw them into the sea," said Kramer. "The crew practically ignored us."

**Elgin, Union Ration
Board Closed Now**

Jack Hale, board supervisor of the OPA, has announced the closing of the Elgin and Union ration boards, effective yesterday.

Closing of the boards was originally scheduled for Sept. 30, Hale stated, but due to the resignations of the chief clerks in both offices, earlier closing was deemed necessary.

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Prizes, Events For Annual Horse Show Announced

Include Parade,
Music, Riding,
Roping, Races

Fourth annual horse show, scheduled for Sept. 20 at Union county fairgrounds will offer \$300 in cash prizes for events, as well as a Lawrence saddle, valued at \$145, which will be presented to a member of the audience.

Special features of the show will include the parade which will form at the fair grounds at 1 o'clock and proceed down Adams avenue then back to the grounds, and the barn dance that evening at the fair ground buildings.

Announce Judges
M. J. Goss is general chairman. Fred Guthrie will be the announcer and judges will include Dr. A. E. Ragle, Baker, for saddle horses and races, Sam Hill, La Grande, bucking and roping, and William Ledbetter, La Grande, for draft horses.

Music will be provided by the La Grande high school band.

The program follows: Showing of eight-horse team, by Smutz brothers, introductions; presentation of queen and princesses; Maverick riding club men's drill; girls' riding contest; reining contest; boys' riding contest; showing of six and four-horse teams; walk-trot race; quadrille, by Mt. Emily camp; 4-H club race; showing of two-horse teams; musical rope race, for men only; cow riding contest; five-gaited saddle horse contest; saddle horse race; bending race; calf roping contest, first showing; saddle horse race, ladies only; trick roping by Ray Crossen, La Grande; boys' bareback race.

Roping
Calf roping contest, second showing; ladies pleasure horses; drill by Oregon Trail Riders, Baker; bucking contest; pony express race; musical rope race, ladies only; stake race; three-gaited pairs; Maverick Riding club ladies drill; mug and milk contest; free-for-all saddle horse race; jumping contest; Union county horse show derby, one-half mile.

In charge of various events are Clyde Miles, Cy Perkins, Cliff Hagey, Al Thornburg, Ralph Beery, and Beverly Smith.

**Legion to Elect
Officers Tonight**

La Grande post of American Legion will meet at 8 p. m. today at the Sacajawea hotel for the first fall meeting and for election of officers. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Delegates to the state convention will also report at the meeting, Guy Spencer, first vice commander, announced today. The delegates are Spencer, George T. Tass, John Garity and Charles Erve. Alternates who also attended are Bill Wilkins and Milton Fletcher. Jesse Rosenbaum, past seventh district commander, will also report on the convention.

**Range Riders Ready
For Maverick Show**

UNION, Sept. 12 (Special)—Range Riders appointed Mrs. Rex Griggs, Mrs. Merilyn Langford and Leonard Huffman a committee to arrange for horses for those who wish to take part in the Maverick show at La Grande. This same committee is to also arrange horses for those wishing to ride in the parade at the Pendleton Round-up. The Range Riders have an unusual interest in the Maverick show at La Grande, since their secretary, Miss Jeanne Serogins and Miss Adelaide Huffman, a member of the group, have been chosen princesses.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 0 9 0
Chicago 4 7 0
Barrett and Seminick; Wyse and Gillespie.

Detroit 7 13 2
Philadelphia 4 9 1
Benton, Caster (8) and Richards; Newsom, Bowles (9) and Rosar.

**Steel Workers Ask
\$2,000,000 Boost**

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12 (UP)—Pay boosts of \$2,000,000 a day were demanded today by the CIO United Steel Workers of America in organized labor's first campaign to raise wages above wartime levels.

The USW sent registered letters to 86 basic steel manufacturers demanding the producers meet with the union Sept. 25 to discuss a \$2-a-day increase for 1,000,000 steel workers.

**No Deadly Radioactivity in
Hiroshima Found by Scientist**

By JAMES M'GLINCY
TOKYO, Sept. 12 (UP)—Brig. Gen. T. F. Farrell, chief of the atomic bomb mission to Hiroshima, announced today "no measurable radioactivity" was found in the devastated city although American doctors found a number of patients whose symptoms are similar.

"The actual number and proportions (of casualties) probably will never be known," Farrell told a press conference. "The largest number of casualties probably resulted from blasts of missiles and fires," the general said.

Farrell, commenting on Japanese reports citizens had died from radioactivity, said it might be possible some persons in the area did succumb to such causes, although no actual cases were found.

The Japanese, he said, apparently had not made much progress in the development of an atomic bomb of their own.

The general told correspondents from 80 to 90 percent of the buildings in Hiroshima were either destroyed or damaged. The sector of destruction spread out for two miles, and for three miles 50 percent of all buildings were destroyed.

Farrell said no evidence had been found the bomb would cause deaths through radioactivity after a long time. Hiroshima is perfectly safe, he said. Farrell said persons who arrived in the area about 10 hours after the blast showed some ill effects, such as fatigue, but all are expected to survive.

Third Jap War Lord Shoots Himself to Escape 'Disgrace'

'Memorial Should Serve Largest Number'

(Editor's note: This is the third of a series of articles and interviews in which is expounded the feelings and ideas of residents of the Grande Ronde valley toward a living memorial for the veterans of the second world war.)

There is a feeling in regard to some memorial for the men and women in service which has been expressed more or less freely. It is that whatever is done will be no more than what the service men deserve—that it can't be anything which will come near to expressing the gratitude for, or to representing the service which the army, navy and marine corps rendered in the fight against the Germans and the Japanese.

One thought which is always uppermost in the minds of the persons interviewed: That the memorial must be something which will always be ready for use and which will not be allowed to run down, or go to waste

Ford Describes La Grande Water System to Rotary

Water, vital to life, is one of the cheapest necessities purchasable in La Grande, City Manager Ed H. Ford told members of the La Grande Rotary club today.

Ford traced the history of the water system in La Grande from the time the original system was purchased from La Grande water company 60 years ago. He projected further work on the system, stating the last 10,000 feet of pipeline to the reservoir in the city will be completed as soon as possible, with money already available.

Plans Dam
In addition, he said, the city is planning to construct a dam on Beaver creek about one-half mile above the present one forming another lake which will double present storage.

In 1910, the present watershed was acquired. It is 16 miles square.

A dam was built across Beaver creek forming a lake of 46 acres or of 200,000,000 gallons capacity.

In 1921 consultant engineers were retained and after a survey of all possible water sources, they recommended that the pipe line to Beaver creek be replaced.

In 1926, two wells were sunk near the city shops. One of these is 1,035 feet deep and flows 500 gallons a minute and the other is 1,391 feet deep and delivers 1,335 gallons a minute.

Built Line
In 1931 the Beaver creek dam was raised. In 1931 new construction was started and three miles of seamless pipe was installed from Whiskey creek saddle toward the city.

Outright government grant of \$66,830, or 45 percent enabled the city in 1938 to construct the line from Whiskey creek to the Beaver creek intake. This project cost \$113,588.

Atomic Age
Former Gov. Walter Pierce spoke briefly to the group, emphasizing the future of the "atomic age" depends on the conception of the public as to the best use of the marvels of science.

Other guests were Lynn Anderson, formerly of Hermiston, now an oil station operator in La Grande, Charles Curry and Capt. Fred Otten, La Grande physician now in the service.

Chairman of the day was H. E. Dixon. President Roben Maaske presided.

**12 Oregonians Die
In 11 Days From
Traffic Injuries**

SALEM, Sept. 12 (UP)—Twelve persons were killed in traffic accidents in Oregon the first 11 days of this month.

Secretary of State Robert S. Fernald, Jr., reported today.

Eight of the fatalities occurred during the Labor day week end. Farrell said one person died every day in traffic accidents the latter part of August after gasoline rationing ended.

or cost so much the men and women who will be using it upon their return will be burdened with taxes or otherwise in supporting it.

The swimming pool seems to be the most popular type of memorial suggested. For instance, J. Donald Meyers, theater manager says:

"I believe a swimming pool would be an ideal memorial—provided it were a first class covered pool which would be used the year 'round, preferably under the supervision of the La Grande school system. And the people of the community should consider principally the number of people who would have access to the pool and leave the location as a secondary consideration."

H. E. Dixon, attorney, would like to see a swimming pool, but would also like to see a public meeting building of some sort, a community center which could be used for meetings, conventions and gatherings of all kinds.

"We don't want sentiment to run away with our judgment in building a memorial. We don't want it to become a burden upon the men and women who will have to help pay for the memorial to their service," he declared.

J. DONALD MEYERS: "Consider the number of people who would use it."

H. E. DIXON: "Let's not let sentiment run away with our judgment."

**Marine Discharge
Points Cut to 70,
Age Limit to 35**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (UP)—Marine corps announced today all male officers and men over 35 or with 70 or more discharge points will be eligible for release effective now.

Critical score for women marines remains at 25, however. But all personnel, women as well as men, who are 35 or older will be eligible, the marine corps said.

New conditions for discharge eligibility apply to personnel whether they are serving in the United States or overseas.

Critical score for male personnel was initially set at 85 Aug. 15, and this is the first reduction. The critical score does not apply to men serving four-year enlistments in the regular marine corps.

The previous discharge age set June 29, 1944, was 38 for male marines serving within the continental limits of the United States.

The marine corps credit system allows one point for each month of service from Sept. 16, 1940, to Sept. 1, 1945; one point for each month overseas or afloat between the same dates; five points for each decoration and bronze service star, and 12 points for each dependent child (not exceeding three) under 18 years of age.

**34th Roundup Opens
At Pendleton Today**

PENDLETON, Sept. 12 (UP)—All of the wild freedom of the old west was present today at Pendleton as the city opened its 34th annual roundup.

Local hotel keepers, restaurants and round-up officials estimated opening day crowds tripled the average number with local townsfolk going "all out" to entertain the thousands temporarily housed in a city which has a population of 9,000.

Entries for the \$16,800 in prize money were running about 15 percent heavier than in previous years. Events scheduled for today round-up show are steer roping, calf roping, bulldogging and bronc riding.

**Cadet Nurse Corps
To Continue Year**

Eastern Oregon college has been assured through government agencies the cadet nurse corps program will continue during the coming college year. Final recruitment date has been set by the government for October 15.

Girls joining the fall class in affiliation with The Dalles hospital in Pendleton, and St. Elizabeth hospital in Baker are assured of their full three years training program as cadet nurses.

Eighty-eight cadet nurses are expected to be on the campus to commence their training Sept. 24.

High Jap Leaders 'Purged'

TOKYO, Sept. 12 (UP)—Field Marshal Gen Sugiyama, one of the top Japanese war lords who ordered the attack on Pearl Harbor, shot and killed himself today, and a suicidal purge appeared to be sweeping through Nippon's discredited high command.

Sugiyama was the third of Japan's hunted militarists to kill himself within the last 24 hours to escape trial and punishment as war criminals.

Save Tojo
His suicide came as American army doctors battled to save the flickering life of ex-premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, who fired a badly aimed bullet into his own body last night.

Col. Richard Reynolds, Quincy, Mass., army doctor, said Tojo was resting comfortably.

There were few immediate details tonight on Sugiyama's death, beyond the fact he and his wife slew themselves in their Tokyo home, close by Tojo's residence.

Sugiyama was senior army member of the Japanese supreme command when the fateful decision to make war on the United States was made in December, 1941.

Take Admiral
Elevated to the post of war minister in Admiral Kuniaki Koiso's cabinet after Tojo's downfall, Sugiyama apparently fell from favor with the Japanese reverses in the Pacific last year, and he was demoted to commander of military forces in the homeland. He also held the rank of supreme advisor to Emperor Hirohito.

Word of Sugiyama's suicide came on the heels of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's order abolishing the Japanese imperial high command, effective at midnight tonight. That order already had prompted a former commander of Japan's Philippines army and a spokesman for the imperial headquarters to kill themselves.

Simultaneously, MacArthur abolished the infamous Black Dragon society and his military police squads hauled in their biggest prize to date—Adm. Sigetaro Shimada, former navy minister who planned the sneak raid on the American fleet at Pearl Harbor.

**Knights Templar
Select Officers**

Officers were elected and appointed last night by Eastern Oregon commander No. 6, Knights Templar, at the Masonic temple here. With August J. Stange as installing officer and Joel Richardson as installing marshal, the following were elected:

Lawrence L. McBride, eminent commander; William C. Arrivey, generalissimo; Alfred J. Cook, captain general; Glenn G. Wagner, senior warden; Silas B. Morgan, junior warden; Gus Finas, standard bearer; Herberg C. Voruz, sword bearer; Alex McKenzie, warden; George T. Cochran, prelate; William R. Winters, treasurer; C. M. Humphreys, recorder; A. H. Labbe, sentinel.

**Teachers Will Attend Health
"Workshop" Here Sept. 24, 25**

Health workshops will be held in La Grande Sept. 24 and 25, Miss Ethel S. Hansen, Union county superintendent of schools, announced today.

The workshops will be held as a result of the passage, by the 1945 legislature, of a law regarding health and physical fitness programs in the Oregon schools.

Harold A. Bishop and Miss Dortha Moore, members of the staff of the state department of education, will conduct the workshops for teachers of Union county, relative to this health and physical fitness program.

Elementary teachers are required to attend on Sept. 24, and high school teachers on Sept. 25. Administrators are expected to attend both days, Miss Hansen announced.

Grade schools will be closed Sept. 24, and high schools on Sept. 25.

Another law passed by the state legislature allows the schools five days for the regional conferences in these work shops. Pupils will be counted as present, so the state school support fund will not be decreased.

Bulletins will be sent to the teachers, as soon as full particulars are received.

Senators Promise Aid for Resuming Housing Project

BULLETIN
I have contacted national housing agency and they state while under present regulations the completion of La Grande housing project cannot be considered on basis of relieving congestion caused by industrial growth and ordinary population increases, it can be considered on basis that returning veterans need this housing in order to facilitate their attending college in La Grande. At my request, national housing agency is wiring regional office in Seattle to investigate La Grande project and look into need of returning veterans for housing. I will keep in touch with matter and send you any further information obtained.

Lowell Stockman.

Both Oregon senators have promised members of the housing committee of the chamber of commerce they will do their utmost to try to have construction of the housing project here resumed.

The 40 units are badly needed here, even more needed than before the war was over, it has been pointed out to the federal housing authority.

Senator Wayne Morse wired: "Glad to have your wire and shall continue to do my best to help along through legislation. I fully agree with you that failure to complete the housing program is an unconscionable waste of the taxpayers money and if what we need is enabling legislation congress should promptly enact such legislation."

Senator Guy Cordon replied: "Answering your wire concerning action of federal housing administration in discontinuing construction La Grande housing project, am making careful investigation of situation in effort to find solution and will wire you further as soon as possible."

The housing project is about 75 to 80 percent finished. It has been pointed out that with return of veterans and war plant workers to La Grande the housing situation will be more stringent than even before.

**Leonard Riggie
Given Discharge**

S/Sgt. Leonard J. Riggie received his discharge from the army at the Fort Lewis Separation center Sept. 6.

He entered the service Aug. 21, 1941, at Fort Lewis, and served overseas 34 months. He participated in the following battles and campaigns: Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, southern France, air offensive of Europe, air combat over the Balkans, Rhineland, northern France, and northern Apennines. Sergeant Riggie has been awarded the good conduct medal, American defense service medal, distinguished unit badge with oak leaf cluster, and the European-African-middle eastern service medal.

**Board Asks Return
Of Swan Island to
Use for Airport**

Oregon state board of aeronautics has asked for the immediate return of Swan island for an airport, as it was before the maritime commission took it over for a shipyard upon the advent of the war. W. M. Pearce announced upon his return from a state board meeting in Portland.

The board also requested that federal communications and civil aeronautic authority resume transmission of flight plans as filed by flyers as a safety measure, so that proper search can be conducted when a pilot is overdue at his destination.

Pearce, a member of the state board of aeronautics, returned from Portland by plane yesterday afternoon.