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## SERVICE FLAG TO BE DEDICATED

Another service flag will be dedicated in Independence with appropriate ceremony and the banner of seven stars will be hung in the Christian church where it will be a constant reminder that seven members have now gone forth in defense of their country.

The ceremony and program will take place at the church next Sunday evening, July 21, and all patriotic people are most cordially invited to be present.

The seven stars on the Independence Christian church service flag will honor the following:

Dean Baughman  
Carl Bingman  
Percy Gobell  
Guy Newton  
Cyril Richardson  
Marvin Richardson  
Glen Smith

## SING THE 122d PSALM FOR THE MARSEILLAISE

To The Post—When I was a little girl our Sunday school teacher set to the tune of the "Marseillaise" the 122d Psalm for us to sing. It seems to me that at this time in honor of our martyred ally this song would be appropriate for us to sing after "America."

### A KIND OF A SINGER.

[An Independence musician tried out your suggestion and couldn't make it "set" advantageously. Maybe some others may be able to make "line up."—Editor Post.]

## PORTLAND TEACHERS GIVE SHOW FOR RED CROSS

Gervais—Portland grade teachers, who are picking for Sam Brown, the loganberry king, took this town by storm one night last week by giving an entertainment that netted \$88 for the Red Cross. The scream of the evening was a song, "sung to the tune" of "The Long, Long Trail" the chorus of which is as follows: "It's a long, long row of berries"

That we are picking for Sam;  
He sends them up to Salem  
Where they make them into jam;  
My thumbs are full of stikers,  
My poor back—O, how it aches!  
But the boys in France  
Are howling hard  
For jam on buckwheat cakes."

## 58,000 AUTOMOBILE LICENSE TAGS ISSUED BY MR. OLCOTT

Salem—The issuing of an even 58,000 automobile registration tags has been completed by Chauncey D. Butler, automobile registration clerk in the office of Secretary of State Olcott. This total lacks only a few hundred of being 10,000 in excess of the total for the entire year 1917.

W. A. Scott made his wife a present of a Clark-Jewel Oil Stove this week which he purchased from Craven & Huff.

## THEY OBEY, NOT COMMAND

Local officers of patriotic organizations do not make any rules or regulations. They just merely carry out the orders of superiors. The Post has been requested to make this statement because local officers have been blamed in one or two instances for doing something that somebody didn't like.

## LIEUTENANT FLOYD FALLS FROM PLANE INTO LAKE

France, June 25—I have finished all my training and am qualified for a chass pilot (or single seater battle plane). My last course consisted of aerial gunnery which was very interesting as well as fun. While at this school I had several surprises. I met two boys from Salem, old squaw men from the club—Keith White and Red Butler. My other surprise was that the major in charge of the school was from San Diego and I knew him quite well. He was then a lieutenant and one of the fellows who landed in Mexico.

The best and last of my surprises was a forced landing in a lake. I was up some 6000 feet when my gas gave out. I could do nothing else but land. A layer of clouds was below me so I could not see the exact position of the aerodrome, but I guessed at the direction and glided accordingly but when I slipped thru the clouds I found that I was going in the right direction but could not make the field. A strong wind was against me. At once I started to look for a landing field in my immediate vicinity, but could not locate any place except the lake and a forest. Naturally I chose the lake, being an Oregonian and fond of water. Gliding in as close to shore as possible I made a pancake landing but my speed was a trifle fast so over I went machine and all. My belt broke and I landed about 30 feet away from the machine. It all happened in less than a second. I could hardly believe I was not hurt. Of course, the water was not very deep but I got a good ducking. I waded to shore and took off my soaked flying clothes and returned to the machine to see if I could help it any, but it was not hurt to any extent. So I started for camp about six miles distant thru the woods. Arriving at camp an hour later I found the boys all gathered in a group each one having an idea as to my fate. By the time they had missed me it was too dark to try any search for me in a plane. After explaining it all, we enjoyed a good laugh. The plane was loaded on a scow the next day and landed at the dock the next day. Upon examination it proved to have a split propeller, broken belt and a smashed rudder which were all very small items in comparison with what might have happened.

After leaving the gunnery school I started back to the old camp, stopping in Bordeaux and Archon, a French summer resort. I enjoyed

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## Are "Our" Soldiers Treated Alike?

We as a people are doing a whole lot for our soldiers and sailors whether they be over seas or in camp or station in this country. Yet this aid and assistance is not enough equally distributed to be absolutely fair and square. One young man, now in the great battle for his country, may have numerous relatives and friends who keep him generously supplied with letters, papers and knick-knacks. He is made as comfortable and happy as can be. Another young man in the same service, just as much entitled to the help of his home town, has but few relatives (and they may be poor) and but few friends. He gets but a small number of "home reminders" that the other young man receives. He notes the discrimination, and there is every reason to believe that he becomes discouraged and his morale is lowered by the thought that his sacrifice is not appreciated.

It is the duty of every community to equally honor and remember every one of its heroes, and over the country there has been organizations formed for just that purpose. Every one of the community's soldiers and sailors is recorded on the roll of honor and each one is remembered with those attentions that those in uniform crave for and should have to maintain courage and character. Many families in every community have no relatives or close friends in the service. They should be drafted to aid and look after the comfort of the boys in the ranks as well as their neighbors who have a service flag in the window.

Probably there is a young man from this community, who might as well be from Chicago, as far as any interest his home town people take in him. He may not be as popular, he may not be as much a man as others from the same town, but he is just as much a soldier, just as much a hero, and should be entitled to and receive just as many courtesies and acts of appreciation and remembrance.

## CROP ESTIMATES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE SECTION

Crop estimates for the Independence section as compiled by H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, are as follows:

Estimated small grain acreage 150 per cent of normal; estimated yield 75 per cent of normal. Yield reduced on account of continued dry weather.

Oats—Acreage 75 per cent of normal and yield about the same. Must have rain soon or yield will be further reduced.

Hay—In very good condition and 75 per cent of crop harvested. Estimated yield normal.

Potatoes—Acreage 100 per cent of normal, while estimated yield will not exceed 80 per cent. Early potatoes are badly damaged, while late potatoes are looking well, but must have rain soon.

Apples and peaches are both in good condition.

Prunes have been affected slightly by dry weather. Estimated they will yield 90 per cent of normal.

## KAISER BILL'S PICTURE ON ON HIS WATCH; ARRESTED

Dallas—Peter Bursell, a German living in the northwestern part of Polk county was arrested and brought to Dallas last week on complaint of neighbors that he had in his possession for display a picture of Kaiser Bill. Bursell is nearly 60 years old, and when questioned as to the facts, produced a watch with a picture of the kaiser engraved on the back of the case and two German flags on the dial. The watch was taken by the sheriff, who presented Bursell with an American flag, which he now wears on his person. Bursell is an inoffensive old man, and was one of the first aliens in the county to comply with a recent law compelling all alien residents to deposit fire arms with the sheriff.

## WHEAT FLOUR PRICE IS \$10.75 A BARREL NOW

Portland—The price of wheat flour has been set at \$10.75 a barrel. Definite announcement as to mill-feed prices is not forthcoming as yet but it is expected bran will be \$31, shorts \$33 and middlings \$40.

Harry Heffley purchased a Steel Range from Craven & Huff this week.

## POLK COUNTY THRESHERMEN RAISE WAGES AND PRICES

Dallas—The scale of wages as adopted by the Threshermen's Association June 29 was found too low and men and teams could not be procured, so a meeting of the executive committee was held in Dallas last Saturday and the wage scale was revised as follows: Man and team, \$4.50; pitcher \$3.50; sack sewer and jig on 24 to 30-inch machines, \$3.50 and over 30-inch machines \$4.

On account of the raise in wages, it was found necessary to fix the minimum price for threshing at 18 cents per sack for oats and 22 per sack for wheat. Practically every thresherman in the county has adopted this wage scale and threshing price and has pledged to support them.

## EVERYBODY IN ALBANY WILL PRAY EVERY NOON

Albany—In accordance with the resolution passed by the senate, every Albany citizen will offer a short prayer every noon for the boys in France. The bell of the United Presbyterian church will ring at noon as a reminder. An appeal has been made by the ministerial association that the prayer be followed by every resident in the city as faithfully as possible.

## SALEM CAPITAL JOURNAL IS TIED UP BY STRIKE

The Salem Daily Capital Journal issued no paper Monday as all its printers and pressmen, belonging to the Typographical Union, walked out. Objection is made by the men to an editorial appearing in a recent issue in which union labor was called disloyal or pro-German.

## INDEPENDENCE BOY IS NOW SECOND LIEUTENANT

Clinton W. McLeod, of Independence, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McLeod, has been commissioned a second lieutenant after training at Quantico, Virginia.

## INDEPENDENCE BOY ARRIVES SAFELY IN FRANCE

Mrs. J. Dornis received a card this morning from her son, Dean Baughman, informing her of his safe arrival in France.

## GOOD LUCK, O. A.

C. A. Kreamer goes to Portland this week where he will undergo an operation. Good luck to you, O. A.; you're a fine fellow and we're all for you.

## INDEPENDENCE MONITOR SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

The Independence Monitor, which has been published by G. A. Hurley since March 1 when Clyde T. Ecker left it to become editor of The Post, has suspended publication. The subscription list was turned over to W. J. Clark. The Western Youth, which was also published by Mr. Hurley, was abandoned several weeks ago.

We have not learned of Mr. Hurley's future plans, but wish him much success in whatever he may do.

## MR. AND MRS. DEE TAYLOR RETURN FROM AUTO TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Taylor returned to Independence one day last week, having completed a circle by automobile that took them thru Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. They left Independence in July of last year, but stayed for some time in Denver and several months in San Diego.

## OREGON STATE PRUNE CROP WILL BRING OVER \$1,000,000

Salem—Prune growers of Oregon will receive more than \$1,000,000 for their crop this year, according to Manager Paulus of the Salem Fruit union. Since word was received from the government releasing the prunes for sale, large quantities are being contracted for at the established prices.

## WILLING WORKERS FOR RED CROSS

Work is being carried on very systematically and energetically at the Red Cross headquarters, despite the warm Summer days.

Each morning the members of the Tattling Club can be found doing their bit to help alleviate suffering humanity.

Tuesdays and Fridays are Red Cross days and a large gathering is nearly always ready for duty.

The second and fourth Wednesdays of each month the Needlecraft of the Presbyterian church occupies the rooms.

On the alternate Wednesdays, the Ladies Circle of the Christian church engage in their patriotic duty, while Thursday the ladies of the Methodist Aid work assiduously for the soldiers.

## POLK NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER SALEM BRIDGE

In the opinion of the esteemed Polk County Observer, "there is not much enthusiasm in Polk county over the proposed celebration" of the opening of the new bridge at Salem and does not believe that "our people will go wild over it."

## AIRLIE COUPLE GET JOY TICKET AT OREGON CITY

Oregon City—A marriage license was issued here Saturday, July 13, to Deamor C. Garmire and Amy Johnson, both of Airlie, who concluded to take chances on the thirteen hoodoo.

Tell The Post.

## Canning Season

is approaching and the far-sighted housewife will this year above all others buy her requirements early.

We advise that you do not delay in buying all of the jars that you need as a traveling salesman told us that only about ten per cent of the glass factories in the United States are running. We have quite a generous supply on hand and are selling Mason's for—

Pints .....	85c dozen
Quarts .....	\$1.0 dozen
½ Gallons .....	\$1.25 dozen
Zinc Caps .....	30c dozen

Yours Truly,

JOHNSON & COLLINS