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## RAIN AT LAST; DROUTH ENDED

After a drouth of over three months, the Willamette valley was favored with a rain of considerable volume last night and today.

Its benefits are many, tho it came too late to help or save some crops. But potatoes, beans, oats, hay and fruit needed it badly and it will do a world of good. Pastures will recuperate from the long dry spell and make a little feed for the stock.

## OREGON GATHERED ITS LARGEST CHERRY CROP

Portland—That Oregon this season has received its greatest crop of cherries notwithstanding the earlier reports in many quarters that the crop was a near failure, is now an assured fact. The cherry crop is still being marketed and the volume shows little signs of diminishing.

While it is considered true that the trees of the Willamette valley did contain a few less cherries this season in the aggregate than has been shown for several seasons, the fact that weather conditions were ideal for the picking and that no fruit was spoiled on this account, gave the total output a greater amount.

## "NO MAN'S LAND" SOUVENIR RECEIVED AT DALLAS

Dallas—Miss Helen Poling of this city has received a souvenir from her brother, Harold Poling, who is with an engineer regiment in France. It is a small piece of a German airplane which the young soldier saw fall one day in "No Man's Land" after a battle with Allied aviators. That night young Poling and a comrade crawled out under the cover of darkness and cut away pieces of the wrecked machine to send to the folks back home.

## K. C. ELDRIDGE BACK; ENDS MONTH'S VACATION

K. C. Eldridge is back at his desk at the Independence Creamery after a month's vacation spent in California. His son, Shaler, is now stationed at Mare Island, but is expected to be transferred East or to France at any time.

Mr. Eldridge reports that all California is ablaze with the war spirit and with the large number of soldiers and sailors stationed near San Francisco that city is distinctly military and one would imagine that he was near the real battle front.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT LOCATED IN POLK COUNTY

Miss Edna L. Mills, emergency home demonstration agent, is now permanently located in Polk county. It is Miss Mills' intention to conduct classes, not only in food conservation but in dressmaking and millinery.

## A "BACK EAST" TRICK

A regular all wool and a yard wide "Back East" thunder storm came up Monday afternoon and lived up to its reputation. After flashing and rumbling around for a time and settling the dust, it blew away just as one of them things does.

## SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED; THREE PASTORS SPEAK

The service flag dedication ceremonies held at the Christian church Sunday evening were very impressive. The pastor, H. Tuttle, made an excellent and masterful address. He said the Nation today as never before is possessed with a consciousness of destiny, a conviction of a world mission, that the eyes of the entire world were turned to us appealing for freedom.

He paid a reverential tribute to our brave boys who are suffering, bleeding and dying to purchase for the world the priceless inheritance, peace. He insisted that this Nation must realize its responsibility to God, and that even this, the bloodiest of wars may be made a glorious occasion by the dedication of ourselves to God's service.

A program of patriotic songs was sung with Miss Gretchen Kreamer at the piano. When the flag was revealed it bore seven stars representing the following: Dean Baughman, Carl Bingman, Percy Gobell, Guy Newton, Cyril Richardson, Marvin Richardson and Glen Smith.

At the Baptist church both morning and evening, Rev. W. B. Stewart of McMinnville, Associational pastor for Baptist churches, spoke on interesting and inspirational topics. Rev. Stewart is a clear speaker and those attending his services are receiving a clearer understanding of their duty to God and man.

Rev. T. D. Yarnes spoke at the Methodist church. In the morning he chose for his subject, "Prayer." His talk will undoubtedly prove helpful to his hearers. He emphasized the thought that high ideals and desires to be effective must be embodied in prayer.

Rev. Yarnes with his family expects to take a vacation soon.

## POLK COUNTY WOMEN TO ASSIST THE FARMERS

The "Woman's Land Army" is to be formed in Polk county, and every able-bodied woman within its borders will be asked to enroll for service on the farms, tho none will be permitted to work unless they have a doctor's certificate showing physical fitness.

## LYMAN DAMON GOES ON TOUR OF INSPECTION

Lyman Damon went to Bend Saturday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Stuart. Before returning he will also visit in Burns and look after one of his farms on the old reservation. Lyman says he's going to find out what will grow out there and will be away about three weeks.

## The War Just Beginning For Us

The Allies sweep onward tho as they advance the resistance of the enemy grows stronger. The Huns have brought up reinforcements to cover the retreat for every indication points to a retirement to the line they held when they started their drive toward Paris in April. If so the gains of April, which were secured at a tremendous sacrifice of life, have been lost as well as thousands in the present battle of the Marne.

With over 1,200,000 Americans in France General Foch, commander of the Allied forces, evidently believes that he is strong enough to take the offensive and keep it. When the vast Allied army does take the offensive, it means the beginning of the end of the greatest war of the world's history and no doubt the last one. It means the destruction of German militarism; the birth of a new era when democracy will reign the world over for autocracy will fall everywhere.

When the great offensive is begun it will mean a large loss of life among the Americans for they will bear the blunt of attack. Unless the German defense crumbles from within and the German people force a peace at any price, we must expect and become accustomed to long casualty lists and we must take it as a part of the price we pay that some of the boys we know will find a grave on the blood soaked fields of martyred France. For us the war has just commenced. Heretofore it has only been a time for getting ready. Now we are going in and going in to win. We only can guess how long it will take. It may be two months, it may be two years. There is to be no compromise; it is a fight to a finish; until such a time as the kaiser and the military clique which now control the German empire have their fangs torn out by the roots so that not only the people of the Allied countries, but the people of all nations, Germans as well, will never again be robbed, enslaved and murdered.

## NO COMPLAINT FROM THIS FARMER ABOUT DROUTH

Eugene—There is one man in Oregon who isn't complaining about drouth. His name is Alex Lewis, and he lives just the other side of Donna in the Mohawk valley. He has 214 acres, and 160 acres are under ditch.

"Does irrigation pay, you ask me?" Mr. Lewis said to a visitor yesterday. "Well, I wouldn't trade my Mohawk valley farm and its water right for the best farm in the Willamette valley without a water right. That's what I think of irrigation after six or seven years experience with it."

## INDEPENDENCE FOLKS GO; FAMILY GATHERS IN CITY

An automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Roland Johnson, Sam Irvine and Miss Emma Henkle drove to Portland Sunday to visit the Jim Hannas and also Miss Gladys Irvine who came down from Astoria to pass the week end. Father and Mother Irvine have been visiting at the Hanna home for several days.

## O. A. KREAMER GOES THRU OPERATION EXCELLENTLY

O. A. Kreamer went thru a serious operation one day last week and is now resting comfortably and apparently on the way to recovery, which is the best of news to all his friends here. As you can't keep a good man down long, we expect to see O. A. come stepping down the street almost any time now. He is in a Portland hospital.

## FORGET-ME-NOT DAY

Next Thursday is Forget-Me-Not day thru the United States. It is a Belgian day, observed in honor of the beloved Queen Elizabeth, whose favorite flower is the forget-me-not. Her birthday is July 25.

## CORPORAL DEAN GIRARD ON WAY OVER THERE

Corporal Dean M. Girard of the Marine Aviation forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Girard, has departed for the other side.

## MARVIN IN MARNE FIGHT

Marvin Richardson is in the thickest of the battle on the Marne, unless he was unexpectedly transferred within the past month. In a letter received from him this morning he wrote that had been "in hell for five days, constantly exposed to gun fire and with the big shells exploding around him." As a member of the hospital corps he goes out on the battle field and helps to bring in the wounded and gives "first aid."

## TWO VALUABLE COWS ARE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Salem—Two valuable Holstein cows belonging to Gideon Welty, a farmer living east of Salem, were killed by lightning during the thunder storm yesterday afternoon.

Albany—Soon after H. J. McInnes, residing six miles east of Albany, had finished placing about 50 tons of new hay in his barn, the structure was hit by lightning and entirely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. One horse, a quantity of farming implements and harness were also burned. The loss is \$3000 with but little insurance.

## FINE FARM HOME OF SCOTT CAMPBELL BURNS

Dallas—The fine farm home of Scott Campbell, located on the Luckiamute river, a few miles south of Dallas, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. Most of the household goods were burned. The cause of the fire is unknown, as members of the family were at the barn doing chores when it started. The loss will exceed \$3000, with no insurance.

## POSSIBLY SOME "L" BOYS MAY BE IN BIG BATTLE

Dallas—The last word that came from Captain Conrad Staffin, commanding the Dallas company of the 162d infantry, was to the effect that his company had been broken up and all but about 50 of his old men assigned to other regiments as replacements. It is probable that thru this arrangement some "L" boys may have been in the fight at the Marne.

It is not thought that any of the boys from this section are in the Marne battle unless it be some of those who enlisted with the regulars.

This morning it was learned that Marvin Richardson, with the hospital corps of the marines, was at the front on the Marne.

## HORACE M. REEVES KILLED BY A FREIGHT TRAIN

(Chillicothe, Mo., Constitution.)  
Horace M. Reeves, a pioneer resident of Livingston county, was run down and killed by a Milwaukee freight train about 10 o'clock Wednesday, July 17. The accident occurred about three miles north of Chillicothe. Mr. Reeves, who was 68 years old, and quite deaf, was enroute to Chula from a visit with Chillicothe friends and was walking on the railroad track.

The accident occurred near a curve and the engineer of the freight train, after repeated warning signals and seeing that they were not heeded, was unable to bring his train to a stop before the accident occurred. Death was almost instantaneous.

Mr. Reeves was born in Livingston county just west of the city, and spent most of his life in this county. He followed farming and stock raising for many years on what was known as the Reeves farm, north of the city.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Reeves moved to Independence, Oregon, where he resided until two years ago, when he moved to Mountain Grove, Mo. About a month ago he returned to Chula where he purchased property and where he expected to make his future home.

Mr. Reeves is survived by four sons and three daughters. Mr. Reeves is a brother of J. D. Reeves of Independence and L. G. Reeves of Portland.

## HORST CLOSSES TEMPORARILY

The Horst Co. evaporator plant has closed down temporarily. All the vegetables on hand have been dried and the plant will remain idle for a few days until a new supply is received.

The plant has given employment to a large number of local people, both men and women.

## "THE BLUE BIRD" AND BLUE BIRD PICTURES

"The Blue Bird" tomorrow night has no connection with the Blue Bird pictures. "The Blue Bird" is world famous and is considered one of the greatest tales ever written. The Isis management certainly deserves a vote of thanks for securing this wonderful attraction.

## 52 POLK COUNTY BOYS DEPART FOR CAMP LEWIS

52 Polk county boys departed from Dallas Monday morning for Camp Lewis where they will be enrolled in the great army of Uncle Sam. This practically takes all the class one men of Polk county.

## BENEFIT FOR RED CROSS PLANNED FOR EARLY DATE

Plans are being made for a Red Cross benefit to be held in Independence some night soon.

It is thought there will be a street dance, music by the band, drilling by the home guards and perhaps a parade in which all civic and patriotic bodies will participate.

The government will take over the telegraph and telephone lines.

MAETERLINCK'S

# "BLUE BIRD"

(Symbol of Happiness.)

THE CENTURIES-OLD STRUGGLE FOR HAPPINESS THROWN ON THE SILVER-SHEET UNDER THE SPELL OF A MAJIC WAND.

A PHOTODRAMA THAT LIFTS DARK THOUGHTS INTO THE SUNSHINE. THE WHOLE WORLD WILL FIND HAPPINESS IN THIS MIGHTIEST OF ALL PHOTO-PLAY SPECTACLES.

EVERY HUMAN HEART WILL THRILL AND PULSATE AT THIS COLOSSAL MOTION PICTURE. "THE BLUE BIRD" APPEALS TO YOU WHETHER YOU ARE MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD.

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# THEATRE

## Wednesday,

# July 24

SATURDAY NIGHT'S "BLUEBIRD"

CARMEL MYERS in  
"The Marriage Lie"

## 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**