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On the Reef

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In Korea this week, the guns were silent for the first time in three bloody years, and tired and dirty men crawled from their holes to look across the dreary valley at the men who had tried to kill them.

They had survived — by the Grace of God — a war which had cost two and a half million casualties and set two-halves of the world against each other.

Around them lay the wreckage of a country, its buildings shattered, its people homeless and hopeless, except for the aid held out by its allies. Behind them in Seoul sat a bitter old man, his eyes fixed upon the line which still divided his tiny country, after three years of struggle. And across the world nation still faced nation, and there was little of peace to be seen between them.

There was never a stranger war in history than this one, which was never really a war at all. It was one of the longest ever engaged in by the United States, and one of the most costly, but it would be written off as a po-

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Presbyterians to Meet in Vets Hall

The Baptist Community Church recently presented the Presbyterian Church with a pulpit. This, is an expression of their good will toward the new young church in the community.

Rev. Hugh Bronson, in need of a pulpit in the V.F.W. Hall where church services for the Presbyterian Church are now being held on Sunday mornings, asked for the loan of a pulpit from his friend Dr. Durden. After consulting with the church officers it was decided to present Rev. Bronson and his church members with one. The Presbyterian Church is very appreciative not only of the gift but of the good will which goes with it.

This might be termed,— not hands across the sea—but hands across the pulpit.

California Decides To Repair Bridge

The California State Highway Commission, a very leisurely organization, are beginning reconstruction of the highway bridge just south of the Oregon line, washed out by floods last winter.

It was the destruction of this bridge which isolated Brookings from the South for a period of time following the storm.

Failure of the state to repair the bridge resulted in citizens of Brookings taking their equipment into the bridge site, and constructing a by pass which has been used since.

No estimate of the length of time necessary to repair the bridge is being made—considering the builders.

Community Spirit in Action



Here are some of the men and equipment who are donating their labor and machines to provide Brookings with a new baseball field and school playground. The work is being done entirely by volunteers with donated equipment, and would cost \$20,000 if a private contractor had had to do it. 225,000 feet of dirt are being moved to build the field, which will replace one on the site of a proposed new high school.

Library Nears Realization

If everything goes well and residents are generous in their donations of labor the community will see their new library building with four walls and a roof before the end of August.

Jack McCarters, reporting for "Frenchy" Arrell, chairman of the library building committee, at the regular monthly meeting on Monday night says plans to get under way with the foundation will materialize this week-end. Bill Fallert, of the South Coast Lumber Co., has already delivered a load of 2x12's to the site, and the Brookings Plywood has notified the organization by letter that 1500 feet of plywood will be donated toward the erection of the building.

A donation of two dozen books was received from Mary Wallace and books from the Norris Kemp and R. C. Ludlum families have been received with appreciation by the board.

Books loaned in June numbered 441 and 21 new books were purchased. Membership is open to all residents and costs \$2.50 per year, which is used for maintenance and new books. Contact Mrs. Guy Rice at Southern Curry Realty, president, or Mrs. Charles Schaal, Harbor, secretary.

CHURCH GIVES CHILDREN BIBLE INSTRUCTION

Two sisters of the Order of St. Benedict held a school of instruction at the Star of Sea Catholic church from July 20 to the following Saturday under the direction of Father Hamilton.

Forty-seven pupils received Bible instruction and four of them took their first communion.

On Friday the mothers treated the children to a picnic at Dyer State Park near Houchi bridge.

VENEER PLANT NEARLY READY

The Lake Pleasant Plywood Company's veneer mill at Harbor is expected to be operating within three weeks, according to Gordon Asp, superintendent of the plant.

The new mill, which will be managed by Robert Malloy, will produce veneer for the company's plywood plant at Myrtle Point. Estimated production will be 35,000 board feet per day, on a one-shift basis.

Construction is being carried forward at the present time on the mill pond, which will cover an eight acre area at the mill site, on the south side of the Chetco river mouth. The plant is stockpiling logs now for winter operation, and is getting excellent material, according to Mr. Asp.

An estimated 22 men will be employed at the Harbor mill, with 14 or 15 more if the mill should add a second shift. Plans for the second shift hinge largely upon the availability of logs for the winter run, according to Mr. Asp.

Construction on the mill proper is being carried forward with floors for part of the mill being

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Efforts Awarded By New Type Sleep

Howard Crane, Boy Scout Leader, was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening upon arriving home from the National Boy Scout Jamboree. It seems the parents of the boys attending anticipated that Mr. Crane might be tired from his activities with the boys. Anyway awaiting him was a comfortable easy chair much to his liking. Mr. Crane admitted the chair was almost too comfortable for anyone as tired as he was. The reporter was too modest to ask if he spent the night in a sitting position.

Eastern Star Schedules Picnic

The Satellite Social Club O.E.S. will hold their annual pot luck picnic at the Azalea Park picnic grounds on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m.

All Masons and Eastern Star members with their families are invited. Bring covered dishes and own table settings. Coffee, sugar and cream will be furnished.

There will be a horse shoe pitching contest for the men with a prize for the winner.

If it should rain the picnic will be held at the V.F.W. hall.

Will those saving M.J.B. coffee bands please bring to picnic, or leave at Coffee Mill Cafe.

Haight Descendants To Hold Reunion

The daughters and son of Daniel and Fanny Haight, pioneer settlers in the Smith River Valley, will hold their annual reunion at the Bar X Ranch owned by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas, at Scappoose, this coming Sunday.

Relatives of the Haight's will be in attendance from Oregon, Washington and California.

Among those present from Smith River will be Mrs. Eddie Westbrook, Mrs. Ada Hursh, Mrs. Henrietta Woodruff and Fred Haight, all children of the pioneers. Another sister, Mrs. Letsy Beckstead of Carpenteria, will arrive here and accompany the others north.

This reunion has been an annual affair for many years. The 1952 meeting was held at Smith River.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Roy Brown of Brookings underwent minor surgery at Crescent City hospital last Thursday, and was released from the hospital Monday.

Roy is convalescing at home and is progressing satisfactorily.

SID CLENDENIN DIES OF BURNS

Harbor and Brookings this week mourned the death of John Sidney Clendenin of Harbor, who was accidentally electrocuted Saturday.

Sid, who was 63 years old, had been a resident of Harbor for six years. He is survived by his wife, Minnie, and his daughter, Joann.

According to those who witnessed the accident, Sid was engaged in moving irrigation pipe from the Hyland farm to his own place, across Pedrioli drive. He stood one of the forty foot lengths on end to clean it, and, as he did, the pipe came in contact with a 7,200 volt power line.

Neighbors rushing to his aid immediately disengaged him from the pipe and started artificial respiration, but Sid failed to respond.

Unable to contact the ambulance because of the failure of central to answer, neighbors hailed a passing car which came into Brookings to get an ambulance and doctor.

Dr. Paul Ronniger, deputy coroner, said that Mr. Clendenin died instantly. The intense heat of the shock also set fire to the grass and a small shed on the site.

Services were held Tuesday for Mr. Clendenin in the Community Baptist Church, and were carried out by Rev. Ed McClain, a long time friend of Mr. Clendenin. He is buried in Ward Memorial Cemetery, Brookings.

Fair Princess Contest On

The Fair Princess contest got underway this week with two contestants working for the honor of representing this part of the county at the Curry County Fair August 21, 22 and 23 at Gold Beach. Miss Susie Tierce is being sponsored by the VFW and Miss Joan Clendenin is being sponsored by Chetco Grange.

An intensive campaign is being planned by both the contestants and their friends, with the votes being counted at the Fair Princess Selection dance to be held at the Grange Hall on August 8.

The lucky young lady will be the guest of the Fair Board for the three days of the County Fair at Gold Beach, and will also be given a trip to the State Fair at Salem. She also has the chance to be Fair Queen if this part of the county gets behind her and enters more exhibits than either of the other two districts in the county, with those exhibits receiving the first three ribbons giving her additional points.

Merchants Give Gold Arrow Stamps

A number of Brookings business houses are now offering Gold Arrow Saving Stamps as a bonus to their customers. A page elsewhere in this issue gives the list of merchants redeeming these stamps which are good for articles in stock.