Complete News Seen Important Morale Builder

This war can't be won without morale based on knowledge of the truth—good or bad—and the obligation of a newspaper in wartime is to get the facts, print them fully, frankly and freely without favor. This was the declaration of Robert C. Notson, managing editor of the Oregonian in speaking before the Hillsboro Rotary club Thursday.

The American people are not afraid to face the facts, Notson contended. Too many people in high places think that we should be shielded from the truth. Experience has indicated that a citizen army fights best when it knows what is going on and the same facts apply to fighters on the home front. Morale is more important than armaments since people must have faith in the cause for which they fight.

Freedom of the press is vitally important in wartime, Notson stated. This is not entirely the right of newspapers to print anything, anytime, but is the right of the public to receive all of the information accurately and truthfully. Complete news and information welds groups into a unit on the home front through mutual understanding of situations and problems, he pointed out. News of setbacks given promptly to the people can offset feelings of false security of an easy victory and complacency, the speaker declared.

Giving the truth about the war and still not reveal information that would aid the enemy is a real problem, Notson pointed out. The facts about Pearl Harbor had to be withheld in the interests of national security and this set a bad pattern for future censorship, he declared. Information was delayed unnecessarily with the result that enemy propaganda scored first. This brought about mistrust of the government and was hard on public morale, he said.

The office of war information and the bureau of censorship were set up to speed the distribution of war information to the people and still guard against revealing facts harmful to national security, Notson explained. Under this setup a voluntary code of censorship was issued to the press and newspapers have adhered to it.

Promptness of the reporting of the Tarawa invasion was cited as a tribute to the efforts of E. Palmer Hoyt, Oregonian publisher and until recently head of the domestic branch of the office of war information. This is the type of reporting for which the OWI and newspapers are fighting, he said.

Censorship can be used for three purposes, according to Notson. The first is to cancel the mistakes of those in command and the third to conceal facts of an adverse political nature. The first is the only one upon which the suppression of information may be rightly based, the speaker declared.

Great battles and post-war problems that will have a great effect on our future are in the offing, Notson stated. The people must be well-informed and the free and democratic press of America is confident that it can bring the facts to the people as a guide in solving the problems. Americans are free because they are the best informed in the world. The controlled press of Europe does not give the people the truth and the facts.

State Treasurer Leslie Scott will be the speaker at the Rotary luncheon today (Thursday). Ray Miller will be program chairman.

New Style Gas Coupons Given

After March 1, every motorist who receives a renewal of his "B" and "C" supplemental gasoline rations and every farmer or other off-highway user who gets new "E" and "R" coupons for his gasoline-powered equipment will receive, instead of the ration book he is accustomed to, a strip of serially numbered coupons in a cardboard folder.

Serial numbering of coupons is one of OPA's strongest weapons against the gasoline black market, it was explained, but this does not mean that endorsement of coupons can be abandoned. The serial number makes it possible to detect a stolen coupon but it is impossible to trace the coupon back to the thief—or the person who bought it from the thief—unless it is endorsed.

Moreover, the esrial number identifies the part of the country in which the coupon was issued. If coupons bearing numbers known to have been issued in New England turn up in the Portland OPA district, it will be relatively simple to find out what board issued those numbers and how they got so far from home.

An equally important advantage of the new strip coupons is that they do away with the need for "tailoring" coupon books when they are issued.

Boards will tear off just enough coupons to equal the gallonage value of the ration to which the applicant is entitled.

The folder that accompanies the strip of coupons will bear the information usually found on the cover of a ration book. In addition, the range of serial numbers on the enclosed coupons is noted on the folder, which must be kept with the coupons at all times.

Trinity Lutheran, 3rd and Walnut—Public worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 9:30. A cordial welcome awaits you.—G. Reule, pastor.

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Sports

Viking Hoopers Win County Title In Tourney Here

Forest Grove's Viking hoopsters captured the Washington county 1944 basketball championship here Saturday night by trouncing the Tigard quintet 48 to 31 in the final game of the annual tournament. Beaverton won the consolation game with a 39 to 30 victory over the Hilhi Spartans.

The new county champions ousted the defending Beaverton titlists 20 to 18 on the opening night of the tournament, while Tigard won its way into the finals with a thrilling 30-29 win over the Hillsboro five. Winning the county title will send the Vikings against the Yamhill county champions. Winner of this tilt will then face the champions of Clackamas county and Multnomah county outside of Portland for the right to represent this district in the annual state basketball championship series at Salem.

Viking Forward Ed Noah went on a scoring spree in the championship game Saturday night, scoring 20 points to spark his Forest Grove teammates to a runaway victory over Tigard. The Vikings got away to a good start and were never headed during the tilt. The winners held an 18-14 lead at the half.

Piling up a 10-point lead in the first half, Beaverton was able to hold its own in the second period to clinch a victory in the preliminary game over the Hillsboro five. The locals made a strong bid in the third quarter but were unable to overtake the Beavers.

Hillsboro dropped a heart-breaker to the Tigard quintet 30 to 29 in the first round of the tournament. After trailing 13-16 at half time, the Spartans pulled up into a tie at 20-20 at the three-quarter mark and then forged into a three point lead wih less than a minute to go. Tigard conned a field goal and foul to knot the score at 29-29. Then, with seconds left, Guard Jensen of Tigard got two gift shots from the foul line. He sunk the first to put the Tigers in the lead and then elected to take the ball out of bounds instead of the second shot. Tigard froze the ball to cop the thrilling one-point win.

Forest Grove won its way into the finals by turning back Beaverton 20 to 18 in Friday night's preliminary clash. Both squads battled on even terms during the first quarter but by half-time the Vikings held a 13-9 advantage. Beaverton outscored the winners in the second half but were unable to overtake the Vikings.

Friday Night Games:

Forest Grove (20)		(18) Beaverton
Noah, 3	F	5, Reed
LaFollett, 2	F	4, Slovich
Nixon	C	7, Springer
Greason, 1	G	2, Lusby
Haller, 7	G	Jennings

Substitutes: Forest Grove—Williamson 2, Fitzgerald 5.

Tigard (30)		(29) Hillsboro
Morgan	F	2, Turner
May, 8	F	4, Doyle
Amburn, 7	C	7, Merchep
McColm, 4	G	8, Richardson
Jensen, 8	G	2, Lauderdale

Substitutes: Tigard—Smith 3. Hillsboro—Chamberlain 1, Stark 1, MacKenzie 4.

Saturday Night's Games
Championship

Forest Grove (48)		(31) Tigard
Noah, 20	F	8, Jensen
LaFollett, 7	F	4, Morgan
Nixon, 2	C	8, May
Fitzgerald, 3	G	4, Amburn
Haller, 16	G	4, McColm

Substitutes: Forest Grove—Williamson 4, Greason 2. Tigard—Smith 1, Olsen 2.

Consolation

Beaverton (39)		(30) Hillsboro
Slovich, 11	F	Turner
Reed, 13	F	3, Doyle
Springer, 7	C	6, Merchep
Lusby, 4	G	5, Richardson
Jennings, 3	G	2, MacKenzie

Substitutes: Beaverton—Ross 1. Hillsboro—Chamberlain 3, Amacher 3, Stark 5, Lauderdale 3.

Demonstration Given By Shute 4-H Members

Patty Hutson and Veronica Dober, members of the Clean Your Plate 4-H Cookery club, demonstrated the making of rice pudding with raisins for the school lunch Tuesday at Shute school.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy during the six weeks period ending February 22, were Bobby Perrine, Betty Perrine, Anton Krevanko, Eddie Hanlon and Arnie Montgomery.

Stories and readings from the life of George Washington by individual members of the school commemorated February 22.

Mrs. Fred Montgomery, office manager of Gilbert Bros. Inc., of Portland, came out to Shute school and gave a surprise party Friday afternoon for Arnie Montgomery's 11th birthday. She served lunch, ice cream and cake to the pupils.

Ask your neighbor who borrows this paper, why he doesn't subscribe for the Argus.

Missionaries Will Speak at Church

DIXIE MOUNTAIN—The special Missionary services will be held at the church Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Whipple as speakers. A pot-luck dinner at noon will be the fellowship dinner for March. There will also be services in the evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited. The Whipples had been in a Japanese concentration camp for many months, prior to returning home on the Grip-holm just before Christmas. Their home is in Bellingham, Wash.

A son, Richard Elwin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thomas, February 18 at Vanport hospital.

Extension Unit Meets

The home extension unit met Friday at the home of Mrs. Edith Hansen with 10 members present. Mrs. Pauline Lampa was elected secretary to serve out the term of Mrs. Edith Hansen who is moving to their new place near Hillsboro. Next meeting will be on "Remodeling," at the Grace Nelson home.

Returns to Farragut

Lewis Prather returned to Farragut, Idaho Friday after spending a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Prather.

A group of ladies surprised Mrs. Howard Schilling Tuesday, February 22, at her home, celebrating her birthday anniversary.

Receives Injury

Dick Jacober is in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, after receiving a very bad eye injury while falling timber at Lampis.

Mrs. Ed Pixley underwent major surgery at a Portland hospital last Wednesday.

Social Club Contributes

The Dixie Mountain Social club recently contributed $25 to the polio drive.

Selmer Hendrickson is recovering from cuts and bruises received in an auto accident.

4-H Club Formed

Wallace school children have organized a 4-H canning club. Officers are: Donald Roub, president; Leland Prather, vice-president; and Franklin Getman, secretary.

Fred D. Grant returned to work recently after several weeks layoff because of bad roads. Nellie Morey returned to work at the box factory, Monday, after a week's absence with a hip injury.

HILHI NEWS

(Jacque Autrey, Editor)

Commercial Club Sponsors Dance

Commercial club will sponsor a semi-formal dance April 14, to boost war stamps and bond sales. Each club in school will elect a princess representative and during the two-week drive the purchase of a ten cent stamp will equal one vote. Princesses already elected are: June Wells, Spanish club; Cordelia Wilken, Blue-H; Janice Meyer, F.F.A.; Donna Dorland, Hi-Y; Mimi Crockett, Rally; Norma Lou Kroeger, Pep club.

Pictures Being Taken

Pictures for the Hilhi annual are being taken this week by Lynn Hall, assisted by Mrs. Merrill. Senate club pictures were taken last week in order that the president, John Wiley, might be in the group. All group pictures will be completed this week.

Girls Meet

Over twenty girls, who are earning Girl Reserve rings, met with Grace Engeldinger and Lorena Stoffer, Tuesday noon.

Girls Attend Conference

Girl Reserves going to the mid-winter conference at Salem, Friday are: Leona Mueller, president; Gloria Dober, vice-president; Betty Brown, inner-club representative; Lorena Stoffer, ring committee chairman; and Priscilla Merkel, publicity chairman. These girls, with the Beaverton and Forest Grove delegates will have charge of the banquet Saturday. Miss Weatherred will conduct a workshop group discussion on club organization. There are several social meetings, ceremonials, and discussions planned.

Team Honored

The basketball team will be honored by a school dance Friday night in the high school gym, sponsored by the members of the Pep club. All students are invited.

Reedville

War Fund Total Given

Reedville war fund solicitation was completed last week with a total of $12,000, acording to Mrs. S. A. Becker, chairman of the drive.

If you have a house, an apartment or a room to rent—use the Argus want ads. tf

Rebekah Leader Visits Scholls Lodge March 8

SCHOLLS—Final arrangements for the entertainment of the president of the Rebekahs, who will visit the Scholls lodge on March 8 were perfected at the Wednesday meeting of the group. Committees in charge include Mesdames Myers, Moore and Flint, kitchen, and Mesdames Hesse, Bunnell and Christensen, program. Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Ruby Myers and Mrs. Hesse were appointed on the finance committee for the year. Mrs. Christensen was elected as trustee for a two-year term and Mrs. Myers for a three-year term. Following the lodge session, a reception for the Noble Grand was held in the lodge kitchen, where refreshments were served to visiting Odd Fellows as well as the ladies group. Mrs. Bunnell, noble grand, received many gifts.

Young Son Dies

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Biesley left for their former home in Oklahoma Monday morning with the body of their three-year-old son, Francis, who died at Doernbecher hospital Sunday after a week's illness from complications following measles. The oldest daughter of the family is also still ill, at the home of a relative in Portland, where she was taken last week, but is able to sit up. The remainder of the family are at their home in Scholls.

Private funeral services were held at Tualatin Sunday for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nelson. The baby died at birth and the mother was seriously ill for a time, but is a little improved.

Mrs. Clifford Trask received an urgent message one day last week inquiring as to the whereabouts of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Dean Sandlin, who recently transferred from an eastern military base to California. The telegram stated that Dr. Sandlin's father had died unexpectedly in Oklahoma. Happening to have had a letter from them the same day, Mrs. Trask was able to supply the address, and the message was relayed to them. The Sandlins are now located in Monterey.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brindle left for their home in Rockport, Mo., last week after a visit here with relatives, but may return to make Oregon their home. They were accompanied by Mrs. George Brindle, who will visit there for some time.

Johnnie Semm was home last week from camp for a short furlough, returning Friday.

Mountainside school celebrated Washington's birthday with a short program and a community dinner at noon.

Kenneth Koeber and wife and small son visited in Scholls with Mrs. Ferd Groner and Mrs. L. T. Greenwood last week, and also with his father at Sherwood. Ivan Koeber was also up from California to spend a few days, the two brothers returning to California together. Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. Groner are also enjoying a visit from Orville Hoech and his brother Verl. Orville is home on a 24-day furlough after duties in the south seas, and brought home a number of souvenirs of battle, among them a hand grenade. Ensign Verl Hoech has just finished four months of school in Alameda, and is in the merchant marines.

Erwin Heatcn made a trip to Idaho last week with a load of cattle, going Monday and returning Friday.

School Closed for Funeral

Midway school closed half a day Monday, when the funeral of Mrs. Davis, mother of Mrs. Buedefeldt, one of the teachers, was held at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Fred Aebischer has been acting as substitute teacher at Midway, while Mrs. Buedefeldt has been absent to care for her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland McCann are the parents of a son born February 23. Leland is at present in New Guinea.

Laurel Red Cross Chairmen Named

LAUREL—The Red Cross drive began in this community on March 1, with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stoller as chairmen for the Laurel district, and Mrs. Amos Watkins in the Laurel-View district. F. L. Brown will again be in charge of the drive in the 18 or 20 districts of the west end of the county.

Rev. A. N. Glanville, Oregon City, will be the speaker for the special evangelistic meetings which begin at the Laurel church March 8 and continue through March 17. The Evangelical Hour, which has been broadcast on Sunday afternoon, will be resumed at its former time of Saturday, 7:30 to 8 p. m., over KWJJ.

Watson Clark Lea

Funeral services for Watson Clark Lea, 81, of Forest Grove, who died Friday at the Forest Grove hospital, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Forest Grove Undertaking company chapel. Interment was at Forest View cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Stone Lea of Forest Grove; a daughter, Mrs. Anna Lea Harper of Los Angeles, Cal.; and a son, Howard P. Lea, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. Lea, who was an insurance salesman, was born at Brecksville, Ohio, April 12, 1862. He had been a resident of Forest Grove for the past 25 years.

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