

New Food Director Selected

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production board and the war manpower commission. Davis, president of the federal reserve bank at St. Louis, will take a leave of absence from that post and begin his new duties on Monday. At St. Louis, Davis said his new task is going to be a "tough assignment."

Davis was noncommittal as to his food production policies or what he hoped to do with the problem of farm labor supply. He said he had not seen the executive order creating the administration.

From 1933 to 1936 Davis was agricultural adjustment administrator and previously was a farm magazine editor and Montana state agricultural commissioner. He became a governor of the St. Louis reserve bank when he left the AAA in 1936.

The White House statement was inconclusive as to the exact status of Davis in relation to Secretary of Agriculture Wickard who only last December was appointed food administrator and ordered to assume "full responsibility for and control over the nation's food program."

Wickard said he was "glad to join forces" with Davis in "our vital wartime task" of meeting food needs.

Persons connected with farm organizations, unwilling to be quoted by name, said they understood Davis had agreed to take the post under these conditions: (1) That he have complete control over determining farm prices; (2) That he be the final authority on problems relating to food distribution; (3) That he be given definite assurances that more steel would be made available for farm machinery; (4) That the war manpower commission accept his recommendations as to farm manpower.

If these reports are correct, it would appear that amendment of the price control act may be asked. This law vests control of prices in the OPA with the secretary of agriculture having a veto power over ceilings on farm products. In turn, such a veto can be overridden by the director of economic stabilization.

Most legislators applauded the selection of Davis for the food job. Senator McNary of Oregon, the republican leader, commented: "He is a good man."

Postponement Asked, Trial

ALBANY, March 25.—(P)—Indefinite postponement of the Robert E. Lee Folkes trial was asked Thursday by Leroy Lomax, Portland, defense attorney, on grounds that the state and the Southern Pacific railroad conspired to deprive Folkes of a fair hearing.

The Los Angeles negro, former dining car cook, is scheduled to go on trial here April 7 on an indictment charging him with first degree murder in the "lower 13" slaying of Mrs. Richard F. James, of Norfolk, Va., in her berth January 23. Her throat was cut.

Lomax filed a motion for continuance with Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling. He submitted an affidavit in which he charged that District Attorney Harlow Weirnick of Linn county refused to let him inspect statements attributed to Folkes at Los Angeles and later here.

Lomax also charged that Dr. Joseph Beeman, state police criminologist, refused to let him see copies of the autopsy report and that the railroad would not let him inspect the death car and influenced its employees not to talk to him about the case.

Judge Lewelling set Monday for arguments on the motion.

Temporary Meat Set, Institutions

PORTLAND, March 25.—(P)—Oregon restaurants and other institutional users were assured Thursday their supplies of meat, fats and oils for next week.

The district OPA office said a temporary system had been set up whereby institutional users may obtain supplies for the first week of rationing to tide them over until institutional allocation forms arrive.

General Dies

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(P)—Brig. Gen. Clinton W. Russell, 51, liaison officer for the war department in the headquarters of Adm. Ernest J. King, commander in chief, US fleet, died Wednesday in the station hospital at Fort Jay, Governors Island, N.Y.

Another Jap Victim in Bismarck Battle



A 4000-ton ship burns fiercely after strafing and bombing attack in the Bismarck sea battle when the Japanese lost an entire convoy of 22 ships, including 10 warships and an estimated 15,000 troops. The ship's camouflage can be seen along the waterline.—Associated Press Telemat.

Jap Destroyer Stopped by Bombs



Already trailing a large oil slick, this Jap destroyer is halted completely by bomb burst direct against port side during allied air attack on enemy convoy in the Bismarck sea in which the Japs lost 22 ships and 15,000 men.—Associated Press Telemat.

April 1 Limit In Job Change

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(P)—Fowler V. Harper, deputy chairman of the war manpower commission, reiterated Thursday that the WMC could not guarantee to place in new jobs men with dependents who are still in non-deferrable jobs after April 1.

The WMC job-placement unit, the US employment service, will attempt to find jobs which will retain 3-A classification for these men, but if it is unable to do so, the men will have to obtain the jobs through their own action or risk reclassification, Harper said.

Men who register with the employment service for transfer out of non-deferrable positions or lines of business will get a 30-day stay of induction, dating from the day they evidence such registration before their draft board. They will retain their 3-A status if they obtain jobs outside the non-deferrable list but not on the list of essential activities. A job in an essential activity will entitle them to 3-B classification, Harper said.

Smelt Running In Sandy River

TROUTDALE, March 25.—(P)—Folks hereabouts went fishing Thursday with everything from boxes to bird cages as the vanguard of the annual smelt run appeared in the Sandy river.

One hundred pounds of fish is allowed non-commercial fishermen with the necessary license. The run normally lasts a week. Old Timers said it looked like a big one.

Sarge of First War Becomes Major General

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(P)—A mess sergeant of the first world war was nominated by President Roosevelt Thursday to become temporary major general, along with the leader of the famed Flying Tigers, and the man who led the American fliers in an attack that smashed a Japanese fleet in the Bismarck sea.

The cook who turned out chow for the 18th infantry of the AEF a quarter of a century ago is Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, now director of the training division at the headquarters of services of supply. Huebner, of Bush-ton, Kas., served six years as an enlisted man before beginning his rise in rank with a second lieutenant's commission in 1916.

Twenty two other brigadier generals were nominated by the president for promotion to the temporary rank of major general and 73 colonels were recommended for promotion to brigadier general.

High up on the list is Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, Waterproof, La., now commander of the 14th air force recently organized in China. He holds the DFC for achievements as commander of the China air task force, a post he took over after gaining fame as leader of the Flying Tigers, American volunteer group aiding the Chinese.

Brig. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, Westphalia, Kas., commander of the allied air forces in New Guinea, was recommended for the higher rank "for the qualities of leadership he displayed in the recent destruction of a Japanese convoy in the Bismarck sea."

Army Shifts Men to Combat

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(P)—The war department said Thursday that the primary purpose of its newly created manpower board is to arrange release of general service personnel for duty with combat units.

In the case of officers, those in the age group for combat service will be relieved of present assignments "whenever practicable," the department said, adding that some officers in that group doing specialized jobs may be continued in their assignments because they "may be of greater value in the capacity of specialists than as combat officers."

Limited service personnel, the department said, will be utilized only to replace general service men or in whatever newly-created activities may be authorized.

WAACs in turn will be used for replacement of both general and limited service personnel but will not replace civilian personnel.

Civilian women, the department continued, will be used in preference to civilian men "whenever possible and civilian men who are employed will be those over draft age or physically unfit for military service."

Bridget to Train AAF on Coast

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 25.—(P)—Appointment of Col. Bernard A. Bridget as assistant chief of staff in charge of the training and operations section of the army air forces west coast training center was announced Wednesday.

Coy. Bridget, former commandant of Williams Field in Arizona, succeeds Brig. Gen. Alvin C. Kincaid, recently named commanding officer of the 37th flying training wing with headquarters at Luke Field, Ariz.

'Loyalty' Costs Job

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(P)—Arthur S. Flemming, civil service commissioner, said Thursday 654 persons in various government agencies have been ruled ineligible for further service on "loyalty" grounds during the past three years.

GRAND NOW SHOWING

See CARROLL HAYWARD

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FREDDY MARTIN and his band

Ray McKinley and his orchestra

HIT PARADE

—Second Big Hit— "The Avengers"

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The long front windows are broken, and even darker than the brown paint peeling from it lies the old wood of the tall, gaunt structure which must once have been a splendid residence.

Unlike other farmyards of the neighborhood, almost equally neglected, the earth around the abandoned house lies barren of blossom. Not far up the road a weatherbeaten grey house serves as background for a shrub of gay Scotch broom and brilliant, rosy fronds of an ornamental fruit tree (how well the word "ornamental" fits where once we spoke casually of all such lovely dwarf plum and cherry as "Japanese").

A cream-colored bungalow boasts a wide stretch of ground which could still almost be called lawn, bordered by yellow daffodils, shorter-stemmed because of the weeds that choke their neglected beds, but hardy and almost saucy.

The yard of the old brown house, evidently deserted long before the others ceased to serve farm families of the fertile, rolling valley land, is not quite without life. With something resembling a pick, a tall, gaunt man, not unlike the house with the broken windows, except that he wears blue instead of brown, works at something in the soil.

Now he stoops to move a few rocks and cloods. Surely he has come back again, as he may have come for several springs, to locate some choice bulb or root, each time leaving the home place a little less like home.

Not at the tail of a caravan, this elderly gardener is in the vanguard. This year they may not miss the daffodils, the flowering plum, that really graceful shrub of broom, the lilacs or syringa that grew near the dining room window and were scented as it seems no lilac or syringa has ever been or ever shall be again. But come another spring, they'll be back, though they be treading on military reservation. Another and yet another year will find them groping in the earth before the frost is gone.

Classes Resume

Clay modeling classes for boys, discontinued recently because of lack of clay, will resume today at the Salem YMCA at 4 p.m. under the direction of Frances Kells.

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SWEETHEART OF THE FLEET

Salem Elks Burn Mortgage On Temple, Honor Leaders

Privilege of "burning the mortgage," as evidence that the bonded debt upon the Elks' temple had been eliminated, was accorded to Frank Wrightman, one of three surviving members of Salem lodge 336 and a member of the building committee which had charge of planning and construction of the temple 18 years ago, as ceremonies marked the occasion were held Thursday night.

Lyman McDonald, first exalted ruler elected in the temple which replaced the old lodge building on North Liberty street, presided at the mortgage-burning ceremony and arranged for recognition of the original building committee and all members of the board of trustees who have served since that time, directing the lodge's finances. There was special mention of the late Clifford Brown, who had charge of the bond sale.

Congratulations to the lodge upon attaining this goal were extended by Fank J. Lonergan of Portland, former chief justice of the grand lodge forum, who pointed out that the lodge would now be able to perform a greater service. Stressing the order's patriotic principles, he suggested the possibility of increasing the lodge's investment in war bonds and told the members it was their duty to set an example by refraining from any complaint at the minor sacrifices of the home front and to protest any slackening in war production whether on the part of employers or workers.

Charles R. Archer was exalted ruler at the time planning for the present temple was started, and C. B. O'Neil and W. I. Needham held that office in the construction period. Members of the building committee were Dr. H. H. Olinger, E. W. Hazzard, H. H. Smith, W. D. Evans, Thomas B. Kay, Max Page and Wrightman.

Sawdust Fuel Pool To Benefit Mills

PORTLAND, March 25.—(P)—Roscoe Day, state fuel coordinator, Thursday announced the formation of a sawdust pool to enable mills from points as distant as Lebanon and Eugene to ship fuel here.

The sawdust will be sold at \$6.50 a unit, he said, which is higher than the Portland market but is expected to help the critical sawdust shortage.

Succeeds Arnold



Tom C. Clark (above) of Dallas, Tex., has been nominated by President Roosevelt to succeed Thurman Arnold as assistant attorney general in charge of the justice department's anti-trust activities.—Associated Press Telemat.

Bus, Two Autos Crash; 24 Hurt

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25.—(P)—A three-way collision involving a Seattle-bound north coast lines bus and two automobiles here Thursday injured 23 of 37 passengers aboard the bus and the driver of one of the other cars.

Police investigators said automobiles driven by Frank Dalton, 50, Sherwood, Ore., and Clifford O. Nelson, Portland, collided, forcing Nelson's car into the bus which went out of control and crashed into a steel pole. Dalton was treated for minor injuries and arrested on a reckless driving charge.

Yanks Attain Last Barrier

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notified a withdrawal of advance "protection units" in one Tunisian sector, but did not name the area.

(The Berlin radio said the Germans were fighting "superior allied forces" in southern Tunisia, and quoted the propaganda agency, International Information Bureau, as saying that US troops had been "strongly reinforced." This broadcast recorded by the Associated Press appeared to be preparing the German public for a possible announcement of American breakthrough to the sea behind Rommel.)

An allied communique announced continuing fighting in the Mareth line "with heavy artillery duels on both sides," and said that US troops had made "local gains" in the Maknassy area where the push to the sea is being attempted.

The Americans also have pushed ten miles beyond El Guestar on a road south of the Maknassy salient. The allied communique said patrols in the El Guestar area had carried out successful offensive operations Wednesday in this third prong being driven into Rommel's positions.

A fourth threat to Rommel, who has been forced to divide his armored strength, is a British column operating eight miles below El Hamma, 20 miles west of Gabes, the German coastal pivot in the south.

The communique did not mention any further progress by these ground troops who had raced around the southern end of the Mareth line, but said allied armor twice attacked enemy vehicles at El Hamma, destroying several tanks and a number of vehicles.

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