

Roy Rice Gets County Post

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his time to farming and real estate.

In 1905 he married Miss Theodate Hobbs. They have one son, Roy Rice, Jr., in the US air corps, stationed at Montgomery, Ala., and one daughter, Mrs. F. T. Wright of Dayton.

Rice's residence, representing a central portion of the county, was one of the large deciding factors in his selection, Judge Murphy declared Thursday afternoon as he prepared to sign the appointing order.

In the field, Murphy made it clear, were a number of "excellent men, most of them well qualified to fill the position." He and Smith considered Gus Moisan, Gervais; Tom Armstrong, Salem; Elmer King, Silverton; Harley Libby, Jefferson; Ed Rogers, Quincy; and J. C. Siegmund, Salem, former county judge. Especially impressive were the petitions filed for Rogers and Armstrong.

Grod, who enlisted five months ago in the seaboats, has been commissioner since 1941; prior to that date he was for six years an employee of Marion county as a road expert and before that he was with the J. C. Compton road construction company, McMinnville.

Navy Yard Sets Labor Campaign

SEATTLE, April 15—(AP)—An intensive recruiting drive for civilian workers for the Puget Sound navy yard at Bremerton was launched Thursday. Officers said thousands of additional skilled and unskilled workmen are needed desperately.

"A navy yard employe is as close to the front as a civilian can get," declared Lieut. Commander H. L. Mason, yard employment officer. "The government has provided every necessity and convenience for them."

Willys Strikers Back to Jobs

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 15—(AP)—A strike of 150 CIO unionists at the Spicer Manufacturing company which halted assembly of army jeeps and made 2500 workers idle at Willys-Overland Motors, Inc., ended Thursday night. Frank Rositer, unit chairman of the CIO United Automobile Workers local at Spicer, said the strikers agreed to return to work and vote later on the question of asking the international UAW to authorize a strike. It grew out of a wage dispute.

Interpreting The War News

By GLENN BABB
AP War Analyst for The Statesman

Secretary Stimson's assurance that a constantly increasing flow of supplies, especially planes, will go to General MacArthur should dispel some of the anxiety aroused by the recent news from the southwest Pacific.

There is, however, no reason to believe that his statement discloses any fundamental change in policy, just as there is no reason to interpret the recent Japanese aggressiveness as denoting any basic change in the always perilous situation in the Australian area.

Certainly there is no departure from the United Nations' master plan of dealing with Hitler first. It is conceivable that General Kenney's persuasiveness during his recent mission to Washington had something to do with increasing the flow of planes to MacArthur's command, but that is a matter of degree not a shift of emphasis.

Mr. Stimson attempted to lift the discussion above the plane of controversy by his remark that "vigorous public officials in the areas close to the war would be remiss in their duties if they failed to press their demands. He recognized the propriety of the Kenney mission and recent statements by General MacArthur and Prime Minister Curtin, and gave the only reply possible, the assurance that their needs were not forgotten and would be met in increasing measure.

The series of 100-plane raids in the New Guinea and Solomon areas in the last few days leaves no room for doubt that the enemy has opened a new tactical phase. It is marked by increased aggressiveness and an obvious readiness to expend planes and pilots in relatively large numbers.

It emphasizes the importance of maintaining or strengthening our present line of air bases above Australia from which the bombers must fly to hold that invisible line beyond which he Japanese cannot move major forces except at suicidal cost.

Only in that way, in the current phase, can the allies offset the greatly superior strength in sea and land forces the Japanese are concentrating along the arc of which Truk, in the Carolines, is the control point.

The advantages in this position, which enable Japan to replace her losses in perhaps one-fifth the time and with one-fifth the transport needed to repair ours, were among those on which Japan counted when she took the gamble of war against the United States and Britain.

They were handed her in 1919 when the allied and associated

powers assigned her the mandate for the former German islands which stretch across the equatorial Pacific from the Philippines to the international date line. These, in breach of her pledges, Japan converted into a 3000-mile row of unsinkable aircraft carriers capable of dominating nearly all movement in the western Pacific between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

It will take much time and a tremendous effort to break through that line. Perhaps it can be nullified only by turning it as the Germans turned the Maginot line, by a strategy not based on the Australian area.

What has changed in the southwest Pacific is the Japanese tactics. Washington authorities, quoted in Associated Press dispatches yesterday called the new phase "aggressive defense," which seems a sound description. The Japanese command apparently feels that a series of strong local attacks, unrelenting pressure, will prove the best means of accomplishing its strategical mission.

OPA Threatens Hog Price Cut

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—OPA and the war food administration Thursday summoned livestock and meat industry representatives to Washington to devise ceiling prices on live hogs, which officials announced they will impose if "an adequate downward adjustment in hog prices is not realized within a reasonable time."

Hog prices have dropped somewhat since the two agencies declared on April 10 that there would be a "ceiling unless." Today's announcement said that prices had to come down all the way indicated at that time—\$1 to \$1.50 per hundredweight.

Columbia to Get Control Station

SEATTLE, April 15—(AP)—Coast guard headquarters announced Thursday a traffic control barge would be anchored in the Columbia river, and all vessels moving in or out via the west channel will be required to stop for examination and permission to proceed. The barge will be west of the channel, about 1300 yards from the Baker bay jetty light. A green light will show at night. A bell will show its position on days of poor visibility.

Three Jap Ships Hit

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At Mubo, 15 miles south of Salamaua in a region where enemy ground troops are menacing by allied land forces, allied attack planes made 11 low level bombing and strafing runs over enemy positions.

In the sector northwest of Australia, a medium bomber attacked Japanese installations at Taberane on Trangan island of the Aroe group. Coastal shipping was attacked on Jamdena island in the Timor group.

The village of Oesu on Timor was bombed and strafed. North of New Britain, a four-motored allied bomber on reconnaissance duty over Kavieng, New Ireland, was engaged by 10 Japanese fighters. The allied plane shot three of the enemy out of action and then safely reached a covering of clouds.

Carrying forward the series of alarms concerning Japanese intentions, the spokesman added: "As regards merchant shipping, a (Japanese) concentration of approximately 250,000 tons has been maintained in or around Rabaul since for the past several months.

"Other Japanese bases on the arc—Palau, Manila, Soerabaja—are within easy concentration range of the 2,500-mile battle line which envelops the upper half of Australia.

"Constant convoys operating beyond the range of our air forces are being pushed forward to reinforce the enemy."

(The MacArthur spokesman's reference to the presence of a Japanese fleet at Truk had the effect of answering a recent declaration by Secretary of the Navy Knox that there was no sign of the presence in south Pacific waters of an enemy fleet big enough to carry an Australian invasion.)

County Drive Hits \$700,000

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Douglas R. Yeater as vice-chairman.

Chairman Gard said his \$700,000 report Thursday included Marion county's share, \$30,000, of a \$1,000,000 purchase of bonds made by Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company early this week.

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—With a third of their 12 billion dollar second war loan drive in the bag, Americans Thursday were figuring out fancy birthday presents for Adolf Hitler.

As ideas to "Hit Hitler with war bonds" popped up around the nation, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., said: "The push isn't over. Our problem is to reach the man in the street with bond sales, and that's still ahead."

He said the man in the street had bought only \$320,000,000 of the 5 1/2 billion in government securities sold thus far in the drive.

"The big fellows always come in quickly," he explained.

The treasury has indicated that it hopes to sell the ordinary bond purchaser around 2 billion dollars worth of bonds in April.

Meanwhile, apparently originating in Washington, Pa., an American idea went the rounds.

Wouldn't it be nice, suggested Editor Austin V. McClain of the Washington Observer, if Americans bought war bonds as birthday presents for Adolf Hitler.

Adolf didn't plan it that way, but his birthday falls smack in the middle of the second war loan drive—next Tuesday, April 20. He'll be 54 years old.

Butter, Eggs, Lard Holdings Increase

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—The agriculture department reported Thursday that cold storage holdings of butter, eggs and lard increased during March but that supplies of other perishable commodities declined.

Apples and frozen fruits and vegetables showed a normal seasonal decline, it said, while stocks of frozen meats and poultry were reduced more rapidly than usual. Cheese holdings which normally show increases at this period were said to have been reduced by significant amounts during the month.

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ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

He will make an excellent Easter present for the baby and after she has grown tired of pulling his long pink ears we may use him for club sandwiches. . . . After all, with meat what it is today, there may come a time when we will want to experiment with the suitability of whatever stuffing the blue bunny from the drug store shelf may have!

Never do I see an Easter rabbit or a dyed egg without thinking of my first experience with a religion other than the faith of my fathers.

Both brother and sister had red hair and freckles, but their noses were slightly hooked, and their names were, I think, Jessie and Abraham. Someone whispered at school a word our mother had taught us was used only in the gutter but we found no difference between the new family and those we had known all our short lives . . . until the day we colored Easter eggs when the redheads came to play.

Jessie was in tears late that Saturday afternoon as she came to return the eggs they had decorated and so proudly taken home. Some religious connection was causing her this grief, she gave us to understand, murmuring something about being different.

There was red hair in our family, too, but it lay above a broad, high forehead and warm hazel eyes. I was very young and I wondered for some time before the purpose of the overheard telephone conversation dawned on me.

She had taught in a Jewish orphanage, now and then fed us the food she had first sampled there, why should she call to ask for a recipe? Other things were said, too, about spring and the fact that the tulips would soon blossom, that we were going shortly to visit Uncle Guy, on whose farm there would be young chicks. Some magic even those of us who loved to hear her talk must have gone over the telephone wires, for that night the redheads came joyfully to bring us to chocolate bunnies, just like those our own father sold in his store!

Second Escort Carrier Slated

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser's Vancouver shipyard announced Thursday its second aircraft escort carrier will be launched Monday, just two weeks after the Alazon Bay took to the water.

The vessel will be turned over to the British navy under license. It will be christened the HMS Amer by the wife of Rear Admiral Moreell, chief of the navy's bureau of yards and docks.

Sideshow

Odd Angles On Day's News

SEATTLE—(AP)—A contribution to the physical as well as the moral re-armament side of the country's needs will be required shortly from Wilber S. Huston, one time dubbed the "nation's brightest boy."

Huston said he had been advised by his draft board to be ready for induction April 19. He is 30.

Fourteen years ago, the son of the Rt. Rev. S. Arthur Huston, Episcopal bishop of Olympia, was selected as the nation's brightest boy and awarded the Thomas A. Edison scholarship to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After doing research work for a short time in the Edison laboratories, he gave up science for work with the English Oxford group. Last year he returned to Seattle to continue his work in moral re-armament with a small group here.

"I do not expect treatment other than that accorded others," was his only comment.

OMAHA—(AP)—A 17-year-old youth, held for incorrigibility, was demanding his rights under questioning of Omaha police Captain Harry Green.

"I know my rights and my law," he shouted. "I want a lawyer." "What kind of a lawyer do you want?" Green asked.

With a knowing look the youth replied: "Don't give me that stuff. You know the kind I want. The kind that can get me a horpus corpus—but quick!"

Government Exempt Men Are Rapped

WASHINGTON, April 15—(AP)—Saying that government should "set the example" with respect to draft deferments, the house military committee Thursday asserted that federal agencies generally had followed "a hit-or-miss" policy in hiring men eligible for the draft.

In a report to the house, the committee recommended that local draft boards throughout the nation review their files "with a view to eliminating all deferments of government employes not thoroughly justified by supporting evidence."

The committee reported it had incomplete information showing a total government personnel, exclusive of field workers, of 2,370,166, of which 1,623,162 are males. Of the total males, 840,376 were of draft age.

The committee did not say how many of the workers had been given occupational deferments, but said many of those deferred had received that status on their own initiative and many others had been deferred by departmental request.

Woman Admits Killing Baby

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15—(AP)—Arrested on a petty larceny complaint, Mrs. Evelyn J. Lovelady, 23, former Cement, Okla., resident, calmly told police Thursday that she strangled her 17-month-old daughter last November 4.

Deputy Sheriff Forest Hudnut said she signed a statement, describing in detail how she twisted a strip of hem from a bedsheet around the baby's neck, tied it, and left it until the baby began to struggle. Then she cut the hem away with scissors. The baby died next day at an Oklahoma City hospital. She was told the baby's glands were paralyzed, Hudnut said.

"I didn't aim to tie the string around her neck. I just couldn't help it—something makes me do those things," Hudnut quoted her. The baby was crying, she added, because she wouldn't let her go with her father when he left the house.

Mrs. Lovelady, whose husband, Eugene, is a shipyard worker, said she came to Portland three weeks ago. She told officers, Hudnut said, that she was married at 18 and bore four children. The first died one day after birth, the second was born dead, the third she said she strangled, and the fourth died in the night when 2 1/2 months old.

She said her husband did not know that she strangled the baby. She was held in the county jail without charge while authorities investigated her story.

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LA Police Find Body

LOS ANGELES, April 15—(AP)—A young woman whose nude and ravished body was found Wednesday night in a bakery truck was identified Thursday as Mrs. Margaret Kelley, 28, mother of three children.

Her husband, James D. Kelley, 32, a defense plant worker, identified his wife's body from police photographs. He said they were married in Milwaukee, Wis., her home city, eight months ago.

Held for questioning in her death was Henry Sanudo, 25, a recently discharged army private. Police Detective E. C. McGruder said Sanudo admitted having sat in an automobile with the woman last night shortly before her body was found, and declared they had an argument but denied he had killed her.

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'Grove' Owner Begins Sentence

BOSTON, April 15—(AP)—Night Club Owner Barnett Welansky, his face as expressionless as it was during the four weeks of his trial, Thursday night began serving a 12 to 15 years sentence "at hard labor" on manslaughter charges resulting from the Coconut Grove holocaust that took 49 lives last November 28.

A few hours earlier, when Welansky appeared in Suffolk superior court for imposition of sentence, a defense counsel motion for a stay was denied and Attorney Herbert F. Callahan immediately indicated he would appeal.

Slain Girl's Father Asks Death Penalty

PITTSBURGH, April 15—(AP)—The anguished father of a four-year-old girl who was raped and slain made an impassioned plea for the death of the crime Thursday, after the coroner reprimanded the youth for grinning at an inquest.

The coroner's jury, upon hearing testimony that Earl Perry, 17, strangled and buried curly-haired Theresa Williams in the cellar of his home last week, recommended that Perry be held for the grand jury on a murder charge.

Adolph Williams, telling the jury how he dug up the body of his daughter, cried out: "May God strike him dead for burying my little one. I trusted him and I treated him for 11 years like one of my own. He used to eat with us when he didn't like what they had in their own home."

"I want the law to give him the worst punishment so others like him can't hurt innocent children and bring grief and heartaches to their parents."

Perry, a candy factory worker, sat grinning and smirking during the hearing, bringing the rebuke from Coroner William D. McClelland:

"This is no laughing matter." The weeping father, a mail truck driver, testified: "I started to dig in the cellar dirt with my own hands. I dug up some newspapers and then I came to something which I thought was a little ball. It was the palm of her little hand . . ."

Record Farm Income Seen

CORVALLIS, April 15—(AP)—Another record income year for Oregon farmers, providing they have good yields, was predicted Thursday by Oregon State college extension specialists.

Farm income in the state last year was at an all-time high of \$220,000,000. This was 37 per cent above the 1941 figure and almost double the 1935 income. A survey last month showed farm price levels generally 42 per cent higher than a year ago.

RAF Smashes War Plants

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firing Typhoon fighters were reported to have severely damaged three armed axis trawlers caught off the Dutch coast.

Germany bombers were over the Thames estuary Wednesday night, causing a brief alert in London, but dropping no bombs in the capital. Some damage and casualties were reported from other districts. Four of the attacking planes were reported destroyed, one of them as it was preparing to land back at its home base in France.

Trade Treaty Fight Flares

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"You are too contemptible for me to speak to further." Thereupon Sayre said, "I object, and I have nothing further to say."

Decried as "scintillating absurdities," and "sweet scented bunk" the contentions that reciprocal trade pacts contributed to world peace. He said those administering the trade authority had thought more of political advantages than of developing trade.

"Did you help Hitler to sanity," he asked, "when on all sides of him you developed these trade pacts, denying him all the advantages? Don't you think there were power politics involved: was there no thought of quarantining Germany?"

Sayre told the committee earlier that if this country did not trade with other nations and entered on a policy of isolationism it inevitably would lead to a third world war.

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