

Service Vote Issue Soon to Flare Anew

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The November election votes of men and women in uniform bounded ahead today as the first political issue for 1944. Chairman Worley (D-Tex.) announced he would call the house elections committee when congress reconvenes on Jan. 10 to pick up the legislative hot potato which the senate has voted to toss on to the states.

The issue spins about the question whether the federal government should take a hand, or leave the problem entirely to the states as voted by the senate.

Another southerner, Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.), the house democratic whip, came out today for federal legislation, saying that in his opinion "it's just wishful thinking to assume the states can provide the machinery for getting the state ballots to the soldiers and back."

A house republican from up-state New York, Rep. Kearney, a retired brigadier general, World War veteran and former national commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, joined those demanding action, declaring "I don't want to see this subject kicked around congress any longer. It's a damned outrage the way it has been treated so far."

U. S. Fliers Spot Nazi Warships Sunk By British

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Two American navy fliers first spotted the German flotilla of 11 destroyers in the Bay of Biscay and shadowed it for six hours while flashing signals that brought British warships speeding in to sink three of the enemy Tuesday, it was disclosed today.

The Americans who discovered the Nazi ships, apparently intending to form an escort for a blockade runner which a British plane had sunk Monday, were Lt. Stuart D. Johnston of Upper Darby, Pa., and Ensign Hugh M. Geely of Boston, who were flying a patrol.

The destroyers were five to eight miles away from the plane when sighted at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday.

"We immediately sent a signal to the base," said Johnston, "and received instructions to shadow. We did that for about six hours."

The action against the 11 Nazi destroyers was handled in its final stages by two British cruisers with aerial support and it was announced that three of the enemy ships had been sunk and that others had been damaged.

The Berlin radio claimed today that the Germans had lost only one destroyer and two torpedo boats while asserting that submarines had sunk five British destroyers and damaged both cruisers. The admiral, however, had made no mention of any British destroyers being involved.

Details of the battle were disclosed by the admiralty and air ministry last night as Moscow reported that Adm. Karl Doenitz, German navy commander, either was expected to resign or had resigned after the bitter loss of the 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst Sunday.

Punctured or damaged synthetic rubber tire tubes should be vulcanized rather than repaired with cold patches.

Closer Cooperation— (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

ure was an intricate affair and only resulted when a community refused to handle its own moral problems and when a majority of establishments within a community went completely out of control.

Captain Vaughn also said that Camp Adair officials had no intention of interfering in Eugene affairs and whatever had been said was "merely a suggestion." Soldiers like to come to Eugene, he said, and it was only that the situation in Eugene offered dangerous possibilities that anything had been said at all. The sanitary officer also made the comment that without doubt there was a juvenile delinquency problem in the city.

C. E. McLean and N. R. Grimmon, speaking for hotel management of the city said that the hotels did not solicit illicit trade and that the hotel managers would certainly cooperate in every way possible to keep hotels from becoming establishments where contacts between soldiers and town girls were made.

Whereas only one juvenile girl has contributed to the venereal count at Camp Adair, the problem of juvenile contacts with soldiers on leave was stressed by several of the officials present, who work with delinquency in the city and county. They expressed themselves as being alarmed at the problem.

Urges Soldier Control
Albert Dietz, juvenile officer for Lane county, emphatically called upon Adair officers to regulate the conduct of their men. He cited an instance in which one soldier was repeatedly reported to Camp Adair as a sexual offender against juvenile Lane county girls, yet apparently no drastic punishment was ever meted out to the offender.

Sheriff O. E. Crowe also stressed this point of repeated violation of city laws by soldiers, who were apparently not being punished by military authorities, and he called upon Captain Vaughn for cooperation in this matter.

Dietz recommended some form of recreational activities for Lane and Eugene youngsters. If the juvenile problem were to be solved, he warned that youngsters just wouldn't sit home doing nothing and that it was up to the community to give them some recreational outlet.

Enforce Curfew
On January 3, the junior chamber of commerce is taking over the enforcement of a 10 o'clock curfew, in which all juveniles under 16 will be taken off Eugene streets. If repeated offenses are indulged in by the youngsters, their parents will be fined \$20.

Bob Broderick, juvenile vice-president announced at the meeting. Broderick stated that he felt the bad juvenile situation in the city can be cleaned up in 30 days with concentrated effort in enforcing the curfew. Under the plan as set up by the junior chamber members, with cooperation of the city police, no theater in the city will admit a youngster after 7 p. m. if not accompanied by parent or similarly responsible adult.

Manpower shortages in controlling the problem of soldiers week-ending in Eugene came up for discussion also. There are not enough military policemen available at Camp Adair, it was revealed, to send to Eugene. The police department and sheriff's office also disclosed that their departments were understaffed, Sheriff Crowe stating that most of out-of-town taverns hired their own police.

Criticism News Break
Some criticism was directed at the way the news of Eugene's "moral" situation "broke" upon the community. Mayor Elisha Large stated that news of Camp Adair officials being concerned over conditions in Eugene came to him by hearsay and that it was several weeks before a letter came from Captain Vaughn stating conditions as they actually were. It was brought out at the meeting that the late Dr. Donald Erb, president of the University, becoming aware of the rumors about the community morals through state officials had requested the news-

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



AVIATION CADET ERNEST KIRK BRUNTON, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Brunton of 547 Fourteenth avenue east, Eugene, will soon be graduated with commission of ensign in the naval reserve, from the advanced flying school at Corpus Christi, Tex. He was a graduate of Eugene high school in 1940, and attended University of Oregon.

McKEE AT JAMESTOWN
Private Paulus F. McKee, 25, son of Mrs. Eleanor McKee, of 3565 Crux, has arrived this month at Jamestown college, Jamestown, N. Dak., for a course of army air force instruction, previous to his appointment as an aviation cadet.

BENTON GRADUATED
PFC Norman W. Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Benton of Creswell, recently was graduated from the army air forces school of advanced electrical work at Chantilly Field, Ill.

COMPLETES PRIMARY
William Carl Lower, 21, of Creswell has completed his primary flight training as a naval aviation cadet. He has been at the U. S. naval air station at Livermore, Calif., a unit of the naval air primary training command, and has now been transferred to another station for intermediate training. A son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lower of Creswell, he is a graduate of Creswell union high school and also attended University of Oregon.

AIR WAC Activities
For the first time since Air WAC recruiting began, it is announced by Lt. Barbara Smith, local air WAC recruiting officer, it now is possible for enlistees in this branch to select their choice of basic training centers, either Fort Des Moines in Iowa or Fort Oglethorpe in Georgia.

paper to find out the true situation.

Dr. Orville Waller, chairman of the military affairs committee of the Eugene chamber of commerce, who made a trip with other committee members to Camp Adair Tuesday, released the following statement before Wednesday's meeting.

Dr. Waller Statement
"As chairman of Chamber of Commerce military affairs committee, I wish to make the following statement as regards newspaper articles in the Register-Guard, Oregonian and Oregon Journal, that Eugene might be ordered out of bounds by Camp Adair because of high rate of venereal infections.

"A meeting of the committee was held Tuesday noon, at which time it was decided to send a delegation to Camp Adair and discuss these reports with executive officers.

"Colonel Samuel D. Hayes, camp commandant voiced surprise as to the statement that Eugene would be declared out of bounds on moral and health issue; and that nothing had reached his desk on this matter.

"Colonel Hayes suggested and made an appointment with Col. Comfort, camp hospital commander, for the delegation. His records showed there had been an increase in prophylaxis treatment for the month of October, but no disease contracted. In fact state records, which included all soldiers, showed Eugene and Lane county lower than cities and counties of one-half our population.

"Col. Comfort stated that he might be quoted as follows: 'That as far as any records in his office show Eugene was no worse than any other city in the camp area, and that no move had been made or contemplated to place Eugene out of bounds.' He further stated: 'The army wants to cooperate at all times with the local authorities in the matter of morals, venereal disease, and sanitary problems of whatever nature that might arise; and they recognize a full responsibility in these matters.'"

Churches of Eugene Planning Watch Night Parties; Prayers Lifted for Armed Forces, Victory, Peace

Watchnight parties, to see out the old year and see in the new, will be held at several Eugene churches and associated institutions on Friday night, lasting until past the hour of midnight. Plans for the following day also are included in some announcements.

A service will be held at the First Baptist church Friday from 8 to 12 p. m. The evening will be divided into four periods: the first for inspiration; the second entertainment; the third social; the fourth consecration. A heart and cross service will be conducted during the final hour by the pastor, Dr. Vance H. Webster.

The closing moments of the old year will be spent in special prayer for the young men and women who are in service and the opening minutes of 1944 will be used in prayer that the new year may bring victory and peace. During the social period refreshments will be served.

Bally Planned
A watchnight service will be held at Lighthouse temple Friday from 8 p. m. until midnight. There will be a varied program of music and testimony, with addresses

More History On John Crow Given

John Crow, Lane county pioneer for whom a Liberty ship is to be named soon at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, was captain of a wagon train which trekked across the plains in 1852, report some of his descendants here. Records reveal this to have been a carefully managed train, the water, food, and other equipment holding out in fine shape and no trouble being experienced with the Indians, and the caravan escaping cholera. Crow stopped in Portland that first winter, then came on to the Willamette valley the following year, to take up his territorial road, to take up his donation land claim in Lane county.

Crow had come from a section in the mid-west where floods occasionally bothered the settlers. Indians through here told him that sometimes water flooded the whole Willamette valley section, too, so Crow went into the Lorane valley, then known as the St. Lawrence valley, and took up his claim, his home being just east of where the Lorane postoffice and town are today, on the road going toward Cottage Grove, recalls Mrs. L. H. Johnson, Eugene, one of his granddaughters. Her father, the late Daniel Norris, had his claim nearby the Crow home.

Crow was a prominent leader in the early days of the upper Siu-law country.

Correcting a statement in the Wednesday story about Crow, Mrs. Johnson says the community of Crow was not named for his family, but for another early-day Crow family.

Besides Mrs. Johnson, other grandchildren living in this area now include: Sheriff O. E. Crowe (who uses the old spelling of the family name), Pearne Crowe, Springfield, Mrs. Elma Bainbridge, Cottage Grove, and Nathan Crowe, Yoncalla.

Crow was an old-time singing school teacher and all his family had that early training in singing, learned the old-style way. Also, at the old Crow home was a complete blacksmith shop, something unusual in the early-day farms around here. Mrs. Johnson recalls, too, that as a child she remembered her mother telling her the story of the Crow family.

The knives had steel blades and bone handles and Mrs. Johnson recalls it was her job to polish them when they became dark.

U. S. Merchantman Sunk by Submarine
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 30.—(AP)—An axis submarine on the prowl in the Caribbean torpedoed and sank a medium-size U. S. merchantman in mid-December near the northern coast of South America, killing three of its merchant crew.

Navy gunners aboard the vessel fired one shot in the vicinity of the submerged raider but apparently did little damage, for one hour later the wounded ship was struck by two more torpedoes which sent it to the bottom.

The 70 survivors were picked up a few hours later by another American merchantman and a U. S. warship.

BURNED TO DEATH
ALBANY, Dec. 30.—(AP)—William Conner, 79, was burned to death early today when fire destroyed a shack at the Linn county gravel pit at Sweet Home, where he was employed as a watchman. Neighbors who heard him chopping wood at about 2 a. m. discovered the fire some time later and found his badly burned body on the bed.

EX-EDITOR'S RITES HELD
ROSEBURG, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Funeral services were held here today for Lee Wimberly, 77, former editor of the Roseburg Review, who died in Los Angeles last week. With the late Charles H. Fisher, he established the Review as a daily newspaper in 1898 and stayed with the paper until 1920 when it merged with the Evening News.

Experts believe automobile demand will reach 6,000,000 a year for four years after the axis war machine is crushed.

by visiting ministers.

On Saturday, the annual New Year's rally of young people will be held for young folk from all over the state, in all-day session. Services will be held at 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Tasker L. Brooks of Tacoma, Wash., will be the principal speaker at the evening service, and other visiting ministers and delegates will take part in the other services and will preach. The public is invited to all sessions.

Candlelight Service
New Year's eve will be welcomed in by Central Lutheran church with an evening of fellowship and games, closing with a candlelight service of holy communion. The informal evening will begin at 8 o'clock at the parish hall, the young people in charge of serving refreshments. The communion service will begin at 11 p. m.

A program planned around the months of the year will be presented by students of Northwest Christian college at the First Christian church, Friday evening, in watchnight service. Skits and special music appropriate to the months will be given in chronological order. The program will take place in the Pitt room and the white room at the church, starting at 8 p. m.

Westminster House on the campus will not feature a watchnight program, but will instead hold a New Year's tea on Saturday from 3 until 5 p. m., to which all young folk are invited.

Gas Available To War Truckers
Truckers holding certificates of war necessity whose operations are essential to the war effort may obtain gasoline if shortages should exist in this area by applying to the ODT division of motor transport office at Portland, it was announced Thursday.

Marshall E. Nauman, district manager of ODT, said the following information must be contained in the trucker's application for preferential aid:

1. Name and address of the operator, and certificate of war necessity number.

2. Type of operation.

3. Name and address of the dealer from whom he normally secures gasoline.

4. Name and address of the dealer from whom he attempted to obtain gasoline in this instance.

5. Number of vehicles operated by complainant.

6. Location or location and capacity of each storage facility, if any, of operator.

7. Quantity of gasoline used per week at each location.

8. If no storage facilities, name and address of the retailer normally used.

"If the application is approved," declared Nauman, "this information, together with the necessary certification, will be transmitted to the nearest petroleum administrator for war representative, who, in his discretion, will authorize delivery of the necessary gasoline to the operator."

Pharmacy Lieutenant Exams Announced
Examinations will be held January 31 through February 4, 1944 for the purpose of qualifying candidates for appointment as second lieutenants in the pharmacy corps, regular army.

The examination will be open to all male citizens of the United States who are graduates of acceptable schools or colleges of pharmacy in the United States and Canada requiring four years of instruction for graduation, and who will not be more than 32 years of age at the time it will be possible to be tendered a commission.

Boards of medical department officers will conduct the examinations, which will consist of a physical examination, a written examination in professional subjects, and a determination of the candidate's adaptability for military service.

Complete information and application blanks may be obtained by writing the adjutant general, war department, Washington, D. C. Applications from candidates in the continental limits of the United States received after January 10, 1944, will not be considered.

Scout Troops Told to Hury Applications
Applications from Boy Scout troops in the Lane district, Wallamet council, to appear at the next district court of honor must be received at the Boy Scout office by next Tuesday, Lloyd Payne, chairman of the council advancement committee, announced today.

The court of honor is scheduled for 8 p. m., Thursday, January 6, at the county court house.

Under the present troop advancement plan, scouts appear before a troop board review, which is made up of members of their own troop committee, before receiving their awards at the court of honor, Payne said.

Springfield

EASTERN STAR TO PRACTICE
SPRINGFIELD—All officers of Cascade chapter of the Eastern Star are requested to meet at the Masonic temple for a practice Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

LEAVES FOR NAVY
SPRINGFIELD—Richard Flanery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flanery of Springfield, left on December 26 to join a naval unit. Flanery was a student at University of Oregon and was inducted into the navy shortly before Christmas.

FINES
SPRINGFIELD—Fines have been assessed in the recorder's court against Harry Gates, \$1, parking in a mail zone; William A. Kocoy, \$1, parking before a fire hydrant; and Lloyd Nichols, \$1, parking too far out into the street.

NEEDLECRAFT CLUB TO MEET
SPRINGFIELD—A meeting of the Needlecraft club will be held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Carl Olsen, 833 D street. This will be the regular business meeting and will begin at 2:30.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL
SPRINGFIELD—Harry Crouse, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry G. Crouse, will return to school Sunday at the Hills Military academy. He has been spending Christmas vacation with his parents.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS MEET
SPRINGFIELD—There will be a meeting of the Royal Neighbors January 5, at 8 o'clock. Mae Logan, state supervisor, will be the guest for the evening. All members are requested to be present.

SGT. HAROLD TAYLOR HOME
SPRINGFIELD—Staff Sergeant Harold C. Taylor came from Fort Lewis, Wash., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Taylor, and his wife and son, Gary, returning north Sunday afternoon.

James A. Pitts
James A. Pitts, 75, died Thursday morning at a local hospital, following a brief illness. Born at Petaluma, Calif., March 24, 1868, he came to Oregon when a youth of 19, coming first to Lane county. Later he moved to eastern Oregon where he owned and operated a stock ranch. He was married to Nettie Goodman at Roseburg in 1906, and when she died in 1910 leaving a baby daughter two weeks old and little son, 2½ years, he reared the children alone.

Son and daughter survive him, William J. Pitts and Mrs. Ruby Jensen, both of Eugene; other survivors are a sister, Mrs. U. S. Flourney, and two granddaughters, Dolly and Darlene Jensen, also of Eugene.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Poole mortuary, Rev. Vance H. Webster officiating, and interment will be in the I.O.O.F. cemetery, No. 2.

MEETING CANCELLED
The meeting planned by Quota club for Thursday evening, at which time Mrs. Paul T. Williamson, district governor, was to pay her official visit, has been cancelled. The change was made due to the inability of Mrs. Williamson to get here. The regular club meeting comes next Monday noon.

Marion Leading Charter Contest

Marion county's charter club, special Boy Scout organization committee, has slipped ahead of the Lane district charter club, organization group for the Lane district of the Wallamet council.

Lynn S. McCready, chairman of the local charter club, recently challenged the Marion county club, promising to organize more Boy Scout units by January 31 than could the Salem group.

Special effort will be made here during the last month of the contest, McCready said. According to the challenge accepted by Ralph Johnson, Marion county chairman, and Lyle Leighton, Marion county scout executive, if the local organization committee fulfills its promise, McCready and K. A. Wells, Wallamet council scout executive, will receive new hats from the Marion county leaders.

New troops which have been registered, as the result of charter club organization include troop 37 at Mt. Vernon and troop 52 at Bethel. Troop 37 is sponsored by the Mt. Vernon parent-teacher association with H. D. Long as scoutmaster. Members of the troop committee are D. O. Godwin, J. A. Cooper, David E. Ritchie, Willis E. Smith, and Chris D. Cassidy.

Troop 52 is sponsored by the Bethel parent-teacher association and was organized with the assistance of R. G. Crakes, member of the charter club. L. A. Barrell is scoutmaster with James H. Williams as assistant scoutmaster. Members of the troop committee are J. D. Lambert, H. B. Ford, Harold V. Dawe, G. J. Stadler, and D. L. Goodlin.

Other troops which are nearly organized are located at Elmira with U. A. Toney as organizer; Central Lutheran church, M. O. Dahl; Church of Nazarene, Walter Banks; Bethesda Lutheran church, Hart Larsen; First Congregational church, W. G. Nicholson; and at Vaughn, Alton F. Baker.

"We're going to make every effort," McCready said, "to show the Marion county scouts that we can offer more opportunities for boys to be scouts than they can. From surveys we know there are many boys who want to be scouts here in the Lane district, but there is no troop for them to join. We're going to help institutions provide those opportunities, and at the same time show that Lane county is ahead of Marion county in this organization campaign."

Civil Service Calls For OPA Specialist
Applications for the position of price specialist for the Portland, Oregon, OPA district are being sought by the U. S. civil service commission.

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War In Brief

By UNITED PRESS
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Italy—Canadian advances on mile beyond Ortona; American patrols reach outskirts of San Vittore, key of enemy's defenses on central front; American bombers pound German railroad lines.

Russia—Germans in full retreat west of Kiev as Red army offensive drives within 48 miles of manian frontier; new Soviet drive in Dnieper bend impels Krasna Rog and Nikolai, Russian fighters also arc on three sides of Vitebsk.

Pacific—U. S. marines flame-throwers, tanks, and artillery against main Japanese defenses around Cape Gloucester; enemy counterattacks against outnumbered marines on east flank; allied fighters win 11-0 air victory over Rabaul; Australians gain in New Guinea fighting.

Priority Analyst Here To Advise Business Men

T. H. Morton, priority analyst from the priority division of the war production board, will be in Eugene Thursday, January 6, for the monthly priority clinic held at the chamber of commerce office.

The priorities division has announced that there are several new orders of particular interest to repair shops, which Morton will be glad to explain to those interested. Appointments with the analyst can be made by calling the Eugene chamber of commerce.

George Luckey Bayn

COTTAGE GROVE—George Luckey Bayn, 49, manager of the Pass Creek store and service station, died Thursday morning at his home in Divide, where he had lived the past two and a half years. They formerly lived at Toledo.

He was native of New York City, N. Y., born there August 1, 1894. Surviving are his wife, two sons, George Luckey Bayn Jr., and Harry W., both in the U. S. army; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Miller of Toledo and Marjorie Bayn, at home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Mills chapel at Cottage Grove, upon arrival of the soldier's son.

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