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SOLDIER IN THE WHITE HOUSE?
According to Lyle Wilson, able UP correspondent in Washington, it signifies that General MacArthur has permitted and permitted his army censors to permit a story from Australia in which the writer stated:

"General MacArthur believes that an experienced soldier in the White House would bring an earlier end of the war."

This coupled with General MacArthur's refusal to say that he is NOT a candidate for president is taken to signify that "Barkis is willin'". Most of us had suspected as much, although not all of us are ready to agree that General MacArthur is the man for president, no matter how much we may admire his military exploits.

Nor are we ready to agree that it would hasten the end of war (or promote a sound peace) to put "an experienced soldier in the White House." On the contrary, we would state a converse proposition:

"What this country needs in the White House is a president who does not assume to know more about grand strategy than all his generals and admirals put together."

This nation has had many a president who has been a soldier—but the presidency came AFTER. With the exception of Washington and Jackson, the soldier presidents have not been particularly able as presidents. U. S. Grant was the only "professional soldier" ever called to the White House, and the old warrior who drove through the wilderness to victory at Appomattox was a bewildered and pathetic figure in the darker jungles of politics.

This country has never called a soldier to lead the nation in time of war, and the MacArthur proposition (if you may call it that) has the sound of "military dictatorship" (and possibly there are some of the MacArthur boosters such as Chicago's stupendous Col. McCormick who want just that). Military dictatorship would be the end of the American republic and of democracy as we have known it.

It is interesting to note also that General MacArthur permits it to be suggested that IF nominated, he would not resign from the army and come home to face the voters but would remain "fighting Japs" until (or if) elected. This might not be such dumb politics, but it suggests the new president, the new commander-in-chief arriving in Washington "full helmeted" to take command of government, remaining in uniform, becoming in fact as well as fancy "our first warrior president."

If the Republican party should nominate Douglas MacArthur, this newspaper will be the first to demand that he resign instantly from and permanently from the army. In fact, we think that if MacArthur is going to permit his name to come before a political convention he should resign NOW, or at least on the day when he gives consent to use his name. Douglas MacArthur is a great soldier of a great republic, but this is not Ancient Rome and he is not Cato or Cincinnatus. Ancient Rome had the concept of the soldier-citizen. Ours is the citizen-soldier. There is a profound difference. Even George Washington, so long as he led the armies of the infant republic, had to bow to the authority of the people through their Continental Congress (and he sometimes waxed profane on the subject).

Douglas MacArthur is a great general, a great American, a citizen, but it is the tradition of the United States that when a man becomes President he is only First Citizen. Our President is Commander-in-chief of the armies and navies—as citizen—and it is the authority of the President as Chief Citizen which the soldier obeys. General MacArthur is a popular (and sometimes petulant) hero and he has been granted indulgence for political liberties which are forbidden to most men in service. If he becomes a candidate this indulgence must cease. We have many able generals to carry on his work in the field. It must be Citizen MacArthur, not the general, if he offers himself to citizen choice.

When a girl's face is her fortune it usually runs into a neat figure.

It took something a lot more important than an election to lead the Russians to the Poles.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

ARMY VS. CIVILIAN TRUCK NEEDS
One of the more perplexing questions raised by the Senate Truman committee's report on transportation was what the army was going to do with the "more than a million and a half" trucks on hand and on order for 1944. "This," as the report said pointedly, "constitutes a tremendous number of trucks."

It looks like a tremendous number to the U.S. civilian trucking industry, too. Only 300 new trucks have been manufactured for civilian use since early 1942. A million new trucks had been made in 1941, but of these, only 189,000 trucks of all types were left in dealers' hands as a stockpile to be rationed to essential civilian users. Less than 2300 of these trucks remain on hand, and they will all be gone by April 1. Commercial truck operators therefore look longingly at the tremendous army production and put on all the pressure they can to get some of those trucks diverted to civilian transport. A large part of the pressure consists in making it appear that the army can't possibly use this many trucks, and that the civilian truckers need them worse for the admittedly increased loads of war production freight they are hauling.

Committee Findings
The way the Truman committee presented the figures was like this: "For the year 1943, the War department requested the production of 671,107 trucks for its own use and that of the British and Russian forces. The present estimates are that 607,610 were delivered. For 1944, for the same uses, the War department requested 742,433. Actually, the army requested 764,353, but it was allocated only the 742,433. But the 607,610 and the 742,433 add up to 1,350,043—not a million and a half—and you begin there."

To the army this number of trucks contracted for in the two-year program makes sense and is not excessive. "People just don't appreciate how dependent we are on trucks," says Maj.-Gen. L. D. Clay of the army service forces, in charge of procurement. It is considered impossible to reveal all the figures on the military truck requirements program, but enough can be given to quiet some fears and justify some of the larger numbers.

The first item to knock off is shipments to Soviet Russia, the United Kingdom and other lend-lease aid and navy. This will account for nearly 40 per cent of the total, or approximately 534,000 trucks. This 40 per cent will be divided approximately 23 per cent to Soviet Russia, 17 per cent to the U.K. and elsewhere.

Knock this 534,000 off the 1,350,000 and it leaves a total of 816,000 vehicles in the two-year production program. This includes everything from passenger cars up to 40-ton tank transports, but not including half-tracks or other combat vehicles.

\$85,000 Jeeps
It includes jeeps. The total jeep production in the two-year program is 383,000, of which 169,000 will go to the Soviet and the British leaving 214,000 for the U.S. Subtract this 214,000 from the 816,000 total and you get an actual truck production figure of 602,000, which sounds a good bit more reasonable.

As of Jan. 1, 1944, the army estimates it had a fleet of 850,000 vehicles of all types, passenger cars and up. Perhaps 180,000 of them were pre-Pearl Harbor models. Army estimates the life of a truck in the United States at five years. In combat areas overseas, the average is two years which, considering battle attrition, is a liberal estimate. At Salerno, 38 per cent of the artillery carriages were knocked out. Truck casualties were comparable, in some classes as high as 50 per cent. That's where most of the replacements are required.

What the civilian truck program amounts to for 1944 is the manufacture of some 130,000 vehicles, according to latest schedules. Of the 130,000, some 40,000 will be for the non-military government agencies, leaving only 90,000 for civilian rationing and the larger part of these will not be available until the latter half of 1944. On them will depend the problem of replacing trucks which actually break down in 1944. Civilian trucks now in operation are estimated at 4,600,000, of which 1,800,000 are on farms.

As for curtailing military truck requirements, there doesn't seem to be a chance, unless the war ends suddenly.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

PHI BETA GROUP PLANS INITIATION

Phi chapter of Phi Beta, national honorary society for women in music, drama, and the dance, will formally initiate thirteen University of Oregon women students, Saturday, in Gerlinger hall, it is announced by Miss Marie Rogndahl, president of the chapter.

The Phi Beta pledges to be initiated include: Misses Marilyn Miller, Sue Welch, Dorothy Jean Weyand, Marjorie Shearn, Helen Wohler, and Margaret Couchner, all of Portland; Miss Emily Rhodes of Eugene; Miss Rose Zena Latta and Miss Alice Buckingham, both of Marshfield; Miss Ruth Van Buskirk, Mt. Angel; Miss Shirley Stearns, Prineville; Miss Jean Carlin, Salem; Miss Patricia Woodward, Los Angeles.

FOR "MARCH OF DIMES"

Neighbors of Woodcraft contributed five dollars to the "March of Dimes" for the polo fund, Thursday evening, at the regular meeting of the lodge. The next meeting will feature initiation and entertainment.

PHILATHEAN CIRCLE

Philathea circle of the First Methodist church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, sewing on kit-bags for the Red Cross. The hostess served afternoon dessert.

HOME NURSING CLASSES MEETING

Announcements are made regarding general home nursing classes through the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross. Classes in the College Crest district have started meetings on Monday mornings, eleven-thirty o'clock, Twenty-eighth and Friendly streets.

On February 9, the new classes will start in the River Road district at the schoolhouse at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

The home nursing group will start at Willaglespie at the schoolhouse on February 9. Any one interested is eligible to take this course.

Classes are in session at the American Red Cross headquarters and those interested are asked to register or call the Red Cross office.

AID POLIO FUND

Helmetta club of the Pythian Sisters met for potluck dinner Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Cecil Henderson. The club voted during its business meeting to give five dollars to the polio fund. Work was done on garments for Bundles for America. Mrs. Will Grimes was chairman of the committee on serving.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

HE'S HUMAN, TOO

A certain man in our neighborhood is about as nearly perfect as it's possible for a human to be. He's honest in all his dealings, is considerate of the feelings of others and has none of the so-called masculine vices. Both men and women like and admire him. Unreasonable creature that I am, so much virtue in one person sometimes has made me impatient.

His gallantry toward his wife especially has irked me. Pure envy, of course. He praises her cooking, laughs at her jokes and takes her with him wherever he goes. At a party, she has but to murmur, "John don't feel well; could we go home?" Immediately, John is all solicitude. He takes her right home, first putting on her galoshes for her.

Now our men don't beat us or get drunk, but we put on our own galoshes. And something tells me that if I were to say at a party that I had a headache and could I go home, the answer would go like this: "Say! if I don't get to finish this pinocle game, I'll have heart failure. What a hand! Wow!"

But lately our model man had the flu. At the first uncomfortable feeling, he went to bed. His wife had it too, and her steady loss of weight alarmed us. The neighbors relieved her from chores when they could, but there were many times when she had to milk and carry her wood. Also the three children had to be looked after. And though it all she had to prepare three meals a day for her dying husband. For of course he was going to die. He never doubted it for a moment. But it would ease his going if she'd keep hot water bottles at his back and feet and a cold pack on his head. And how about a mid-afternoon bowl of chicken broth.

Now if you think all this made me dislike the man, you're mistaken. I like him better than I ever did before. I see he's human. And I can understand how his wife can wait on him, even when she's really much more ill than he, remembering how he stands out above other men in his thoughtful care of her when he's well. And I can stand lack of compliments in my husband, remembering his lack of complaint when ill. And if he forgets to bring me ice cream when well, I remember he doesn't expect me to bring him a flock of hot water when ill.

Yes, you might say the flu was a good thing for all of the husbands on our isthmus. Their stock has gone up considerably. Though you might say John's went up because it came down, if you see what I mean.

MEETING FEB. 4

BETHEL—The Bethel Community club meeting announced for Friday should have read Friday, Feb. 4, eight o'clock in the evening, at the home of Mrs. Harry Ray.

PLAN FOR SALE

Members of St. Mary's guild, St. Mary's Episcopal church at their meeting this week made plans for a rummage sale to be held Feb. 5. For the meeting next week, there will be considerable sewing, members to take a paper sack luncheon.

STANDING COMMITTEE NAMED BY GROUP

Standing committee chairmen were named by the president of the Central Lutheran Aid society, Mrs. Chris Jorgensen, Thursday afternoon, as follows: cradle roll secretary, Mrs. Jorgensen; historical, Mrs. Erick Johnson; box work chairman, Mrs. Ben Everson; flower committee, Mrs. Arthur Warberg; sick calls, Mrs. Chris Gilbert, Mrs. George Chaberg, and Miss Emma Johnson; chairman of Christian nurture and of the reading circle, Mrs. J. L. Jenson.

Mrs. Jorgensen entertained with a reading, and Mrs. George Chaberg, hostess, served refreshments. Contributions were taken for the birthday bank, for January.

SON IS BORN

Announcements have been received here of the birth of a son to Lieutenant and Mrs. Richard H. McBee in Hood River on January 24. The baby has been named Richard Harding McBee, Jr., and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McBee of Eugene. There is an older sister, Gail Elizabeth.

STAR OFFICIAL IS VISITOR AT HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG—Eastern Star lodge entertained the associate grand matron, Mrs. Hazel M. Foster, and Mr. Foster recently at a dinner at the Magic Cupboard. Those present were: Mrs. and Mr. A. J. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Skirvin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davidson, Mrs. Margaret Huston, Mrs. Virginia Burgess, Mrs. Fern McMullen, Mrs. Edith Hurd, Mrs. Mildred Coates, Mrs. Cecelia Stone, Mrs. Norman Murphy, Mrs. Veolan Blehm, Mrs. George Belts.

After the dinner the group went to the city hall where they had a school of instruction, conducted by Mrs. Foster. A district meeting will be held March 14 at Junction City.

MRS. BAILEY FETED AT TWO PARTIES

Mrs. B. H. Bailey was honored at two parties this week on the occasion of her eighty-sixth birthday anniversary, which occurred Thursday.

Mrs. Bailey gave a surprise dinner party for Mrs. Bailey Thursday evening at the Osburn hotel. The birthday cake, decorated with a Christmas rose, was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Burr Fisher. The centerpiece, also given by Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, was of acacia, daffodils, and narcissuses. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adamson presented Mrs. Bailey with a corsage, and others remembered her with gifts and cards. At the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Mosher, Mrs. Gertrude Smith, and her mother, Mrs. Sprague.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. P. L. Herbig entertained at her home for Mrs. Bailey at a bridge party, those invited including Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Floyd Lengacher, Mrs. Paul N. Plank, Mrs. Harry H. Hobbs, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. J. Fred Gerot, Mrs. Harold Harbour, Mrs. O. S. Fletcher, and the hostess.

HELMETTA CLUB

Helmetta sewing club will meet Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock, at the home of Mrs. John Spurgin.

WILLAKENZIE

Mrs. Durfinger, Willakenzie P-TA president, presided at the evening meeting held at the schoolhouse recently. A decision was reached at this meeting to sponsor the expense and supervision of hot lunches for the school children. As a means of meeting a part of this expense, a box social will be held at the schoolhouse on the evening of Feb. 11, and a call was put out for rummage sale material. This sale will be held in the near future.

Army Wants Women

A new opportunity for service in the army is now available to women as physical therapists with the medical department. The physical therapist is one whose school and training helps to repair the ravages of war by training torn muscles and injured limbs to work again. This vocation is, of course, only for experts because of the high degree of professional skill required.

Enlistees in the women's army corps with the proper background will be given first basic military training and then the army physical therapy course given by the medical department, which last six months. After three months of the course she is awarded the stripe of the private, first class, and at the end of which she becomes a technician fifth grade. Upon said completion of the course there follows a three months internship in an army hospital which qualifies her for commission in the rank of second lieutenant. If the course is not successfully completed the candidate continues to hold her non-commissioned grade and remains on duty with the medical department. In order to qualify for the course a candidate must be under 44 years of age, and must have completed four years in an approved college with major emphasis on physical education, or must have completed two years in an approved college with emphasis on the biological sciences.

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Love, Marriage to be Campus Series Topic

The Love and Marriage discussion series held annually on the University of Oregon campus starts Sunday with a meeting in Gerlinger hall at 2:30. Dr. R. R. Huestis, professor of zoology; Dr. L. S. Bee, assistant professor of sociology; and Dr. Wesley G. Nicholson, from the First Congregational church, leaders for the afternoon, will discuss the biological, psychological, and religious aspects of the problems.

Discussion continues during the week with fireside meetings in the individual houses under leaders chosen by each group. Students will have an opportunity at these meetings to ask questions which will be answered at a second general meeting the following Sunday, February 6.

Some of the leaders of the firesides will be Dr. R. E. Cushman, professor of religion; Mrs. E. E. DeCout, secretary of the YWCA; Mrs. Jim Bryant, director of Westminster house; Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel; Mrs. William Jones, wife of Professor William Jones, head of the political science department; Mrs. Carl Kossack, wife of C. F. Kossack, assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Howard Taylor, head of psychology department; and Dr. Bee and Dr. Nicholson. Others will be announced later.

S. P. Plans New Office

DUNSMUIR, Calif. (AP)—The Southern Pacific company said it will open a new office in Klamath Falls February 1. A chief dispatcher, two assistant dispatchers and six other employees will man the office.

Killgallon Plans Trip

Dr. P. A. Killgallon, associate professor of education, is leaving Sunday on a trip through southern Oregon to confer with school officials in Roseburg, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls, and Grants Pass. Dr. Killgallon is rated as one of the two most expert men in the west on the methods of teaching atypical children or children who cannot learn by

ordinary teaching methods.

Dr. Killgallon is also executive secretary of the committee on what to do in rehabilitating returned service men. In this capacity, he will visit the veteran's hospital in Roseburg, interviewing men who have recently come back from the battlefronts to find what their needs and wishes are.

Faculty Senate Elects

Dr. Harvey G. Townsend, head of the department of philosophy at the University of Oregon, was elected vice-president of the faculty senate, governing body of the university faculty, at the regular monthly meeting Wednesday.

Dr. Townsend will fill the vacancy which occurred when Jesse Bond, professor of business administration and former vice-president, moved into the president's chair vacated by Orlando J. Hollis. Hollis resigned from the presidency of the faculty senate to become acting president of the university.

Vanport Schools Topic

James T. Hamilton, superintendent of Vanport schools, will speak Monday night at a meeting of Phi Delta Kappa, men's professional fraternity in education, at Willis' cafe.

Hamilton will discuss the development and operation of the Vanport school system, which is interesting because it was created to meet a particular type of problem, a city which did not grow but was built in a hurry. A wider field of service is included in this system and more is being done through the schools than in other towns.

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God's Word

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