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SO WE INVADE THE MARSHALLS
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CHEYENNE, WYO., Feb. 2.—There was light rain falling when the train left Portland; as it made its way up the Columbia Gorge, the rain turned to snow and sleet (perhaps the forerunner of one of those "silver thaws" for which Oregon's mild winter climate is famous—or infamous). In the twilight the grim mountainsides were transformed; the travellers (military and civilian) were delighted.

In early morning, the train was gliding up the broad valley of the Snake through a fairland of ice crystals. The clumps of willow and alder along the streams were bejeweled; the distant ranges were fantastic white-robed giants. The dull brown of lonely ranch homes was covered with a mantle. Even the bored young lieutenant from Connecticut was moved to admit that "the West has something—at moments." Travellers had leisurely breakfast and adjourned to the "club car" for the day's "kill-time"—cards, books, magazines, drinking.

A porter distributed morning papers (Boise). The headlines told of the invasion of the Marshalls—the marines and the 7th Division under Major General Corlett leading. (That would mean that Roy Craft is in there with Corlett. And probably Dick Johnston and "Front Wave" George Jones covering for the great news services. All old Register-Guard boys. You may remember we printed a picture of the three when they were together in Hawaii getting ready for this show in the Marshalls). Lots of other good boys in there, too.

Travellers read the headlines, told each other: "It won't be long now. We will show Tojo." They went back to their pastimes. This evening there is a slightly drunken soldier aboard—just home from 20 months in the South Pacific. There is some complaining because he is "annoying women." He is advertising that he hasn't seen a white woman for 20 months. He says he just "wants to play." There is a fat gentleman nearby (on his way to a "builders' convention") who thinks "the Army might discipline these rowdies." There are no "MP's" on this train. There are two generals, a basketful of colonels and many assorted majors, etc. They seem to think civilians are funny people.

MR. ICKES' GRAMMARIAN
The forgery indictments against George Briggs may have cleared up some of the mystery surrounding the now-famous "Harry Hopkins letter," but there is one question still unanswered.

How did Mr. Briggs hold his \$5600-a-year job as Secretary Ickes' assistant in charge of correcting the secretary's spelling and grammar?

We ask this after looking at facsimile copies of letters from Mr. Briggs to C. Nelson Sparks, in which he wrote "stationary" when he obviously was referring to writing paper, and made the second person doubly possessive by spelling it "your's."

We've found that efforts to buy cheap apples and oranges have proved fruitless.

The man who thinks up the the shapes and colors of blankets apparently has a job designing overcoats now.

The Treasury reported \$19,247,059,969 in circulation in October, or \$140.37 in every person's pocket. It's nice to think about anyway.

Women's fur coats have jumped to three crying spells more than last year.

"What's the difference between the girl of 1924 and 1944?" a professor queries. About 20 years we'd say.

The call to war has taken the place of the good old apple in keeping the doctor away.

The Allies now seem to rule the waves in pretty good shape. Nobody rules the permanents—in any old shape.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

AIR POWER'S VITAL ROLE
The increasingly large part which airborne troops and equipment are playing in the war is revealed by Army Air Force Gen. Henry H. Arnold's report to the secretary of war, and it leads to some interesting speculation on the role such operations will play in the coming invasion of Europe.

General Arnold admits frankly that we learned many of these things from the Germans. "When Germany attacked Norway in April 1940," he says, "it was another victory for airpower. When prevented from moving thousands of troops in ships, the Germans moved them by air. The Germans would have been in a difficult situation had Norway destroyed its airports."

How this lesson was applied is shown today in the southern Pacific, where the Japs are being forced out of one locality after another by seizing airports which are then used by U. S. planes to cut off Jap supply lines and thus make their bases untenable. The first major operation of this kind was conceived by Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney in the Buna-Gona, New Guinea operations last March. There the U. S. troop carrier command flew in a complete striking force from Australia—men, equipment and food. In one troop movement, 3600 troops were brought from Australia to Port Moresby and in another 15,000—a whole division—was flown from Moresby over the high Owen Stanley mountains to the air strips near Buna.

Supplies moved in at the rate of more than a thousand tons a week. It included construction equipment, steel mats and even asphalt. A four-gun battery of 105-mm. howitzers was ferried over in a B-17. The only way ground forces could be supplied was by air. At first there were no parachutes. It was a straight air drop and it was never more than a fifth of the supplies which landed where they could be recovered and used.

Airfields here were often built within firing range of the enemy. As soon as the job was completed, troops and supplies moved in by air. In the offensive on Lae, General Arnold reveals, three air strips were built in the mountains within range of the Japs. First a party of American engineers made a long overland journey to reach the sites. With the help of natives they cleared enough ground for transports to land. Then C-47 transports ferried in an airborne engineer battalion. It took 100 plane loads for this transfer, and in addition, an airborne anti-aircraft company had to be brought in for protection of the field. This was Marilinan airfield.

Marilinan was later one of the bases which provided fighter cover for the great paratroop landing at Nadzab, an operation which was to end "palm-tree-to-palm-tree" fighting and set the pattern for warfare at 200 miles an hour.

The Fifth Air Force landed 1700 American paratroops fully supplied, plus 38 Australian artillerymen and guns, at Nadzab. "These operations in the Markham valley are worthy of note," writes General Arnold. "In front, 48 medium bombers opened the fight by straying Jap positions. They were followed by six attack planes that laid smoke screens to cover the landing of paratroops from the 98 transports. Above these flew five Flying Fortresses carrying material and three more Fortresses with General MacArthur and Kenney and their staffs. A fighter escort of 146 Lightning and Thunderbolts covered the flight at various altitudes while four more Fortresses and 24 more medium bombers strafed Jap positions.

Five weeks after the landing at Nadzab, the U. S. Air Force raided Rabaul, sinking 122 ships, destroying or damaging 184 planes at a cost of only four U. S. planes.

Similar operations were carried out in the U. S. invasion of Italy at Salerno. On the morning of Sept. 12, says General Arnold, the commanders of our airborne troops were notified that air reinforcements were required by the U. S. Fifth Army within 24 hours. At 8:45 a. m. on the same day, Pathfinder units of the airborne task force took off from Sicily, reaching the drop zone at 11:14. Twenty-five minutes later the first paratroops arrived and in the following hour and a half 90 aircraft dropped 1300 paratroops and their equipment in an area less than a mile long and a half mile wide. By 2 in the morning these paratroops were completely organized and marching into position on the front line.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB PLANNING MEETING

Officers Wives' club is meeting for a dessert party next Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. John Kuykendall, 2363 McMillan street. Those planning to attend are asked to call Mrs. Kuykendall at 5127-R by Tuesday evening. Mrs. Comet Gibson is hostess with Mrs. Kuykendall for the meeting.

Wives of all officers in the army, navy, and marines are eligible for the group.

INVITATIONS OUT FOR WEDDING

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Barbara Huntington and Lieutenant John Clayton, Jr. The ceremony will be the evening of Saturday, March 4, at nine o'clock, in the First Congregational church. A reception will follow in the church parlors. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Huntington.

MRS. CLAY JOINS WOMEN MARINES

Sergeant L. L. Pittinger of the local marine corps recruiting office announces the enlistment of Mrs. Nada Berg Clay, 1039 5th street, Springfield, in the marine corps women's reserve.

She will entrain within the next sixty days for Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., for indoctrination training.

Private Clay attended Springfield high school and was formerly employed in Eugene.

SON BORN

Dr. and Mrs. V. L. Brooks have word of the birth of a son, Hans Frederick, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Schluter, at Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday, Feb. 5. Mrs. Schluter is their daughter, the former Margaret Clair Brooks. Mr. Schluter is to complete his course in medical school at Ann Arbor in June and will intern there. He will receive a navy commission at graduation. Both young people attended the University of Oregon. Mrs. Schluter is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and her husband, a graduate in 1940, is a Phi Gamma Delta member.

POTLUCK DINNER

Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will meet Wednesday evening at six o'clock, for potluck dinner, at the Knights of Pythias hall, preceding the regular lodge meeting.

TO MEET TUESDAY

Past Noble Grands' club will meet Tuesday at eight o'clock, at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Christian Science

"Spirit" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 6.

The Golden Text was, "We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith" (Galatians 5:5).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit" (II Cor. 5:1, 5).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Man understands spiritual existence in proportion as his treasures of Truth and Love are enlarged. Mortals must gravitate Godward, their affections and aims grow spiritual,—they must near the broader interpretations of being, and gain some proper sense of the infinite,—in order that sin and mortality may be put off." (pg. 265).

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ALPHA OMICRON PI HONORS MOTHERS

Alpha Omicron Pi sorority entertained Sunday afternoon at a formal tea for Eugene mothers.

Receiving guests were Miss Meribeth Rodway, chapter president; Mrs. A. F. Rapp, sorority chapter; and Mrs. Frank B. Reid, alumna adviser.

Presiding at the tea table, attractive in pastel spring flowers and lighted tapers, were two alumnae of the group, Mrs. Frederick M. Hunter and Mrs. Arthur T. Miner.

While the mothers were enjoying their tea, the girls of the chapter grouped themselves in the living room to serenade the guests with sorority and campus songs.

Members of the mothers club attending were Mrs. M. M. Hollis, Mrs. H. F. Brogdon, Mrs. Louis Ashliman, Mrs. C. C. Elliot, Mrs. Albert Meilies, Mrs. Leavitt O. Wright, Mrs. C. L. Kelly, Mrs. John Radmore, Mrs. L. H. Neel, Mrs. John B. Perry, Mrs. Arthur S. Olson, Mrs. Gren Robertson, Mrs. David James, Mrs. S. D. Rodway, Mrs. John Hurd, Mrs. E. P. Harder, Mrs. Lela Haynes, Mrs. Myrtle Strickler, Mrs. C. A. Barnes, Mrs. Ruby Marks, and alumnae attending included two new ones in Eugene, Mrs. Edgar Rice and Mrs. W. D. Dugan, and Mrs. Ed Siegmund.

OBSEDIANS' PARTY TO BE SATURDAY

The Eugene Obsedians announce a valentine party for next Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skovbo, Junction City, at eight o'clock.

Each attending is to take a valentine for the exchange.

Mrs. Helen Kilpatrick is chairman of the committee arranging the party.

RIVER ROAD P-TA REPORTS MEETING

River Road P-TA held its meeting Friday evening, a large group attending.

Mrs. A. R. Fredrickson, regional vice-president, talked to the group on founders' day and its significance.

Mrs. Roy S. Woodruff highlighted the history of the River Road unit, year by year, since 1924.

Motion pictures of Dr. Ernest G. Moll on Australia were shown.

Announcement was made the Girl Scouts of the area have invited the P-TA members to attend a potluck dinner planned for later in February.

Refreshments were served following the Friday program.

WEDDING REPORTED

On Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 1, Ann Marie Harder was married to Fred J. Bechill, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Floyd Dorris of the Creswell Presbyterian church at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Giltry, who attended the couple.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of blue with a gardenia and rosebud corsage while her attendant wore a two-piece dress of gray with a gardenia corsage. Dinner was served following the ceremony.

Lafe E. Prindel

Lafe E. Prindel, 86, died Saturday at Canby, and funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., at the Deadwood cemetery, near Swissmore.

Born in Illinois, Mr. Prindel had lived most of his life in this vicinity. Hiram S. Prindel of Eugene is a son, and there are three other sons and three daughters, living elsewhere.

Cape Alava, Wash., is the westernmost point of the U. S.

QUOTA INSTALLATION EVENT ON SATURDAY

One of the important gatherings of the year for the Eugene Quota club, classified women's service group, was the installation banquet Saturday evening at the Osburn hotel, the event also marking the third birthday party for the local club and the twenty-fifth anniversary of founding of Quota International.

The dinner, a formal event, was held in the Osburn hotel blue room, the tables being elaborately decorated with blue and silver, burning candles, and pastel flowers, and miniature glass candle holders at each place for favors.

Mrs. Strong Speaker
Mrs. Stuart H. Strong, Portland, executive director of the United Nations association, Oregon branch, was guest speaker.

"Women and Democracy" was the topic for Mrs. Strong's talk. In preliminary remarks, she briefly highlighted the gradual progress of women through the ages in attaining their place as individuals. Often today is asked the question if the women will be ready to go back, psychologically, vocationally, and economically, to where they were before the war. Mrs. Strong said, adding, she didn't believe they would be.

It is going to take the total all-out effort of the women along with the men to uphold and maintain democracy and to help stamp out wars, the speaker said.

Women have been taking their places in business and in government, but it is time now for them to make their contributions internationally, Mrs. Strong pointed out, adding, it is hoped the women will assume their responsibilities in this field and realize they must prepare themselves for such responsibilities.

In her concluding remarks, she pointed out not only must we be good American citizens, we must be intelligent world citizens.

Officers Installed

Mrs. Paul T. Williamson (Victory H. Morris) of Eureka, Calif., district governor for Quota clubs in this area, and a past Eugene club president, was among guests and brought greetings from Quota International and from the district.

Mrs. Williamson installed the 1944 officers for the Eugene club as follows: Mrs. Gertrude H. Graham, president; Miss Marjory Stewart, first vice-president; Mrs. Anne Gaveney, second vice-president; Mrs. Earl Blackburn, treasurer; Mrs. James V. Danielson, Mrs. A. Townsend, directors. The secretary, Miss Thelma Schaefer, was not present for the installation.

As her first official act as president, Mrs. Graham presented the past president's pin to Mrs. Danielson, who has headed the group during 1943.

Other Features

Miss Mardelle Edwards was toastmaster for the program. Perry H. Walbridge gave the invocation. Miss Emilie Hedblum gave the salute to the flag. Mrs. Danielson extended greetings to the guests and members. Mrs. Emilie A. Lundy, a past president, presented the guests. Special music

Included vocal numbers by Miss Nancy Gaveney, accompanied by Miss Odella Jungers. Mrs. J. F. White conducted the candlelighting ceremony when the large birthday cake was brought in and outlined the history and purposes of the club. Mrs. Clarence A. Elkins gave the tribute to Quota International on the occasion of the group's twenty-fifth anniversary.

Among guests at the dinner were: Mrs. Hugh Brodie of Oregon City, Chris Strohymayer of Portland, Miss Freida Puhols, Sam Mikkelsen, Dr. and Mrs. Milton V. Walker, Lt. Charles L. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hilliard, Mrs. Stanford Pulrang of Portland, Miss Grace Bridges, president of the Portland club; Mrs. Fanny Marlette, president of the Eugene Zonta club; Roy A. Elliott, president of the Eugene Kiwanis club, and Mrs. Elliott; Miss Ruth Cook of Portland, Miss Odella Jungers, Miss Nancy Gaveney, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rice, Mrs. Gerta Buckingham, Mrs. Walter M. Bearsto, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nidever, Miss Virginia Borgard, Miss Irene Friedrichs of Portland, Miss Fern Graham of Portland, Mrs. Leone Lefevre, Miss Wilma Van der Meuler of Portland, Mrs. Lester F. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hopper, Miss Alice Alexander of Portland, Mrs. Mabel Phelps, Miss Wilda Parrish, Mrs. Thelma Endersby, Mr. and Mrs. Coral Johnson, the latter being president of the Credit Women's Breakfast club, Mrs. Robert M. Fischer, Jr., Mrs. Frank Strong, Mrs. L. H. Smith, and the husbands of many of the members.

Silva Back from Trip

Just returned from Detroit, where he attended the national automobile dealers association, Julio W. Silva, manager of the Silva Chevrolet company, Eugene, reported a tribute to Chevrolet dealers from their general sales manager, William E. Holler, for their wartime contribution to the preservation of America's transportation system.

The dealers also were told of a continuing need for skilled service in maintaining the country's transportation system, said Silva. In addition to the national group meeting, a special conference of Chevrolet dealers was held in Detroit.

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Townsend News

Lane county Townsend headquarters, 291 Eighth avenue west will hold their weekly meeting Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:15 followed by a program. Headquarters are open to public each weekday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Public welcome to all affairs.

Monday Meetings — Cottage

Grove, Townsend hall, 8 a. m. Tuesdays — Florence hall, Feb. 8, at 8 p. m. Eugene club No. 1, Sunset hall, Feb. 8. Birthday clubs welcome. Fridays — Eugene club meet at the home of E. W. High street, 8 p. m.

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