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"ONLY SPANISH WAR BAND IN U. S."
It is a red letter day for editors, reporters, typesetters, pressmen and all the other "helots" of the newspaper business when a band comes to play at the front door. Tuesday morning's serenade by the band of the United Spanish War Veterans "stopped the show" at the R-G. For nearly half an hour the teletypes ran wild with the crying news of a distraught world. Phones jangled with "sassy items" and wantads and whatnots, and the printing of next week's "funnies" stopped.

This is quite a band, this Spanish War Vets band, the only one of its kind in the country, according to Band Leader Harvey Scott, of Skamania, Washington. Its members come together at least once a year from all parts of the department. They just got 'o drop their plowshares or their fountain pens or whatever may be the "tools of business" and reach for the old brass. They have fun and they make good music.

A young fella came along while the band was playing and he said:

"For heaven's sake how long ago was that war?"

Un-huh, that's the way the young are nowadays (and probably always have been). Of course the schools have been trying to tell 'em that "dates are not important." One of the results is that a good many kids are not quite sure whether Abraham Lincoln wrote the Declaration of Independence or whether it was the Revolutionary War that was fought in 1898. (We have even heard it said that all history prior to 1900 is unimportant.)

This is not the right time to quarrel with "the kids" whether they know their American history or whether they don't. Too many of 'em are "doing their stuff" on every battlefield to question their spirit even if they are a bit fuzzy on dates.

Some things are beginning to clarify out of the jumble which we call history. One fact is that we owe a great deal to the Spanish War Vets. They were the first to take us out of "isolationism." They sailed the old battleship Oregon around the Horn and helped Cuba to become free. They liberated the Philippines and stemmed the insurrection which threatened chaos. Theirs was not a great war but it was fought under primitive conditions and the hardships were just as great as those of any war.

It has been the fashion for many years to speak of that period as "America's venture into imperialism." In the months which followed Pearl Harbor we had to revise that estimate. The Philippines turned out to be not just "another colony." They were a nation which fought bravely and intelligently for the same ideals for which we fight.

The men and women of '98 carried the flag to foreign lands and through strange seas, but not in the spirit of conquest. Year in and year out through all the fantastic episodes of "peace," they have preached patriotism, old fashioned American patriotism, but it has not been a narrow or selfish concept.

They are no longer young. They are the last of "boys in blue." In World War I their sons went out in khaki, and their grandsons fight in many kinds of battle dress. They meet, as all veterans do, to talk of "good old days," to "resolve and reaffirm"—to play the stirring old tunes of marching men. Our department of USWV has a band, the only one of its kind. It symbolizes a generation to which we owe a real debt.

"MADE IN WASHINGTON, D. C."

There has been almost no strawberry shortcake in Eugene this season, and it will be a very lucky family that has any berry jam to go with hot biscuits next winter. This is "total war," and most of us will survive the hardships. But, at last a little light has dawned, on why, in this valley—where berries of all kinds are usually so abundant—almost no berries have been coming to market.

Somebody in the Washington, D. C., offices of OPA has decreed, in his infinite wisdom, that berries of all kinds are worth at least \$1.50 a crate more in California, Idaho, Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon than they are in the Willamette valley. So that is where the berries are going—what few have not been plowed under by irate growers of this area.

We have never heard that "berries will win the war," and what many a Lane county family saves on shortcake and pie can no doubt be invested in bonds to "back the invasion." Nevertheless the plowing under of established berry fields does represent a substantial economic loss to the farmer and to the community, and the annoyance of the housewife cannot be written off as a trifle.

Unimportant are the political insinuations which attend the latest OPA move which

"splits the state" on berry prices. We cannot imagine as smart a person as Senator Guy Cordon wanting to split his state. Much easier to credit is the statement of OPA officials here and in Portland that they argued against any and all discrimination in price ceilings and were overridden by the wise men on the Potomac.

That has the familiar ring. It goes right along with the stupid mishandling of the domestic milk situation a year ago, and with that famous "boner" in fixing the price of logs which included all the forests as far south as Fresno, Cal., in "the Willamette area." It happens that the "economics of berries" is (or are) quite different from the economics of logs, or cows. Pigs may be pigs, but economics just ain't economics except by authority of the alleged "economists" at Washington, D. C.

The learned guy behind the mahogany in Washington probably has a high ethical sense, and he figures that a Lane county farmer in this lovely valley ought to be glad to deliver red raspberries to a retailer in Eugene for \$4.38, but he fails to see, in his dream of perfection, the big, bad trucker wheeling by who can pick up the berries and haul 'em down the line and pick up \$5.94 a crate of 24 "Hallows" (boxes to you). More than that, if he wants to take time to shift the berries to California's legal 8 ounce boxes; ours are 12 ounces.

Oh well, for many years Oregon has shared Crater Lake, Mount Hood and the Columbia river with the neighbors, and we can afford to "give 'em the berries."

We are not yelling to destroy OPA. It has done much more good than harm—but it has managed to do a lot of unnecessary harm—and there is great need for DECENTRALIZATION, so that men who are on the ground and know conditions peculiar to each region can make some intelligent decisions. They say:

"OPA stands for Other People's Appearances."

That more or less expresses the attitude, even though the subject happens to be berries.

RADAR AND RETICENCE

Rushing in where angels fear to tread, we are so bold as to take issue with Dr. Irving Langmuir, distinguished American physicist and Nobel Prize winner, on a rather misleading statement.

In press quotations of a recent speech of Dr. Langmuir's there is a charge that this country fails to recognize, and occasionally penalizes, incentive in scientific development. By way of illustration he notes that "Prime Minister Churchill has mentioned the great part played by radar in the war, but no official of our government has offered a word on such scientific accomplishments."

Perhaps Dr. Langmuir failed to see the numerous American news stories and advertisements extolling and partially explaining radar, which were shut off some time ago by military censorship for security reasons. But surely he knows that, incentive or not, radar was a development of U. S. navy scientists. And though our officials may not have talked much about it, American radar has proved to be an exceedingly handy gadget.

We'll be hearing more about American radar after the war. Meanwhile its actions are speaking eloquently, despite the gag of official reticence.

Earl Warren turned down the vice-presidency on the republican ticket—and California will be governed accordingly.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE FRIENDLY SCANDINAVIANS

Of the many people who have been kind to me since leaving Hillside, Scandinavians surely head the list. They have a jollity of disposition, a warmth of heart which is as native to them as their blonde hair, blue eyes and the apple blossom complexion of their women. They have a robust hospitality which includes the stranger within their gates with as great a gusto as it does the clans Olson, Hanson and Johnson. And it has ceased to amaze me when I find the name of one who has befriended me invariably ends in "son."

Long ago I expressed the wish that my own name was Barberson. So the other day I quit wishing and for a few minutes adopted the extra syllable. In conversation with a big thumper of a fisherman, he said his name was Peterson. Of course I had to return this friendly gesture by giving him mine. Only for a moment did I hesitate on the brink of whether to "son" or not to "son." Then, "My name is Olive Barberson," I said with such unnecessary firmness the fisherman looked a bit startled. I wasn't stating my religious or political beliefs, so why the fighting tones?

A popular dining place in this city is named "A Little Bit of Sweden." A far too popular place for I've never yet been able to find a place at its tables. Meeting a Swedish friend I lamented this in what I fear was a rather peevish manner. "Leave it to me," he said in that equal-to-any-emergency way characteristic of so many Swedish men. Later he told me he had seen the owner of "A Little Bit of Sweden" and the way had been prepared. So the next time I go there, Scandinavian brawn and diplomacy will clear a place for a woman whose name, you may be sure, she'll say is Barberson.

When not at their jobs and not eating the caloric burdened dishes to which they are addicted, the Hansons, Petersons and Olsons gather in private homes or public halls. There they work off a little of the exuberance their work in shipyards and on fishing boats hasn't so much as tapped, by dancing the mazurka, schottische and other stuttering of their folk dances are a delightful combination of the acrobatic and poetic. To do them well, your name has to end in "son." I mean legitimately so. Tacking that syllable on the end of my own name will never make me nimble enough to dance a Swedish schottische but it will make me eligible for a place at a table in "A Little Bit of Sweden."

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

LADIES OF ELKS PLAN FOR LUNCHEON

The postponed meeting for the Ladies of the Elks will be held Thursday of this week, a pot-luck luncheon to be held at one o'clock at the Elks temple, as a guest event. Mrs. R. L. Moon is in charge for the luncheon. Hostesses at cards following will be Mrs. Harry McAdams and Mrs. W. C. Walling.

MISS PIRTE ON VISIT IN EAST

Miss Nonda Pirtle is on a trip east, having left in early June and planning to return late in the summer. She has visited at Montreal, Can., New York City, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., Jacksonville, Fla. At Jacksonville she visited with Mrs. C. A. Iversen (Elizabeth Anne Jensen), formerly of Eugene. Miss Pirtle is now at Daytona Beach, and later will go to New Orleans and Denver, before returning home. She teaches in Portland.

MISS DALE LEAVES ON TRIP TO SOUTH

Miss Georgia Dale has arrived in Los Angeles where she will visit a few days with Mrs. Edwin Maxwell (Betty Alden Maxwell). Then she and Mrs. Maxwell will leave by plane for Mexico City to spend two months.

RETURN FROM UP RIVER

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Hesse have returned from spending a week at Holiday Farms on the McKenzie near Rainbow.

Their daughter, Miss Virginia Hesse, and Miss Lyla Toll are now in Los Angeles for the summer. Miss Hesse being in a war bonds selling position there, Miss Toll in stenographic work for the time being. They plan to return in the fall.

SEWING CLUB

Sewing club of the Women of the Moose met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. W. B. Ruble, and worked upon baby quilts. The hostess served refreshments during the evening.

WOMEN OF MOOSE

Mrs. Retta Sylvers won the award for high score for the season's series of card parties given by the Women of the Moose, and Mrs. W. I. Lane for pinochle, at the card party given Monday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Hoselton and Mrs. W. C. Walling held honors at bridge for the afternoon, and Mrs. Joe Bartlett and Mrs. W. I. Lane at pinochle. Mrs. W. B. Ruble was chairman.

WCTU EVENT

Meeting of the East Eugene union, Women's Christian Temperance union, has been changed to the home of Mrs. Carrie A. Day, Wednesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock, instead of at the

MISS GOLDEN WED RECENTLY TO MR. PARTLOW

Miss Edith Louise Golden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Golden was married to Roy Partlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Partlow of Boardman, Ore., at a beautiful candlelight ceremony performed Wednesday evening, June 28, at eight o'clock, at the Grace Lutheran church. Rev. W. B. Maier read the service.

Before the ceremony Mrs. Arthur Oetjen of Corvallis sang "Because" and "Oh, Perfect Love." Miss Gertrude Deleinen played the traditional wedding march. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white dress fashioned with a satin bodice, square lace-edged neckline, a bouffant net skirt, with a short train. Her fingertip veil fell from a Mary Stuart headress. She carried a shower nosegay of sweet-peas, rosebuds and gardenias.

Miss Helen Golden, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. She wore a pale blue embroidered net and tulle dress and carried a nosegay of sweet-peas, delphiniums, and carnations.

Diana Schmidt, of Woodburn, was flower girl. She wore a pink all-over embroidered organdy and also carried a nosegay.

Earl Pennington of Corvallis was best man, and ushers were Orval Paeschke and Cecil Buckingham. Misses Esther and Marie Schmidt of Corvallis lighted the tapers. They were dressed alike in blue marquisette.

The church was decorated with baskets of blue delphiniums, gladioluses, Canterbury bells, and lilies with white candelabums placed on each side of the altar. In each large window was placed a lighted taper and a sheaf of gladioluses. Mrs. Golden wore for her daughter's wedding a two piece dress of light-blue crepe with brown accessories.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Wilhelmina Schmidt. Pouring and assisting were Mrs. Killian Schmidt and Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Corvallis, Mrs. Larry Wetherall of Blalock, Mrs. John Partlow of Boardman, Miss Renata Schmidt of Corvallis, and Miss Shirley Mulkey of Newport.

For going-away the bride wore a beige gabardine suit, with a small black hat and black patent accessories. The couple plan to make their home in Boardman.

THIMBLE CLUB

Thimble club of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, meeting at the home of Mrs. H. E. Bond on Monday evening, decided to recess for the remainder of the summer, to meet again in September. Place of meeting will be decided later.

Red Cross Question Box

EDITOR'S NOTE — Published today is another series of questions and answers on work of the American Red Cross during these war times. Other sets of questions will be run from time to time.

Q. Under what circumstances does the American Red Cross give financial assistance to provide food, shelter, clothing, medical services, etc.?

A. During the temporary period pending the first receipt of family allowances, allotments, officers' pay, federal disability, death pension, compensation to which servicemen, disabled ex-servicemen, their dependents and the dependents of deceased servicemen may be entitled, and during periods when such payments as may be due are delayed or interrupted.

Q. What groups are not eligible for financial assistance?

A. (a) Dependents not eligible for family allowance or allotment. (b) Dependents eligible for family allowance or allotment for whom service personnel refuse to make provision, by application or to authorize pay deductions in connection with applications made by dependents. (c) Able-bodied ex-servicemen and their dependents. (d) Disabled ex-servicemen and their dependents when the disability is not due to service.

Q. What is the Red Cross set-up in military camps and hospitals in this country?

A. Red Cross field directors and assistants are stationed at army posts and naval stations as the size of the force requires. At many camps and stations there is a Red Cross headquarters building.

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ing. Most military hospitals have a recreation building equipped and staffed with trained Red Cross workers, both paid and volunteer.

MISS CHASE ENLISTS FOR SERVICE IN WAVES

Scheduled to release a navy man for service at sea, Miss Mary Lou Chase, Junction City, has enlisted in the Waves, announces Chief William E. Bell, recruiter-in-charge of the Eugene U. S. navy recruiting station, which handles Waves applications in this area.

Miss Chase has been employed in Eugene. She graduated from Junction City union high school, where she was vice-president of Girls' Athletic association, a member of Girls' League, Pep club, the band, and Home Economics club. She attended the University of Oregon.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chase, Route 1, Junction City.

HARMONY CLASS OF CHURCH ELECTS

Warren Korstad, former vice-president, was elected president of the Harmony class of the First Baptist church, Monday evening, and Clarence Maxwell was elected as vice-president, replacing him in his former office.

A report from the missionary board was received, and all missionary funds were sent out to home and foreign fields. Six missionaries are being aided.

Business meeting of the class followed the usual monthly pot-luck dinner in the diningroom, at seven-thirty o'clock.

MARTHA NEEDLE CLUB

Martha Needle club is to meet for a luncheon at one o'clock, Thursday, at the home of Mrs. Laura England, 1391 Fourth Avenue west.

Hop Sampling Service School Announced

CORVALLIS, July 11.—(P)—A four-day school for federal and state officials who will operate a hop sampling and analysis service for the first time this year will be conducted at Oregon State college July 12-15. Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department, announced today.

The arrangements were made following a request by the combined hop industry—growers, dealers and brewers—that the OPA establish ceiling prices based on the factors of seed content and percentage of leaves and stems.

Irish Potato Prices Virtually Unchanged

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(P)—The OPA announced today 1944 Irish potato crop prices identical with 1943, month by month, except for increases in five states during the second half of July.

Effective July 25, the FOB shipping point price will be increased by 20 cents a hundredweight in Nebraska and by 30 cents a hundredweight in Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia.

OPA said that for the country as a whole, there will be no appreciable change at retail.

PICTURES — Picture Framing Ruth Wheeler's, 122 E. Broadway

Partition Of India Proposed By Gandhi

BOMBAY—(P)—A proposal to partition India into separate Hindu and Moslem states, thus overcoming the Moslem objections to plans for independence from British rule, has been made by Mohandas K. Gandhi, India nationalist leader.

Gandhi presented his proposal to Mahomed Ali Jinnah, president of the All-India Moslem league, through Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, former All-India congress president. Jinnah informed Rajagopalachari the proposal would be placed before the Moslem league's working committee, provided Gandhi makes the offer directly instead of through an intermediary.

One of the reasons for failure of the British plan for post-war independence of India, offered by Sir Stafford Cripps in 1942, was Moslem insistence that the plan did not insure an independent Moslem state.

Jehovah's Witness Case To Be Appealed

SALEM, Ore., July 11.—(P)—An appeal to the supreme court for a stay of execution has been filed by Mrs. Gowena Thornton, who was convicted of violation of a Portland city ordinance prohibiting boys under 10 and girls under 18 from selling periodicals in the street. She will appeal to the United States supreme court. The Oregon court recently upheld the Multnomah conviction, which involved a fine of \$25. Mrs. Thornton is a member of the Jehovah's witnesses. She was charged with permitting her son to sell publications of the sect.

Stolen Horse and Saddle Are Returned

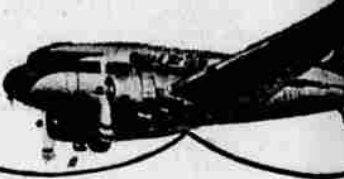
A horse and saddle stolen over the week-end by...

Last March, John Davis has a riding academy at also one at Neskowin, horse and saddle stolen bany. At the recent roundup, the man selling to Davies recognized the horse. The horse was a girl, whose mother had ed the horse for her.

The two, innocent of mal's history, cooperated police in telling how the ed the horse. The man purchased the animal from at Creswell. The Creswell, also innocent of "taken" in a deal, operated with the information on where tained the animal. The allegedly stole the horse leaved now to be in the part of the country. Anyway, the horse and have been returned to Albany.

Springfield Pioneer meet Sunday, July 23 at Skinner Butte, Eugene

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