Dead Child, An Admonition—The Memory Of Robot Attack

Editor's Note: In London the wife of Hitler's robot bombs seems to have "had it"—whether she has been killed or merely shaken, fortuitously, survive she or not. United Press Vice President and General European Manager Virgil Pinkley "had it," and in the following dispatch vividly recounting what the nazi ran-amok terror weapon means to the average London civilian, Pinkley, former manager of the Salem, Ore., United Press bureau a decade ago, writes:

BY VIRGIL PINKLEY
United Press War Corespondent

LONDON, Aug. 23 (U.P.) — The radio church service was concluding as the preacher intoned: "Lord teach us to be forgiving of our enemies."

I was at home, and I "had it."

I was blown from one end of the room over a settee and against the wall at the other. My head rang like a Gong rang in my ears.

The radio had gone dead. I lay against the wall, feeling my way. I heard glass falling. From outside came screams, moans and groans. I got to my feet swaying, groping my way through the darkness. Through the windows saw a great fungus of debris 50 yards away.

My apartment was a mess and the robot bomb had hit only in the vicinity. One door was knocked off its hinges and another had its lock ripped out.

Waiting for an elevator which never came I recalled that I had heard that flying bomb roar when the motor cut off. Usually they hit and loosen their explosive, the robots sputter and cough once or twice like a cardboard motor, before they start to glide briefly and explode. This one hadn't.

When I reached the lower floor the shattered glass of doors was strewn half way up the stairs. Reaching the street level reached hall I walked over a crust of glass. At the doorway desk the night attendant was bleeding severely. A moment later an ARP rescue worker rushed up and applied a bandage.

"What a lovely Sunday morning for a racket," she said.

We carried several doors down the street to a large apartment house into which the flying bomb had plowed in near the top. Although ARP workers, bobbies, American GI's, sailors and Red Cross workers were arriving.

American privates, corporals and sergeants drove jeeps up over piles of glass, bricks and building stones into the building's entrance as police roped off the area for ambulances and fire engines to come up.

Stumbling through the doorway behind a father carrying his four or five-year-old daughter in his arms. The entire right side of her face had been sheared off. She was peacefully asleep forever — Lord teach us to be forgiving of our enemies. The radio preacher's words rang through my brain.

The sobbing father said: "Those bastards. Those dirty bastards." The American corporals over and over as they backed the jeep off of piles of bricks: "——, ——, ——, Those ——, ——." Lord teach us to be forgiving of our enemies.

Next to emerge were two women being helped. They were being half carried by two ARP workers and an RAF sergeant and pilot.

Then came a steady stream of early morning recipients of Germany's terror weapon, applied equally to women, children and people.

A young woman stumbled out on the arm of a policeman. She wrapped a night gown around a badly cut arm. Two American soldiers carried out an elderly man in pajamas, whose injured head was wrapped in a bandage.

I was amazed at the speed and efficiency with which the civilian defenses worked, aided by British and American service men who served as volunteers.

I left the scene with a real heartache and walked past two beaten, broken churches, blasted in the big blitz of former years, and they reminded me of that dead child and the sermon.

Then I found tiny splinters of glass in my fingers. I looked at my hat. It contained dozens of glass splinters and needles. Some of them were transferred to my fingers when I put it on.

I will never forget the dead child and—"Lord teach us to be forgiving to our enemies."

Grande Ronde Bank Theft Suspects Held

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23—(U.P.)—Elmer Riley Lane and Malay Addelman Stone, wanted in Polk county to face charges of robbing the Grande Ronde bank of $12,000 were in custody of Idaho officers today after their arrest in a Boise, Ida., tavern. They had a .30 caliber pistol and $9,353.95 on their persons when arrested.

Sheriff T. B. Hooker of Polk county will go to the Idaho capital to return the men. Both are ex-convicts at the Oregon state penitentiary. State police here heard they admitted the robbery. They were picked up on a federal complaint charging unlawful attempt to evade arrest.

Police had placed Lane's wife in custody for questioning last week, after tentatively identifying the robbers. Intensive investigation had been under way ever since the robbery on Aug. 2.

Stone had served time in the prison for larceny in Multnomah county, while Lane had been convicted in Polk county of automobile theft.

Fire Destroys Mill

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 23.—(U.P.)—The lumber mill at Dufur, owned and operated by the Tite Knot Lumber company of Redmond, was destroyed by fire Monday evening.

Also destroyed, in addition to the mill, was a pile of dry lumber estimated at 40,000 board feet, stacked near the mill. An estimated million feet of processed lumber stacked farther away from the mill was saved.

CAPT. WILLIAM D. DUGAN, severely wounded Feb. 7 at the Anzio beachhead when serving with the medical corps on active duty, is here on 30-day sick leave to visit his wife and children. The family moved here about a year ago from Denver, and bought a home on College Crest. Captain Dugan formerly was a practicing physician in Colorado.—(Wiltshire engraving.)

Navy Announces Oregon Casualties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Casualties among Oregon naval personnel:

Dyer, Waldo C., Sergeant, U. S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Father, Waldo G. Dyer, Hermiston.

Harper, Dale W., corporal, U. S. marine corps. Wounded. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lew H. Harper, Klamath Falls.

Higgens, James D., private, first class, U. S. marine corps. Dead. Father, Ira B. Higgens, Prineville.

CONFERENCE OPENS

PORTLAND, Aug. 23—(AP)—The Anglo-Saxon Christian world movement opened its seventh annual conference here today. G. Fred Johnson, national president, presided.

Expected Lane Farm Spending Shown In Post-War Survey

EDITOR'S NOTE—The series of articles on Lane county postwar job prospects, based upon a survey by Dr. Wesley Ballaine of the University of Oregon bureau of research, concludes in this issue, with a final installment showing anticipated expenditures after the war by farmers of the county.

BY UTAHNA HALL
University News Bureau

Farmers contemplate spending $83,400 on houses and farm buildings, which amounts to 48 per cent of all reported anticipated spending. An average expenditure of $1,213 is made for farm buildings, although the high is $15,000 and the low is $40 for a garage. The common amounts reported are six at $500 and five at $200.

"The construction of a new home by a farmer does not ordinarily involve the purchase of property. The estimated expenditures, therefore, for both new construction and repair may be assumed to include only labor and materials. The largest amount is $10,000 and the lowest $50; the lowest notation for a new house is $500. The average expenditure on housing (new construction and repair combined) is $1,205. Some of the house repairs are: an oil furnace, a water heater, a heating plant, a water system," Editor Ballaine writes.

The total of $41,110 for tractors, trucks and other farm equipment is 24 per cent of all anticipated expenditures by reporting farmers. The average anticipated cost for a tractor is $1000, with the most expensive estimate at $2,000 and the least expensive at $400, a garden tractor. Of the 10 interested in new trucks, two do not give the amounts they expect to spend, although one said he wanted a small pickup station wagon. The average here is $1,212, with the highest at $1,900 and the lowest $800 (used), and the most frequently occuring amount is $1,200.

According to the researchers, 33 of the 35 who expect to buy other farm equipment show the expenditure involved, which averages $346, from the highest at $5,000 to the lowest at $100. One item specified was $3,500 for cold-storage equipment. The most common expenditure is a disc, mentioned in nine questionnaires. The next most popular purchase is a grain drill proposed by four farmers.

The purchase of a new car interested 23 persons, of whom 10 expected to pay $1,000, although the average from 22 questionnaires is $1,093. Other prices range from $1,500 to $700. Fourteen per cent of all listed expenditures are for new cars, it is reported.

As is to be expected, anticipated purchases of new furniture is less than for automobiles. The 22 estimates run from a low of $50 to a high of $5,000, with $466 as the average. Four additional persons were interested, but did not give amounts.

Of those reporting, the most common desire is an electric refrigerator, mentioned in seven questionnaires. Four stoves (two electric), three vacuum cleaners, and two washing machines are other appliances which reporting farmers expect to buy when they are available. The average expenditure listed is $232 and the range is from $60 to $500, and $200 is the most frequently mentioned amount.

In the postwar era 21 farmers plan to travel and 18 made dollar estimates with arithmetical average of $431, ranging from a high of $1500 to a low of $431. Four per cent of anticipated immediate postwar spending will be for travel.

Of miscellaneous items listed, one farmer hopes to buy a moving-picture outfit at $200, and another will spend $500 on tiling, leveling, and ditching. A third said he might install an irrigation plant when his boys return.

Enthusiasm Plus—

SALT LAKE CITY—(U.P.)—John Allein, a camera enthusiast, had his mind on his work when he was snapping pictures of bathing beauties at the Cine Arts club picnic at Salt Lake's Fairmont park.

He backed up to get a better view—right into the Park lake, fully dressed.

PFC FLOYD McKAY, 26, husband of Mrs. Vivian McKay of Eugene, who was wounded in action in France July 13. He is in a hospital in England, and has written that he is recovering satisfactorily. He was formerly an employe of the J. C. Penney company here.(Wiltshire engraving.)

The highest lighthouse on the Pacific coast of the United States is at Cape Mendocino, Calif., 422 feet above sea level.

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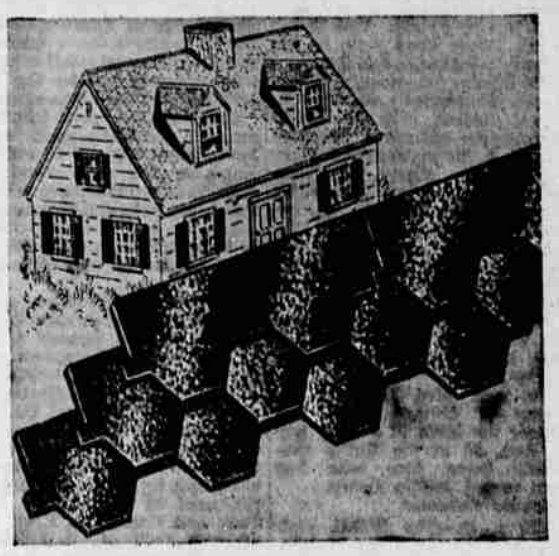

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