

Bad News Ups Bond Sales

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The sudden upswing of bond buying in Oregon during the past few days has been attributed by state war loan drive officials as being in part to the effect of bad news from the war fronts on the civilian population.

The same trend is reflected in blood donations, Red Cross officials indicated.

Official figures released today show that Oregon's series E bond sales in the drive total \$31,688,000 or approximately 93.1 per cent of the quota of \$34 million. However, bonds bought through Dec. 31 will count toward the state's quota.

At the Portland blood donor center, calls for appointments kept the switchboard operators busy yesterday, as persons who have lapsed for over a year between donations attempted to secure immediate appointments.

INDERS KEEPERS?
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(AP)—Seaman Richard B. McNeal has lost a hotel.

Registering late one night, he left his money with the clerk while he went out again. Returning, McNeal couldn't remember the hotel's name or where it was.

He still has the claim check, the navy still is hunting, and the clerk still has the money.

JAP GOES TO JAIL
SPOKANE, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Gordon K. Hirabayashi, Japanese American who recently married a white girl in Spokane, was taken to McNeil Island penitentiary road camp yesterday to begin serving a one year sentence on his conviction to a charge of failure to report for work at a conscientious objectors camp.

LAND PRICES ZOOM
CORVALLIS, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Land prices in Oregon are now at about the same level as the World War I land boom, according to the OSC extension service. The Oregon index stands at about 163 per cent of the 1933-34 figures show. The index was 91 at the bottom of the "bust" in 1930-34.

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RUBBER GEOGRAPHY—Lieut. Dick Klett, USNR, air combat intelligence officer on the USS Tulagi, carries three-dimensional rubber terrain maps used to familiarize Navy and Marine personnel with enemy objectives.

Nazis Charged With Killing Prisoners

By BOYD LEWIS
WITH U.S. FORCES ON WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 28.—(AP)—American army officials announced today that Nazi SS guardsmen shot down in cold blood a United States lieutenant and four doughboys captured west of Bastogne and then stomped their faces with hobnailed boots.

Disclosing another authenticated case of the Germans murdering their prisoners, authorities said the report had been verified, and tallied with the announced policy of the SS elite guard in this campaign.

The only survivor of the ruthless slaughter was wounded badly, but managed to crawl a tortuous mile and a half to the American lines.

The six-man patrol was surrounded and forced to surrender on the night of Dec. 17 in the area west of Bastogne, Belgian transportation center where an American force was encircled and now has been relieved.

The survivor was marked for death with his companions after their German captors had questioned them perfunctorily. A hail of bullets crumpled them to the ground.

Riddled with bullets, the survivor played dead while the Germans ground their hobnailed into the faces of the Americans and kicked them mercilessly. He told his story through bleeding and purple lips while doctors worked over him.

Choking back cries of pain, the doughboy waited until the Germans had finished their gory task.

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DENVER, Colo.—(AP)—The unsuspecting motorman continued merrily on his way, his street car motor ablaze.

After a passerby turned in the alarm, firemen chased the streetcar four blocks before the motorman could be stopped—and the fire quenched.

Tsisqan Lodge Elects Eugene Scout Chief

Dean McCorkle became the new lodge chief of the Tsisqan lodge, Order of the Arrow, as the result of an election at the annual convention of the Boy Scout camp honor society Thursday noon.

Other officers elected are lodge treasurer, Delos Young of Corvallis, and lodge secretary, Kermit Chapman of Glenwood.

McCorkle is the senior patrol leader of troop 6 of Eugene, which is sponsored by the First Congregational church, and was a member of the Camp Lucky Boy staff last summer, serving as assistant waterfront director and camp scoutmaster. He was the chairman of the arrangements committee for the annual meeting.

Young is a member of troop 1, Corvallis, and Chapman belongs to troop 88, Glenwood.

Starting with a breakfast for brotherhood (second) honor members, the annual convention of the Tsisqan lodge, Order of the Arrow, national brotherhood of Boy Scout honor campers, continued Thursday at the Eugene hotel.

Highlight of the breakfast was the presentation of special brotherhood honor pins by Ralph E. Kalaher, assistant scout executive of the Oregon Trail council and camp director last summer at Camp Lucky Boy. The pin is made up of the silver arrow with a "Tsisqan" totem. "Tsisqan" is the Umpqua Indian name for "deer."

The first annual meeting of the camp honor society, which was organized last March as the first in the four northwest states, was concluded at a luncheon which featured the installation of new officers. K. A. Wells, scout executive of the Oregon Trail council, showed moving pictures of the Boy Scout world jamboree, and Kalaher explained the symbolism of the Order of the Arrow. Kalaher explained that more than 200 scout councils in the United States have lodges.

Special Activities
Special activities during the morning included a tour of the Boy Scout department of the J. C. Penney company store where Gordon Winger presented a souvenir to each of the lodge members. The scouts also participated in a swim at the university men's pool as a pre-luncheon activity.

The morning business session, with James Vitus, lodge chief, presiding, included a membership report from Don Gerretsen, lodge secretary, which showed that 31 members were inducted when the lodge was organized last spring and that 48 scouts were selected by their fellow campers at Camp Lucky Boy last summer to become ideal honor members of the lodge. A special brotherhood committee, with Lenny Falk as chairman, reported on the policy for the selection of the second honor members, and there were discussions on lodge services and activities.

Those Attending
Those attending the meeting are Don Abrahamson of troop 20, Marshfield; Everett and Norleigh Alford of troop 51, Thurston; Keith Anderson of troop 2, Corvallis; Oscar Anderson, Jr., of troop 31, Gardiner; John Banks of troop 54, Eugene; Fr. Louis P. Barcelo, national field scout commissioner from Portland; Richard Benda of troop 11, Springfield; Howard Boyd, Oregon Trail council scout commissioner from Eugene; Jerry Brown of troop 4, Roseburg; Gordon Burnett of troop 2, Corvallis; Jim Crakes of troop 54, Eugene; Nathan Christ of troop 11, Springfield; Neil Chase of troop 67, Eugene; Kermit Chapman of troop 88, Glenwood; Bruce DeLess of troop 101, Eugene.

George DeBell of the sea scout ship Enterprise, Eugene; Edgar DeCou of the sea scout ship Enterprise, Eugene; John Diehl of troop 10, Reedsport; Dean Elliott of troop 37, Mt. Vernon; Leonard Falk of the sea scout ship Enterprise, Eugene; Donald Furrer of air scout squadron 112, Eugene; Joseph Getty, lone scout from Saganaw; Richard Goff of troop 1, Corvallis; Robert Hammond of troop 68, Eastside; Bob Haynes of troop 54, Eugene; LaVerne Huff of troop 5, Eugene; Harold Jensen Jr., of troop 103, Eugene; Harold Jensen, Sr., Russell B. Jones, former chairman of the council camping and activities committee; Ernest Kennedy of troop 15, Junction City; Allan Lindley of troop 11, Springfield; William McCracken of troop 54, Eugene; Glenn McCullough, scoutmaster of troop 88, Glenwood; Ed Milne of troop 1, Corvallis; Paul Moser of troop 1, Corvallis.

Wayne Musgrove of troop 19, Sutherlin; Howard F. Needham, scoutmaster of troop 67, Eugene; Albert Powers of troop 20, Marshfield; Donald Robertson of troop 19, Sutherlin; David Smith of troop 10, Reedsport; Darrel Spores of troop 100, Mohawk; Keith Stenshoel of troop 61, Eugene; Charles Stevenson of troop 63, Coquille; Rex Stinchcomb of troop 52, Bethel; James Thron of troop 10, Reedsport; John Tomseth of troop 11, Springfield; H. D. Wagner, scoutmaster of troop 42, Alpine; Delos Young of troop 1, Corvallis; James Vitus, assistant scoutmaster of troop 101, Eugene; Donald Gerretsen of troop 4, Roseburg, and Walt G. Banks of troop 54, Eugene.



TO APPEAR HERE—The Watson family, who with local folk of Central Presbyterian church will present dramatization of a war story, "No Atheists in Foxholes," Sunday at 7:30 p. m., at the Presbyterian church.

California Imports 2,000,000 Bushels Of Australian Wheat

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Two million bushels of Australian wheat have been imported into California during the last 12 years, it was disclosed today, but 700,000 bushels have been stored here in an outside stockpile because of lack of other warehouse facilities.

The 700,000 bushels have been piled into a stack 175 feet long and 75 feet high near a Los Angeles Malting company plant but Harry A. Brickham, grain broker consultant to the government, owner of the wheat, denied charges that the grain was spoiling.

The wheat has a protective covering that will prevent any serious damage, Brickham explained, "although there will be some sprouting and a little mildew."

Earl C. Corey, regional commodity credit corporation director from Portland, said that a mill to handle the excess wheat was now in the process of construction. He blamed the piling on the fact that the wheat, ordered to arrive in February, did not come from Australia until a few weeks ago—after a bumper American crop "was harvested—because of shipping delays."

Corey added that 25,000,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat, had been brought into California since the start of the war to aid livestock, dairy and poultry feed supplies. He said that the wheat stored here could well be used in the Pacific northwest now but regulations prohibit importing foreign wheat into any wheat-growing belt because of the danger of pests.

Portland Food Costs Set High During Year

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Portland food costs have increased approximately 53 per cent since the autumn of 1939, William A. Bledsoe, regional director of the federal bureau of labor statistics, said today.

A new high for 1944 was set in the month ending November 15, when an increase of two-tenths of one per cent was recorded. Bledsoe said this was still 5 per cent below the peak wartime month, May, 1943.

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War Play Will Be Presented At Church

Dramatization of a war story entitled, "No Atheists in Foxholes," will be presented at Central Presbyterian church Sunday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m. Principal parts of the three-act play are being taken by the Watson family, a traveling evangelistic family group which devotes its time to presentation of this program. Local members of the congregation will assist in minor parts.

The drama is in three acts, the first with setting in this country, the two remaining acts set in the

Solomon Islands. Watson, who directs, also plays the part of the U. S. bombardier; Mrs. Watson, his girl friend; Lolita Jewell, his tiny sister, and Joyce Watson, the angel. Local folk will portray a mother and four bombardier companions.

A special musical program by the visiting group also will accompany the dramatic presentation.

PRISONER HANGS SELF
PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Rustell Golden, 18, a federal prisoner accused of driving a stolen automobile from Oakland, Calif., to Canby, Ore., hanged himself in his county jail cell last night.

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