

Capt. Sly Writes From Prison Camp

First direct word in 13 months from her son, Capt. Robert E. Sly, U. S. army, a prisoner of war of the Japanese government since he was taken on the island of Davao in June, 1942, was received this week by Mrs. Mabel Sly, 1275 Ferry street. Two cards were received, one from the Philippine military prison camp No. 1, dated July 10, 1944.

Underlining the word "good," as indication of his state of health, where choice offered was excellent, good, fair or poor, his 25-word limited message read: "Dearest Mother and Sister—Waiting for mail. Contact Mrs. E. C. Golden, Philomath; son Duane with me. Greetings to all. Love—Robert Sly."

The previous day, Mrs. Sly had received another card from him, undated, but sending birthday greetings to a cousin whose anniversary occurs in October. She thinks it probably was written in October, 1943.

Last precious word from Captain Sly was received in December, 1943. By indirect word from families of other prisoners, Mrs. Sly has heard that her son's group had been separated from other groups, and taken north from the Philippines in May or June of last year. She believes that he is in Osaka.

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MEATLESS DAYS SLATED

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Hotels have instituted meatless menus on Tuesdays and Fridays, managers announced today, because of the difficult meat situation.

War Service Badges To Junction Scouts

JUNCTION CITY.—War service badges—first to be presented to Boy Scouts in the Oregon Trail council—were given to six members of troop 13 at a parent's potluck dinner Monday evening at the grade school.

The new badge recognizes scout war service since Dec. 7, 1941, and is given for 25 hours of war service and at least three different types of service.

Scouts who received the award were Bill Hansen, Jack Wheeler, Bob Murphy, Jack Ross, Gerold Zenzen, and Kenneth Murphy.

Included in the advancement awards at the troop court of honor was the "gold palm" to Kenneth Murphy, representing 10 merit badges earned in addition to the eagle scout rank, which is the highest award in scouting.

Robert Barnes became a second-class scout, Donald Empey received the award of first-class scout, and Ernest Meritt became a star scout. Merit badges were presented to Ernest Kennedy, sheep farming; Bob Murphy, first aid and first aid to animals; Jack Ross, first aid, public health, and personal health; Donald Empey, poultry keeping; Jack Wheeler, pathfinding; and Kenneth Murphy, automobiling and chemistry.

James Pitney, scoutmaster, presented den chief cords to Bill Hansen, Don Empey, and Jack Wheeler, and patrol leader bars were given to Wheeler and Hansen.

Also attending the potluck dinner and court of honor was Warren Brown, scoutmaster of troop 89, Harrisburg, and Judson W. Compton, field scout executive of the Oregon Trail council.

Snell's Tax Survey Plan Runs Into Snag

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Oregon senate today voiced strong opposition to Gov. Snell's request that a firm of "nationally recognized tax experts" be employed to study the tax system of the state, although it was conceded by many senators that study and revision are necessary.

A joint resolution by Sen. Coe A. McKenna, Portland, calling for the hiring of tax experts and the appointment of a citizen's committee to study taxes, was referred to committee with instructions to amend it, eliminating provisions requiring the retention of a tax firm, after a move to table or postpone the measure was defeated.

The so-called "big truck" bills, which would extend the life of the weight regulations governing the operation of trucks on Oregon highways will be gone over in detail late today.

Boat Repair Plant At Reedsport Burns

REEDSPORT, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Fire destroyed a boat repair and building plant two miles north of here early today, at a loss estimated by owners at \$31,000.

"Porky" Albein escaped from the building after he was awakened by flames. The plant, owned by O. H. Hinsdale and Umpqua River Navigation company, was valued at \$15,000.

Be Wary In Planning, Strand Tells Lions

We read and hear much about the better world coming, the post-war world is much in our thoughts, but with all our dreams and planning we must realize we shall not get all what we plan, we must look out for the unexpected. Such was the thought expressed by Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college president, in talking to the Eugene Lions club Wednesday on what he termed a few things "to chew on."

Recalling the "Eugene hat," Dr. Strand said no one knows where they came from, or where they went, and he reminded the group that in all our plans ahead we had better watch out for the "Eugene hat type of things" that will drift in to upset a plan or schedule.

The speaker quoted extensively from essays of William Graham Sumner to background some of his statements. In one of these quotations, Dr. Strand pointed out Sumner's view that "spontaneous forces will be a work, compared with which our efforts are like those of a man trying to deflect a river, and these forces will have changed the whole problem before our interferences have time to make themselves felt."

The great stream of time and earthly things will sweep on just the same in spite of us. It bears with it now all the errors and follies of the past, the wreckage of all the philosophies, the fragments of all the civilizations, the wisdom of all the abandoned ethical systems, and the penalties of all the institutions, and the penalties of all the mistakes.

Strand then stressed the key line in this quotation, which said: "The things which will change it are the great discoveries and inventions, the new reactions inside the social organism, and the changes in the earth itself on account of changes in the cosmic forces."

Amplifying on these points, Dr. Strand mentioned especially reactions, and pointed out the reaction changing our social order now in security—individual, national and economic security.

After the war, we shall have a great national debt, a great debt to the returning veterans, and this security phase is the competition to education. Inventions and new discoveries "may be the way out," Dr. Strand commented in discussing what he called a race between education and catastrophe—a race to find out what are the needs and to know how to create enough wealth through educational processes to keep in balance the demands for security.

The speaker was introduced by Orlando J. Hollis, acting president of the University of Oregon, who was a guest at the meeting. Several guests were at the meeting, making it one of the largest attended of recent months for the club. Special music was given by two university young musicians, Marilyn Miller, vocalist, Patricia Metcalf, pianist.

Reds Open—

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the Russians in East Prussia were driving close to the last German escape railway to the homeland.

Allies Blast Germans

Allied warplanes blasted anew today at a great exodus of German troops and tanks moving northeast by rail and road from the flattened Ardennes salient on the western front toward the convulsed Russian battlefields.

British armies captured Heinsberg, last important road center west of the Roar through the Cologne plain.

The American 1st and 3rd armies hammered through thick snowfields against the slender strip of Belgium and Luxembourg still in German hands.

Weather prevented all but scattered flights in the center, but in the north, RAF Spitfires and Tempests bombed and shot up scores of packed troop trains with rockets, cannons and machine-guns. The Britons, too, flew in wretched weather.

Film Of Aleutians To Be Shown On Campus

A colored film showing the Aleutians following the exodus of the Japanese and showing the army activity there is the headliner for the free campus movie at the University of Oregon Wednesday, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m. in room 207 Chapman hall.

The movie, released by the army, is both a travelog and a report on the Aleutians.

Second feature is a film depicting methods of food preservation from the earliest days of history up to and including present streamlined methods. This is made in Hollywood by professional actors and is done in period costumes. "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" is the title.

The movies, put on through the auspices of the education activities committee of the university, are open to the public, Horace J. Robinson, chairman of the committee, announces.

Kienzle Announces Grange's Committees

New committees for the coming year's work in Lane County Pomona grange have been announced by Kenneth Kienzle, who is the new Pomona master. Next meeting of Pomona comes the fourth Saturday in February.

The committee appointments are as follows:
Home economics—Grace Jones, Jasper grange; Anna Grousbek, Creswell; Lois Wicks, Thurston; Mrs. Fred Knox, Spencer Creek; Mrs. Augusta Hill, Franklin.

Legislation—Paul Plank, Irving; O. M. Miller, Junction City; Roy Lusk, Elmira; H. A. Howe, Creswell; W. L. Baker, Hebron; Ruth Barto, Long Tom; Mrs. S. S. George, Santa Clara.

Agriculture—O. S. Fletcher, Willakenzie; Carl Boehringer, Crow; Donald Kabler, Creswell; Ray Bower, Four Oaks; C. D. Hale, Elmira.

Finance—John Walls, Willakenzie; Cora Harper, Long Tom; J. W. Maxwell, Irving.

Resolutions—Herbert Stoneberg, West Point; Max Nielsen, Junction City; M. H. Stewart, Four Oaks; Roy Overgaard, Santa Clara; Everett Chase, Jasper; Maurice Johnson, Franklin; Stanley Darling, Willakenzie; Claude Arne, Dorena.

Relief—Mrs. Hayes, Willakenzie; Mrs. H. Emerson, Santa Clara; Mrs. Vera Pike, Lorane; Mae Leslie, Lowell; Mrs. R. E. Sweezy, Mohawk-McKenzie; Jed Wheeler, Jasper.

Coach Edmundson In Active Club Talk

"Doc" Edmundson, "dean of northwest basketball coaches," will be the featured speaker at Thursday's noon meeting of the Active club in the Eugene hotel. He will tell some of the highlights of his years of coaching at the University of Washington. His team will play Oregon at McArthur court Friday and Saturday nights.

Another speaker will be Melvin DuBois of Eugene, water tender 1/c in the navy, who has been through four major battles. He will tell some of his experiences. He attended University high school.

C. G. Asks Federal Housing Program

COTTAGE GROVE.—At a special meeting of the Cottage Grove city council this week a resolution was approved unanimously calling for federal housing facilities to relieve the house shortage here and consequently the manpower shortage. Mayor H. A. Hagen called the special session.

Eight representatives from the chamber of commerce were present to ask the council for support in securing an application for 50 row-type houses and from 15 to 20 individual homes to meet the emergency housing shortage.

Floyd Githens and H. E. Eakin were spokesmen for the chamber and also present were several local citizens who intend to build houses in the near future.

The council approved unanimously the following resolution: "Whereas there is an acute manpower shortage in Cottage Grove and whereas one of the contributing causes is a shortage of housing in this community, we recommend that application be made immediately for the proposed 50 row-type houses, which are to be built at government expense."

It was mentioned at the meeting that Mrs. Max Bird, in charge of the United States employment service office in Cottage Grove, has estimated that there are more than 100 jobs available for men as soon as housing in this community can be provided.

Plasma Label Used; Unit Here On Monday

A new Red Cross blood plasma label is being used which enables a donor to sign his name on the label that goes on a package of blood plasma, reports Mrs. Maylon E. Scott, chairman of the blood donor program for the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross.

To inscribe a label in someone's honor does not mean that the donor's blood goes directly to that person, because plasma from many donors is mixed in the laboratory and the bottles are shipped to army and navy medical officers and not to individuals. However, the plan has been adopted as it gives each donor an opportunity to dedicate a donation personally to a relative or friend in the armed forces.

The new labels are on hand at the Red Cross office and will be available for those wishing them. After being filled out they will be sent to the Cutter Laboratory in Berkeley, with blood contributions from this area.

Second visit of the mobile unit of the Portland blood center to Eugene and Lane county comes next Monday, Jan. 29. The set-up will be the same as for the December visit, 7:30 to 10:30 a. m., Elks lodge, Seventh and Olive streets. Person who have made appointments are reminded to keep them promptly, and if not feeling well at the time are asked to notify the Red Cross office, 43, in time to have a substitute fill in the time.

Starting the second Monday in February, the mobile unit will be here the second Monday morning of each month to receive donations of blood from Lane county people.

Ryegrass Loss Seen In State

By JEAN GERMAINE
Perennial ryegrass in Oregon will be entirely eliminated if blind seed disease is permitted to go unchecked for several more years, Dr. John R. Hardison, U. S. department of agriculture, Corvallis, reported to some 300 farmers and seed growers at the fourth annual convention of the Oregon Seed Growers league in Eugene Wednesday.

Hardison revealed that in 1944 83 per cent of all certification samples were diseased, that 26 per cent of the samples was below 90 per cent in germination and 20 per cent was below 85 per cent in germination, with damage due to blind seed disease, a fungus on perennial ryegrass. The disease is evident in Lane county as well as all other ryegrass counties in the state.

Growers are asked to plow badly-diseased fields and keep them out of ryegrass for at least two years. Plowing should be done before May 1, Hardison said. Other preventive measures include the eradication of ryegrass in fence rows; prevention of scattering of seed and clean farming since data show that spore cups were more abundant in debris-strewn fields.

Farmers in Politics
"Farmers in Politics" were discussed by ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague, Salem, who spoke at a banquet Tuesday night. Sprague compared Civil war days with the present by saying that farmers made up 95 per cent of the population as compared with only a little over 20 per cent now.

Therefore, he said, their situation in the national picture has completely changed and farmers are inevitably drawn into politics in order to maintain their position from the standpoint of income. Tariffs, exports, quotas, subsidies, or deliberately lowered prices may make or break him, Sprague declared.

The work of the National Farm Chemurgic council was discussed by George L. Penrose, member of the Oregon committee, at Wednesday morning's sessions. Penrose, in speaking of the use of waste products, mentioned the fact that some of the syrup used on hotcakes actually comes from potato starch and wheat starch.

Cigaret papers, more in demand than ever before, are being made from flax straw. A forest products laboratory in the northwest is one of the council's main goals, he said.

Speakers Wednesday afternoon included H. G. Murphy, Portland; L. R. Brethaupt, Oregon State college; Joe R. Gerber, Portland, and reports of several committees. Election of officers was also scheduled for late Wednesday.

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