

### 'Angels Of Bataan' Return After Years In Manila Prison

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HAMILTON FIELD, Calif. —  
UP — The "Angels of Bataan" have come back to the precious soil of the United States after three years of cruel and hopeless misery.

The 68 army nurses who served heroically on Bataan and Corregidor were flown 7,500 miles from Leyte in the Philippines to Hamilton field in four giant deluxe transport planes specially assigned to the mission.

Fifty-four of the nurses, thin but otherwise in good health, came to the mainland of the United States from three days of celebration of their freedom in Hawaii. The rest were following in a hospital plane, suffering from malnutrition, but none of them are in serious condition.

The nurses, still dazed by their reception in Honolulu, slept a good part of the way but as the plane neared the California coast, they revived and the excitement mounted.

Home!

One blonde girl burst into the cabin from the pilot's compartment and cried: "I see California!"

Almost all of the nurses spontaneously began singing "California here I come."

When the plane's wheels touched the runway of Hamilton field, a great simultaneous sigh went through the plane and the nurses said:

"Home, we're really home."

And one of them added: "I never expected to see it again."

Most of these 68 women and girls are well but all of them are thin and a few are emaciated. Two were wounded in the original Japanese siege of Bataan and Corregidor. They are fully recovered. One was wounded in the savage and unprovoked shelling of Santo Tomas a few days after their liberation.

There have been no deaths through illness or enemy action. And there are no mental cases.

Fifty-four of the 68 arrived at Hickam field in Honolulu Wednesday for a preview of paradise. The rest came the next day in a hospital plane but even these were able to walk down the ramp to American soil.

Among the nurses was Lt. Vivian Shriver Weissblatt of North Bend, Ore., a graduate of Oregon State college in dietetics, and wife of United Press correspondent Franz Weissblatt. She was wounded by Japanese shellfire Feb. 7, four days after her liberation from Santo Tomas prison camp in Manila. Her wounds are not serious.

Lieutenant Weissblatt volunteered for army duty immediately after the attack on Dec. 8, 1941. She began her duty as a civilian dietitian, and received her commission later. She went to Bataan on Jan. 1, 1942, and from that time until Bilibid prison, fell, two days after Santo Tomas, she had not seen her husband, although for the whole three years they were imprisoned only four blocks apart. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shriver of North Bend.

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### Letter From Prisoner Of Germans Takes 12 Months To Reach Here

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lloyd of route 4, Eugene, have been puzzled at receiving recently a letter written by their son, Pvt. Donald D. Lloyd, prisoner of war of the Germans, which he wrote a whole year ago, when he first was taken captive in Italy.

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**Dow-Jones**  
Preliminary closing Dow-Jones averages: Industrial, 160.72, up 0.82; rail, 52.51, up 0.95; utility, 28.58, up 0.11; and 65 stocks, 60.29, up 0.39.

Sales were 2,090,000 shares against 1,960,000 yesterday. Bond sales on the New York Stock Exchange totaled \$12,290,000 against \$11,920,000 yesterday. Curb turnover was \$60,000 against \$70,000 yesterday.

Dow-Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 106.78, up 0.17; 10 first grade rails 114.79, up 0.22; 10 second grade rails 95.70, up 0.45; 10 public utilities 109.15, up 0.10; 10 industrials 107.51.

**Farmers Union Elects**  
SALEM — (AP) — Ronald E. Jones, Brooks, onion grower and former state senator from Marion county, was elected president of the Oregon Farmers union at the state convention here.

Ammon Grice, Polk county, president for the past three years, was not a candidate for re-election.

Other new officers are Wendell Barnett, president of Marion county chapter, vice president; and executive committee members are Grice, John Shepherd, Linn county, and Joe Owens, Yamhill county.

**Gasoline Tax Refund**  
City Recorder John Fields Thursday announced receipt from the state of \$536.50 representing a refund to which the city is entitled for gasoline taxes paid during the six-month period ending Dec. 31, 1944. The refund, at 5 cents per gallon, represents the 16,730 gallons of gasoline used by the city during the period.

### Anti-Discrimination Bill Backed By Dewey

ALBANY, N. Y. — (AP) — The determination of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, titular leader of the Republican party, to force legislative approval of an unprecedented anti-discrimination bill was interpreted here as a strong bid for support of liberal voters.

Dewey defied conservative GOP leaders to assume leadership of the fight for enactment of the state measure, which would outlaw discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed or national origin. The bill now is believed to be certain of victory.

One New York Republican leader said it was a move to liberalize the party and at the same time appeal to factions which deserted the GOP in 1932 when President Roosevelt defeated Herbert Hoover.

Following the hearing, Republican Sen. Frederick Bontecou, one of the most ardent opponents, said "it looks like we are banging our heads against a stone wall." He indicated he would not even venture an amendment.

The proposed law provides that if a person feels he was denied employment or opportunity of advancement because of race, color, creed or national origin he can bring a complaint to a commission of five members. The commission will investigate and if the employer is found guilty he can be sentenced to prison for one year or fined \$500, or both.

Groups opposing the measure included such influential groups as chambers of commerce and business organizations. They contended that it would drive business from the state and retard industrial expansion after the war.

Political implications of the bill, GOP leaders believe, were far-reaching. They say that enactment of the measure may win many Jewish and Negro voters who strayed from the party in 1932.

### Veneral Diseases Said Under Control

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Five years from now syphilis and gonorrhea may be removed from the list of major health problems, according to the office of war information.

Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the U. S. public health service, said in the OWI report that in the last 18 months penicillin has had a "cure rate" of 98 per cent among all gonorrhea patients and also "cures some cases of infectious syphilis."

"We can say with reasonable assurance that within five years 'syphilis and gonorrhea need no longer be major health problems,' Dr. Parran declared.

In the first 16 years after the war, he said, the nation will need 41,000 new hospital beds, including 191,000 for mental patients and 60,000 for tuberculosis.

### Rejected By Army

SALEM — (AP) — More than 25,000 men, or 41 per cent of all Oregon men inducted into the armed forces, have been rejected for physical reasons, Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state director of selective service, told a subcommittee of the joint ways and means committee.

Colonel Wootton, speaking for a bill to require physical fitness programs in all high schools, said most of the rejected men were between 18 and 29 years old. He said, however, that Oregon's rejection rate was below the national average.

There was no opposition to the bill.

Use fine wire to clean openings in gas range burners.

### Eugene Fire Chief Urges Care

A concentration of fatal fires in New York city, since the turn of the year, warns us of the danger from fire in Eugene, says Fire Chief W. E. Nussbaum, emphasizing that there are 951 fire deaths in America during January, as compared to 389 in August, according to a six-year average of census bureau figures, compiled by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

In one of the fires mentioned, two young boys lost their lives when flames broke out from an overheated kitchen oil stove, in the apartment where they had been left alone while their mothers went to work.

In another, a man smoked in bed in his hotel room, fell asleep, set the bed clothes on fire and died in the resulting flames. Again, a two-year old girl was suffocated when trapped in a burning building. Two firemen died under tons of brick when an explosion knocked down a wall at a warehouse fire.

"We should take a realistic view of fire dangers here in Eugene," continued the chief.

"Here, as in other cities, citizens should safeguard their families by inspecting and cleaning portable kerosene heaters before putting them in service, then keeping them clean and free of dirt, oil and soot at all times; placing them at a safe distance from curtains, tablecloths or other hanging material; being careful to place them where they cannot be knocked over; being sure the flame is out before filling with oil; providing some ventilation in the room; watching the heater for a while when first lighted; always replenishing the fuel supply outside of the building; being sure to extinguish the flame before moving or carrying the heater."

"If you have difficulty starting fires in your stoves, furnaces, or fireplaces, don't pour on kerosene to hasten the fire, because this fluid vaporizes quickly when heated and the fumes explode violently."

"Many dangerous fires are caused by overworked coal heaters at this season, for cold weather has kept stoves and furnaces going full tilt. Right now, it is sensible to make a careful check-up for worn, rusted, and broken parts, including the smokepipe. Is your method of operating the

heating plant safe? If you don't get enough heat, you may require the services of a heating engineer. Don't try to get by by forcing the heater—it's dangerous. Always use metal containers for hot ashes.

"Don't take the chance of a fatal fire. Act now to safeguard your family."

### Mrs. Agnes A. Grassman

Mrs. Agnes A. Grassman, 72, of 72 Madison street, died Wednesday at a local hospital. She was a native of Iowa, born Oct. 10, 1872, at Ridgedale, Iowa. She was married to John Grassman at Creston, Iowa, Feb. 16, 1892.

She came to Oregon in 1902, and Mr. Grassman died in this state in 1928. Mrs. Grassman came to Eugene four years ago to make her home. She was a member of the Catholic church.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. George Gent of Eugene and Mrs. Charles Tippie of El Monte, Calif.; two sons, Clarence Grassman of Gervais and Lawrence Grassman of Willamette; 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Sacred Heart Catholic church at Gervais, Saturday at 9:30 a. m., with recitation of the rosary on Friday at 9:45 p. m., at the Ringo mortuary there. Pool-Larsen mortuary in Eugene has charge of arrangements.

### AT DEXTER

DEXTER — Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Minnie Callison of Portland. She was the widow of R. E. Callison. She was reared in this locality, being Minnie Addington before her marriage.

Paul Smith is home from the hospital. He must remain in his cast for three more weeks. He broke his leg while playing in Lowell.

German troops occupied Logg, Poland, in World War I, were driven out by the Russians, and then won it back again.

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