

Dow-Jones

Dow-Jones closing bond averages: 40 bonds 108.74, up 0.08; 10 first grade rails 115.00, off 0.06; 10 second grade rails 95.48, up 0.34; 10 public utilities 109.20, up 0.02; 10 industrials 107.29, up 0.04.

Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrial 155.04, off 0.26; railroad 51.66, up 0.28; utility 27.66, up 0.02; 65 stocks 37.62, up 0.03.

Sales totaled 830,000 shares compared with 1,340,000 shares yesterday. "Big board" bond sales amounted to \$6,890,000 against \$8,370,000 yesterday. Curb stock sales were 260,000 shares compared with 380,000 shares yesterday.

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Maj. Reade In Talk To Officers Wives

Welcomed back to his home in Eugene following 14 months service in the southwest Pacific is Major Arthur C. Reade, United States army engineers, who has been attached to the fifth air force. In his duties of inspecting the fields as they were taken over and set up, Major Reade traveled some 68,000 miles in flying in the Australia and New Guinea areas. He came back to the States from New Guinea.

Major Reade was guest speaker for the meeting of the Officers Wives club, Wednesday evening, giving an informative and entertaining account of the life of the servicemen in that theater of war, and presenting many facts and side-light observations not often heard in talks on New Guinea and nearby places.

Climate, and monotony and boredom are the main troubles for the servicemen in New Guinea, the speaker said. The terrific heat, the tropical storms, the vast stretches of dense jungles, and the numerous bugs and insects there are all something beyond our understanding in this country until we have been through them, he said.

Several times in his remarks he spoke of the importance of mail from home.

Major Reade also described the natives of New Guinea and their customs, as well as the geographic nature of New Guinea.

His account was interspersed with numerous humorous incidents and experiences with the natives, and among the Americans, both in combat and in the routine outside actual fighting.

Answers Queries
Following his talk, Major Reade spent some time answering questions from the group regarding conditions in the southwest Pacific, mail and American food reaching the troops there, sanitation and health conditions, etc.

Major Reade's wife and daughter have been in Eugene while he has been away, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reade, also live here. He is a veteran of world war I, also.

Gent Additions Point Large Egg Production In Lane For California

A new brooder house, electrically equipped throughout and with a capacity of 8000 chicks, has just been completed at the Gent hatchery plant at Irving. The addition to the plant raises the total brooding capacity to 15,000 chicks at one time.

Phil Gent, proprietor of the hatchery, said Wednesday that an estimate of 100,000 hens have been mated up in Lane county to produce hatching eggs for raising chicks in California. Shipments of these eggs from this county are very heavy.

One-fifth of the population of Liberia is composed of American Negroes or their descendants.

'Kiss And Tell' Opens To Responsive House

Before a responsive, enthusiastic full house, the Very Little Theater Wednesday evening gave its first performance of F. Hugh Herbert's "Kiss And Tell," starring versatile Roberta Quigley as Corliss Archer.

The play will run through Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, and tickets are going fast, directors announce. Curtain time is 8:15.

Only change in the cast will be in the role of Raymond—the precocious boy down the block. Bob Quigley, who played the part Wednesday night, and Jimmy Toner, who will play it tonight, were both so good the directors couldn't choose between them.

An outstanding bit in the opening performance was done by Wallie Staton, as Moronica, the Archer dog. She was not even nervous when she took her curtain call.

Red Cross—

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Taken prisoner in May of 1942, Sly said the camp where he was received its first shipment of Red Cross packages on Jan. 28, 1943. The interned men stretched those packages out for a long time, not knowing when another would come for each man because the Japanese have not been too cooperative in allowing Red Cross assistance.

Stretch Out Packages
"Each package is supposed to contain food to last a man for a week. Well, I can tell you it lasted every one of us much longer than that," Sly commented, going on to tell how each bouillon cube, as illustration, would be broken into little pieces, one little piece being used at a time to give some flavor to the water-soup or the little rice allowed each man per day.

When he was moved from the Davao camp, Sly said it was the next Red Cross package he received which helped him to get through the trip on the prison ship. He also told of the Red Cross assistance given all the way back from the moment of his release until he reached San Francisco. In San Francisco he received his first glass of fresh milk since 1941, and many other little items that will make the Red Cross long stand out in memory, he said.

As he left the Thursday luncheon, Sly reminded the listeners he could not help being shocked to see so much food left on plates at such gatherings. He said he made the comment in no criticism to those on the home front, but that he could not help but choke up when he thought about all that food left on plates and then the hundreds of his friends still behind barbed wires "out there."

"There was enough food left here today to feed at least 200 of them," he commented.

Earlier on the program, Paul Van de Velde, former consul from Belgium in Mexico and a resident in Mexico for 20 years, gave some interesting comments on the customs and people of Mexico.

Man Shortage—Father Of 3 Finds Lots Of Lonely Hearts

STONEHAM, Mass., March 22.—(AP)—Basil A. Trasker, 47-year-old father of three children, revealed today that he had received 50 offers of marriage as result of his newspaper advertisement for a wife.

"Being father, mother, and general factotum for my kids didn't give me much time to scout around on my own for a wife," Trasker said. "So I put an advertisement in the paper."

Trasker, who is unemployed, was divorced from his wife last week.

"I've had proposals from back bay divorcees, schoolteachers, business women, and one 80-year-old grandmother," he said. "I never realized there were so many lonely people in the world."

"I'm following up one," he smiled. "She had an awfully nice voice over the telephone."

VAN WIE CONVICTED
SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—(AP)—Francis Van Wie, 58, the marrying conductor, was convicted on three counts of bigamy today by a jury which deliberated only 15 minutes.

There is still enough coal in the United States to last for 3,000 years.

Basin And Planning Groups Combined

With the signing of senate bills 314 and 316, the Willamette River Basin commission and the state post-war development and planning committee will be combined, according to Elmo B. Chase, vice chairman of the WRB commission, who attended a meeting in Salem Wednesday.

House bill 446 provides for \$10,000 in funds for the basin commission during the next biennium, Chase said, and for one executive secretary for both groups.

The commission voted to consult Dean Victor P. Morris, chairman of the post-war development committee, in regard to details of the joint operation. There was some discussion of dams and flood control, Chase said.

John W. Kelly of Salem and Portland, who has been executive secretary for the state planning committee, will now head both that committee and the basin commission with offices in the statehouse. Kelly was formerly Washington correspondent for the Register-Guard and the Oregonian.

A meeting will be called late in April, said Chase, to develop plans for the combined operation of the two offices. Fred M. Brenne, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, attended the meeting with Chase.

Draft Extension Up For Hearing

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—The house military committee today unanimously approved a one-year extension of the draft law—without changes.

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Should congress restrict the handling of inductees by requiring a stated training period, perhaps a year, Maj. Gen. Edwin Edwards said, present operations would be retarded and demands for fighting replacements could not be filled. General Edwards is in charge of training.

No men, he emphasized, are sent into combat until "we consider them adequately trained and physically hardened to the degree needed."

While the army had followed, until last fall, a policy of not sending youths into action until they were 19 years old, General Edwards said, the German offensive of late 1944 "upset a good many plans" and that policy was abandoned.

WASHBURN ELECTED
Carl Washburne of Eugene was elected to the board of directors of the Oregon State Motor association at its annual meeting Wednesday evening in Portland, where Dr. E. B. McDaniel, Portland, was re-elected president.

SOUTH SANTIAM CLOSED

The South Santiam highway across the Cascades is blocked by heavy snow for a 12-mile stretch between Tombstone summit and the junction with North Santiam highway, the state highway department announced Thursday at Salem. The department could not estimate when the highway would be reopened.

Plank Reports Census Of Farms Near Finish

Enumeration of farms in the 1945 census of agriculture is nearing completion, according to Paul N. Plank, local supervisor.

Plank estimates that the actual enumeration will be completed about April 10.

Compiling of information received in the local offices in Eugene will take possibly another three or four weeks, it is pointed out.

Both Mrs. R. B. Britton, assistant supervisor, and Plank, are now engaged in a check-up over the seven-county census district. Lane, Linn, Josephine, Jackson, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties comprise census district No. 2, over which Plank has jurisdiction.

Combat Casualties Now Total 859,587

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Army and navy combat casualties since the beginning of the war reached 859,587, the two services reported today.

Undersecretary of War Patterson reported army losses of 787,680 on the basis of names compiled in the Washington through March 14. The navy sets its toll at 91,907.

The combined total was an increase of 19,986 over last week's report.

A breakdown on army casualties and corresponding figures last week:
Killed, 150,310 and 146,000 missing, 88,209 and 88,000; wounded, 64,430 and 62,302. Of the 236,251, or more than half, have returned to duty. Similar figures on navy casualties:
Killed, 35,342 and 34,000; wounded, 41,882 and 41,442; missing, 10,417 and 10,483; prisoners, 4,266 and 4,268.

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