

Abbot Officers Are Speakers At Bend Lunch

Camp Training Program Topic of Col. Besson; Camp Landscape Liked

"Our sweat will save their blood," Col. Frank S. Besson, commanding officer of Camp Abbot, told Bend residents at a town meeting at the Pine Tavern this noon in describing preparations for operation of the engineer replacement training center here.

Nine hundred replacements will complete their training at the camp every two weeks. For many of the men the 12 weeks they spend here will be all the training they will receive before being sent overseas as "loss" replacements in engineer units. Col. Besson said. For that reason, he added, training here "must be perfect."

Col. L. H. Hall, ERTC executive officer, who claims Oregon as his home state, added that he was on the engineer party that helped choose sites for the Redmond and Wickipuk CCC camps several years ago.

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Flood or No Flood, Plowing Goes On



T. R. Gregory, above, Jenks, Okla., was determined that no flood was going to ruin his spud crop, so he hitched his team to a turning plow and soon had a furrow, which diverted the water from his potatoes as shown in the background.

Legion Completes Memorial Plans

Memorial day plans as outlined by the local veterans' committees and the Camp Abbot special service officer, Lieut. P. H. O'Brien, were given the green light at the legion meeting last night and Vice Commander Ivan Murphy was given authority to enlarge his committee to meet all the needs of preparation for one of the largest observances of its kind ever to be held in Central Oregon.

The exercises for the day will be held out of doors, it was stated, if the weather permits, according to the plan announced yesterday. In the event of rain the parade will be carried out as announced and the program will be moved to the high school gymnasium. If the weather is suitable the open air platform will be set up on the post office steps, it was stated.

The legion adopted a plan for the compiling and keeping a suitable permanent record of all men in service from this county which have been announced missing in action, made prisoners by the enemy, and that have given their lives while in service during their present conflict. Phil F. Brogan was named by post commander, Robert E. Burleigh as compiler and custodian of these lists.

Les Ballard was instructed to compile a list of all sons and daughters of legionnaire homes of the community for the post's roll of honor. The post also voted to carry upon its active rolls the names of all legionnaires who are in the services of the armed forces of the nation from this post whose membership dates back to 1941 or any year since.

Program Planned
June 17th was set for a joint Legion and Ladies night with a special program and evening refreshments with the ladies of the auxiliary and visiting legionnaires of the community as guests.

No definite action was taken relative to the possibilities of Junior baseball sponsored by the legion posts heretofore. The post is awaiting the go signal from its baseball chairman, Rudy Brentano. The lack of competitive teams in other communities seems to be the controlling factor in this project, it was said.

W. H. Cochran reported on the very successful trip of the local group and ladies to the district meet at Prineville on May 9.

CAMP GETS IMPROVEMENTS

Camp Abbot, May 21 (Special) Basic beautification of Camp Abbot headquarters was begun Wednesday when the first side walk bed was laid in front of the building.

Return of Japanese to Coast Area Opposed by Legion

"Does your organization believe it desirable that Japanese who are considered loyal to the United States be permitted to return to the Pacific coast states during the war?" This is the first of six questions propounded by the Portland chamber of commerce in a questionnaire sent down to all Oregon posts of the American Legion through its state department.

At its regular meeting last night in the assembly room of the court house the local legionnaires faced this general question for the second time this year. The former proposition which came from one of the posts of the state was considered immature and was tabled indefinitely. The questionnaire has been prepared with a view to obtaining for the committee in congress which is studying the problem, the sentiment of western communities and representative organizations. Two other groups in Bend, the Chamber of Commerce and the Veterans

Nation's Richest Farm Area Devastated by Flood Water

More Than 3,000,000 Acres of Fertile Lands Already Inundated; Illinois River Near Peak

(By United Press)

One of the most devastating floods in a quarter of a century rolled relentlessly across the nation's richest farm belt today as the waters of the Mississippi, the Missouri and their tributaries swirled toward unprecedented crests in a half dozen states.

Mounting damage to crops, river cities and railroads was reckoned in the millions of dollars with more than 3,000,000 acres of fertile lowlands already under water. Farmers predicted that spring corn planting would be delayed as much as one month. Wheat and oat crops in many sectors were counted a total loss.

The swollen Mississippi, awaiting the arrival of crests on its principal tributaries—the Missouri, Illinois and Ohio rivers—threatened levees at a dozen points between St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, Mo. Army engineers at St. Louis issued evacuation warnings to residents of Fort Chartres, Stringtown, and Grand Tower, Ill., and authorities said flood conditions would become increasingly severe in the next 24 hours.

The back-to-work move began late yesterday when workers at three mines employing more than 1,100 men returned to their jobs, and strikers at four other pits employing another 1,100 men, voted to go back to work this morning. At the height of the strike, most of them due to resentment among the miners over developments in the prolonged contract negotiations in connection with their demands for wage increases, some 6,000 workers employed in 15 mines and a coke plant were idle. The walkouts began Wednesday.

The walkouts violated a truce declared by John L. Lewis to take effect when a previous 15-day armistice expired last Tuesday midnight.

John Paul Cook Reported Injured

Mrs. Blanche Cook, of Bend, today was notified by the war department that her son, Pvt. John Paul Cook, had been seriously injured in the south Pacific theater of war.

Pvt. Cook, Bend high school student, was a member of Co. I when that unit was on duty at Fort Lewis, Wash., and went overseas with an outfit commanded by the late Major J. L. Chute.

Other than the announcement that her son was seriously injured, Mrs. Cook received no details from the war department.

USO Dance Will Be on Saturday

Mrs. Chris Kostol, chairman of the junior USO hostess committee, announced today that the USO dance Saturday night will be held in the Elks hall.

All the junior hostesses have been asked to attend, and Mrs. Kostol asks anyone who cannot to notify her sub-chairman Saturday.

"We will need all of the girls tomorrow night," Mrs. Kostol said. "It is important that they let their sub-chairman know their plans as early as possible."

BULLETIN

Detroit, May 21 (UP)—The regional war labor board ordered 28,000 striking Chrysler Corp. employees to return to work immediately today amid increasing indications that a breach is imminent among top-ranking officials of the powerful United Automobile Workers (CIO).

Battered Nips On Attu Isle Get Into Trap

Remnants of Garrison Dig in for Last Stand Near Northern Village

Washington, May 21 (UP)—The battered remnants of Japan's Attu island garrison, trapped in a 15-square-mile area, have dug in for their last stand on high ground east of Attu village, the navy announced today.

Attu village is at the head of Chichagof harbor. The Japanese are penned up by our troops between Chichagof harbor and Sarana bay.

"On May 19, operations on Attu continued," the navy reported. Meanwhile army bombers blasted Japanese entrenchments in the area north of Sarana bay. These entrenchments were believed to be part of the enemy's last remaining defense line.

Hard Fight Expected
The Japanese, though in a virtually hopeless position in the isolated Chichagof harbor area of that Aleutian island, were expected to make a desperate last-ditch stand from machine gun nests and foxholes.

Military experts do not believe that the enemy will attempt a defense from any specific line. They anticipate a scattered or point-to-point resistance, such as the Japanese put up in the swampy jungles of New Guinea and the Solomons.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported that American casualties thus far have been relatively light although some rather sharp fighting, with heavier casualties, may occur before operations are concluded.

Fog May Help Japs
The fog almost always present in the Aleutians may help the Japanese stave off final defeat for a while. But military authorities are confident that with two days of clear weather the Americans can complete the job. Good weather would permit the accurate use of light field artillery and mortars as well as aircraft.

The American forces are now in control of Sarana pass, the only accessible gateway into the Chichagof harbor area. The Japanese have no way of getting out except possible suicide attempts to escape in small boats by sea under cover of fog. Sarana pass cuts northeast through a mountain extending from Chichagof harbor to the Sarana bay.

Local Schools Complete Year

Bend schools closed for the year this morning when students in the high school and grade schools went to their rooms for the final time and received report cards, then jubilantly burst out to start their summer vacation.

High school commencement exercises this evening will be the final event of the school year.

More than a usual number of the teachers intend to remain in Bend this summer, some planning to work at Camp Abbot and others at the mills. Some are remaining in Bend to keep their housing accommodations for the next school year.

Many high school students are also planning on working this summer. Monday several high school boys start work for the forest service and others will get jobs at the mills.

Date of opening schools in the fall has not yet been set, according to Howard W. George, superintendent.

Eleven Pupils Get Diplomas

Eleven pupils graduated from the eighth grade at St. Francis school at 10:30 exercises this morning. Father Edmund Hyland addressed the graduates before the diplomas were awarded to the following: Michael Breen, Michael Eagen, John Werner, Mary Don Creighton, Virginia Eastman, Eva Moore, Laura Lechner, Mary Elizabeth Dacey, Louise Tekampe, Helen Stenkamp, and Dorothy Totten.

The graduates were entertained at a breakfast party by the seventh graders Wednesday morning.

WARREN NOW CAPTAIN

Portland, May 21 (UP)—Captain Clyde Warren, chief of the enforcement division of the liquor control commission, was awaiting assignment orders here today after being commissioner a captain in the specialist reserve corps.

\$20,000 Asked For Work on USO Building

L. R. Durkee, assistant regional director of the FWA, with headquarters in Seattle, Wash., today notified Carl A. Johnson, chairman of the Bend USO council, that \$20,000 had been recommended for the renovation and furnishing of the local USO center, in the former Safeway building.

This sum, Johnson points out, is \$7,000 in excess of the amount at first considered for the Bend center. Of the \$13,000 originally mentioned, \$7,000 was earmarked for improvements and \$6,000 for furnishings.

Final action on the renovation will be taken in Washington, D. C.

It has been announced by local USO officials that contemplated renovation of the present headquarters will give Bend one of the finest USO centers in the northwest.

117 Graduates To Get Diplomas

1943 Commencement Set for Tonight; Pastor Will Deliver Address

Thirty-fifth annual commencement exercises for Bend high school will take place tonight at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, with a class of 117 graduates, the smallest number in at least six years, scheduled to receive diplomas.

Eight members of the class are already serving in the armed forces and their diplomas will be received for them by parents or relatives.

Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, selected by the senior class members, will deliver the commencement address.

Complete program for the exercises follows:
High school orchestra, "Procession of the Mastersingers," Homer Waltz, directing; procession, "With Honor Crowned," high school orchestra.

Invocation, Rev. R. E. Kiel; cornet solo, "Kashmiri Song," Earl Mosen, accompanied by Helen Hudson.

Will Announce Honors
Announcement of honors, R. E. Jewell, principal; vocal trio, "As Torrents in Summer," Margaret Garske, Ruth Devereaux, Thelma Wick.

Commencement address, Rev. Bolster; presentation of the class, Howard W. George, superintendent; presentation of diplomas, A. O. Schilling, chairman of the school board.

Benediction, Rev. Kiel; recessional, "March Processional," orchestra.
Officers of the class in the past year have been: Larry Valley, president; Bert Moore, vice president; Betty Ann Brandon, secretary; Ruth Barker, treasurer.

Betty Ann Brandon is valedictorian of the class and James McGarvey and Virginia Cloer shared salutatorian honors.

CAP Flies Back From Trip North

Lt. Phil Hitchcock and Lt. Ward H. Coble of the Civil Air patrol have returned from an inspection trip to the naval air base at Pasco, Wash., and the army air force bases at Pendleton and Walla Walla, Wash. The trip was made by air in Lt. Hitchcock's plane.

While at Walla Walla, Lt. Hitchcock, governor of the Pacific Northwest district of Kiwanis, was the principal speaker at a joint meeting of Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, and Altrusa clubs.

Political Aspirations Blamed for New Wave Of Strikes, But Leaders Say Board at Fault

Detroit, May 21 (UP)—Leo La Motte, director of the Chrysler division of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), charged today that current strikes in Detroit war industries are being "fomented by high officials of the UAW because of political reasons."

At the same time, La Motte called on 24,000 striking employees in five Chrysler plants to return to work immediately "in the interest of our union and the nation at war."

La Motte's blast was directed particularly at Wally P. Reuther, UAW vice-president and director of the union's General Motors department, whom he charged with assuming jurisdiction over Chrysler plants.

"If these strikes were just up to the rank and file of workers they would never happen," he asserted. "I know that the overwhelming majority of workers are patriotic and are willing to

Commander in Chief of Japs' Fleet Killed in Action, Says Tokyo; Boast Not Fulfilled

Officer Who Said He Would Dictate Terms of Peace in White House Dies in South Pacific Aboard Aircraft Carrier; Death Time Fixed

Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander in chief of the combined Japanese fleet who boasted he would dictate peace terms from the White House, has been killed in action, Tokyo radio said today.

The broadcast said the 59-year-old sea leader who helped plan the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor died a month ago in air combat "on the foremost front."

There was no further identification of the front but it was regarded likely that he was killed fighting against American forces.

A Tokyo broadcast heard in Chungking fixed the time of death as the middle of April and the scene the south Pacific. It was regarded as likely that Yamamoto was killed fighting American forces.

Yamamoto was personally directing the operations in an air plane which engaged the enemy at the time of his death, a broadcast recorded by the United Press in San Francisco said.

'Died "Hero's" Death'

A DNB (German) dispatch from Tokyo said Yamamoto "died a hero's death in battle aboard an aircraft carrier in April while directing operations from a 'foremost line.'" The dispatch was broadcast by Berlin radio and heard by United Press in London.

The federal communications commission which also recorded the broadcast, said Tokyo reported that Admiral Mineichi Koga was named to succeed Yamamoto as the highest Japanese naval officer.

Long high in Japanese naval circles, Yamamoto made his peace terms boast almost a year before the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The boast was revealed by Domei (Japanese) news agency in a Tokyo broadcast 10 days after Pearl Harbor. The same broadcast credited Yamamoto with carrying out "the strategy of surprise" at Pearl Harbor.

Plans Go Forward
"I am looking forward to dictating peace to the United States in the White House at Washington," Yamamoto was quoted as writing to a friend in a letter dated Jan. 24, 1941.

The announcement of his death was brief.

"Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander-in-chief of the combined Japanese fleet, is dead," Tokyo said. "This was announced in a communique issued at 3 p. m. (Tokyo time) this Friday afternoon by the imperial headquarters."

The broadcast then described it as "a gallant death on the foremost front in April of this year while he was personally directing the operations in an airplane which engaged the enemy."

Bouts Switched On
The "foremost front" presumably was somewhere in the broad reaches of the Pacific where the extended Japanese sea bases face constant blows from allied air power.

The FFC said that the Tokyo announcer choked, as if weeping, when he read the death notice and that he had to break off. The radio filled in with a wrestling match broadcast.

ADMIRAL WILEY DEAD

Palm Beach, Fla., May 20 (UP)—Admiral Henry Aristo Wiley, USN, retired, who was commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet 1927-1929, died Thursday at a Palm Beach hospital.

"America held a full house but we had a royal flush," he said. "There is no question but what he got close to Pearl Harbor during the sneak attack of Dec. 7, 1941. How close no one here knows for sure, but the report he sent back is known. It was couched in poker lingo and it read:

"America held a full house but we had a royal flush."

His death may well explain what happened to that long-expected all-out Japanese offensive in the Pacific. He was the brains of any Japanese offensive.

produce the implements of war for victory."

"But, unfortunately," he continued, "there are certain individuals within our own union that are ready to sacrifice the interests of the workers in the shop and endanger the nation at war to advance their own political aggrandizement."

In his return-to-work appeal, La Motte promised the strikers their "just grievances will be taken up through the proper channels."

La Motte issued the statement as he went into conference with Chairman Edwin E. Witte of the regional war labor board on settlement action. La Motte is a member of the WLB's regional labor-management advisory committee.

Regarding workers' charges their strike action was the result largely of WLB delay in approving wage increase proposals, La Motte said he did not hold the board responsible.

"Sure, workers have grievances

and the WLB has been slow," he said, "but these things can be settled without calling strikes."

It was feared Chrysler's massive tank arsenal might be closed down if strikers refused to respond to La Motte's appeal to return to work.

A spokesman for the Chrysler company said the tank arsenal might close partly tomorrow if the strike continues, and that within a few days the entire 85,000 persons employed by the corporation would be idle unless the three plants now striking resumed production.

The spokesman said sound trucks operated by local officials of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) were again at the plant gates today warning employees not to enter the factories. He said UAW men also were at the gates checking badge numbers of workers attempting to return to work.