

### Fighting Captain of Infantry Is Pride of One-Family Army

Omaha, Neb. (UP)—It's probably just another 100 per cent American family backing the war effort to its utmost, but it's a remarkable family at that.

The sons of O. A. Melcher, an employe of the Union Pacific railroad, include a major, three captains, and a corporal with the state guard. The seventh member of the family, Mrs. Melcher, is a war worker, too—she works at the Red Cross and keeps house.

All the men in the family have worked for the Union Pacific some time during their lives. The father is employed in the office of the chief engineer. The youngest son, Robert, 19, who is in the state guard, works in the freight traffic department.

Maj. John F. Melcher, 31, is in Italy; He took part in the invasion of Africa and fought through the Tunisian campaign with a tank group. Then he was transferred to the quartermaster corps and went through Sicily and into Italy.

**Wiped Out Nazi Nest**

Capt. Willis A. Melcher, 36, is a doctor who entered the army in 1939 and was stationed in Panama two years. He returned to the United States for several months but he is again overseas.

Capt. Philip R. Melcher, 27, has been kept in the country because of a football injury suffered at college. He is assigned to a prisoner of war camp at Muskogee, Okla.

But the family is especially proud of Capt. Richard D. Melcher, who has received the silver star medal for wiping out single-handed a machine-gun nest in a Normandy church. He also received the purple heart after suffering wounds in his face and foot while leading his company in battle in France.

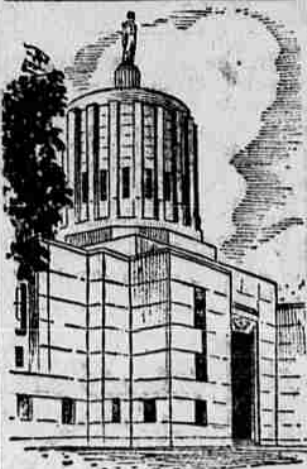
His infantry company had been pinned down by fire from the enemy nest and instead of sending the customary patrol to wipe out the Nazi group, the captain crawled toward the church, turned on his side and threw three hand grenades through a window. He destroyed the nest and the company advanced.

**Knocked Down 5 Times**

But the men were halted again by German fire from a hedgerow. Again Capt. Melcher led the attack. He fired his carbine until he was out of ammunition, picked up a Browning automatic rifle, emptied it, grabbed a machine gun without a tripod and sprayed the Nazis until all were killed. The company advanced once more.

Five times during the advance against terrific German artillery, Capt. Melcher was knocked un-

### Bonds Over America



OREGON CAPITOL

Oregon's capitol at Salem is now one of the fine structures which Americans buy War Bonds to protect. It's new and beautiful; one of the nation's prized possessions. It is worth buying a great many War Bonds to provide planes and material for our fighting men to use in its defense. Oregon City and Corvallis were capitals of the territory for brief periods but Salem became the permanent capital when Congress provided funds for the erection of territory capitol buildings there and the U. S. Treasury refused to provide the funds for construction anywhere else. Fire destroyed the first capitol and also another in 1935.

U. S. Treasury Department

### Madras Seeking New Fire Hall

Madras, April 12 (Special)—Several members of the Madras Volunteer fire department, headed by Fire Chief Joe Metts, appeared before the city council Tuesday evening and presented plans for the erection of a new fire hall.

Metts touched on the feasibility of having a building which could

be devoted to housing the new fire engine, which at present, is in a private garage, and also the necessity of having accommodations for members of the fire department. It was believed by the councilmen that it might be possible to use the present city hall building as a nucleus for a future hall. A rough estimate was given on the probable cost of construction. The matter was referred to the building committee for further study.

A group of women, members of the Jefferson County Garden club, also appeared before the council, asking that action be taken

### State Presbytery Meeting Opens

Portland, Ore., April 12 (UP)—The Rev. H. A. Armitage of Portland today opened the two-day spring meeting of the Oregon Presbytery.

The annual meeting of the women's missionary societies is being held at the same time.

Paul Douglas, representative of the home missions council, national organization representing all Protestant churches, was today's main speaker. The Rev.

Dale Strong of Albany was scheduled to address both groups tonight.

Mrs. J. Boyd Patterson of Portland heads the women's organization.

**NEW GRENADE CARRIER**

Kansas City, Mo. (UP)—A new three-pocket carrier for hand grenades has been developed by the quartermaster corps, according to officers at the Kansas City quartermaster depot. The three pockets are large enough to carry six "pineapple" type grenades, or three large explosive grenades or three smoke grenades.

## FOODS FOR A LUNCH PUNCH

SPECIALS FOR FRI.—SAT.

Ice Cream . . . . . qt. 49c  
Medo-Land

**Fishermen's Snacks**

Try-It Lunch Meat . . . . . can 35c  
Kraft Cheese Spread . . . . . glass 19c  
Oval Sardines . . . . . can 15c  
Potato Chips . . . . . bag 15c-25c  
Pork & Beans, No. 1 . . . . . 2 cans 25c  
Raisins . . . . . 2 lb. pkg. 29c

2 lb. jar 65c

Lipton Noodle Soup Mix . . . . . 3 pkgs. 25c  
Cooks on Campfire in 7 Minutes

Matches . . . . . carton 27c  
Royal Arms, 6 Boxes

Vienna Sausages can 14c  
Swift's

Assorted Cookies pkg. 17c to 39c  
1 lb. pkg.

Mexicorn . . . . . 2 cans 35c 19c  
Niblets With Green Peppers

Diced Carrots . . . . . 2 cans 25c  
Diamond A—No. 2

Sweet Peas, 2's . . . . . 2 cans 29c  
Preferred Stock—No. 2

Del Monte Pumpkin . . . . . 2 cans 27c  
No. 2 1/2 Cans

Spinach . . . . . No. 2 1/2 can 21c  
Shurline

Cut Green Beans . . . . . 2 cans 35c  
Diamond A—No. 2 Cans

M-D Beef Roast . . . . . lb. 30c  
Chuck Cuts

Tissue Chicken Legs . . . . . each 5c  
No Points

3 rolls 20c Lunch Meats . . . . . lb. 37c  
Assorted

Ground Beef . . . . . lb. 30c  
No Cereal

Girls—Women! All Wool

**SWEATERS**

7.49

Course weave sweater of high quality wool yarns, button front, round neck, big choice of colors, sizes 34-40.

**PLAID SKIRTS**

4.45

Part wool plaid skirts of popular designs, cut for freedom of action, sizes 24-30.

**CONGRESS FOOD MARKET**

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conscious by shell bursts. Once, he wrote his parents, he was "scratched by an 88," but the wound warranted the purple heart award.

After the company crossed the Mosell river, a German mortar crew discovered the captain on top of a hill where he had taken the position of an observer. Three mortar shells blanketed the top of the hill and fragments lodged in Captain Melcher. He was taken to an English hospital where he recuperated. The men in the captain's company have respected him as "the kind of an officer we'd follow anywhere he wanted to go."

### Nartz Residence Razed by Fire

Madras, April 12 (Special)—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Nartz, in the Ashwood community, was recently destroyed by fire, and the only things saved were four chairs, a table, and a washing machine. The family was eating dinner when the fire occurred. It is believed that the fire started from the flue of the kitchen stove. The loss was not covered by insurance. Several cords of wood were saved in the clothes on the line. The only help available was that of Nartz's parents, who saw the fire and came to their aid. Within an hour the house and contents were reduced to ashes. Nartz lost a billfold containing between \$400 and \$500 dollars, a large part of which were checks.

**UNTO THE 3D GENERATION**

Newton, Mass. (UP)—Pfc. James E. Foley, 18, of Newton who was killed in action in France was the third generation of his family to win the purple heart. His father won the award during World War I and his grandfather during the Civil War.



**WHAT'S NEW?**

**POST'S Raisin Bran**

GOLDEN FLAKES OF WHEAT AND BRAN COMBINED WITH SUGAR-SWEET TENDER RAISINS

delicious NEW breakfast idea

● Good? It's delicious! It's a magic combination of nut-brown, crisp-toasted Post's 40% Bran Flakes plus lots of seedless raisins...right in the same package. Better ask your grocer for the big blue-and-white package today. Your whole family will go for Post's Raisin Bran.



# SPECIALS THAT ARE RIGHT OVER THE HOME PLATE

## Erickson's Friday and Saturday

- PIMIENTOS** 7 oz. jar 25c
- SALAD DRESSING** Table Queen Quart 29c
- PREM** jar 34c
- Johnsons No. 22 Brush Polisher** ea. 79c  
Wax Floor Polisher Without Handle
- Veal Roast** . . . . . lb. 29c  
Crown Shoulder Cut, 4 Points
- Rib Lamb Chops** . . . . . lb. 45c  
A Change and a Treat! 7 Points
- Corned Beef** . . . . . lb. 37c  
Boneless Brisket, 6 Points
- Halibut Steak** . . . . . lb. 39c  
Very Delicious, Point Free
- Full Cream Cheese** . . . . . lb. 37c  
Armour's, 12 Points Pound
- Ground Beef** . . . . . 2 lbs. 57c  
Fresh Today, 12 Points

# ERICKSON'S FOOD MARKET

FREE DELIVERY PHONES 660 & 661

- GRADE A LARGE EGGS** dozen . . 35c
- PUMPKIN Preferred Stock** No. 2 1/2 can 16c
- Wh. Kern. Corn** 2 cans 27c  
H-D, Vacuum Pack
- Diced Beets** . . . . . 2 cans 25c  
No. 2 Cans
- Spinach** . . . . . can 16c  
No. 2 Cans
- String Beans** . . . . . 2 cans 25c  
Fountain, No. 2
- Sweet Peas** . . . . . 3 cans 29c  
Lavores, No. 303
- Sliced Peaches** . . . . . can 15c  
No. 1 Tall
- Bartlett Pears** . . . . . can 27c  
Silver Grille, 2 1/2's
- Grapefruit Juice** . . . . . can 33c  
No. 5 Can
- Blended Juice** . . . . . can 47c  
No. 5 Can
- Fancy Apricots** . . . . . can 29c  
H&D—No. 2 1/2 Can
- CAKE FLOUR** Lge. Pkg. 26c
- Sperry's Drifted Snow FLOUR** 49 lbs. 2.29
- Wheaties** Reg. Size pkg. 10c
- Tuna Fish** . . . . . can 23c  
Grated
- Tuna Fish** . . . . . can 43c  
Solid White Meat
- Sardines** . . . . . can 12c  
No. 1 Tall
- Mackerel** . . . . . can 15c  
No. 1 Tall
- Noodle Dinner** . . . . . jar 14c  
Twistle—1 Lb. Jar
- Deep Brown Beans**, can 12c  
Libby's—12 Oz. Can
- Clam Juice** . . . . . 24 oz. jar 24c  
F. A. B.
- Tomato Paste** . . . . . can 9c
- Tomato Sauce** . . . . . 3 cans 17c  
Sacramento

- V-8 Cocktail, No. 2** . . . . . 2 cans 29c
- Tomato Juice** . . . . . No. 2 can 11c
- Tomato Juice, No. 1 tall** . . . . . 3 cans 25c
- Apple Juice** . . . . . qt. 25c
- Orange Juice** . . . . . No. 2 can 20c
- Campbell's Tomato Soup** . . . . . 3 cans 25c
- Rancho Tomato Soup** . . . . . 4 cans 25c
- Rancho Vegetable Soup** . . . . . 4 cans 29c
- Rancho Chick. N'dle Soup**, 3 cans 29c
- Pork & Beans** . . . . . 2 jumbo cans 29c
- Sweet Potatoes** . . . . . No. 2 1/2 can 23c
- Stridd's Tamales** . . . . . jar 24c
- Lido Club Spaghetti Dinner** . . . . . 23c  
Complete Dinner
- Durkee's Mayonnaise** . . . . . pt. jar 33c
- Libby's Apple Butter** . . . . . 303 jar 19c
- Orange Marmalade** . . . . . 2 lb. jar 35c
- Kerr's Assorted Jellies** . . . . . 2 lb. jar 45c
- PEELS SOAP** Lge. Pkg. 26c
- Super Soaps** Lge. Pkg. 23c
- WASHING SOAP** 3 Bars 14c
- PALMOLIVE** 3 Bars 20c
- Sunbrite Cleanser** . . . . . 3 cans 14c
- Babo Cleanser** . . . . . can 11c
- Raindrops** . . . . . pkg. 23c
- Pop—Washing Powder** . . . . . 24 oz. pkg. 15c
- Giant Post Toasties** . . . . . 2 pkgs. 25c
- Red Rose Cracked Wheat**, pkg. 18c
- Cream of Wheat** . . . . . pkg. 24c
- Grapenuts** . . . . . pkg. 14c

**ALLEY OOP**

YOU AND YOUR GADGET SURE MESSED UP MY LITTLE PLAY-HOUSE!

OH, YES, THAT CROWN! WHAT DID YOU DO, RUN OLD GUZ OFF HIS THRONE?

NO, BUT I PUT TH' HEAT ON HIM...BY MAKIN' MYSELF KING OF LEM! HAW! I WAS HAVIN' MYSELF A TIME!

NO DOUBT, BUT IT WOULDN'T HAVE LASTED LONG!

SOME GORILLA WAS ABOUT TO RUB YOU OUT WHEN WE PULLED YOU BACK WITH THE TIME-MACHINE!

YEH?? TURN IT BACK ON... I WANTA SEE WHO IT WAS!

SORRY...IT WON'T WORK WITHOUT A TIME-TRAVELER IN THE AREA...

... BUT IF WE CAN GET A FIX ON OOOOLA, YOU'LL GET A DEMONSTRATION!

3v V. T. HAMLIN