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#### ON TRIAL

Back to France an old, old man has made his way from Germany to face charges of treason and collaboration. He is Marshal Henri Philippe Petain. He was spirited away from France by the Germans while the allied invasion was in progress, presumably as a hostage. Whether he made his es-cape or whether he was released when it became apparent that his trading value was gone, is not clear. At all events he has returned to be present each of the trial which athentics would

cape or whether he was released when it became apparent that his trading value was gone, is not clear. At all events he has returned to be present at the trial which otherwise would have been conducted in absentia. It is natural that the name of any member of the Vichy government, which Marshal Petain headed, should be anath-ema in France today. The Vichy government, to a very large extent, was the instrument of the German conquerors. It was so regarded by the world at large and by the people of France as the years of their captivity wore on. It is from this, un-questionably, that the charges against Marshal Petain stem. The emotions which prompt the charges are immediately understandable. The facts are yet to be brought forth. The major accusation against the man who commanded the French troops in their successful resistance at Verdun in the first world war is that of treason, specifically in sur-rendering France to the Germans in world war II. The record on this is not too convincing. It was in June of 1940 that the surrender was made. The French were already de-feated. Their country was being penetrated at will by Ger-man armored columns. One ally, Belgium, had capitulated; another ally, Britain, had been driven out at Dunkerque. Ef-fective air power was all but non-existent against the scourg-ing attacks of the German Stukas. A succession of French commanders had failed to change the picture of disaster. Italy declared war, threatening to join in the attack against a country already doomed. The French government had decided to ask an armistice. a country already doomed.

a country already doomed. The French government had decided to ask an armistice, which could be considered only as the forerunner to sur-render. Premier Paul Reynaud would not agree. He was removed and Marshal Petain was named in his place to per-form the tragic task, doubly tragic to one of his soldierly achievements, of officially giving up the fight. Marshal Petain was then 84 years old. He performed his bitter task the day after he was 'made premier, announcing to the nation the government's decision. government's decision

There followed the humiliating scene when the German "terms" were given, the signing of the German armistice, travelers, which, however, did not become effective until France had signed, two days later, a separate armistice with Italy, which, by then, had actually been at war with France for four days.

signed, two days later, a separate armistice with Italy, which, by then, had actually been af war with France for four days. The official surrender came four months later, in October, but in actuality France surrendered in June. For this, Marshal Petain is charged with treason. There may be evidence, as yet undisclosed, to substantiate the charge. But at this distance and in the light of the facts generally known, it would be more to the point to say that deliver a message which the government had decided must be delivered.

the accused s only offense at the time was in agreeing to delivered. Alleged collaboration, it may be assumed, is dated by the period in which Marshal Petain was chief of the French state (no longer the republic of France). It has always been our feeling that he accepted the dubious position of head of the Vichy government, as he accepted the assignment of an nouncing the French surrender, with the thought that some service might still be performed for France, Certain it is that, in the beginning, he endeavored to cushion against the harsh German rule. It is equally certain that his judgment was by no means infallible. It is well to remember that there were able and, venal collaborationists in the Vichy government. Against such as Pierre Laval, the aging marshal of France Against such as Pierre Laval, the aging marshal of France

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### VII sets. Up to the time she came. Spring brought open roads, and women had purchased such things

by mail order, having, of course, A good many of these were too much delicacy to ask for them

Against such as Pierre Laval, the aging marshal of France could do little. And he was aging rapidly. In his last year as chief of state his public utterances showed a progressive deterioration of initiative. By then, it seems, he was being put to collabora-tionist uses, but it is easy to believe that the words which date be away from hought to cave form the mouth of old Marshal Petain were not his words and that the thoughts which they conveyed were not his thoughts. As he prepares for his trial, Henri Philippe Petain is 89 writers old. If he is convicted, on the evidence, of the charges preferred against him, his latter years will be years of share and forget the days of failure. Measured here words and that a time before. If he is acquitted the world may remember the hero of Verdua and forget the days of failure. Measured here, forget. Measured here customers in a subsistered chair that tiped be the world with the organ stool borrow ed from the church vestry, you and forget the days of failure. Measured here words as could have picked no more fitting place for their final stand than a tiergarten. **Bend's Yesterdays FIFTEEN YEARS AGO** (April 30, 1830) **FIFTEEN YEARS AGO** (April 30, 1830)

By the time he moved on, the own shone and bristled with own rods.

rods. The very next week another young fellow cime selling fire in-surance. He had less chance than a bolt of lightning. The danger was over, people told him. You could always handle a chimney fire yourself with a little sait. He was a nice young fellow with very red cheeks and an in-corrigible cowilck. He had been there weeks on the job and hadn't sold a thing. My father couldn't resist a beaten, dishearted boy. He took out a \$2500 policy on the Ameri-can House. "It might come in handy some day," he said. (To Be Continued)

dav," he said. (To Be Continued) Research workers of the depart-ment of agriculture say potatoes bolled in their jackets lose only half as much ascorbic acid and only one-third as much thiamine as baked potatoes. But there are just as many people who say Berle did a grand job, traded and maneuvered the British out of their scheme to control world aviation, and won a lot of new rights for U. S. post-war aviation. Take your pick. Only time and a c tual experience will prove which is right.



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# Arbor Day Rites Held by Legion

by Mrs. Percy R. Smith, president of the auxiliary. The tree was furnished by the Ochoco forest staff and cere-monies were attended by mem-bers of the Legion, the auxiliary, and upper grade pupils of the school. The pupils furnished some musical numbers directed by Mrs. Mary Lou Straughn. Princville, April 30 (Special)— Sponsored by the American Le-gian auxiliary, Arbor day rites were observed Friday by planting a memorial tree on the grade school lawn, in honor of the late Guy E. Powell, a former com-mander of American Legion post No. 29. (uspuoneling) jung VIN) Washington, D. C. --- Where the

department of state gets on and off in the present misunderstand-

Guy E. Powell, a former com-mander of American Legion post No. 29. Since D-day, U. S. army ord-nance men have repaired more tanks, armored cars, half-tracks, gion post, the tree was dedicated losses for all U. S. forces.

Mary Lou Straughn.



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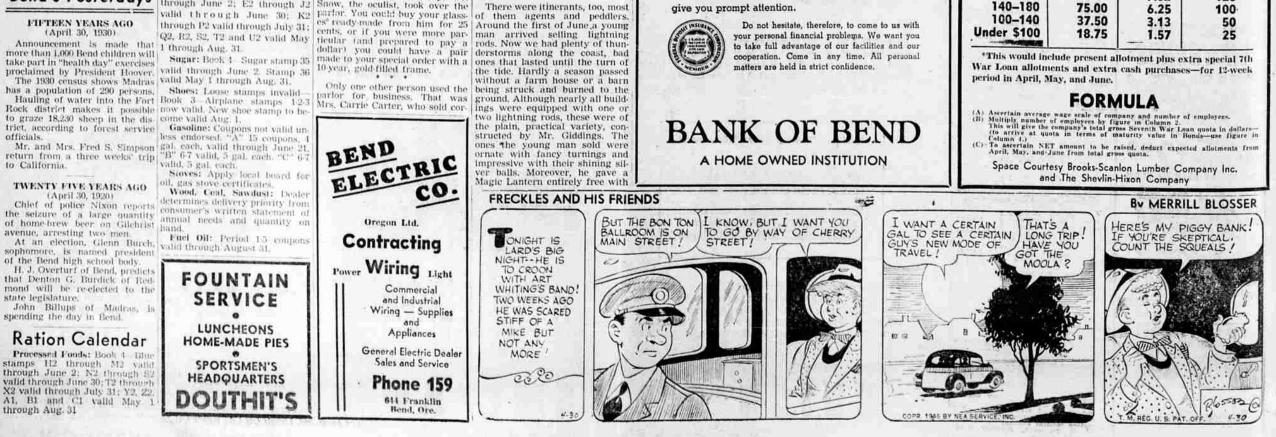
Column

By Peter Edson

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tion committee over post-war in-

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