

'Bonds a Duty'

"Purchase of war bonds is the duty which every man, woman and child owes to his country."
— Lt. Gen. Ben Lear

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Weather Forecast

Oregon—Clear today, tonight and Wednesday, except partly cloudy in southern portion with scattered light showers. Warmer except on the coast today but cooler in Willamette valley late Wednesday.

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Japs' Southern Okinawa Lines Crumbling Fast

Foe Opposition Lightens As Marines Take Greater Portion of Capital City

By William F. Tyree
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Guam, May 29 (UP)—Japanese defenses in southern Okinawa appeared to be crumbling fast today.

On the west coast, marines of the Sixth division captured two-thirds of the capital city of Naha, cleared the north shore of Naha harbor and sent patrols to Onoyama island in mid-harbor. Sixteen-inch guns of battleships offshore breached the walls of the inland citadel of Shuri, already outflanked and nearly encircled. A number of Japanese were fleeing through the escape gap still open. Seventh division troops on the east coast drove another 1,500 yards south on a 3,000-yard front and reached the southwest corner of Baten bay. Reconnaissance groups in landing craft reconnoitered the south and west coasts of the bay.

Gains Are Good
The gains all across the island were the best since Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's 10th army forces rammed into the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru defense line more than a month ago. Suicide air attacks on American warships of Okinawa Sunday sank one light unit and caused minor to moderate damage to 12 others.

The enemy paid for the success with 77 planes shot down, preliminary reports showed. Sixth division marines met only scattered machine-gun and rifle fire from enemy rear guards as they swept through the mined, rubble-heaped streets of Naha to the shores of the harbor.

Clearing Naha
They cleared all of Naha west of the canal running from the main harbor to the Asato river. A front dispatch from United Press War Correspondent E. C. Valens said a patrol landed on tiny Onoyama island in the center of Naha harbor, but retreated under fire from Japanese guns on the south shore of the harbor. Inland 1,300 yards, other marine units struck southeast near Asato, town midway between Naha and Shuri. Japanese troops in the Asato river area introduced a new weapon—satchel charges swung from the end of poles. Their technique was to swing the pole as in a hammer throw and let fly at marines appearing over the top of a ridge.

Lions Told of Valley Authority

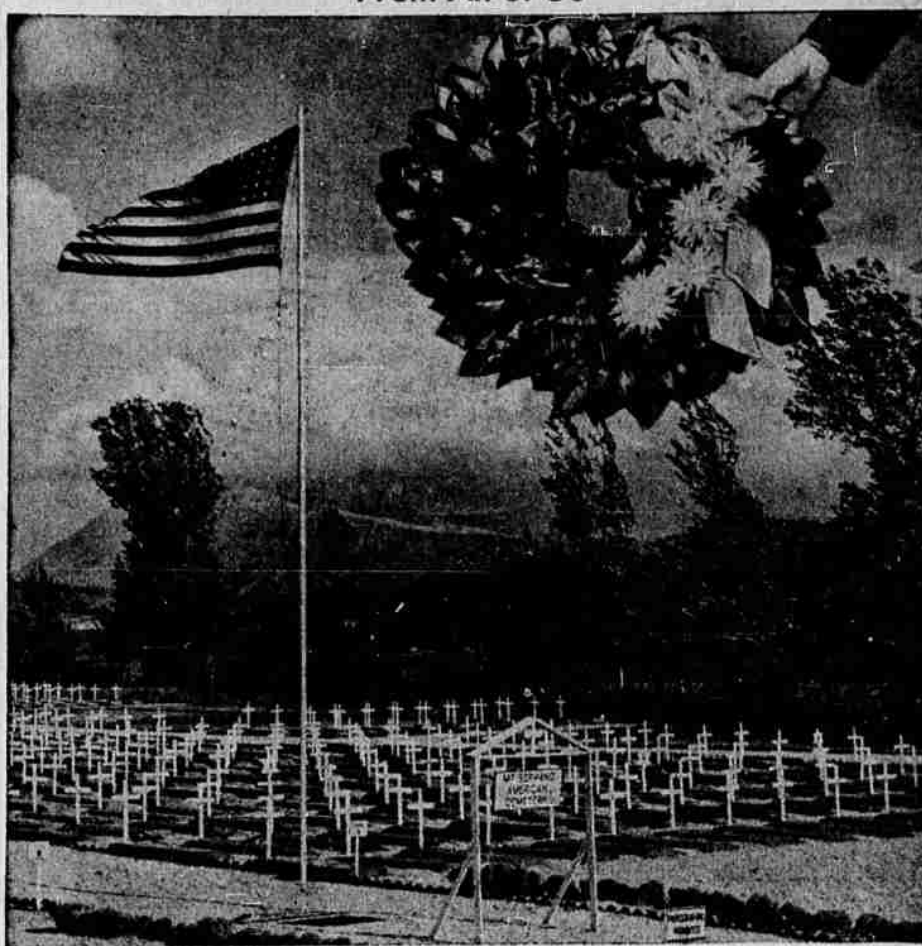
Discussing the proposed Columbia valley authority, Robert W. Sawyer, vice president of the National Reclamation association, today addressed members of the Lions club at their noon-day meeting in the Pine Tavern. The speaker quoted the statement of Secretary Ickes before the senate commerce committee, in which he stated that adoption of the authority would be a radical departure from the American system of living as we have known it for the past 150 years.

Sawyer also said that a valley authority setup would usurp the authority of the secretaries of interior and agriculture, would absorb the forest service and the bureau of reclamation, and take away most of the functions of the army engineers. Officers Elected
Annual election of officers resulted in three ties, which will be occasion for more voting at the club meeting next week, and five decisions. Marion Cady was chosen president, Lon Carter second vice-president, Ken Gulick third vice-president, C. Dale Robbins lion tamer and Clarence Bush trustee. For the second trustee vacancy Hal Waterman and Ed Sherlock tied as did William Naylor and Claude Cook for first vice-president and Roy Dahl and Loyde Blakeley for tall twister.

Elk Lake Road Reported Open

The road is open, and in good shape, to the south end of Elk lake. It was reported here today by M. H. Symons, operator of the lake resort. He said that chains are not necessary to this point, and that boats have been moved to the south end of the lake where they will be available to Memorial day fishermen.

From All of Us



The world is girdled with graves of American boys who gave their lives in defense of democracy. Though we at home cannot decorate their resting places this Memorial Day, we can honor them in our hearts and work for them with our hands, the quicker to bring a victorious conclusion to the great battle they so bravely began.

Deschutes Folk Planning to Honor Soldier Dead in Solemn Rites Here

Perhaps more than ever before, Deschutes county and Bend residents today planned to pay homage to their soldier dead in solemn rites set for tomorrow—Memorial Day. While scores will not be able to attend functions in Bend and Redmond, many a silent mourner will make his way to gravesides with floral remembrances, as others will pray in their homes and houses of worship for the safe return of loved ones from the far-flung battle fields. Principal observance in Bend will be the downtown display of scores of American flags, as residents gather at 10 a. m. in the high school gymnasium for Memorial Day observance. This ceremony will be attended by many

veterans of World Wars 1 and 2, dressed in their uniforms, and by Gold Star mothers who have been especially invited.

Company B, Bend's unit of the Oregon State guard, will make its first public appearance in uniform and as a body at the High school ceremony. A special section of the gymnasium has been set aside for sailors stationed at Camp Abbot. Rev. Robert McIlvanna will make the principal address at the gymnasium observance; with invocation by Rev. Watson of the Nazarene church and the benediction by Elder L. H. Boswell of the Missionary Baptist church. Preceding the services, Mrs. Hilda Bush will be presented in

plano selections. Following the rites at the school, Company B, and members of the four veterans organizations and auxiliaries, will join mourners at Pilot Butte cemetery. Services there will be led by Rev. G. R. V. Bolster, and the veterans will assist those placing wreaths by marking the graves of the departed veterans. Should weather interfere, cemetery services will be cancelled, and the entire program will be held in the gymnasium. The Memorial Day program at the high school and at the cemetery is being sponsored by the Deschutes county veterans' council, with Joy Walker heading the committee on arrangements.

Yokohama, Big Japanese Seaport, is Left in Flames

Stores, Public Offices Close Wednesday

Practically every Bend retail store will remain closed tomorrow, according to the retail merchants' committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Closing dates were set earlier in the year by the committee and Memorial day was included.

In response to calls today from customers, merchants were advising that purchases be made today to cover the national mid-week holiday.

All city, county, and state offices, and the banks will be closed, while all federal agencies, with the exception of the post office, will remain open.

2 Brothers Meet in New Hospital

Not all surprises are in the New Guinea jungles or the Philippine swamps, concedes Paul Gehrman, here on furlough following a year's service in the Pacific. Biggest of his surprises came when he reached the new Madigan convalescent hospital at Fort Lewis, Wash.

One of the first persons he met at the hospital was his brother, Sgt. Frank Gehrman, a veteran of the 41st Division in the grim South Pacific battles that stopped the southward sweep of the Japs toward New Zealand. It was the first meeting of the brothers in four years. Paul knew that his "kid brother," Frank, had returned to the states, but he did not know he had been attached to the Madigan hospital staff. Gehrman's second surprise came when he arrived in Bend and met his three-year-old daughter, Marlene Clair, for the first time in more than a year. Marlene had changed, Paul admitted, and so far as the little girl was concerned, her father was a stranger. But daughter and father are getting acquainted this week, and definitely are no longer strangers.

Hunting Is Good
Jap hunting in the Pacific is great sport, reports Paul, former Bend Elk and Los Angeles pitcher; but, he emphasizes, there is one difficulty: The targets shoot back. He believes he is entitled to wear several notches on his rifle. The Bend man managed to escape enemy fire, but on one occasion a bullet went through his canteen. "The Bend soldier missed the Okinawa invasion by a day. His company was shipped out to that theater of war, but physicians decided that Gehrman should spend one day more in a hospital. Few of his company now survive, Gehrman has learned.

Bond Buying Here in Upward Trend

An upward trend is reflected in Deschutes county war bond purchases with an increase in sales this week, A. L. O. Schueler, war finance chairman, said today. He reported that 41.6% of the total quota, and 31.7% of the E bond quota has been reached, adding that only 27 days remain to go over the top in the drive. Of the \$5464,889.75 subscribed to date, \$207,533.25 has been invested in E bonds, Schueler revealed. The balance is divided as follows: F, \$7,566.50; G, \$24,800; C, \$23,000.00; 2 1/2% certificates, \$22,000; 2 1/2% certificates, \$1001,000.6 and 3 1/2%, \$79,000. Deschutes county compares favorably with the rest of the state, it was pointed out, with 28.3% of Oregon's quota raised on May 25, including 35.3% of the E-bond quota.

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Washington, May 29 (UP)—The house veterans' committee today rescinded its contempt charge against Albert Deutsch, New York reporter who declined to name veterans administration members who gave him information about the treatment of veterans. The committee approved by voice vote a surprise motion by Rep. James Deming, D., La., to dismiss the contempt charge and to recall Deutsch later to resume his testimony on conditions in veterans' hospitals.

Yankee Tanks On Luzon Push To Open Valley

Manila, May 29 (UP)—The 25th division headed for the open tank ground of northern Luzon today after capturing Santa Fe, gateway to the rich Cagayan valley.

Most of the remaining Japanese forces on Luzon were scattered across the northern areas of the island. Once in the open the Americans could use their overwhelming mechanized superiority, which has been little good in the hill fighting so far.

The 25th by-passed Santa Fe on Saturday and took the town, little more than a crossroads, on Sunday. The 32nd division driving eastward along the Villa Verde trail was within three miles of the 25th. Japanese troops between the two were cut off hopelessly.

Japs in Hills
The Japanese had withdrawn into the hills north of Santa Fe, which lies on route number five, a highway that runs all the way to Aparri, on the north coast of Luzon. The 25th was about 24 miles south of Bayombong, capital of Nueva Viscaya province, where the hills begin to break away into more favorable fighting country.

The breakthrough into the Cagayan valley was aided by a blistering bombardment of enemy positions and rear areas during which 450 tons of bombs were dropped by planes of all types. Light bombers zipped back over target areas to strafe whatever Japanese personnel remained above ground.

New Battle Looms
A new battle shaped up in central Mindanao, where the Japanese remnants in the hills managed to reform some sort of line running north and south, parallel to the Sayre highway. American troops now were in contact with the new line about five miles east of Malaybalay. The Australian forces on Tarkaan island pushed through the jungles to reach Djeota on the north coast, thus cutting in two the Japanese-held portion of the island. Light bombers dove through clouds which prevented heavy bomber operations to plaster industrial targets along the western coast of Formosa in another of the constant attacks described in a communique as the island's "neutralization."

OWI Reports Sgt. Hart Killed in European War

The office of war information today reported that Sgt. Athol Hart, husband of Mrs. Pearl P. Hart, of Route 2, Bend, has been killed in the European war theater. No further details were given by the OWI.

Superfort Pilot Reports City of Million Persons Left 'Burning Like Hell'

Guam, May 29 (UP)—Yokohama, Japan's second port and fifth largest city, was "burning like hell" today after more than 450 Superfortresses poured 3,200 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs on the city in a daylight fire raid.

Returning B-29 crewmen said smoke rose as high as 20,000 feet over the blazing metropolis and also reported smoke over nearby smoldering Tokyo, target for two 500-plane assaults last week.

Syrians Dying in Clashes Against French Troops

Beirut, May 29 (UP)—One hundred Syrians have been killed and 300 wounded so far in widespread fighting with French forces in the Levant, Jemil Mardam, acting premier of Syria, reported today.

Mardam said at Damascus that the crisis caused by an influx of French troops was "most grave." Disorder and violence were widespread in Syria and Lebanon, despite an apparent effort by the French to avoid trouble or keep it to a minimum. Reports reached Beirut that French forces had withdrawn from certain exposed points where local garrisons could not be quickly reinforced. Damascus reports said French tanks were sent to reinforce the garrison at Hama.

FRENCH ARE BACKED
London, May 29 (UP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden indicated to commons today that Britain supports French claims to military bases in Syria and Lebanon, similar to the British bases in Iraq.

In a carefully worded statement delivered in response to a number of questions from the house, Eden admitted grave concern over the spreading tension in the middle east. He said it threatens the security of allied communications to the Far East.

Both Britain and the United States, he added, are in active consultation with France on the situation and the French have been warned that the dispatch of further reinforcements to Syria and Lebanon may have "regrettable" consequences.

BILL HEARING SET
Salem, Ore., May 29 (UP)—The Oregon supreme court today set Wednesday, June 6, for hearing arguments in the injunction suit attacking house bill 403 of the 1945 legislature.

The Oregon Business and Tax Research Inc., of Portland, claims the bill, as signed by the governor, was not the bill as intended by the legislature.

National Geographic Writer Here to Get Data for Story

Here to obtain material for an illustrated article about Oregon that will appear in the National Geographic magazine, Leo A. Borah, member of the staff of the eastern publication, spent last night in Bend, and this morning left for Lakeview. Late yesterday, the Washington, D. C. editor was taken to the summit of Lava butte, but as the party reached the top of the cone a fierce storm broke over the Deschutes basin. Clouds drifted over the Cascades, heavy hail lowered the visibility and bolts of lightning struck in the nearby woods.

"In California", Borah commented, "they would call this weather unusual, and in Washington they would say 'stick around five minutes—the weather may change.'" Borah was assured that the fierce storm in which snow intermingled with hail, was unusual for the Deschutes country.

Party Goes East
This morning, Borah left for Lakeview, accompanied by Chandler and Brogan, and will spend part of Memorial day in the Burns area. Member of the staff of the National Geographic magazine since 1928, Borah is a former westerner, having taught journalism at the University of Washington. Before joining the University of Washington staff, he was on the staffs of both the Chronical and the Spokesman Review, in Spokane, Wash. The eastern writer, author of "The House of Dust," has in recent years written many articles dealing with states. His most recent article in the National Geographic magazine concerned Nebraska. **NO PAPER TOMORROW**
In keeping with a long-established custom, The Bulletin will not publish a paper tomorrow, Memorial day.

War Weapons To Be Shown Here on June 7

"Here's Your Infantry," an all-army demonstration by one of 28 units covering the United States, will show in Bend at the High school athletic field, Thursday June 7 at 8:45 p.m. The show is visiting 600 cities during May and June, and the unit consists of 80 trained soldiers in a three-phase demonstration.

The first phase is an exhibit of infantry weapons, the second is an introduction of the infantry and uses of weapons, and the third is a replica of an actual infantry battle, demonstrating the use of automatic weapons, the bazooka, flame thrower and various demolitions. The event will be sponsored by the Boy Scouts, who will be assisted by the American Legion. **Public Invited**
A. L. O. Schueler, Deschutes county war finance chairman who has made arrangements for the show, announced that all Central Oregon residents are urged to attend the free demonstration. Seating will be provided for approximately 2000 spectators, he said.

Equipment carried by the unit will be on display on Oregon avenue in Bend June 7 between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., and in Redmond from 3 to 5 p. m. June 6. Various modern weapons will be on display. In the unit to visit Bend and Central Oregon 12 of the men are former members of the 41st division and 15 others are from Oregon. The men have a total of 1,143 months of overseas service and have been awarded 78 battle stars. **Plans Are Made**
Meeting to make arrangements for "Here's Your Infantry," last night were A. L. O. Schueler, Al Ryan, Don Higgins, Dr. Grant Skinner, W. A. Lackaff, A. O. Schilling, C. G. Reiter, Glenn Gregg, Howard George, Ken Gulick, LeRoy Fox, A. E. Stevens (Continued on Page 7)

Show Lure Brings Many Paper Loads

A bundle of waste paper was the price for admission to the Tower theater this afternoon in a feature drive sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce and by 2 o'clock more than 800 youngsters had taken their seats to see the show. At the same time, two trucks had been filled and had rolled away. Enough paper was still in sight and a long enough lineup of small boys and girls to indicate the need for still a third truck, while capacity attendance at the theater was assured.

Boys and Adults
Jaycees on duty in front of the Tower were George Thompson, Don Higgins, Joe Van Wormer, Wilfred Jossy, Claude Cook, Marion Cady, Don Connors, Bruce Gilbert, Vern Larson, and Chuck Morrison. They helped with the loading, with the checking of the bundles, and found willing assistants among the boys who had brought loads ranging from an armful to a piled up trailer. Bend-Portland truck lines' 15 ton "semi" took on the first cargo, then a ten ton truck provided by Consolidated Freightways took over. Junior chamber members hesitated to predict what the total poundage would be.

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Deschutes Held To 1 Vet Shrine

Salem, Ore., May 29 (UP)—Oregon counties are empowered by law to construct only one veterans' memorial building or monument, Attorney George Neuner today advised Arthur J. Moore, district attorney of Deschutes county. Notwithstanding the significant willingness of the citizens of both Bend and Redmond to have such structures located on land owned by or donated to the county, the 1945 law specifies that the sum of \$25,000 may be expended on only one such monument or building, Neuner said. The limitation was raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000 by the recent legislature. In another opinion, Neuner held that interest from certain bonds of the Warm Springs irrigation district should be distributed on a pro rata basis to the owners of the thirteen outstanding bonds, rather than revert to the ownership of the district.

Song Group on KBND Program

KBND will present a special half-hour war bond program tonight at 8 p.m. featuring the Bend Gleemen, Bill Barton of the radio staff announced today. A. L. O. Schueler, county war finance chairman, will speak briefly, and the Treasury Salute, over national hook-up, will complete the program. The Gleemen will present selected numbers, and will be directed by C. Dale Robbins. **SCHWELLENBACH FAVORED**
Washington, May 29 (UP)—The senate education and labor committee has unanimously approved the nomination of Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington to be secretary of labor.