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1943 to 1945, to the Secretary of War

This is the 35th of 42 installments of material selected from General Marshall's report on the winning of world war II.

PHILIPPINE CONQUESTS

General MacArthur had developed a strong portion of his assault force on his left or eastern flank to provide protection for the beachhead against the strong Japanese forces to the north and east.

In appreciation of the enemy's predicament the Sixth army immediately launched its advance toward Manila across the bend of the Agno which presumably should have been a strongly held Japanese defense line.

The troops met little resistance until they approached Clark field. The I corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift, had heavy fighting on the east flank where the Japanese were strongly entrenched in hill positions.

On 10 March other 41st division troops landed on the western tip of Mindanao, second largest island in the Philippine group.

Landings were made during March on Panay, Cebu, and Negros. Reconnaissance parties went ashore on Jolo, Tawitawi, and other islands in the Sulu archipelago, extending our holdings to within 40 miles of Borneo.

Preceded by heavy air and naval bombardment, elements of the 38th division landed on 15 February at Mariveles on the tip of Bataan. Resistance was light and our soldiers rapidly advanced along the perimeter road west of Manila bay.

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Washington Column

By Peter Edson

(NEA Washington Correspondent)
Washington, D.C.—One of the more intriguing social phenomena in Washington official life is the testimonial dinner.

If the thing is organized cooperatively on the pay-your-own-way basis, it is usually on the up and up. If it's free to selected, invited guests, watch who picks up the check, who's there and what for.

In recent days there have been two of these somebody-else-pays-as-you-go affairs, on the pretentious side.

First the Association of American Railroads threw a testimonial dinner in honor of Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of the office of defense transportation.

Then the Petroleum Industry War Council asked Washington officials to join with oil industry officials in tucking the bib over the stuffed shirt to honor William R. Boyd, Jr., for the great job he did as chairman of the Petroleum Industry War Council.

There probably will be other functions in ensuing weeks; with the war just over, this is the open season on testimonials.

The gentlemen who get these testimonials usually deserve 'em, and what's said here is not to belittle their real achievements and services to their country.

The idea is simply to show one of the lighter sides of what goes on here. Colonel Johnson got a scroll at his dinner, for having "discharged his task with rare ability, great industry and unflinching devotion to duty."

Mr. Boyd fared a little better. In appreciation of his "selfless and successful service" he got an inscribed silver watch and a portrait of himself.

All these affairs are much alike so it's as good to describe one as another. There were over 300 guests at Col. Johnson's little five-course collation.

The speaker of the evening, in addition to Col. Johnson, was Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle of South Carolina. It is just incidental, of course, that Maj. Bulwinkle now has a bill pending which would legalize rate-fixing and other agreements between competing carriers in all forms of transportation under the Interstate Commerce act.

As to what interest the oil men had in building up a little good will with government officials like Secretary of the interior Harold Ickes, who was one of Boyd's chief eulogizers, there are only a few surmises to be made by evil-thinking people.

The tidelands oil case is up, the Big Inch and Little Inch pipelines are to be disposed of, there are a lot of surplus government-owned tankers and refineries and synthetic rubber plants to be disposed of and—

It certainly is nice to see so much good fellowship and brotherly love in evidence this jolly Christmas season.

Forrestal Plans Fight On Move To Unite Services

Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—Secretary of the navy James Forrestal will delay his planned resignation so he can fight to the finish against the administration plan to merge the armed forces, it was learned today.

He had planned to quit his cabinet post on or soon after Jan. 1 to return to private business in New York. Navy officials said he now plans to continue for "a couple of months."

In opposing the merger proposal now before congress, however, Forrestal will speak as a private individual and not as an administration official.

Speaks for Selves
President Truman told his news conference yesterday that his merger recommendation did not prevent anyone in the government from objecting to it. But, he pointed out, government personnel who oppose it should make it clear they are speaking for themselves and not the administration.

Mr. Truman was asked if he thought his merger—which embodies principal points of the army's unification plan—would speed up Forrestal's plan to resign.

He noted that Forrestal had been trying to resign ever since he assumed the presidency. He expressed the hope, however, that the secretary would not press for an early release.

Key Places Vacant
Nevertheless, the president is faced with replacing some of the key civilian men who serve in other important navy posts early next year.

Assistant secretary H. Struve Hensel, who has been a bitter opponent of merger plans, will have finished five years service on Jan. 2 and plans to resign. He would, however, continue in his present assignment if necessary until March of next year.

Undersecretary Artemus L. Gates already has resigned and the president concurred. His successor has not been named.

Meantime, navy officials expressed concern over the president's plan to strip the navy of its land-based aircraft. His message said the navy "should, of course, retain its own carrier, ship and water-based aviation."

All other air units would go under a separate air force, under neither the army nor navy.

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(Dec. 21, 1920)

A crew of 20 men begin a general overhauling of the Oregon Trunk stock yards, repairing chutes and fences.

The county tax levy for the ensuing year is \$216,734, with a millage rate for Bend of 93.8, County assessor W. T. Mullarky reports.

The Women's Civic league reports that it has collected \$209 to assist Santa Claus in filling stockings for the city's Christmas tree.

A new boys' club, called the "Paul Revere's," is formed in Bend with Ted Maher as head and E. J. Benz as advisor.

State AAA Chiefs To Hold Meeting

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 21 (UP)—The annual conference of the Oregon AAA county committee.

men will be on the Oregon State college campus on January 7 to 9, it was announced today.

The 108 farmer committeemen attending the conference this year will discuss mainly the problem of how to get the most out of the agricultural conservation program in improving Oregon's soil and water resources.

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TAXPAYERS APPREHENSIVE

Land owners are taking a keener interest in education. It is time that they should. Some day, perhaps not too far in the future, the cost of education may become a determining factor in the individual's ability to be a home owner, a farmer or the operator of an industrial plant.

The outlook was manifestly disturbing to one important group, the eastern Oregon wheat league, when it held its convention in Pendleton this month. It gave recognition to the already large diversion of state income tax funds to public school support and to the plan of educators to force the next legislature to add \$4,500,000 to the amount supplied by the state for this purpose.

Whether a sales tax will carry in Oregon is something else again. Time and again the idea has been turned down by the voters. Should it be presented to the legislature it may be confidently expected that there will be a strong lobby against it and that, if passed and referred to the people it will be the target of an active opposition campaign.

We believe, however, that the decision on such a plan will also be a decision on the question of additional funds for schools—or, for the matter of that, for any other public activity that seeks state support.

THE DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS TREE
The Junior Chamber of Commerce is to be commended on its revival of the old community Christmas tree custom here.

This is merely our conjecture and we leave its confirmation to Santa Claus and the Jaycees. But in the meantime we wish to point out that this is Bend's first outdoor downtown Christmas tree since before the war.

Either way it will bring pleasure and happiness. Thanks to the organization which made it possible.

TEXAS WOMAN SCORES
Fox Eye At 75 Feet
Goosecreek, Tex. (UP)—Hen house burglars had better steer clear of Mrs. E. M. Clark's chicken coops.

While her husband was working the night trick at the Baytown refinery, Mrs. Clark heard her chickens squawking the other night.

She turned on a 250-watt porch light and saw a gray fox looking at her, 75 feet away.

She shot once with a 22-caliber pistol—and hit the fox in the right eye.

"Oh, yes," Mrs. Clark said, "I've practiced some. I used to knock the clothes pins off my mother's clothesline when we lived at an oil company production camp."

GET "DROP" ON DUCKS
Lenox, Ia. (UP)—Two Lenox hunters literally "got the drop" on some mallard ducks recently.

The hunters sighted the ducks while flying in their plane. They landed, drew a bead on the birds, and bagged them.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Comic strip panel showing a man saying 'DON'T STAY OUT TOO LATE, JUNE! THERE'S MORE PACKING TO DO WHEN YOU GET HOME!' and a woman replying 'OKAY, DADDY!'

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By MERRILL BLOSSER

Comic strip panel showing a man saying 'I KNOW HOW SAD A PARTING CAN BE!' and a woman replying 'SO HAVE A GOOD TIME THIS EVENING!'