

# Poppy Wreaths Go on Graves Of Veterans

Wreaths of V.F.W. Buddy Popples will be placed on all veterans' graves and strewn on the waters of the seven seas as America's annual tribute to the memory of its war dead on Memorial day, May 30.

Friday, May 23, members of Marston post, No. 661, will conduct their annual sale of Buddy Popples which gives the general public an opportunity to support a veteran welfare program inspired by a desire to honor the dead by helping the living.

Proceeds of the annual Buddy Poppy sale are kept apart from all other funds and are used exclusively for relief work, local, state and national.

The little red blossoms, emblematic of those that bloom in Flanders Fields, are assembled by disabled veterans in government hospitals, for several months previous to Memorial day.

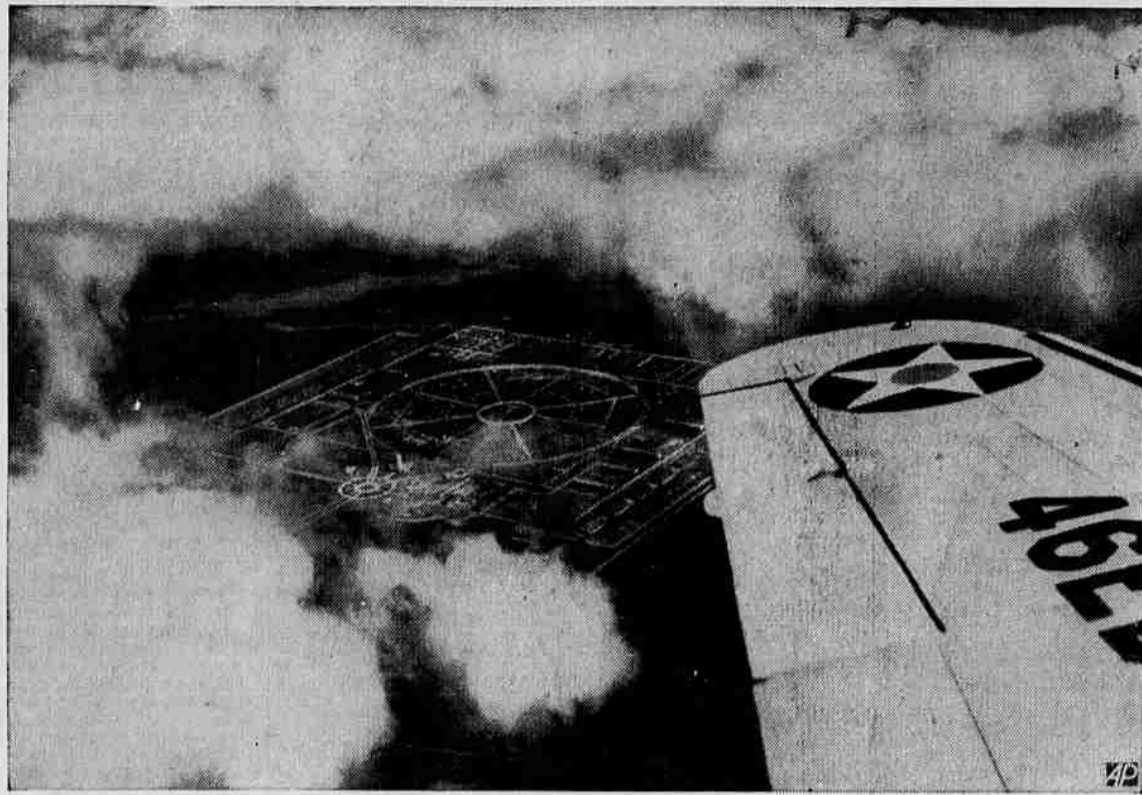
The task of making these poppies is a congenial one. It offers the soldier handicapped by illness or wounds to earn during his convalescence. In addition, hospital authorities testify to the therapeutic value of this work in keeping the minds of the patients busily occupied, thus bringing relief to nerves drawn taut by shell shock and wounds that refuse to heal.

The poppy relief fund, realized through the sale of these flowers, gives the local post money with which to carry on its welfare work among comrades and their dependents in distress. It permits a system of veterans' administration liaison service on behalf of the veteran seeking hospitalization or compensation.

One cent from each poppy sold goes to the VFW national home at Easton Rapids, Mich., a refuge created for the orphans of deceased veterans. This home is giving these youngsters a roof they can call their own, clothes, school facilities and the comforts that would have been theirs had their heroic fathers survived the sufferings of war.

## Closing of School Brings Many Outings

Woodburn—As the closing days of school draw near the various groups at Woodburn high are enjoying picnics. Monday night the faculty, with husbands and wives, enjoyed a picnic at Silver Creek Falls. Late Tuesday afternoon a joint picnic was held at Hirtler's park by the home economics girls and FFA boys. Several other groups will take advantage of the perfect weather for outdoor frolics during the week.



**CELESTIAL FRAME**—Fleecy clouds provide a frame for the "West Point of the Air"—Randolph Field at San Antonio. The building area, home of 300 flying instructors and 900 fledgling pilots, is viewed from a plane 3,000 feet in the air.

## Softball Teams Set For Dallas Opener

Dallas—The sale of booster tickets to finance the twilight baseball league was launched this week with Commissioners Hooker, Richardson, Blyeu, Anderson and Blackley all taking part in the disposal of the tickets. Six teams form the league which is slated to get under way Monday night with Airle furnishing the opposition for Vic Withrow's Statesman squad. Tuesday night Ray Boydston will send his V.F.W. Aces into action against the Willamette Valley mill team under the veteran Dobe Wood. The third clash of the week will bring the Falls City team into town for a mix with the Safeway squad. Three of the teams have already furnished their player lists and the balance are expected to be in the hands of the commission by the end of the week. A meeting of the commissioners will be held before the opening game to appoint an official scorekeeper and umpire before the season opens.

## St. Paul Prepares For Canby Tilt

St. Paul—After being rained out of their game last week with Molalla, the local team is hard at work for its game next Sunday with Canby on the St. Paul diamond.

## Chemawa Loses Star Track Performer

Chemawa—Coach Doug Olds will have to develop some more track material before the 1942 state track meet rolls around. All three men who placed in the state meet this year have completed their eligibility here. These men, Sprinter Paul LaRocque, who took second in both sprint races, Sprinter Berger, and Max Jackson, javelin thrower, head the list of 15 men who won track letters.

Others winning their awards were Adolph, Nickolson, Williams, Seyler, Slanger, Brendible, Walters, Davis, George, Demo, Edden and Finley.

## Big Field Listed For Hollywood Race

Los Angeles, May 21 (AP)—Eleven foreign-bred horses are among the 64 nominees for the \$75,000 gold cup at Hollywood park July 19.

The mile and a quarter race for three year olds and up lists Melissen from Peru, Colorado Lad, Fairmond, Sierra Nevada and Paper By from England; Chico from Ireland, Don Juan II, Don Bingo II, Barrancosa and Beautiful II from Argentina and Two-Ton Toney from New Zealand.

Whirlaway's name tops the home-bred nominees but owner Warren Wright has not said whether he will ship the sensation of the eastern

tracks to Hollywood park.

If Whirlay comes, he will face Mollard, C. S. Howard's current top runner, which he defeated yesterday at Belmont. Other big name nominees are Challedon, Big Pebble, Sirocco, Sweepida and Specify.

Twenty three-year olds were listed. Besides Whirlaway they included Our Boots, Porter's Cap, Staretor, Roman Governor, Welcome Pass and Copperman.

### Fowlers Are Hosts

Grand Island — Complimenting their mother, Mrs. Martin Braat of Unionvale, whose birthday anniversary was Saturday, May 17, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fowler entertained Sunday with a birthday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Braat and son, Arnold, of Unionvale attended.

# Altitude Has Real Problems For Aviators

By Howard W. Blakeslee

New York, May 21 (The Special News Service)—Flying at 30,000 feet, a British officer, speaking by radio to the 11 other pilots in his squadron, dropped the pipe-stem through which he was breathing oxygen.

It was at his feet. He saw it there, and finished his instructions before bending to recover it.

When, a moment later, he stretched his arm down to grasp the thing, his arm wouldn't go where he wanted. The stem seemed to be moving around, although actually it was unmoved.

His mind was so confused by the brief lack of oxygen that he could not recover the breathing tube.

This incident, recently reported to a meeting of American physicians, was their introduction to a new set of problems in human endurance.

The oxygen tube incident was only a minor one, easily explained. At 30,000 feet a man can stay conscious only one to two minutes without breathing pure oxygen. But before even that brief interval he is like a drunk.

The serious aspect is that at this altitude fighting pilots meet many conditions heretofore almost completely unknown. The most perfect physical and mental specimens of manhood may fail, while less perfect ones don't.

It is of vital importance for doctors to discover these differences before the men break down.

The discovery is not possible yet, unless Germany has found the method. Meanwhile, men must train for months before their limits are learned, and the result is a real bottleneck in pilots.

Some of the handicaps are just coming to light. One is aniseikonia. That is the eye trouble which was brought to light a few years ago in Dartmouth college clinic.

It means that the eyes displace or distort objects so that they are not really where they look to be. Try looking through any imperfect window-pane to get the effect of aniseikonia.

This trouble is so important in air fighting that even glass windshields have been re-designed, to get rid of aniseikonia of dual pilot control. If the glass curves aren't just right,

one pilot sees the enemy plane in a different place than his co-pilot. Night blindness has been aggravated for some men by high altitudes. There also have been hearing difficulties, due to the speedy change in air pressure when rising at the rate of a mile a minute.

Last November, after the German mass raids, the American doctors were told that England had 250 good pilots grounded, ill.

The first diagnosis was aerobolism, meaning the same kind of "bends" which deep sea divers get from nitrogen bubbles in their blood. Now it is known that most of these pilots did not have the altitude bends, but something much worse.

Their nerves and the functioning of glands and hearts were variously out of order. It might be called altitude shock. Doctors call it simply "stress."

The problem of dive bomber pilots remaining conscious while straightening out the plane after the dive appears to have been solved fairly well by the men themselves. The pilot bends forward, like a man crouching, trying to touch the floor with his head, and this position keeps the blood from draining from his brain.

## Louitt Chosen Dog Racing Judge

Portland, May 21 (AP)—The Oregon racing commission today said Tom Louitt would be presiding judge at the Multnomah Kennel club dog racing meet opening Saturday night. Dr. Otto Ruehle, Portland, was announced as track veterinarian for the 60-day session.

## Drivers to Qualify For Racing Classic

Indianapolis, May 21 (AP)—Ten drivers today try to qualify for the 500 mile automobile racing classic Memorial day.

If all 10 qualify—by completing the 10 mile test race against time at an average speed of 115 miles per hour—only five places still will be open in the scheduled starting line-up of 33 cars.

Drivers on deck today included Kelly Pettilo, Huntington Park; Joe Thorne, Burbank; Overton Phillips, Beverly Hills; Sam Hanks, Alhambra, and Louis Tomel, Hollywood.

### Pilots Win 9-2

Portland, May 21 (AP)—Portland university's Pilots beat Albany college's baseball team here yesterday, 9-2. Albany collected three hits from a trio of Portland pitchers, while the Pilots made 13 from Tosti and Frank.

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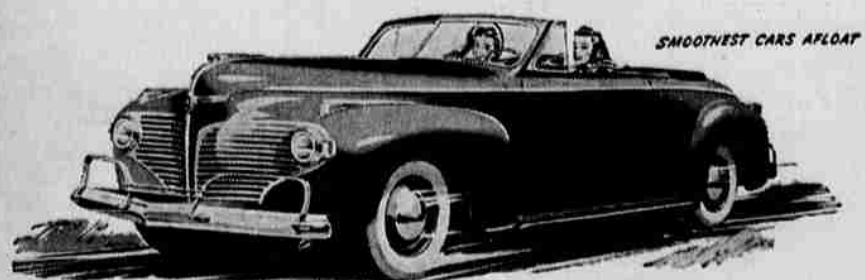
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