

Spokane Girl Weds Soldier By Cablegram

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 26 (AP)—The bride was in Spokane and the bridegroom was serving with the United States army in Australia, but Eleanor Lucille Granlund and Benjamin Vaughn were married yesterday, according to a marriage record filed with the county clerk here.

Full details of the marriage between the Spokane lass and the former Libby, Mont., soldier were revealed in a series of cablegrams, sent here from San Francisco.

The first one—the cablegram of proposal—was dated July 13. It read:

"Darling, will you marry me by cable? Today I Benjamin Vaughn take you, Eleanor Lucille Granlund, to be my lawful wedded wife. (Signed) Benjamin Vaughn."

Miss Granlund's answer followed swiftly:

"Darling, I marry you by cable today. I, Eleanor Granlund, take you, Benjamin Vaughn, to be my lawful wedded husband. (Signed) Eleanor Granlund. Attest: Chaplain Russell Blaisdell."

Vaughn's affidavit, sworn to before his commanding officer, read in part:

"Benjamin Vaughn, being sworn and deposes, says his home is at Libby, Mont., and that at present he is with the United States army in Australia, and that he did on July 13, 1942 transmit a cablegram to Eleanor Lucille Granlund, Spokane, stating that he took her to be his lawful wedded wife.

"He further deposes that said Eleanor Granlund did on the 16th day of July file a cablegram, accepting the agreement of marriage, and that copy of said cablegram is attached."

Vaughn sent the affidavit, cablegrams, et al, to the county clerk here, and he acknowledged their receipt and recorded them yesterday.

Mrs. Vaughn now lives with her father-in-law at Libby, Mont.



Yanks Examine Wrecked Jap Zero—Members of the U. S. armed forces stationed somewhere in the stormy Aleutian islands, climb over the wreckage of a Jap Zero fighter plane shot down by the gunner of a U. S. navy patrol plane on an Aleutian island. The pilot of the plane was thrown from the wreck and killed when the plane flopped into a swamp. — Associated Press Photo.

Initials Cut In Hayfield Worry Flier

Elgin, Ill., Aug. 26 (AP)—Aviator C. A. Bohle, from a mile above, looked down and saw the 50-foot initials, "C.B.—D.R.", cut in pale green letters in the dark green hayfield.

Bohle, his mind on fifth columnists, went to Sheriff Marcus W. Damisch of Kane county. Damisch was skeptical, but he called the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago.

Bohle, Damisch and the federal agent went up in Bohle's plane. Bohle had not exaggerated. The letters were plain as ever in the six-inch stubble of the field. The men marked down the field's location and visited Joseph Bagg, its owner.

Bagg, knew nothing about the letters. He said his son, Charles, 15, had mowed the field. Charles blushed and gave the explanation that ended the spy-hunt and earned him another mowing job yesterday.

"I was cutting the field last Saturday," he said, "and it occurred to me that, well, that I'd like to cut my initials with the mower. The 'C.B.' stands for my name and the 'D.R.' stands for, well, those are Dorothy Russell's initials. We're in the same class in high school and she's my girl."

Damisch said he didn't want to interfere with a high school romance, but neither did he want to be bothered with another spy-hunt. He told Charles to mow the letters out of the field and carve them on an oak tree.

Blackout and Eclipse Aid N.Y. Gunmen

New York, Aug. 26 (AP)—Gangland guns found two unwitting allies last night when under the double cover of a city-wide blackout and a lunar eclipse they spurred flames of death from a speeding automobile that escaped in the confusion of darkness and waiting police sirens.

Four bullets fired from the car felled Salvatore Maggio, 36-year-old suit presser, as he stood near his parked automobile on a Brooklyn street at 9:23 p.m.—just two minutes before an army-ordered "red" air raid alert set sirens a-wail.

Police prowled cars already were shrilling the warning for the surprise raid alert test when they received the alarm for the murder car, while at 9:01 p.m. the earth's shadow had begun blotting out the moon, almost as if in conspiracy with the slayers.

With pedestrians running for shelter, and both man-made and heavenly light blinking out rapidly, police missed the killers' sedan, which was further indistinguishable because it was black.

The 50-minute practice air alert was the longest the city has undergone.

The eclipse lasted from 9:01 p.m. when the moon entered the penumbra or partial shadow of the earth until 2:34 a.m., when it emerged, having been in total eclipse from 11:01 p.m. until 12:35 a.m.

Mayor L. F. LaGuardia, who heretofore has set the time for practice blackouts, received only four minutes' notice himself.

Some excitement swept a crowd of 10,000 in Times Square when almost at the same time the lights went out a big airplane could be heard droning overhead. One woman shouted "This is it!" but air raid wardens quieted her.

Child Program Defense Need

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP)—Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau of the department of labor, said today that a federal maternity and child-care program is badly needed in 400 critical defense areas.

Miss Lenroot's statement to reporters followed a request by President Roosevelt that congress extend the activities of the children's bureau "to meet war conditions." The president estimated \$7,500,000 would be required for the expanded program during the first year.

Miss Lenroot said the social security act must be amended before an appropriation above \$11,000,000 annually can be voted upon. The bureau now has no way to finance increasing expenditures under the present law.

If the bill now before congress is passed, she said, the additional \$7,500,000 will be used to meet the special needs of boomtown defense areas, provide maternity care for mothers in such areas, combat juvenile delinquency, provide maternity care for wives of enlisted men, and study the problem of the increasing number of illegitimate children.

Ninety out of every 100 New Zealanders are of British origin. Four out of every 100 are native Maoris.

Fishermen Store Gear for Season

Astoria, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—Columbia river commercial fishermen stowed their gear today as the summer season ended without the additional days they sought.

Their request for a longer season was denied as result of an opinion by I. H. Van Winkle, Oregon attorney general, yesterday. He ruled that the law requiring a 15-day closure between the summer and fall seasons could not be sidestepped. If the August season were extended, he said, the opening of the September season would have to be delayed the same number of days.

The Washington state bureau of fisheries favored extending the August period by two days but starting the September season on schedule.

Aviation Training Sought for Salem

A proposal that a refresher course in training aviation cadets be established in Salem as well as other points in the state came up for discussion recently between representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and public school heads. Similar classes have been conducted in Portland.

Those eligible for training, should the program be established, would be men between the ages of 18 and 26, capable of passing an adequate physical examination. The courses would include English, mathematics, current events and certain reviews of general science. The plan calls for opening of the course about October 1.

The committee from the Veterans of Foreign Wars have asked the school administration to make a study of the situation and draw up a tentative outline by which such a program can operate.

Engines Cause Bottleneck in Plane Building

Burbank, Calif., Aug. 26 (AP)—From the windows of the sky grill at the Lockheed and Vega Aircraft companies, we looked out on Lockheed field today and saw dozens of almost completed O-38 combat planes being wheeled over to a storage shed.

"What about those planes?" we asked, "aren't they almost ready for delivery?"

"Yes, almost," said H. E. Ryan, vice-president in charge of manufacturing at Vega, "they're complete except for engines, propellers and wing tips. The first two are government furnished equipment and we have to wait for it."

Thus Vega, along with other manufacturers on the Pacific coast, confirmed War Production Donald M. Nelson's statement that engines were largely to blame for the bottleneck in aircraft production.

Lack of engines also is retarding production of Boeing flying fortresses, now being built by Vega and Douglas as well as by Boeing, although these big bombers get first call on all materials. At every aircraft plant this group of reporters has visited so far on the National Association of Manufacturers tour, executives were reluctant to admit that production was off.

At Douglas, A. M. Roeklen, industrial relations director, said, "let us put it this way, the rate of increase has not been what we hoped for."

Nelson, announcing a 16 per cent increase in war production generally in July over June, said yesterday that production of war planes had not come up to expectations. He said combat plane production rose only six per cent, as compared to an 11 per cent increase in all types of planes.

Judge Lectures CO in Court

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—The government is more liberal toward conscientious objectors in this war than ever before but that gives them no right to question the merits of the jobs to which they are assigned, Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich told Kenneth Farson, 24, of Glendale, Calif., yesterday.

"This is not desertion but it is tantamount to it," said Judge Yankwich after hearing the former Los Angeles Bible student's story. Farson told the court through his attorney that he had left the conscientious objectors' camp at Cascade Locks after eight days of wood chopping because he "thought he could do more good" at the Boeing aircraft plant at Seattle, where he had been working seven months when he was arrested.

He pleaded guilty to violation of the selective service law and his case was assigned to the probation department for investigation after a lecture from Judge Yankwich, who said that in the last war he wound up doing latrine duty despite his two college degrees and membership in the bar.

Canada has a population of 11,419,000, less than that of New York state.

Nelson Tells Labor to Prove Grievances

Washington, Aug. 26 (AP)—Production Chief Donald M. Nelson today was committed to further inclusion of labor interests in WPB councils—if a joint CIO-AFL committee is able to prove how, when and where "specifically."

Countering a series of attacks by labor leaders, Nelson made this flat proposal to a meeting yesterday of more than 100 representatives of 20 metal fabricating unions:

"You have said that you want to participate more fully in the war effort. All right—then I say, tell me how and when and where, and tell me specifically."

He requested the conference—called by WPB labor production division Chief Wendell Lund to discuss material shortages—to designate a committee to meet him within the next week and promised to give the committee's suggestions and criticisms "most earnest consideration."

Immediately preceding Nelson's address, the conference adopted a four-point program designed to alleviate a long list of labor grievances against WPB operations. The program urged:

1. Reorganization of WPB to include in its membership "direct and effective representatives of the nation's organized workers."
2. Creation of "a production planning and coordination board with direct representation of organized labor."
3. Creation of labor-management-government committees to work with WPB's industry branches and divisions.
4. Elimination of "overlapping jurisdiction and conflicting functions of the several government agencies responsible for war production."



Japanese Show Scorched Earth Policies—Japanese sources identified this picture as a scene of burning oil tanks and oil cars left by the Dutch in retreating from Tandjong, Java. The picture reached the U. S. from the Japan photo library by way of Brazil. — Associated Press Photo.

V-Mail Type Of Letters for Service Men

The general public has accepted the "V-mail" type of communication for service men stationed at certain points outside the continental United States with considerable readiness and its general use will soon be in effect. The post office department inaugurated the plan last June 15 for the purpose of reducing to a minimum the weight of letters which are directed to service men overseas as well as the replies.

V-mail letter sheets are available at the post offices where they may be had without charge. Private firms and individuals have been permitted by the post office department to reproduce the letter sheets and it is expected they will be available soon to all stores selling stationery. The letter sheets carry instructions as to how the communication is to be written and other necessary information.

Prior to being sent overseas photostatic copies of the sheets are taken, while the originals are filed for use if necessary. The film rolls on which the letters are photographed take up little space and often can be carried on ferry planes or bombers, thus expediting their delivery.

The letters are photographed on micro-film by automatic machines at the rate of 2,000 or 2,500 per hour and the film rolls containing 1,500 letters each are transmitted to destinations where reproductions are made.

The V-mail forms do not permit of enclosures of any nature.

Women Working As Liquor Clerks

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—Four women are working behind the counter in state liquor stores here as an experiment conceived to meet a shortage of male clerks, John Walker, state personnel supervisor, said today.

Women have been employed as bookkeepers in various state liquor stores since June when the man power shortage first reached serious proportions. Further losses of clerks to the armed forces and to war industries brought about the experiment of allowing women to handle counter sales, Walker said.

He offered no comment on the reported campaign to bar women from beer parlors and liquor stores.

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Leg Broken in Street Row

Silverton, Ore., Aug. 26—As a result of a street fracas on North Water street last night, Francis Shepard, in the Silverton hospital with a broken leg and Robert Dahl, the other man involved, was fined \$7.50 in police court this morning on a charge of misconduct. A similar charge faces Shepard when he leaves the hospital.



Japs Claim Thousands Captured—In the fall of Singapore the Japs claimed to have taken thousands of British troops prisoners. This picture, which reached the U. S. via Brazil, was described by the Japs as showing these prisoners of war, many of them Indians and Malaysians. — Associated Press Photo.

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