

Committee to Seek Pensions From Solons

The Oregon pension federation today announced results of the election of a statewide committee to organize the federation's program for the legislative session. The committee will hold its first meeting here January 12 and 13.

Theodore S. Nelson, executive secretary of the federation, said the committee would consider benefits to be paid to thousands of old people who would consider who will be shelved after the end of the war, what should be done to help aged persons meet rising living costs, and what should be done to make pensions available to persons who are now denied help.

Members of the committee are:

- First congressional district: Arthur Brown, West Salem; John H. Carlin, J. M. Devera, H. R. Jones, John B. Marshall, James McElhenny and Theodore S. Nelson, all of Salem; B. K. Skulason, Milwaukie; Mrs. Carol Blatz, Kerville; and A. S. Johnson, Monmouth.
- Second district: Henry Oue, The Dalles; William Dorrel, La Pine; Theodore Hubbard, Grandview; Clinton Hatch, Canyon City; Mrs. Margaret Klinsberg, Nyssa; L. A. Lewis, Wamath Falls; and Burt E. Snyder, Lakeview.
- Third district: Dean F. Brown, Mrs. Helen Buckner, Richard Delch, Joe E. Dunne, Mrs. Jewel B. Farine, Charles E. Hansen, Joe E. Harvey, Russell Hogan, Eleanor Shonkwiler and Elton Watkins, all of Portland.
- Fourth district: E. E. Brooks, Cape Junction; W. H. Miller, Grants Pass; Charles L. Paine, Eugene; C. A. Schoelling, Junction City; Grace M. Thiel, Yoncalla; W. J. Turndize, Albany; J. A. Withers, Echo; and Clyde A. Shaw, Salem.

Miss Steward Leaves

Silverton—Miss Rachel Steward, daughter of the V. L. Stewards of this community, has accepted a position in the Seattle Home-finding society for children following a special course in welfare at Philadelphia.

Russians Confident Of Freeing Stalingrad

By Henry Shapiro
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With the Red Army on the Stalingrad Front, Dec. 19 (Delayed) (U.P.)—The liberation of Stalingrad now seems to be only a matter of time. The remnants of a German division that once were among the best fighters in the wehrmacht are trapped in the snow between the Don and Volga rivers and the red army is slowly hacking them to pieces.

I have known Russian military leaders for six years, and have discussed the war with them in their own language. But never since the beginning of the Soviet-German conflict have I found such supreme confidence among soldiers of all ranks as I found here on a vast, snow-wrapped battlefield that covers approximately 10,000 square miles.

There is no doubt in the mind of any red army man from commander down to the rawest private just entering battle that the siege of Stalingrad will be lifted and that Russia's armies will surge on to ultimate victory in the war.

The comment of Maj. Gen. I. N. Christiankov, commander of the 21st Russian army and one of the Soviet's most distinguished military leaders, was typical of the high morale of the red army. He told me that unless there is an unforeseeable change in the fortunes of war the full liberation of the city of steel must be expected soon, and important units of the Russian army will be released for action elsewhere.

The outstanding facts about the present Russian counter-offensive may be summarized as follows:

1. The blow took the enemy completely by surprise. That was admitted to me by a captured Rumanian general with whom I talked at a front-line railroad station where he was waiting to be taken to Moscow. "The Russian offensive was so unexpected and so crushing," he said, "that it shattered all the plans of the German-Rumanian high command. We learned about Russia's offensive capacity last winter, but we did not think the red army could do it now on such a large scale. The preparation and execution of the operations were classical."

2. Plans for the counter offensive were worked out under the direction of Premier Stalin. Clock-work precision was needed because the Germans enjoyed superior forces and better communication facilities.

3. The allied occupation of North Africa gave a tremendous boost to Soviet morale, according to red army officers. As they expressed it, the Russian army now is confident that it is not fighting alone.

4. The Stalingrad winter—bad as it is—was not the primary factor in the axis set-back. Soviet officers say the German-Rumanian forces were out-fought and out-thought.

In seeking information about what surely will be known as

Scrap Gradually Moves to Steel Mills

The scrap metal recently accumulated in Salem during the nation-wide campaign, is being gradually moved either to the steel mills and foundries or into a storage pile on property loaned by the Oregon Gravel company at the foot of Hood street. At the time of the salvage drive the public was requested to turn in any and all kinds of scrap metal, which they did.

After the drive was over the committee in charge of the disposal of the eight piles of scrap in different parts of the city found that the steel mills would accept only heavy metal, or that one-eighth of an inch thick and over in its present or unprepared form.

Metal of less thickness must be cut up and compressed by hydraulic presses into bales 14 by 18 by 20 inches, weighing not less than 100 pounds per cubic foot.

As there is no such press available to Salem, about two-thirds of the bulk of the scrap that was donated cannot be used by the mills because it is less than one-eighth inch thick.

Hundred Old Tanks
This includes over one hundred old hot water tanks, garbage cans, automobile fenders and bodies and hundreds of other odds and ends made of light metal.

After the usable scrap has been separated from the unusable, the latter must be loaded into trucks, hauled to the storage pile at the Oregon Gravel company and placed on that pile.

It appears from the best advice obtainable that if the war continues long enough, some way will be found to make use of this light or thin metal, as it will probably be needed due to

shortage of heavy scrap. "Appreciation is due the Oregon Gravel company from the public for providing, free of charge, the storage space for this light metal," said W. M. Hamilton, chairman of the committee.

"Various firms have contributed trucks and men to haul this material to the storage pile, including to date, Pohle-Staver company, A. C. Haag company, Capital City Transfer company, Salem Navigation company, Salem Steel and Supply company, Shryder Truck and Transfer company.

Teamsters Volunteer
"The Teamsters' union local No. 324, through the cooperation of its secretary, Lew Harkins, has also assisted in this work by some of its members donating their time for loading and unloading the trucks.

"Sunday, a group of them moved one large pile. In the group were E. O. Crooks, Lew Harkins, Eddie Schmidt, Bob Smeddon, Lou Elliott, Carl Shafer and Peter Winger.

"The trucks were furnished by the Shryder Truck and Transfer company and the Capital City Transfer company."

Other men, whether members of the Teamsters' union or not, who will be willing to help in a similar way on a future Sunday are invited to call the union headquarters office, telephone 3211, and give their names, so they can be called.

Although the public was asked only to contribute metal and rubber, it has been necessary to haul away from each scrap pile a full truckload of paper, wood, etc. Even an old grizzly bear rug and garbage had been dumped on one of the piles.

The Salem Sanitary service has been hauling this waste away.

To date three of the eight scrap piles have been worked over and disposed of. About four carloads of usable scrap were recovered from the three piles and shipped to the steel mills, foundries, etc.

Embargo Put On
Several weeks ago the railroad companies had to place an embargo on shipments of scrap to the steel mills because the mills could not unload the cars as fast as they were received.

This embargo was lifted in about ten days, but another was declared a few days ago for the same reason.

These embargoes have slowed up the shipment of scrap and the disposal of the piles throughout the city.

Holidays Bring Traffic Jams On All Carriers

(By the United Press)
Holiday-bound servicemen and civilians took every available seat on trains, busses and planes today, leaving other thousands to be turned away for lack of accommodations.

Record crowds, apparently disregarding pleas of the office of defense transportation, poured through the nation's important railroad terminals where trains were running hours late. All standing room was gone and platforms were filled with disappointed passengers.

Air reservations were sold out through the holiday season and one air line, reporting the heaviest backlog of reservations in years, said requests for reservations exceeded "three or four times our capacity."

San Francisco reported railroads there were devoting their facilities primarily to service men and trains were running two to six hours late.

Detroit railroads, handling traffic "immensely" over normal, were far behind schedule. Buffalo, N.Y., also reported trains running late. In New York City, trains, busses and planes were booked to capacity.

Sixty-nine trains were added to the 300 normally operating daily out of the Chicago Union station, but requests still exceeded accommodations.

Funeral Expenses For All Provided

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Attorney General Bert H. Miller believes Idaho's initiative-enacted senior citizens' grant act provides for payment of \$100 funeral expenses for old age pension recipients regardless of the condition of the beneficiary's estate.

"The payment of \$100 is mandatory on the death of any recipient," Miller said in an opinion prepared for public assistance Director Albert Lee.

"Nowhere in the act is there provision for the department of public assistance to exercise any discretion as to the status of a deceased recipient's estate."

Bond Chart Soaring

Keizer—The sixth grade held their 4-H health club meeting Friday. The war bond chart for the sixth grade room has reached \$554.50 from the beginning of the year until the present time. This is an example of the patriotism shown in the Keizer school children.



Captain Marion Carl

Hubbard Plans Welcome for Captain Carl

Hubbard, Ore., Dec. 21—"Out of the trenches by Christmas," famous words of the first World war, is no idle slogan for Captain Marion Carl, flying marine corps hero from Oregon, who is being given a big homecoming and welcome home here Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Fighting and flying at the battle of Midway and in the Solomon Islands has brought Capt. Carl the navy flying cross and a trip home. Before coming to the coast Capt. Carl made a tour of war production plants and flying schools under the auspices of the marine corps.

Many distinguished guests will greet the flier, including Governor Charles A. Sprague, Governor-elect Earl Snell; Sen. Howard Belmont, Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian and state chairman of the war bond sales staff; Major W. C. Evans, of the Portland airbase; ex-Governor Charles H. Martin, Wilbur Carl, associate administrator of the state war bond staff and his family; Al Finke, Portland theatre executive; T. Ray Conway, administrator of the state war bond staff; Herman E. Lafky, state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Phil H. Ringle, commander of Marion Post No. 661 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of Salem.

The event will be held in the Hubbard high school gymnasium because of the crowd of home people expected. The Carl home, located a mile and a half from here, was recently the scene of a disastrous fire when a modern dairy barn and 94 registered dairy cattle were destroyed with an estimated loss of \$50,000. Since the death of her husband several years ago, Mrs. Ellen Carl, mother of the flier, has operated the dairy,

Orders of Slain Jap General To Army Found

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Today's communique reported that the Japanese commander in New Guinea, Gen. Horii, had been killed in action. He was a specialist in amphibious assault operations and played a prominent part in the Japanese island campaigns in the early stages of the war.

A captured order of the day, signed by Horii, apparently issued Sept. 20 when the Japanese were trying to cross the Owen Stanley mountains, from their base at Buna, said:

"You will all bear in mind how vital are the situation and character of these forces in the southwest Pacific and how increasingly heavy are your responsibilities. You shall strengthen our morale, replenish our vigor and having perfected our preparations for battle you shall when next you go into action

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ungrudgingly throw in the fighting power of our army."

The Japanese troops apparently suffered as much in the jungle and swamp country as have the allied troops, for Horii wrote that "no pen or word can adequately depict the magnitude of the hardships suffered" in the campaign.

But, he added, "we realize the enemy has not been annihilated, therefore we are firmly maintaining our position so during this period we can perfect organization, replenish our fighting strength, then strike a hammer blow at the enemy stronghold of Moresby."

Jackson Club Board Appointed

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Ten persons were named on the executive board of the Oregon Jackson club for the coming year by Dr. G. Bernard Noble, president.

New board members were Mrs. Vern Dusenbery, Mrs. Mary Roberts of Forest Grove, Mrs. Nancy Robinson, Lew Wallace, William Bartholomew, John T. Carson, Warren Irwin, Francis Lambert, Lotus Langley and Dr. McBeth Milne.

Nursing Project Has Chairman

Silverton—Mrs. Martin Hannan, district Red Cross chairman, is announcing the appointment of Mrs. R. M. Gatton as chairman of the home nursing project, relieving Mrs. R. J. Van Cleave, R.N., of the responsibility to conduct an afternoon class of instruction in home nursing.

Miss Lillian Bloch, R.N., will be in charge of an evening class in home nursing. Both classes will be begun the first week in January.

WAS GRANDMA RIGHT ABOUT THESE COLD FACTS

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TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The appeal "Not to Travel" during the period December 12th to January 12th, UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, has not met with the response hoped for.

We must, therefore, repeat that because of the duty and necessity of first providing for the transportation requirements of the armed services, including those on furloughs and those traveling on war or government business, it may be impossible to accommodate all who are planning to travel during the above period.

To avoid chances of being unable to board trains at stations because of capacity loads and our inability to secure added equipment, it is suggested, and you are urged, if possible, to postpone your trip.

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