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## Park Proposal Takes Shape

Thanks to the diligence and diplomacy of the mayor's special committee handling negotiations for the city and the splendid cooperation of the private owners, Salem at last has a proposal it can "sink its teeth into" concerning the long-agitated plan for eventually converting the entire 100-acre Bush Pasture property in the heart of the city into a public park and playground. It is such an opportunity as seldom comes to an established community, and never more than once to any.

Under the terms of the agreement, the city is given an option to purchase for \$175,000 the 43 acres adjoining the 37 acres to which it already holds conditional title, with the proviso that it is to deed from seven to 10 acres of the tract it now owns to Willamette university for an athletic field, which the university must make available to the high schools of the city. Whether the \$175,000 is to be paid in a lump sum or in installments is left to the discretion of the city.

The conditions attached to the offer are that the city shall not take possession nor undertake any development of the tract during the lifetime of either of the owners, Miss Sally Bush and A. N. Bush; that the property as a whole shall be maintained perpetually in the public use as a memorial to the late Asahel Bush, Sr.; and that the city shall exercise its option on or before December 13, 1944.

The fact that the council lacks the necessary power to obligate the city in the amount of \$175,000 without specific authorization by vote of the people, unless the purchase price be paid in installments so small that they can be absorbed in the annual budgets inside the 6 percent tax increase limitation, complicates the problem of completing the deal within the life of the option. The proposal must, it seems, and should be submitted to the people for approval. This will require a special election, inasmuch as the time has expired for getting it on the ballot for the general election Nov. 7.

As for a plan of financing the purchase price, the city has a choice between a bond issue in the entire amount or, if the purchase is to be made on the installment method, a special continuing tax levy depending in size upon the period over which the installments are spread. The bond method might be the cheapest in the long run, in that bonds might be marketed at a lower interest rate than would attach to unpaid balances on an installment purchase plan.

The important thing now is to get action on the proposal within the life of the option. In this the committee and the council are deserving of the unqualified support of every progressive, forward-looking citizen of Salem.

## To Avenge Jap "Dirty Work"

It must be a source of gratification to General MacArthur and the survivors of Bataan who escaped in the dark days of 1942 to know that their opportunity for vengeance is at hand, for at Leyte they are fighting the Japanese division which did the "dirty work" on Bataan and under the same Nipponese commander who ruthlessly bombed Manila after it had been declared an open city. Both Bataan and Manila have become more than fortress and capital, they have become symbols. For two years the Japanese have swarmed through the Philippines, pillaging its treasures and enslaving its inhabitants, and bragging that the Americans would never return. But they have with both fire and sword—some 250,000 or more of them.

It must be a great occasion for the oppressed Filipinos and the imprisoned Americans at Santo Tomas, if they are still there—evidence that the American and Filipino flags will again soon fly over Corregidor and Manila and that again the Philippines will be free.

The Japanese have made a great show of recognizing the Philippines as an independent nation. They set up a puppet government headed by former Interior Secretary Jose P. Laurel and sent Filipino youths to their Pan-Asia congress at Tokyo. But the great majority of Filipinos have remained loyal to their exile government and to the United States, as revealed by the testimony of army and navy men who escaped from a Mindanao prison camp by aid of the natives.

Commenting upon the Leyte invasion, Don Caswell, former manager of the Salem bureau of the United Press who since the outbreak of the war has been senior United Press correspondent in the Southwest Pacific, now on furlough visiting his brother in Eugene, stated in the Register-Guard:

"Typical MacArthur strategy—cut them off and let them die on the vine. The general has seized an opportunity to by-pass Mindanao by invading Leyte thus following the strategy that has been so successful in his operations. I was surprised the invasion came so soon, but the Japs were surprised too, and that's what counts. We can know the invasion is well planned and well executed with Gen. MacArthur leading, for he is a wonderful man and a wonderful leader."

## Aviation Outlook Gloomy

The question as to what is to become of the West Coast war spawned aviation industry, now employing 240,000 workers, is discussed in the current issue of Collier's Weekly by its west coast correspondent, Jim Marshall, based on a coast-wide study of the industry. He states the industry fears bankruptcy unless congress approves a program to keep air force modernized and government bureaucrats cut red tape to permit speedy reconversion to peace production.

Marshall states that the industry, in conferences with General Arnold, has discussed post-war plans to replace one-fifth of our air force each year after the war, so that we would have a completely new air force every five years. This would "prevent the air force from becoming static, as France's did before the war," he says. "This program would depend, of course, on what Congress—and public opinion—thought of it. After the last war, public opinion sank most of the American Navy's newest ships; after this one it may do the same thing with our air force."

In addition, "the industry (in reconverting) is afraid of the red tape and insistence on forms and long, slow procedures by small bureaucrats," Donald Douglas, president of Douglas Aircraft Co., is quoted as saying. Douglas insists that the government should be as speedy and understanding in reconverting, as it was in converting from peace to war production.

While aviation workers are leaving their jobs by the thousands, the companies must "keep producing to the bitter end, knowing that when the time comes to settle up the taxes and renegotiation payments they owe the government will completely wipe out their investment and cash on hand."

At its peak the industry employed 307,371 in the summer of 1943, whereas it only employed a few thousand workers before the war. Post-war civilian orders will not be sufficient to keep the plants going—many will have to be scrapped. In September commercial airlines ordered 93 new planes from Douglas for about \$50 million. Today the industry on the coast could produce those planes in about a day and a half. Moreover replacement business will be small. The industry has been making only a small margin of profit—for instance Douglas profits are only 91 one hundredths of one percent. The same is the case with Boeing and other plants. The excess profits tax has prevented any of the companies from building up a financial surplus to tide over readjustment, so the outlook is gloomy although the future strength of aviation is vital to the safety and development of the country.



The Seditious

## The Fireside Pulpit

Reverend George H. Swift  
Rector, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

**Stored Up Personality**—We are told that coal is stored up sun-energy. The heat and light of the sun produced the vegetation which through compression and age became the coal deposits. From the coal we extract light, heat, and other forms of energy. If coal can be regarded as stored up sun energy, money can be regarded as stored up human energy and personality. When you look upon your money as stored up personality, it ought to take on greater importance and even sacredness.

When you spend your earned money, you are spending yourself. Your money is a stored up part of you, if, through your efforts, you have earned it. You are gradually giving your life for that person, cause, or thing for which you spend your money. In a measure a man's character may be revealed by finding out how and where he spends his surplus cash! Where you spend your time, your talents, your money, you are spending and leaving there a part of your life and personality.

When you support a church with your time, talents, worship, and money, you are building a portion of yourself into the very life of that church. You are with it when it extends its field of influence beyond the local field. A part of you

## Novelties In the News

### Variety of Uses

New York, Oct. 21 (AP)—William G. Lehman of the office of surplus war property said 25,000 pairs of officers' spurs and several hundred thousand cartridge clips had been sold to radio advertisers, presumably for souvenir distribution; smudge pots have gone to citrus growers; 4,700 Klaxon horns to boat builders; and 1,200,000 cuspoiders with lids removed for use as stew pots.

### Wrong Number

Denver, Oct. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Grant handled party calls at state democratic headquarters telephone switchboard for four weeks. Then Gene Corvi, democratic state chairman, hired a new operator.

Explained Corvi: "We found out Mrs. Grant is a republican."

### They Multiply

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 21 (AP)—Earl Horine bought seven rabbits but got more than he bargained for.

Ten days after the sale he took home the six does and one buck he had bought—plus 33 rabbits that arrived during the interim.

### Unexpected Play

Chicago, Oct. 21 (AP)—A gunman in flight after an attempted robbery ran through a lot where Orr vocation school boys were practicing football.

As their coach blew his whistle, and shouted: "Let's get him!" the squad started in pursuit. But before they could get close enough to tackle the man he ducked into a store—and into the arms of a city fireman who held him for police.

NEWS ITEM:  
AUTHORITIES ARE EXCITED BY  
PEA-SHOOTERS DEPLETING THE  
FOOD SUPPLY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

**By Louis P. Lochner**  
(Substituting for DeWitt Mackenzie)  
The cracking of the Siegfried line, which now seems a certainty, poses the problem for Adolf Hitler whether to declare industrial and historical centers like Cologne, Coblenz, Mainz, Duisburg, and Dusseldorf open cities, or whether to doom them to inevitable destruction in the pattern of Aachen.

These cities, as far as I could ascertain before I left Germany in May, 1942, are not fortified in the sense in which Aachen was a veritable citadel. The vaunted Atlantic wall was intended to be nazidom's first line of defense; the west wall or Siegfried line her second. Both were considered impregnable. It was a rude shock to the German people to see the Atlantic wall pierced so rapidly. They have had a little more time to accustom themselves to the fact that even the Siegfried line is outmoded in view of the stupendous development of allied fire power.

### Preparation in Doubt

It is at least doubtful whether Hitler and his general staff have prepared really effective beyond these two fortifications systems. When I last visited Cologne, Soblenz, Mainz, Duisburg and Dusseldorf, the only visible defenses were the garrisons and numerous anti-aircraft positions. There were none of those pill boxes dug-outs, "panzerwerke," or major fortresses such as we saw on the Rhine from Karlsruhe to Switzerland.

Along the upper Rhine, the Maginot and Siegfried lines were opposite each other. From Lauterburg on, the Rhine becomes a purely German river.

There have been stories about a tertiary line of defense along the Rhine. Going by what I saw in 1941 I doubt whether a formidable system has been constructed on the right bank in the region beginning, roughly, at Mainz and extending to Wesel or Cleve. Besides, that would not help Mainz, Coblenz, Bonn, or Cologne, all of which are on the left bank.

The Rhine itself, broad and majestic in its middle section, is, of course, a hindrance to progress. Its monumental bridges will in all probability be blasted by the retreating nazis.

### Progress Slowed

But we are no longer in the row-boat age. This is mechanized warfare. Our amphibious operations have been marvels of modern science. General Eisenhower has undoubtedly taken the destruction of the bridges for granted—which does not mean, however, that he is leaving out of account the possibility of anticipating the Germans with parachute troops charged with saving this or that bridge, as in Holland.

The destruction of the Rhine bridges will slow up progress, but it should be only temporary. Meanwhile, on the left bank a shambles will be made of whatever city declines to surrender. And artillery planted on the smoking ruins of these centers of a thousand-year history will finish off at Duisburg, Dusseldorf, Wesel, and Mainz what the air armadas of the United Nations have failed to reduce to rubble.

## Serving Uncle Sam

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Wyoming, will report soon for basic training at Des Moines, Iowa. She will then be sent to an army training school for a course in surgical work.

Lawrence E. McCuiston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCuiston of Dallas has been promoted from marine technical sergeant to master sergeant, according to word received here. In the service since Pearl Harbor, he is serving with a motor transport in the second marine division in the south Pacific and is a veteran of the Saipan and Tinian campaigns.

Miss Margaret M. Seaton has recently completed her enlistment as a member of the Women's Army Corps and will re-



**Navy Strikes in the Pacific**—Arrows show course of the American offensive in the western Pacific, which the Tokyo radio said had been climaxed by an invasion of the central Philippines under command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, whose forces south of the Philippines have an advanced base at Morotai. Japanese reported American landings on Suluan island at the mouth of Leyte gulf, east of the island of Leyte. U. S. navy task forces, beginning with an attack on the Ryukyu islands, Oct. 9, have bombed Formosa and the northern Philippines for more than a week, and were joined in the assault on Formosa by China-based Superfortresses.

port soon for training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. The enlistee who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Seaton of route one, Woodburn, goes to McClellan field, Sacramento, Calif., for training as a radio mechanic, upon the completion of her indoctrination course. Pvt. Seaton has a brother, Everett, now at the naval boot camp at Farragut, Idaho.

Dallas—Clarence E. Koenig, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Koenig of Dallas, has received a discharge from the army at McGraw hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., after serving for many months in the infantry in New Guinea. Details were not received as to whether he was discharged for wounds or for physical disability due to his long service in the tropics.

Lyons—Pvt. Cecil Grimes of Fort Benning, Ga., is spending his furlough with his wife and children, Sharon and Buddie, of Sweet Home. They were Sunday guests at the home of his brother, Chester Grimes and family of Lyons. Upon his return he will report for duty in Arkansas. Other guests at the Grimes home were Mr. and Mrs. Will Grimes of Seio, Mr. and Mrs. Tuffie Oglesbee of Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimes, Mrs. Lee Morris and Richard and Carol of Mill City.

Lt. Donald Woodry, stationed at Orlando, Florida, where he is taking advanced training, is spending a leave from his army duties with his mother, Mrs. Jack Hyett and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Meier.

Returning to his station after spending his leave in Salem with his wife and four children, who reside on route 4, Granville E. Ball, fireman second class, in the navy, was seriously injured in a bus accident and is now confined to a naval hospital at Shoemaker, California. Ball who prior to entering the service last March, was employed at the Copeland yard, received a broken collar bone, leg and pelvis and as a result of the accident may lose one leg. His wife on receiving telegraphic word of his injury, left immediately for California.

Mill City—Two of the LaVine brothers who are serving

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Polk County farmer and former president of Oregon State Senate

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