

**STORY BEHIND MYSTERY RING**

**High School Class Ring Turns Up in War Files**

Fairmont, W. Va. (AP)—In the files on Japanese war criminals in Tokyo, one item stood out from the others as unique. It was a high school class ring.

Bearing the inscription, "Fairmont High School, 1938," the ring was a puzzle to U. S. intelligence investigators.

They had no idea how it got there in the first place, nor did they know who "F. K. E." was. Those were the initials engraved inside the band.

Then the story of the mysterious ring began to unravel: a story of a Chinese double-cross and \$7,000,000.

Pfc. Jack Feltz, of Fairmont, W. Va., came across the ring while handling legal documents at the Tokyo office.

He wrote his mother, Mrs. Dominick Feltz, and asked her to see if the owner could be found. She consulted authorities at the high school and discovered that "F. K. E." was Frank K. (Pete) Everest, now a major testing supersonic aircraft at Wright Field, Dayton, O.

Major Everest filled in the blank spaces.

During the closing months of World War II, Pete Everest, then a captain, was shot down by the Japanese at Kin Kow, China. Emerging from his wrecked plane, he found himself surrounded by what seemed to be friendly Chinese. They happily offered to help him rejoin his outfit.

He was instructed to remove all identifying clothing and jewelry, including the ring. Then he was dressed in a Chinese army uniform and escorted toward his base.

One night, while camping along the route, the Fairmont flier awoke to find himself surrounded by grinning, chattering Japanese soldiers. They told him that he had been "sold" to them for \$7,000,000 (Chinese).

All the clothes and jewelry he had given the Chinese soldiers were missing.

Capt. Everest was imprisoned in Peking and released at the end of the war. The loss of his

personal effects was charged up to "experience."

Just how the ring got into the Japanese war files, no one knows, but it is assumed that its English wording made it too "hot" to handle when American investigators began ferreting out war criminals after V-J day.

Now the ring is on its way back across the Pacific—back to Major Everest, who ought to know all about international double-crossing now.

**Wheat Harvest Half Finished**

Portland, Aug. 4 (AP)—The winter wheat crop in Oregon is nearly 50 per cent harvested, the U. S. department of agriculture reported today.

Rains and higher temperatures in Northwestern Oregon aided in maturing both winter and spring seeded wheat, the department crop report stated.

Along the mid-Columbia basin area, the winter wheat harvest is nearly completed in some communities, and is just starting at higher elevations, the report said. For the state as a whole, the department estimated that the harvest was nearly 50 per cent finished.

The higher temperatures of last week, aided by rain helped mature the grain and pasture crops of the western part of the state, while slowing down hay cutting somewhat.

A different story was told in the eastern portion of the state where a drought is seriously impeding the growth of grain crops and pastures alike, the crop report said.

Add chopped chutney to mayonnaise or a creamy-typed salad dressing and serve over wedges of iceberg lettuce.



**Mystery Blast Near Cohen Home**—Los Angeles police officers L. L. Lance (left) and John Hasko examine fragments of what is believed to be a bomb, which exploded in a driveway across the street from Mobster Mickey Cohen's home. Cohen was recently released from a hospital after recovering from gunshot wounds received when he was shot from ambush as he left a cafe in Hollywood. (Acme Telephoto)

**Hospital Will Get New Wing**

Portland, Ore., Aug. 4 (AP)—A \$2,000,000 wing to the Good Samaritan hospital here will be started sometime next spring, according to the hospital's board of trustees.

The addition of 267 more beds to the building, the board said, will relieve approximately one-third of Portland's bed shortage. Nearly \$500,000 already has been spent for service facilities such as a new laundry and dry

cleaning plant, a student nurse's laboratory, new elevators, and a transformer vault.

After the new wing is completed, the old wing facing 23rd avenue will be converted into service departments.

**Bean Pickers Needed In Lebanon District**

Lebanon, Aug. 4—Bean growers are short 200 to 300 pickers,

the Lebanon office of the Oregon state employment service announced yesterday.

The hot weather was blamed for the shortage. For one thing, the beans matured faster, increasing the need for more pickers each day. And the heat drove away many smaller children and housewives who didn't consider picking worth the effort, an employment office spokesman said.

The vines are taller now because of the weather, making it impossible for shorter children to reach the top and this supply of labor is thus curtailed.

Because of differences in the planting time, some fields are nearly exhausted while others are just beginning to mature. The harvesting is expected to decline approximately Aug. 17.

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Dallas—J. V. Price of Kings Valley, who lost over \$2800 in cash when his general store was burglarized on the night of July 23, is offering a reward of \$200

for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who pulled the job.

For the past 10 days the case has been under investigation but no clues have come to light.

Anyone who might be able to aid with information is asked to contact Price, Sheriff T. B.

Hooker of Polk county, the Benton county sheriff's office, or state police.

Price states that this is the first time his store has been burglarized in 27 years of operation. The store was entered by breaking a front glass door sometime after 2:30 a.m. No insurance was carried.

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