

# Arnold, No. 1 U. S. Airman, Dies; Burial in Arlington

(Editor's Note: Frank H. Bartholomew, United Press vice president for the Pacific division, was a personal friend of Gen. H. H. "Hap" Arnold. He was with the general at a dinner party Saturday night, a few hours before the veteran airman suffered a fatal heart attack.)

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW

Sonoma, Calif., Jan. 16 (AP)—An air force honor guard stood watch today over the body of Gen. Henry Harley (Hap) Arnold, America's number one wartime airman, who died of a heart attack at his ranch home yesterday.

Ill for the last several years, Arnold died quietly and without pain at 7:25 a.m. (PST). His wife, Eleanor, was by his bedside.

It was the fifth heart attack Arnold had suffered since his first one in 1944. A friend, Dr. Russell V. Lee of Palo Alto, said Arnold should have retired then.

"But things were hot and he decided to take his chances with the rest of the soldiers and went back to duty."

Dr. Robert L. Mollenhauer of Sonoma officially listed the cause of death as coronary occlusion, a clotting of arteries giving blood to the heart.

The air force in Washington announced that its former commander would be buried in Arlington National cemetery, last resting place for many national heroes. The date has been tentatively set for 3 p.m. (EST) Thursday.

Mrs. Arnold asked that no flowers be sent. In a statement released by the air force, she suggested "that anyone wishing to memorialize Gen. Arnold should contribute to the Air Force Aid society in order to establish a scholarship fund."

Arnold left four children. News of Arnold's death brought tribute from top U. S. military leaders, many of whom regarded him as a warm personal friend.

"More than anyone else, he was responsible for building the great American air force," said Defense Secretary Louis Johnson. "He contributed much to the winning of World War II. He was a great American. We shall miss him."

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the U. S. joint chiefs of staff, said he admired Arnold's "broad concept of the air force's mission and his far-seeing vision as to the part air power was to play in the war."

Arnold attended a dinner party Saturday night, his first public appearance since a severe heart attack last October. Dressed in a dark brown suit and dark shirt with a miniature air corps insignia in the lapel, Arnold showed the unfading good spirits which won him the nickname "Hap," in his West Point days.

While the rest of the party had a cocktail or two, Arnold did not. He joked continuously and made much of the fact it was his "first night out."

Nevertheless, friends thought he looked unwell. He was pale and almost shrunken in stature, quite different from the robust, energetic general who retired to the Valley of the Moon to become a cattle rancher after the war.

During the evening, he dropped his jocularity to discuss a subject about which he had become more and more preoccupied.



General H. H. (Hap) Arnold

## Amity City Council Seeking Fire Truck

Amity—A special meeting of the city council was called by Mayor Frank Chambers the first of the week to consider submitting bids on a used fire truck.

Amity's old fire truck is obsolete and the problem of the proper equipment to extinguish a blaze, should one occur while the rural fire truck and tank might be on duty in the rural district at the same time. After some discussion the council voted to submit bids.

## University Sending Band for Concert

Lebanon—The concert band of the University of Oregon, directed by John H. Stehn, will present one of its winter concerts at the Lebanon high school January 19. The concert is being sponsored by the Band Boosters club of Lebanon.

Lester Simons, clarinetist, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Simons of Lebanon, will be present with the band when they appear here, announced Mrs. York, social chairman of the boosters club.

## East Salem Parent Teacher Meeting Slated for Tuesday

East Salem, Jan. 16—A program has been planned for the January meeting of the Swegle Parent-Teachers association Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The regular executive meeting will be held at 7 o'clock, followed by a short business meeting. Two moving pictures will be shown for the program.

"Then it will happen" and "The Realm of the Wild." A social hour will follow.

The annual business meeting of the Swegle Road Garden Club was held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Dan Stauffer on East Garden Road. Officers for the new club year were elected. Serving will be Mrs. Oscar Wigle president, Mrs. C. D. Kennedy, vice president, and Mrs. Daniel Casey, secretary-treasurer. There were fourteen members present and one new member, Mrs. T. G. Finell. Mrs. Alfred Paul assisted Mrs. Stauffer serving refreshments. The regular meeting date has been changed from the second Thursday to the second Tuesday of the month.

The Swegle unit of home extension was held Thursday after-

## Postmen Ringing Doorbells With Vets' Dividend Checks

By WILLIAM B. HATCH (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Jan. 16 (AP)—The postmen began ringing at the homes of ex-GIs today with the pay-off in the veterans' \$2,800,000,000 life insurance dividend.

Some 500,000 checks were in the mailbags. The checks ranged from as low as 60 cents to \$528, the maximum amount a veteran will get.

The checks are the result of a recapitulation which showed that national service life insurance premiums were too high.

How much a veteran gets depends on his age, the length of time his policy was in force, and the amount of the policy.

In all, about 14,500,000 checks will be written. After the delivery of this first batch of 500,000 checks, there'll be about 1,000,000 checks delivered every week until all are distributed.

The 500,000 mailed today were written last week and shipped to local post offices to be held until they went into mailmen's sacks this morning.

The pay-off is expected to spur business sales. A lot will be spent for home furnishings, appliances and television sets.

Some of it will go to pay off medical bills and other debts. Some veterans already have "spent" their money by pre-Christmas purchases and agreements to pay up when they get their dividends.

Some of the money will go into savings. That's the advice from the treasury which wrote the checks. On the back of each is stamped: "Invest wisely. Buy U.S. savings bonds."

The veterans administration also warned the veterans to be careful of thieves and forgers.

"Be careful," the VA said. "Keep your mailbox locked, or else pick up the checks at once to prevent forgers from stealing them."

## Sweetland Sells Newport News

Sale of the weekly Newport News to eastern Oregon publishers was announced yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Sweetland, principal stockholders in the Newport property.

Sweetland, who is democratic national committeeman, said the purchasers were John and Richard Lyman, publishers at Bozeman, Mont., and Wallowa, Ore., and Ray Moe, publisher at Elgin, Oregon.

Others interested in the corporation that bought up the two Newport papers in 1947 and merged the coast city operations under one management included Dan Goldy, federal land management bureau regional director; C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior and Dr. Will C. Davis, Portland.

Sale price of the property was reported unofficially at about \$40,000.

## Masonic Program Interests

Dayton—There were nine members of Jacob Mayer lodge No. 108 AF & AM who attended a meeting at the Scottish Rite temple in Portland for members of the Masonic lodges. Attending from Dayton were: Edward Richards, Royal Hibbs, Gordon Graham, Earl Coburn, John Becker, Charles Coburn, Manley Borgan, Milton Palmer and Brooks Sweeney.

## Farm Drainage Session Topic

Dallas—Polk County farm drainage problems and a report on progress being made in drainage will be presented at a drainage meeting Friday, at 10 o'clock in the VFW hall at Dallas, according to Charles Evans, vice chairman of the Polk county Willamette basin project committee.

The meeting is sponsored jointly by the OSC extension service and the Willamette basin commission.

N. John Hansen, county extension agent, states that all persons in Polk county interested in drainage on the farm or on a community basis are invited to attend the meeting.

Following is the program for the day: 10:00 a. m. "Drainage, a Long Time County Program"—N. John Hansen, county extension agent. 10:30 a. m. "Willamette Basin Project and Its Relation to Polk County"—Col. Burns of the Army Engineer Corps. 11:15 a. m. "Water Control District Law"—Charles Stricklin, State Engineer. 12:00 p. m. "Dose Drainage Pay"—Arthur R. King, Soil Conservation Specialist at Oregon State College. 2:15 p. m. "How Production and Marketing Administration Assisted Farm Drainage"—W. Frank Crawford, chairman of the Polk county PMA committee. 3:00 p. m. Report of committee chairman of drainage areas in Polk county. 3:15 p. m. "Soil Conservation District"—Arthur King.

The VA also warned that the checks couldn't be sent to anyone but the policy holder.

Many veterans, the VA said, had requested that their checks be mailed directly to a store which had extended credit pending arrival of the checks. However, the VA said, this is impossible.

For store owners and others who will cash the checks, the VA also cautioned: check identifications carefully.

## Some Form of Birth Control Used by Most British Wives

London, Jan. 16 (AP)—A royal commission has found that the majority of British married women use some method of birth control.

The commission, studying Britain's population problems, found that 60 per cent of married couples take preventive measures against having babies.

Hospital staffs throughout the country questioned 11,078 married women before the commission's report was released yesterday. Princess Elizabeth's baby doctor, Sir William Gilliat, took a leading part in the commission.

The commission was set up to find measures to be taken to influence the future of Britain's 50,000,000 population.

The commission report, "Family Limitation", concluded that there should be free advice on birth control, planned families, higher allowances from the government for children and income tax relief for parents of all economic brackets.

The report showed that the use of birth control devices in Britain skyrocketed between 1910 and 1940, cutting sharply into the birth rate. But in 1947, after British soldiers had been coming home from the wars, marriages again were increasing and so was the birth rate.

In 1910 the birth rate was 25.1 per 1,000 people. It dropped to 14.8 in 1940 and then shot back up to 20.5 in 1947. Registrars say the number of births

## Narcotics Are Stolen

Silverton, Jan. 14—The possibility that an addict was involved in the burglary of the Steelhammer drug store Friday night in Silverton was studied today in view of a loss of some \$500 in narcotics. Entrance to the store was gained through a skylight.

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## Four Corners Bus Patrons To Discuss Transportation

Four Corners, Jan. 16—The committee elected at the public mass meeting January 3 at the Four Corners Community hall met to formulate plans regarding the suburban transportation service. These plans are pending the approval of the people in the affected areas.

The committee met again last week for the second time. This committee was concerned principally with facts and statements of members of the city council and of the City Transit Lines. The committee would like to have representatives or committees from each suburban area interested in the transportation service to be present at an open public meeting to be held at the Four Corners community hall January 19 at 7:30 o'clock.

New officers of the Four Corners Lincoln school student body are: President, Gary Pierpoint; vice president, Joe Wilson, and secretary, Barbara Force. Contributions to the tuberculosis fund were \$5.45.

On Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock the Four Corners volunteer firemen received a call outside of their district. They responded at once. Arriving at the scene of the fire they saw the need of a second truck, which was called. An over-heated oil furnace at the Oliver Ethell residence, 2875 North Lancaster drive, had set the house afire. Although there was a high wind the fire was

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