

**Colonel's Column**  
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I'm getting to be the official "acceptor of Recreation Centers" for the armed forces at Camp Adair — mainly because it's been passed down in good old army custom to the man who can pass it no farther — in this case, myself.



Sunday P. M. I accepted a very nice Recreation Center in Independence. The dedicatory exercises took place in the open air and were preceded by a grand dinner party and baseball game (not so grand, for Camp Adair was defeated by the soldier team from Salem). After the usual "verbal passes" were thrown and fumbled, by the speakers (I may say that because I was one of them), the soldiers were fed refreshments, pretty girls sang some very nice harmony and the people, in general, cordially welcomed the boys in the usual Willamette valley manner, leaving nothing to be desired. Nice people, all around here, boys—treat 'em right and you'll have some fine friends, "for keeps."

As for the construction work—keep pouring it on, men, and let's clear out. These soldiers have a big job to do and they should be getting busy learning how to do it. The sooner we're out, the better for them—and us, too. So let's hurry the boys along on their way—they've got a lot of Japs to catch up to real soon.

Stay in there and keep punching—be seeing you.

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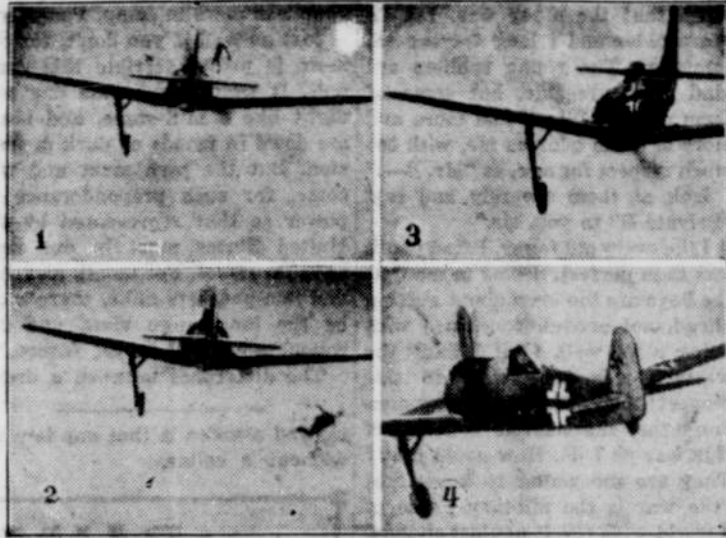
OFTTIMES I have heard that it was far better to give than to receive. Ofttimes I have heard that there is no halfway mark when it comes to sacrifice; one either sacrifices 100 per cent or one loses the real beauty of a real sacrifice.

Serving with the United States Marines, I naturally come in contact with many men from all walks of life and, though one should not be prone to judge his fellow men, I must admit that I find myself continually doing so. Ideas, ideals and assumptions may oftentimes clash, but with the country in a state of war one thought stands out—united. United with such strength that no propaganda machine of any foreign power could possibly weaken this chain of thought — unification in the thought of winning this war and unification in readiness to sacrifice all that may be required of each and every man.

In peacetime men may complain. An old expression was that the men were not happy unless they were complaining but today no hardship, no discomfort, brings a single word of complaint. Someone mentioned to me a few days ago that he had never seen so many men work so hard under such conditions and with such spirit. To go into detail would be impossible at this time, due to censorship restrictions, but many instances that have occurred during the last month or so are of such importance that it makes a person forget fear, despair and security. One thought seems uppermost in the minds of all—victory, and the beautiful part of this is that the men do not look forward to a victory easily won. I believe the men stand as one in entertaining the thought that, however costly victory may prove, it will still be cheap.

At the present I am somewhere in the field, but prior to my leaving the States I was in line over an hour in one of the post offices of

**ONE NAZI LESS**



When a Spitfire attacked one of the Nazis' latest and fastest fighters (a FW.190) at 17,000 feet recently over France, its pilot, Sergeant Robson of New Zealand, saw the above remarkable picture sequence as it was photographed by his automatic camera: (1) the cockpit hood flew off, (2) the pilot's helmet flew out, (3) and (4) the enemy plane fell away with one wing down. In the first five months of this year, these RAF daylight fighters swept over enemy occupied country, destroyed the equivalent of 15 complete enemy fighter squadrons. This continual drain on Nazi air strength is complementary to the RAF's heavy night bombings of Nazi cities.

a large city, trying to buy a war bond.

What seemed so touching was that one had only to glance at the line of young and old, people from every station, all willing to buy war bonds. And what was most striking was that a good 30 per cent of the line was made up of men in uniform. Perhaps the size of their bonds would not be equivalent to those being purchased by the average Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, but, they were not satisfied to merely serve their country in one of the armed forces, they were investing what they could to help buy their own implements of war to bring the day of victory closer and closer. Sacrificing the best years of their life was not enough, they were giving their money and their lives, if it be necessary, and were finding the real beauty of true sacrifice.—The New Age.

**LOST-TIME ACCIDENT RATE RISES**

There has been a noticeable rise in lost-time accidents this month on the various construction projects throughout the camp area. The safety section has observed that the major causes of these accidents have been due to faulty construction of staging and scaffolds, lack of guard rails and carelessness in the storage of materials and disposal of waste. Too many workmen are getting nail punctures from stepping on scrap

lumber that is promiscuously strewn inside and around the buildings. Less than 10 days ago one skilled carpenter fell from a scaffold and broke both heels. A knot running the entire width of a brace in the staging bracket proved to be the direct cause of this accident. More care in the selection of lumber would have prevented this accident.

Don't forget that your life depends on measures you take to assure your own safety. One nail isn't enough to secure a ledger. "For want of a nail a life may be lost."

**Army Men Insisting On 40-Mile Limits**

Orders of the war agencies will soon make any automobile traveling on the highways faster than 40 miles an hour about as conspicuous as a straw hat on Christmas.

Virtually every motor vehicle, with the exception of private passenger cars which are ineligible for new tires or recaps, will be under a strict 40-mile-an-hour speed limit on August 1 by OPA and ODT orders.

Even the private passenger cars have been asked to observe the 40-mile limit by official proclamation of Governor Charles A. Sprague and Joseph B. Eastman, ODT director, today asked that the proclamation be strengthened by executive order or legislative action, to give police power to make arrests.

**Corvallis Library Gets Big Book Stock**

**Soldiers Invited to Make Use of Volumes**

State librarian Eleanor Stephens, fairy godmother to Oregon's little libraries, drew up in her sedan six before the doors of the Corvallis public library recently. With her she brought 238 books to be left with the local library for three months.

Corvallis readers are urged to take advantage of this reading material while it is here. October 15 marks the hour when the Corvallis library must return the collection to the state library.

Confucious and Santayana are represented among the volumes of philosophy. Old glass and gardening are covered in several other books. Rembrandt and Rivera are only two artists storied in this collection. Music of Bach and Handy is discussed among the books in that field. And after a reader is athirst for poetry there is Housman and Jeffers. And who is there who does not find Guiterman fun? **200 Fiction Volumes**

Nor is this all the magic Miss Stephens brings. Approximately 200 volumes of fiction will be loaned to the Corvallis public library, also for a three month period.

In a year when the patronage of the public library is increasing and the book fund has decreased, the state library is doubly needed.

In addition, Miss Lucy Lewis, Oregon State college librarian, stated that Corvallis public library may borrow from the college library books which are not available at the state library. The public library has already had occasion to take advantage of this service.

Borrowing privileges are extended not only to residents of Corvallis and Benton county but also to soldiers stationed in this vicinity.

Library hours are from 1:30-6 and 7-9 on week days with hours from 3-6 in the children's room. Sundays and holidays, the adult department is open from 3-6 and 7-10.

A man in North Carolina, accused of horse-stealing was saved from conviction by the powerful plea of his lawyer. After his acquittal by the jury the lawyer took him aside and asked smilingly, "Honor bright, now Bill, you did steal that horse, didn't you?"

"Well, I allers did think I stole that hoss, but after hearin' your speech to the jury, I'll be dog-goned if I ain't got my doubts about it."

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**Announcement**

Beginning Wednesday, July 29th, Houser's Tea Room, Corvallis, will be open week days from 10:45 A. M. to 9 P. M., Sundays 12 Noon to 9 P. M.

**This change is due to labor conditions.**