

A VISION

Ever since we heard Mr. Hart talk on the proposed water project I have had visions galore. Just visualize, if you can, the tremendous change that would take place in Illinois Valley. Large ranches would be divided into smaller farms, making places for hundreds of new people, relieving the large farm owners of the now existing drudgery which is done at small profit. With more people coming into our valley, our little towns of Kerby and Cave Junction would in a short time be a vast metropolitan area, where also commercial establishments would prosper. Our schools would compare favorably with those of the cities. Parks would be improved, large lakes of water would be impounded where recreation seekers and nimrods could enjoy life when ever desired.

Some say it would "break" the farmers to pay for the water. I personally know of two farmers near Grants Pass on farms of 20 acres each that had incomes of \$5500 each in 1944.

They pay more for water than we would do and still see what their profit is per acre.

This valley can never go farther than it had in developing more land without a real irrigation

project.

So let us elect a live wire committee to push things along as fast as possible. We want a beautiful valley to live in, and I am sure farmers would like to make more on 20 acres than some do now on 160 acres. What would the Grants Pass district have been as an arid tract of land? I could name numerous other places that have progressed by what we will work hard to get.

O. C. LARSEN,
Farmer and County

BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE

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Letter From Edward Sowell
Philippines, Oct. 9.

Dearest Mom and Dad:

Your nice letter came tonight and I was mighty glad to hear from you.

I am still sitting here in the same place where we landed. We are about three miles from a little town called Lipa and about 50 miles from Manila. I can't tell you a heck of a lot about the country, because I haven't hardly been out of camp since we landed here. All I can say is that it's just another jungle with plenty of bugs and mud.

These Philippinos remind me of a bunch of monkeys. They just squat around on the ground like frogs and look at us like they wonder what we are. Most of them seem to keep themselves pretty clean for what they have to do with. If they have one of our mosquito nets or a mattress cover to make clothes out of they are pretty wealthy. If they have a bamboo shack to live in they are really well fixed.

People in the states can't realize how lucky they are until they see a few of these countries that have been through a war, especially like these people and the French. You might say that they have been through two wars in succession. They were taken by the Japs and Germans and then liberated by us and I am inclined to believe that the liberation was harder on them than being conquered at least we shot them up a lot worse.

When the Japs left here and also when the Germans left France they took everything, food, clothing and all. The part that hurts me is to see little kids starving to death. It isn't so bad here because we are supporting these people, but the first time we were in France and in Germany it made my heart ache to see hundreds of the little ragged devils flock around our garbage cans and pick up every bread crumb and eat it. We always managed not to eat all of ours so they could get a little bit to eat, even though we didn't have enough for ourselves most of the time.

In Germany before the war ended we weren't even allowed to stop and talk to a little German kid, much less feed them but every chance we got we used to sneak a few of them around back of the mess tent and give them whatever we could steal for them to eat. Had we been caught we probably would be looking out from behind bars now. Poor little old kids they weren't Nazis even though their parents may have been.

About the best way we had of giving them something to eat without getting caught was when we were going along the roads we would take the chocolate bars out of our K rations and throw them out to the side of the road so the kids could come along and pick them up. I'll bet some of those kids never forget what they have been through in this war and I don't think the grown-ups will very soon either. I think they all have a lot of respect for the American soldiers.

We went to a place just outside of Lipa the other day and looked at a place where the Japs had committed mass murder of about 3000 of these people. They stood them up against trees and stabbed them with bayonets trying to get information out of them. Finally killing them and throwing them over a cliff about 15 feet high. They are still laying there unburied. Men, women and kids alike. They really stink to high heaven.

Yes, I am still with the old outfit that I was in at Fort Knox. Few of them never left Germany with us but about 90 per cent of the old company are still together. I guess as soon as they get transportation out of here there won't be any of the old company left, and we will be on our way home.

You talking about the rain settling the dust and the hunting season about to open sure makes my feet itch to get out in the hills and shoot an old buck. I can always remember the way it used to

smell around there when the first rains came around the middle of September. It always smelled like perfect hunting weather to me. I never failed to find one just after a good rain.

Well, dear folks, it's getting pretty late and I'm about run down for tonight so will close for tonight. Hoping to see you soon.
Love to all,
EDWARD.

Gerald Fessler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fessler of Kerby, is home on furlough. Gerald is a corporal in the Army Air Force.

Richard McCready left last week for San Francisco where he was to report for duty at his base. He had had a three-day leave and visited his mother, Mrs. Bud Hoskins, and other relatives in the valley.

Mrs. John Ulrich of Holland, left this week to meet her husband, Major John Ulrich, who is on furlough at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich, Sr., at Klamath Falls. He will leave later on a new assignment, destination unknown.

Sgt. and Mrs. C. J. Wilhelms left for their home at Hillsboro, after several weeks' visit at the Earl Boyd and E. J. Wilber homes. Sgt. Wilhelms was to report later at Fort Lewis for further assignment. He recently returned from overseas where he saw action in Germany, France and England.

LOANS TO CITIES OFFERED BY RFC

(From Grants Pass Courier)
SALEM — The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is preparing to make loans to cities and towns to help in reconversion, the State Postwar Commission was advised today.

John W. Kelly, state postwar director, said this is the first such offer to be made by the government. The RFC would accept revenue bonds and other securities.

Eligible for loans will be municipal water systems, sewers, sewage disposal plants, airports, tunnels, bridges, roads, hospitals, public buildings, schools, colleges, dormitories, stadiums, docks and harbor facilities.

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Crater Lake Road Closed for Winter

Since the following release, rain and snow and freezing weather at Crater Lake National Park has, no doubt, made the road to the lake impassable.

Light snow and freezing temperatures in the park last night have made park roads hazardous in many places, and some of them are now impassable. The rim area has therefore been closed to visitors by erection of barricades at the north, east and Annie Spring entrances.

The west and south road across the park is still open for through traffic but is icy in spots. Careful driving is necessary.

The weather is still unsettled, and indications are for more storms. If additional snow falls, the park will be closed for the winter.

E. P. LEAVITT,
Superintendent.

Hunters Leave for Elk

Nat Woolley and William McLean and some others were unable to learn who, left early Thursday morning for eastern Oregon where they will try their luck hunting elk.

The boys plan to be gone for a week or more. If they don't bring home an elk steak—they better stay there. That isn't a threat—it's a promise.

Cream separators should be rinsed after each use and washed and sterilized at least once a day.

Three Alternates Are Selected for Academies

Three Josephine county boys have been honored by selection as alternates to academies, according to a telegram from Congressman Harris Ellsworth.

Pvt. Dick Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble D Stanton of 1042 Lawnridge avenue, was appointed second alternate to the military academy at West Point. Pvt. John Voorhies, son of Major and Mrs. Earle E. Voorhies, 215 B street, was appointed third alternate to West Point.

George Kellert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kellert of Cave Junction, was appointed third alternate to the naval academy at Annapolis.

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THANKS!!

I want to thank the people of the valley for their splendid patronage for the past 11 years. I am taking a much needed rest for a while and the cafe will be in the efficient management of Mrs. Joy Badden. with Aunt Lil White as cook.

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- 5—First automobile patent granted G. B. Selden, 1895.
- 6—Abraham Lincoln elected President of U. S., 1860.
- 7—U. S. acts to arm ships carrying supplies to belligerents, 1941.
- 8—First American Legion Convention opens in Minneapolis, 1919.
- 9—CIO organized, 1935.
- 10—Sir Henry Stanley finds Dr. Livingstone (in Africa), 1871.
- 11—Armistice Day.

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