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No member of Congress for years has been subjected to such scathing criticism as Senator (The Man) Bilbo. His colleagues in the senate have little or no time for him. He recently added fuel to the flame by defying the opinion of the United States Supreme Court that colored people are entitled to vote. Senator Bilbo urged his white constituents in Mississippi to "take care" of the colored people who attempt to cast a ballot. This man caused a resolution to be submitted to the Senate for an investigation, but the Committee on Elections and Privileges, to which the resolution has been sent, has, at least for the present, pushed it aside.

The argument which won for Bilbo was that the northern Yankees were trying to dictate affairs in Mississippi and that he stood like a rock defending his white constituents. The Man realized that if all the colored population of Mississippi were permitted to vote he would have more colored people than there are whites in that state.

This is Bilbo's third successful try for the senate. He will soon finish his second term. In the senate he has little influence despite a membership of 12 years in that body. He received a job under President Roosevelt cutting clippings from newspapers, but when a Mississippi editor referred to him as "general paste-master" he became angry and decided to run for the senate—did and won. His distinguishing mark is a red necktie and a diamond horseshoe slickpin and an unrelenting determination to raise the banner of white supremacy. At one time he filled several pages of the Congressional Record unfolding a plan to return all the Afro-Americans in the country to Africa, and asserted that this was also the plan of Abraham Lincoln. Of all the 96 senators, Bilbo is the only one who constantly "views with alarm" any legislation that might help the colored race. He has never recovered from the decision of the Supreme Court which permits colored people to ride with whites in a Pullman car and eat in the diner.

Despite the increased pay, wider range of benefits and increased privileges offered by new legislation for volunteer enlistment in the army, the number of recruits is falling so sharply that there is some doubt whether the minimum of 1,500,000, as of July 1st, will be obtained. The fact that army pay, including clothing and subsistence, is now higher than the average wage of unskilled workers in civilian life and they are shunning the recruiting officers. The volunteers in May did not exceed 43,000, compared with 63,000 in April, 73,000 in March, 93,000 in February, 118,000 in January and 131,000 last December.

Nor is there any certainty that the desired number can be obtained by induction, because of the narrow age-group limitations favored by congress. In Oregon, as an example, the total of eligibles in the 20 to 29-year class is only 1,000 and in Washington 1,200, fully fifty per cent of whom may be found mentally or physically unfit, according to previous selective service records. The total of this age group for the entire country is only 71,860.

Because the total public and private debt in the United States is now more than one billion dollars for every congressional district, Representative Buffett of Nebraska, contended in a speech in the House that disaster would be invited by approving the close to four billion dollar loan to Great Britain. If the loan is approved, he said, no member of congress could then stand against the political pressures bonuses and other pork-

REA Contractors Working On Construction

Time of Beginning Of Service Matter Of Varying Opinion

One contracting firm, Thompson & Parker, is working out of Kent and another, the Electric Construction company is preparing to start within a few weeks on their contract that runs from the township line south of Grass Valley, 3 townships South of the Base line. They also have the contract as far south as Clarno.

The Electric Construction company, a Tacoma firm, has been building short lines in Wasco county to give service to new users there, a job that is now nearly finished according to Eric Johnson, manager of The Dalles Johnson, manager of The Dalles Poles have been distributed for a part of the north sector and work of building the lines is expected to begin soon.

Mr Johnson says that he expects that electric current will be distributed in Sherman county by Christmas. The Wasco REA, he says, has some transformers that will be available for connecting farmers although not enough for all customers.

Mr Parker of Thompson & Parker has said that there is no promise of enough material for connecting many with the lines until next spring.

The four mile line that connected the Bourbon elevator with the Kent line has been bought by the REA and will be incorporated into the system when it is established.

From statements made by those working on the job it is apparent that Sherman county farmers will have electricity as soon as the work can be done and material obtained with which to make connections.

Young Drivers Have Skill, Lack Judgment

Nineteen teen-age drivers were involved in fatal accidents resulting in the death of 25 persons in Oregon during the first five months of this year, Secretary of State Farrell said today.

Of the 15 accidents involving unsafe actions on the part of the teen-age drivers, 13 involved speed too great for existing traffic conditions. One other casualty occurred when the car was being driven at night without lights and another involved a car that went off a curve during a heavy fog.

"Young drivers usually are adept at the manipulative skills of driving," Farrell said, "but all too frequently, they lack the good judgment that comes from experience and careful observation of traffic hazards. Thus, they are caught in emergencies which the good driver would avoid."

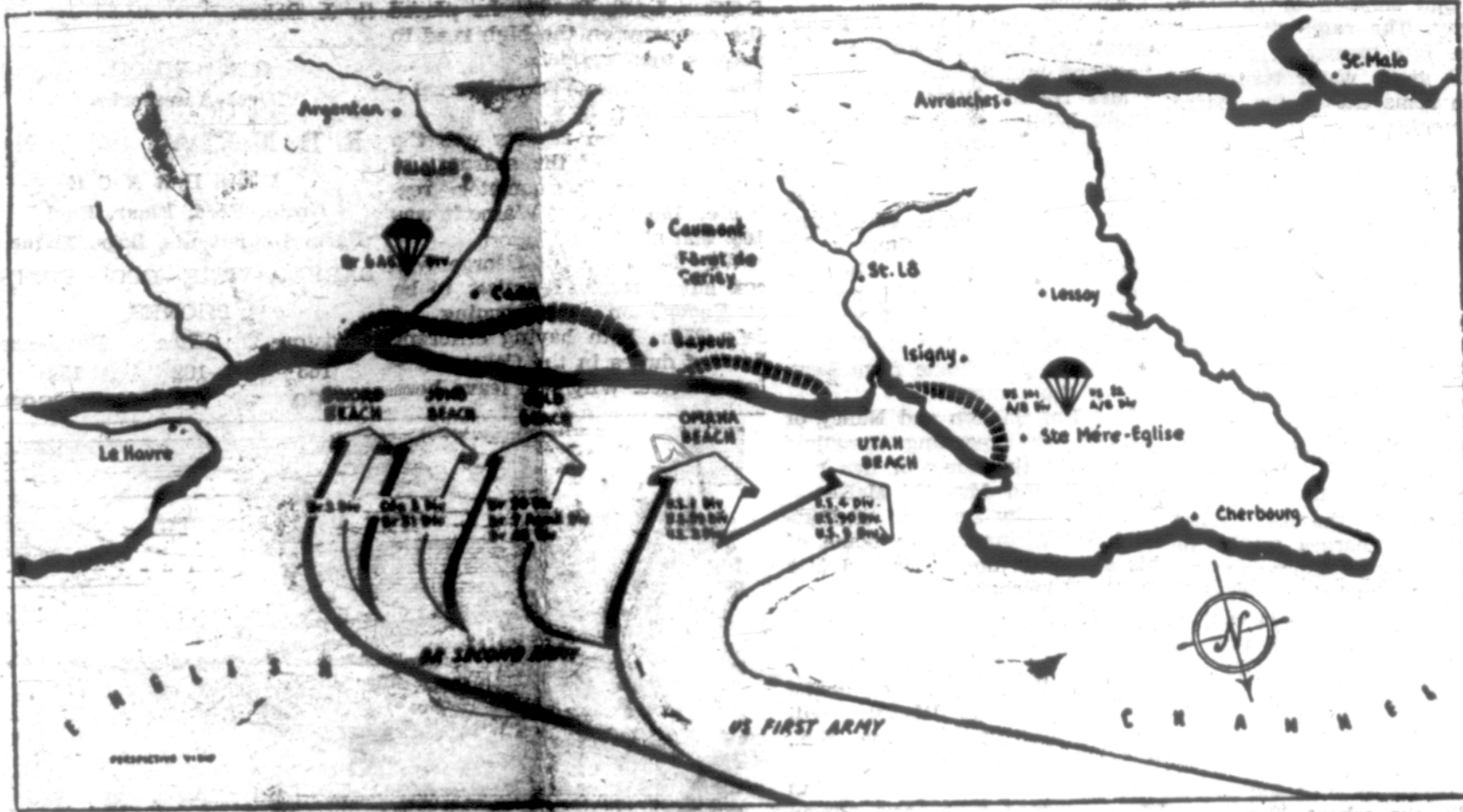
"Operation of a motor vehicle in modern traffic is a complex operation. Rarely, can the driver proceed in safety unless he is constantly alert to other cars, pedestrians and other conditions such as weather, view obstructions or the condition of the car or neglects these factors and is itself. Too often, the young driver involved in a traffic casualty as a result."

STUDENTS TO TRAVEL

A feature of the second session of summer school, July 27 to August 30, will be a special course for students interested in visual education and science. After spending the first half of the term on the campus, students will make a two-weeks circle tour of the state by bus to permit personal observation and photographing of Oregon's natural wonders, historical spots, and agricultural, industrial and scenic resources.

Oregon's motor vehicle registration set a new record at the end of June this year when Secretary of State Farrell reported 441,000 vehicles registered in the state.

The registration this year is eight per cent above the total registered in the state at this time last year. It is about two per cent higher than the 1941 total of 434,089 vehicles.



SCENE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ASSAULT ON D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944—This map depicts 115 miles of the English Channel Coast of Normandy between La Hève and Cherbourg where the American First Army and the British Second Army established beachheads following prolonged air attacks and effective naval bombardment. Dotted lines indicate the beaches where landings were made. Omaha Beach where the heaviest losses were sustained was taken by the U. S. 1st, 29th and 101st Airborne Divisions. At Utah Beach landings were made by the U. S. 4th, 96th and 98th Infantry Divisions after landings had been effected inland by the U. S. 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. In the British-Canadian sector the thrust toward Caen, Cherbourg was captured June 26th. By July 28th the breakthrough beyond St. Lo opened the way for the fall of Avranches to the 4th Armored Division and the sweeping advance of the Third Army.

Reed Ellis Rudin Trial Expected

The hearing for Reed Ellis Rudin has again been postponed and no date has been set for it by Judge Mackay pending decision by defense attorneys regarding the case.

Rudin's accomplice, Leslie Wilson, has already spent several weeks in the penitentiary following his plea of guilty to assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Both men have confessed, officers report. Delay indicates that it may be necessary to try Rudin, whose relatives have obtained an attorney for him. The next regular term of court will be in November.

BOYS CALVES GAIN WELL THIS MONTH

Sherman county boys whose calves have been weighed recently have done a consistent feeding job for many of the steers are, getting to be of good size. About 16 of them will probably be taken to the state fair because they are too large for the Pacific International in October.

Bob and Dean Martin, Herefords weighing 961 and 795; Roger Miller, Angus 920, Hereford 764; Don Miller, Hereford 743; Larry Kaseberg, Angus 1011, and Shorthorn 1001; Douglas Alley, Hereford 990, Angus 744; David Wright, Herefords 900 and 896; Alfred Kock Hereford 934 and Shorthorn 975; Clarence May, Hereford 800 and Shorthorn 821; Roger Ball, Herefords 800 and 820; Joe and Roy Harvey, Angus 840, Herefords 685 and 788; Rodney and Ronald Rolfe, Herefords 671 and 820; Leroy Martin, Herefords 796 and 817; Ed and Doran Fritts, Herefords 825, 785, 857, 814, 1018, Angus 807 and 807; Shorthorns 888 and 994; Fred von Borstel, Herefords 880, 700, 828, 821 and 779; John Alley, Hereford 576; Barbara Alley, Angus 770; Dick Oveson, Angus 875, Shorthorn 843; Steven Oveson, Hereford 1004; Larry Sayrs, Angus 831 and Shorthorn 961; Harry Hartley, Angus 1035, Herefords 906 and 890, Shorthorn 855; James Hartley, Hereford 851; Margaret Reckman, Shorthorn 812 and Hereford 781; Duane and Merle Eakin, Shorthorns 929, 623, 702, 833, 765, 880 809 754.

Jimmy Roberson has the Carl Schilling Angus, which now weighs 685 and David Wright has the Hereford from the same place which weighs 684.

WHEAT STOCKS DOWN

July 1 farm stocks of old wheat were reduced to 42,703,000 bushels, says USDA market review, the smallest in the last 9 years. Farm disappearance, April-June, was the largest on record and totaled 161 million bushels. Stocks of corn on farms July 1 were the smallest July 1 stocks since 1937 following the drought years of 1934 and 1936 and amounted to 515,351,000 bushels while stocks of oats were the largest on record and totaled 277,973,000 bushels.

Disabled Veterans Should File Now Reduced Rates For Crop Insurance Due

Q. Prior to my discharge, a navy doctor advised me to contact the Veterans Administration when I got home regarding a growth on my spine. It is not bothering me now but I feel that it may later on. What should I do about it?

A. If you have not already done so, you should file an application for service-connected disability pension form 105. Your claim will be rated on an available medical records from the service to determine if your condition is service-connected and if a pensionable disability exists. If rated service-connected you will receive hospitalization or out-patient treatment for this condition when need is indicated. If non service-connection is determined, you may still obtain hospitalization when necessary if bed space is available.

Q. I want to use my loan guaranty privilege to buy a farm and would like to know if there is any Federal agency that makes loans to veterans for farm purchase?

A. Yes. The Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act provides for the Farm Security Administration making farm loans under certain conditions.

Q. I have let my NSLI term policy lapse since my discharge. I have been out of the army more than six months. Can my policy be reinstated?

A. To reinstate your NSLI term policy, irrespective of the date of lapse, you are required to pay only two monthly premiums and submit a signed statement that you are in as good health as at the time of the lapse. You have until January 1, 1947, to do this under the regulations.

Q. Last year I attended school under the G. I. Bill and received subsistence payments of \$75 a month for me and my family. Am I entitled to retroactive payments since the subsistence allowance has been increased to \$90?

A. No. Payment of increased subsistence allowances to veterans went into effect January 1, 1946 and the bill provides specifically that the increased amount is payable as of the first day of the calendar month following enactment of the amended legislation. Date of the enactment was December 28, 1945.

Cool Days Make State's Crop Huge

The cool temperatures and about normal rainfall during June state but the frequent showers damaged much of the hay cut and caused heavy losses to some cherry growers, particularly in the Hood River valley. Pastures were improved by the June rains and are now providing better than average feed though the July 1 condition of 90 is not quite as high as a year ago.

Oregon's wheat crop promises to be the second largest produced by the State. Probable production of winter wheat is placed at 26,145,000 bushels and that of spring at 5,198,000 bushels making the all wheat crop 25,343,000 bushels. This is 21 percent above last year's crop of 20,889,000 bushels and 28 percent above the 1935-44 average of 19,774,000 bushels. Yield prospects were improved considerably during June by the cool weather and normal or better rainfall in the primary wheat areas while the acreage for harvest is the normal acreage for harvest is the largest since 1938 and 100,000 acres above 1945.

Oregon Wheat Scarce

Stocks of wheat on Oregon farms on July 1, 1946, is estimated at only 313,000 bushels, which is but a small amount compared with the 1,617,000 bushels on farms on July 1 last year and the average July 1 stocks of 1,235,000 bushels.

Prospects for feed grains (corn, oats, barley and rye) improved materially during June. The total production of these grains in Oregon is now expected to at least equal last year, but will probably not reach average.

Women Should Report Marital Status

Women workers should notify the Social Security Board when they marry so their names can be changed on the Board's records at Baltimore.

For the woman who marries and wants to change her name, the Board has provided a special form, which may be obtained at the local field office of the Board. She should fill it out, attach the social security card bearing her maiden name and send the form to the Board.

The Board does not assign her a new number, but present name and the number that was originally assigned to her. She thus will have only one social security number during her entire lifetime. If she had more than one number, she might stand to lose her benefits.

TRAFFIC VIOLATOR WAITING IT OUT

Shelton C. McPherson of Spokane was arrested near Rufus by state patrol men earlier this week on a series of traffic violations. He was fined \$25 by Justice of the Peace Ryland O. Scott which McPherson refused to pay with the result that he is spending a few days in the Sherman county jail in lieu of the fine. Lack of money was not the reason for McPherson's refusal to pay for he had something in excess of \$4000 on his person when searched.

Grain Crop Still Looks Like Big One To Farmers

Cool Weather After Late Rains Insure Winter Wheat; Aid Spring

Although harvest started in Sherman county last week when Wes Fuller began cutting on his point ranch few others have tried. Some have pulled into the field only to find their grain too soft for acceptance at the elevators.

Within another week it is expected that many combines will be cutting and probable yields can be known. This will be true if a few hot days come to the county. So far the weather has been cool since the first rains of June and farmers are much encouraged over the prospects of a heavy crop made up of big, full, fat kernels.

Estimates made on wheat yields when insuring began a month or so ago were 20 and 25 bushels and these have been raised to 30 and 35 since the rains and continued cool weather. Farmer estimates of the crop are usually more accurate than that of others.

The Sherman County Journal was in error in mathematics last week in saying that a 25 bushel yield would produce 2,850,000 bushels. That was based on the 106,000 acres of 1945 instead of the 120,589 acres of the 1946 crop. A 25 bushel crop on 1946 acreage will bring in 3,014,725 bushels.

Farmers, like everyone else connected with the wheat business, are confused over the market situation. Reports are current of sales at \$2.00 per bushel but the market is lower than that since. The government, it is reported, has reduced its promised purchase of wheat from 250,000,000 to 150,000,000 bushels. It is further stated that about a half of this has been obtained.

The ceiling on wheat here gives price of about \$1.75.

Farm Accident Week

Oregon farm residents and workers on 9200 farms covered by the Industrial Accident Commission, suffered 1719 accidents in 1945 of which 10 were fatal. These figures compiled by J. B. Avison, released for National Farm Safety week July 21 to 27, of which Dean William A. Schoenfeld is chairman.

While these are doubtless the larger farms of the state, it is not certain whether the accidents per farm on the total of some 64,000 farms of Oregon would be greater or fewer. Applying the ratio would give approximately 12,000 total farm accidents and 70 fatalities for last year in this state.

Even these seemingly high figures indicate a better farm safety record in Oregon than for the nation as a whole, Dean Schoenfeld points out. The farm residential accidental death toll for 1945 is estimated by the National Safety Council at 16,000. As Oregon has about one percent of the nation's farms the proportionate share here would thus be about 160 fatalities, though the national figures may include traffic deaths of farm residents.

Of the farm accidents reported to the Oregon commission the highest percentage consists of sprains, cuts and bruises at 44 percent, followed by cuts and lacerations at 30 percent. Fractures rate third with 12 percent. The Oregon commission does not list the exact causes of the accidents but does give the general nature. Thus the greatest hazard is being struck by some object caused 13 percent of the injuries. Falls of various kinds brought 21 percent of the casualties.

Farming is probably the most hazardous of any single major occupation as one-fourth of the occupational deaths in the United States occur in agriculture.

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Mrs. Vern Rolfe is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. May, while waiting for her husband to be transferred.