

Have You Heard?

A column devoted to the analysis, the source, the motive, the effect and the answers to the many rumors now being passed, innocent and otherwise, by word of mouth to the detriment of our war effort.

The Rumor and Propaganda division of the Oregon State Defense council urges the support of all citizens of Oregon. Rumors detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war should be reported. Effort should be made to ascertain the original source of such rumors and all other possible details.

In 1933 Hitler said:

"Our strategy is to destroy the enemy from within, to conquer him through himself. Mental confusion, contradictions of feelings, indecisions, panic—these are our weapons."

To spread rumors is to help the enemy from within. They tend to divide the United Nations—to divide the people and to 'weaken our will to fight. It's your duty and job to stop them.

That the Axis rumors are shooting in all directions and at every part of our daily life is evident from the following group. Here is one designed to create dissatisfaction with our government heads in their handling of the tire situation.

RUMOR: All cars will eventually be jacked up because the rubber shortage is such that even military needs cannot be filled.

Facts: Clark Van Fleet, chief rationing officer for the OPA for Oregon states that the rumor is definitely untrue: that every effort is being made to supply tires to all—and that means everyone. There is absolutely no reason to believe this condition is possible if everyone observes the president's request in the use of tires and cars. Don't drive over 35 miles an hour. Keep your tires properly inflated, and above all, don't abuse them.

A bulletin dated January 12, 1942, from the treasury department brands as untrue a vicious rumor intended to create panic and bank runs.

RUMOR: That the government is about to freeze all bank accounts.

Facts: Following is the text of the bulletin: "In view of the recurring rumor that the government was planning to confiscate savings accounts, Secretary Morgenthau today entered an emphatic denial.

I wish to state emphatically that there are no foundations whatever for such rumors. Mr. Morgenthau said. The federal government does not have under consideration any proposal involving the confiscation of savings deposits of this country for any purpose. Furthermore, any one circulating rumors of this character is acting against the welfare of the nation."

That Old World rumor is with us again in a little different form. It's designed to discourage the civilian public from making contributions to the comfort of the men in service.

RUMOR: You've seen the baskets in stores filled with cigarettes, with a card that reads, "Give a pack to a buddy." The latest rumor is that the contents are not distributed free, but are being sold at 20 cents a package.

FACTS: This rumor is obviously a lie on the face of it, because the men can buy cigarettes from the government's own commissaries for much less than 20 cents a package. The public can rest assured that donated supplies are not sold.

Naturally the Red Cross is not overlooked in this mad scramble to discredit all our war efforts. The latest rumor is one designed to withhold necessary voluntary help from this vital activity.

RUMOR: That men in the service have said there isn't any need for the Red Cross.

FACT: Harold Barenston, manager of the Multnomah chapter of the Red Cross, says, "The Red Cross conducts many services for people in need and distress. Now help is definitely needed to fulfill our quota of surgical dressings for the army and navy. We also need volunteers in nurses' aid work."

Remember it is the duty of all loyal Americans to report such rumors as you hear to the Rumor and Propaganda division of the Oregon State Defense Council, 101 Oregon building, Portland, Or, if more convenient, report direct to your local county defense chairman, who, in turn, will forward it.

Hardman News . . .

By Elsa M. Leathers

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Miss Helen Cowgill visited both grade and high school Wednesday. Miss Cowgill talked about the 4-H club.

Mrs. Frank Howell returned to her home at Top Saturday with her son, Clifford.

Mrs. L. C. Batty visited in town a short time on Thursday and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Craber. Carrol Buschke received first prize of \$1.50 in defense stamps for her sewing in 4-H club last week and Joyce Buschke received fifth.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Salings visited at the Blaine Chapel home this week from Galena. They also attended to business in Heppner.

Carey Hastings and Buster Bleakman were successful elk hunters this week.

Mrs. Darrel Farrens has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Rainey at Condon the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lougren and son went to Condon on Friday to visit Mrs. Margaret Wick and the Walter Hayes family. They will return Sunday.

Pvt. Alton Stevens who has been at Camp Young, Calif. visited his sister, Mrs. Frank McDaniels. He had a ten-days' furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stone and son were in Spokane on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings and daughters were in Pendleton Wednesday visiting an optician.

Jim McDaniels and party returned to their home near Staton after hunting both elk and deer in this section. Three in the party were

successful.

Mrs. Everett Harshman returned from Portland where she has been visiting her brother, Delvin McDaniel and wife. Her husband is employed in the ship yards.

Mrs. Bessie Cook of Independence is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Craber. The Crabers have moved back to the old Stevens place north of town.

Mildred McDaniel returned home after spending several weeks at Long Prairie where her husband and Elwood Hastings have been cutting wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruger of Sherwood visited at the Ray, Walter and Mary Wright homes this week. They were in eastern Oregon looking after their ranch here.

Mrs. Kenneth Batty will be the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower Saturday given by her many friends and relatives at the home of her mother Mrs. L. H. Robinson.

Miss Alta Stevens and John Allen returned home from Walla Walla after visiting there three weeks.

Mrs. B. H. Bleakman received word that she has a new granddaughter born Nov. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Townsend at Stanfield. The young lady has been named Brenda Kay.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULED

The union missionary society composed of members from the Christian, Methodist and Episcopalian churches will meet Friday afternoon in the basement of the Christian church at 2:30. The program is in charge of Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. Bennie Howe and Mrs. D. M. Ward. Mrs. Lee Howell is president of the group.

IONE NEWS

Asotin Home Scene Of Pretty Wedding

By MRS. ELMER GRIFFITH

The marriage of Miss Eileen Sperry and Elden Padberg was solemnized Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1 in the Methodist church in Asotin, Wash. the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Ralph Bolick read the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sperry, and is a graduate of Ione high school. She attended Marylhurst college at Oswego last year. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Padberg of Lexington. Both are members of pioneer Morrow county families.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her sister, Charlotte Sperry was bridesmaid and Ernest McCabe, a school friend from Ione, was best man. Preceding the ceremony Charles Parsons sang "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Evelyn Just who played the wedding march.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents where refreshments were served. Out of town guests were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Parberg and his brother Charles. After a short wedding trip the young couple are at home at Stanfield where Mr. Padberg is employed as assistant clerk at the defense project at Hermiston.

The next Parent-Teacher meeting will be held at the school house on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Glen T. Norton of La Grande, personnel director of the N. Y. A. will speak at 3:30 p. m.

The P. N. G. of the Rebekah lodge realized \$50.00 on their election day dinner and feel very grateful for the patronage.

Robert Carson, Byron Carson and his son Glen, who have been guests of Cleo Drake on an elk hunt have returned to their home in Salem. Mr. Drake was fortunate enough to bag a cow elk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houk and family of Condon spent Sunday in Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lundell are the parents of a baby girl, born Sunday in Pendleton. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Algott W. Lundell and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCabe.

Carlton Swanson is suffering from an infected knee. He is able to be in the store but is very uncomfortable.

Mrs. Ida Coleman and two daughters arrived home Sunday from Minnesota where they have been for the past month, visiting Mrs. Coleman's father and other relatives. Mrs. Seena Sleevevoigt who accompanied her, has not returned home as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Palmateer of Morgan have received word that their son Ted, who is in the navy, has been sent to Memphis, Tenn. for special training.

Bill Eubanks and Robert Perry are both studying in Chicago.

Mrs. Albert Lindstrom has received word that her brother, Alfred Turner, has arrived safely at his destination over seas.

Plans are nearing completion for a carnival and supper to be given by the Social club of the O. E. S. at the Masonic hall next Saturday evening, Nov. 14.

Ione lodge, A. F. & A. M. enjoyed a visit Saturday evening from the Grand Master, Carl Phillips of Portland. Other guests were Walter C. Winslow of Salem, Frank C. Howell and Herbert L. Toney, all Past Grand Masters, the degree team of Research lodge and a delegation of members from Heppner, and also some from Arlington. The degree team of Research lodge conferred the master degree upon Ione's candidate with Mr. Winslow in the east. A gavel, made in Ione of sage brush, was presented to Research lodge. Following the business meeting refreshments were served.

BAZAAR DATE SET

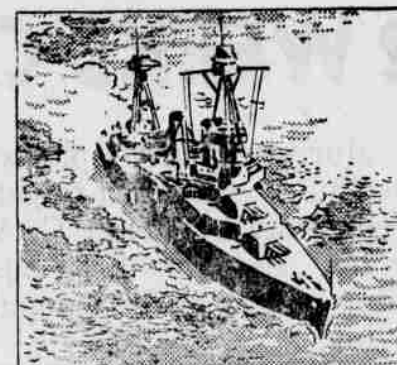
Date for the annual bazaar given by the Ladies Aid of the Lexington church has been set for Dec. 2. A basket dinner will be a feature of the day. The bazaar will be held in the Aid room of the church.

Coffee consumption in the U. S. in the past 30 years has more than doubled, while the population increase has been only about 45 percent.

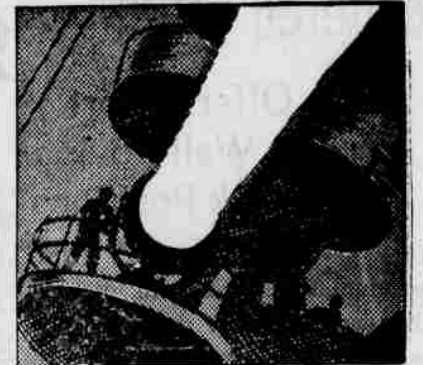
Traveling 10 miles at 35 miles an hour takes two minutes longer than at 40, but two miles of extra tire life are saved at the slower speed.

On the Seven Seas

For 45 years General Electric has developed and built electric equipment for warships. Here are a few of the ways in which electricity serves the Navy.



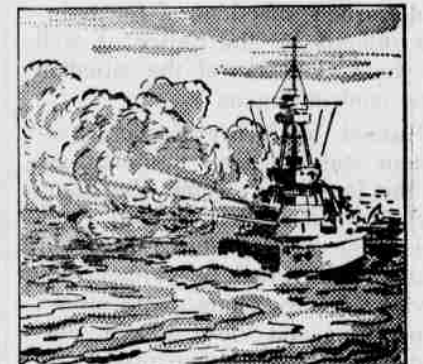
1. Just one battleship may have electric generators to produce as much as 180,000 kilowatts. This power would supply the needs of a city of 375,000.



2. Searchlights produce millions of candlepower of light to aid in detecting enemy ships and planes, and to guide Navy gunners to their targets.



3. More than 20 different operations are performed in bringing a naval gun to bear on its target. Electricity helps to co-ordinate these operations.



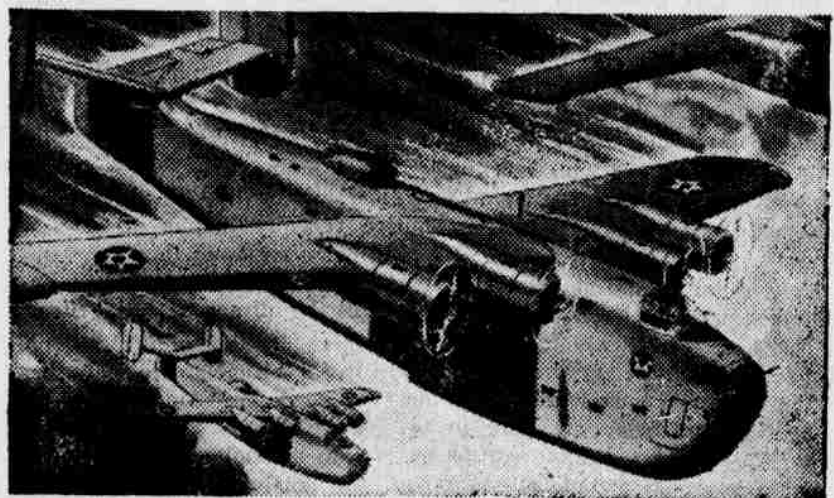
4. When a battleship goes into action, electricity helps direct the ship, operate the guns, and give the orders. G.E. is building equipment to do these jobs.

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