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News From The Boys at The Front

Big Names Listed On Program of EO Wheat League

Normandy Invasion

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In the electric interval of our inactivity, between the moment of released anchors and our appointed firing time, the Krauts caught our rapidly clearing silhouette in their sights and shore batteries initiated our untried crew in that first soul shaking baptismal of enemy fire. A searching, insistent stabbing of their shells into the waters near the ship, with the added shock and concussion of the explosive misses and near misses, really set us on our ears for a moment.

Those topside were witness to the ugly spouting of shell-geysers and we below decks imagined from the terrific shock of the underwater concussions that we were being hit! My God, would we never open fire? My nerves were really taking a beating and I realized I was shouting at the phone-talker (battle-stations connect with "control" by phones throughout the ship and we depend on the "talker" principally, to pass the word in all actions) to give us the word! "Is that a hit?" "Jeez, that last one put us in a bracket", shouted the talker!

This terrible anxiety was to be repeated often enough during the 12 days in which we stood along the beachhead area, but that first breathless plunge into action tops it all!

When our own batteries opened fire in return we were a relieved crew. The shore batteries were receiving our destructive fire fully ten minutes before we had scheduled our bombardment. Our superior fire power and an uncanny accuracy spelled doom for this initial adversary. We were subsequently to see them rubbed out one by one—shattered and twisted remains of the German guns and pulverized pillboxes that suffered our direct hits.

Our training requirements had been well visualized with the problems in our sort of operation well covered. D-day went further in most respects, and notably, in the case of our ship being on battle stations (General quarters). We had "suffered" a long G. Q. period in training of 24 hours. This involved eating and drinking and caring for those necessary "calls of nature" on our battle stations. In action we were on our stations constantly for a period of about 112 hours. We were eating battle rations, and in the main surgery, where I am located, we stood watch every four hours. Now, as a result of knocking out all the coastal artillery that might possibly menace our land of troops and supplies, we gained a respite and an opportunity to bathe and eat a regular chow.

Throughout this period of our vigil off the Norman Coast we were subjected to regular night-bomber and radio-controlled bomb attacks. These attacks took a heavy toll of our sleep. It would have been possible, after defeating the short based threat of the enemy's heavier artillery, to relax but for these frightfully persistent air attacks.

The air attacks made on our ship dispositions were methodical and consistent in a pattern of their operations. The most dreaded aspect of the tactics involved a prodigious use of flares over our anchorages. These parachute-flares floated in a maddeningly interminable descent, illuminating the area to a brightness more dazzling than daylight. Psychologically, the radio controlled bomb proved to be a tremendous nuisance; our means of combatting these bombs being satisfactory to a great extent. No one would care to under these deter-

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Wayne Morse and Joseph L. Orr on Arlington Schedule

An address on wheat problems of the future by Joseph L. Orr, assistant to the administrator of the AAA, and an address by Senator-Elect Wayne L. Morse are highlights of the opening session of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League's seventeenth annual meeting at Arlington, according to the program just distributed by Charles W. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

These addresses will be Friday morning, Dec. 8, when the main session opens, following the preliminary committee meetings scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7. The meeting continues through Saturday, December 9.

Governor Earl Snell will be guest speaker at the banquet Friday night. Several specialists from Oregon State college and the University of Idaho and representatives of organized labor, the state department of agriculture, the Portland chamber of commerce, and various federal agencies are on the program, which follows in condensed form:

Thursday, Dec. 7, 10:00 a. m. committee meetings all day.

Friday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a. m., opening ceremonies, president's address, Roy Forman, Antelope; "Wheat Problems of the Future," Joseph L. Orr, AAA; address by Senator-elect Wayne L. Morse.

Afternoon, 1:15 p. m., preliminary reports of committees; "Shall We Keep Wheat Allotments," E. J. Bell, FCA, Spokane; "Industrial Uses of Wheat," Olof E. Stamborg, University of Idaho; "Looking Ahead," D. D. Hill, Oregon State college; 6:30 p. m. banquet, Governor Earl Snell, guest speaker.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 9:15 a. m., committee reports; address by Eugene Allen, editor of the Oregon Labor Press; "Oregon's Agriculture," E. L. Peterson, director of state department of agriculture; "Proposed Life Membership Plan," Roy Forman, president.

Afternoon, 1:15 p. m. "The Agriculture of Argentina," S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agent; "Let's Take a Look at Oregon," D. B. Simpson, president of Portland Chamber of Commerce; business meeting.

BACK IN STATES

Mrs. R. C. Lawrence received a letter from her husband, Capt. Richard Lawrence, stating that a friend of his was leaving for the States soon and that upon his arrival the friend would call her and tell her all about him, "Doc." Sunday, Mrs. Lawrence received a long distance call from New York, not from his friend but from her husband. He has been hospitalized for some time in England but the doctors there thought he should be moved out of so damp a climate. To the joy of all concerned he said the army will send him to a hospital nearest to his home, which is probably Mc Caw General, and that he hopes to spend Christmas with his family. Capt. Lawrence has been away from his family for 15 months, and in England for the last 13 months.

PAYS \$30 FINE

Laurance Ellis Ingram paid a fine of \$30 and costs of \$3.50 in Justice J. O. Hager's court Friday when haled before that official on a drunk and disorderly count. Police Chief Bill Morgan made the arrest. Ingram also drew a jail sentence of 30 days which Justice Hager waived so defendant, who is a timber worker, could leave town and go to work.

HAS SOME ONE A PAIR OF GLOVES TO TRADE?

If anyone reading this story has the gloves in question or knows the person who has them, Mrs. L. D. Neill will be grateful to learn the identity of said person.

Instead of seeking to recover property, Mrs. Neill wishes to return a pair of gloves which she picked up by mistake, probably at the golden anniversary party at the Wells home. The gloves are much better than the gloves she took to the reception and she feels sure that someone has suffered keen disappointment over her loss. Mrs. Neill has tried to locate the owner of the gloves and finally appealed to the Gazette Times to aid her in the search.

Man Held in Jail On Rape Charge

Ivor Amoth, lumber piler, was taken into custody Saturday and is being held in the county jail awaiting a hearing on a charge of rape. Amoth was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Fern Ekstrom who charged that the attack was made on the night of Nov. 24 at the Amoth residence.

Amoth is said to have been drinking heavily and since being incarcerated has refused to take nourishment. All day Monday he was defending himself against imaginary enemies, using the jail broom as a defensive weapon. Monday morning he told Sheriff John Fuiten that over 200 people were after him. The sheriff thinks his prisoner will become more rational when he goes off the hunger strike.

Amoth's wife was taken to the Pendleton jail Friday to serve a 50-day jail sentence imposed upon her a few weeks ago. She paid the fine of \$60 at the time and the justice of the peace withheld the jail sentence pending good behavior. When she got into a fight with another woman one day last week, Hager caused her to be taken up for the sentence. Because the local jail lacks a woman's ward she was taken to the Pendleton jail.

FOUR MORROW COUNTY BOYS JOIN THE ARMY

Four boys out of a group of inductees going to Portland this month have been selected for army service. The group left Nov. 16 and included Delbert T. Vinson of Lexington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elza Vinson of Lena; Elroy G. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Martin of Lexington; Henry R. Krebs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Krebs, Cecil, and George Garnet Ashbaugh of Heppner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ashbaugh of Portland.

Franklin M. Kincheloe of Irrigon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kincheloe, passed his pre-induction physical on Nov. 20 and is home awaiting call. He is available for general military service.

FREE LUNCH LINE ON SALE BILL IS ERROR

Readers of the Gazette Times who may have seen posters out advertising an auction sale at the C. R. Peterson ranch near Monument and others who may read advertisements in newspapers of this district will gain the impression that free lunch is to be served at the sale next Wednesday. Such is not the case.

Due to a mix-up in notes, the printer got the free lunch idea (a habit formed through years of setting up that line) in the form and run off. The bills were sent out for distribution. A correction has been made in the advertisement in this issue of the paper which states that the church women of Monument will serve dinner at the sale for a nominal charge. So don't go to the sale expecting free lunch.

Annual bazaar and food sale of the women's auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church will be held Saturday afternoon opening at 2 p. m. at the parish house. Tea will be served during the afternoon.

Crop Goals for 1945 to Be Set at Portland

Oregon's 1945 farm production goals, to be worked out at a conference of farm leaders and agricultural officials in Portland Dec. 1 and 2, are expected to call for a total planted acreage about the same as this year, reports R. B. Taylor, chairman of the state AAA committee.

Information on the estimated 1945 requirements for crops and livestock for all military and civilian needs will be brought to the conference by a delegation from the War Food administration in Washington headed by G. F. Geissler, director of AAA's western region. On the basis of these requirements and of the capacity of Oregon farms and ranches to produce under expected conditions, the goals will be worked out by Oregon people invited by the state AAA committee to assist with the job.

Goals suggested for Oregon have been checked by the Oregon production capacities committee, appointed by Dean William A. Schoenfeld, of which E. L. Potter, head of the agricultural economics division at Oregon State college, is chairman. This committee will report its recommendations to the Portland conference.

The state's production schedule for the coming year probably will follow closely the national patterns, calling for a leveling off of output without increasing the high totals of recent seasons, Taylor said. He pointed out, however, that the time has not yet come when farm producers can ease up and cut down on production. While some individual crop adjustments are needed, decreases in some crops will be offset by increases in others, with the total acreage just about equal to 1944.

3-A Committees to Meet December 4-5

Annual meetings of the triple A in Morrow county will be held Dec. 4 and 5, according to Henry Baker manager of the local office. Meetings will be held at Boardman and Irrigon Monday, when local committeemen will be chosen for the ensuing year, and Tuesday there will be a county meeting at the circuit court room in the courthouse for the purpose of hearing a report on the work of the past year and for the election of the county committee.

Harvey Miller, field operations officer of the AAA, will attend the meeting and outline the program for 1945.

WHAT DO WE OWE?

What do we owe the boys of Eisenhower, of McArthur, of Nimitz, yes to our own, and to our neighbors' sons.

Surely it is little we are asked to do compared to the sacrifices they are making for us. Let us back them up now as we never have before—and make the soldier's prayer come true. He says:

"God give us strength to fight and win and with His will, to see our home and loved ones again."

Saturday, Dec. 2 is the American Legion Auxiliary day to sell war bonds. Will you invest now every dollar you can to help speed victory and bring our loved ones home.

Mrs. Chris Brown, president

Mrs. Sarah Franch has received word from her son, Earl Crismon, who stated that he is hospitalized with malaria. It was the first word Mrs. Franch has received from him since September 26. His letter was written Nov. 13 and was less than two weeks coming through from the south Pacific.

Robert Grabil, genial manager of the local branch of Braden Bell is taking a few days off this week after a strenuous summer of keeping farm equipment running.

County's Granges Responsible for Farm Loan Quota

Greenfield Tops Four Groups With \$67,000 to Raise

Morrow county's four granges will be responsible for this county's farm quota in the sixth war loan, it was announced early this week by P. W. Mahoney, finance chairman.

Granges of eastern Oregon are competing in selling bonds in this campaign for a registered Aberdeen Angus bull and a purebred Durco Jersey sow, while in western Oregon granges are in competition for a registered Jersey bull and purebred Romney ram, according to Morton Tompkins, master of the state grange.

Grange quotas for the county as announced by Mrs. Minnie McFarland, Pomona master are: Greenfield \$67,000; Rhea Creek \$37,000; Willows \$66,500 and Lexington \$42,000. Greenfield at Boardman includes the northern part of the county and possibly will draw some of its support from payroll in that dividing the responsibility in getting in the war funds, recognizing vicinity.

Grangers saw the advantage of the necessity of eliminating the use of cars as much as possible. It is expected they will obtain their quotas without much solicitation. Most of the heavy investors in war bonds are found among grange members.

The finance committee is centering its attention on the "E" bond purchases with special emphasis on individual purchases. Although the county has met each quota with an oversubscription, the fact remains that not enough small purchases are being made, that is, too few buyers. It is the desire of the committee to put a lot of names on the list of purchasers in the sixth campaign.

A big feature of the present campaign will be the free movie night participation by the Star Theater. Tickets have been placed in the hands of bond selling agencies and purchasers of bonds between now and Dec. 7 will be admitted free. If bonds have not been previously purchased they may be secured at the box office and the free ticket given at that time. Non-purchasers will not be excluded from the show, a Bette Davis number, "Mr. Skeffington." Regular admissions will be sold as usual. The point is that the theater would rather give tickets to bond purchasers. The Star has scheduled a children's war bond matinee for the afternoon of Dec. 9 and war bond premier for the evening of Dec. 12.

Bond purchases to date have not been as heavy as the committee would desire although it was estimated Wednesday that between \$75,000 and \$80,000 has been invested in the present issue.

Seek to Form Model Club in Heppner

A meeting will be held Friday evening, Dec. 1, in the city hall for the purpose of gaining support for the organization of a model club for the youth of Heppner and vicinity. Parents, youths and all others interested in such a project are being urged to attend the meeting, which will be called at 7:30 o'clock.

Projects pending include scale model military equipment air craft—planes, etc., model railroads of all types—steam, diesel and electric; buildings and scenery in miniature; boats of various types, and midget automobiles—past, present and future.

Object of the club is to provide interesting diversion for the young people in spare time.

DR. McMURDO ILL

Dr. A. D. McMurdy has been confined at home for nearly two weeks suffering from a bad cold. His office has been closed but he is seeing patients at his residence.