

FARMERS GROUP PLANS DRIVE ON 5TH COLUMNISTS

Associated Farmers of California Appeals to Public for Vigilance and Calm

San Francisco, June 5.—(AP)—By the end of this week, 50,000 California farmers will be welded into an unarmed but powerful force to expose "fifth column activities" in this state, the Associated Farmers said today.

Only "those methods prescribed by law" will be used, the organization said, and every effort will be made to prevent mass hysteria.

"Our strategies we naturally cannot reveal," a committee statement said, "but within three days in every rural county of California farmers, quiet men doing their bit, will be at work."

No Hysteria
"There will be no hysteria. Our men will try to halt any outbreak of that nature anywhere, for it could slow down the efficient cooperation of the drive."

Declaring the United States and California had "a large fifth column," the statement asserted: "These traitors must be found and driven out. . . ."

"This statement is in the nature of an appeal to the general public, an appeal for vigilance in every walk of life for these traitors attempting to undermine our American way or our American defense plans."

CCC AQUATIC SCHOOL PROGRAM MAPPED TO START NEAR JULY 15

Plans for the annual summer aquatic school conducted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in conjunction with summer Red Cross water safety programs throughout the country, were being started by district headquarters here today.

The 1940 classes are slated for the Twin Plunges in Ashland and will start about the middle of July. Two representatives from each of the 31 camps with

in the local district will attend and will be designated as life guards for the respective camps upon completion of the courses. Headquarters announced it was selecting two representatives from this district for the national Red Cross swimming school, scheduled for June 16 to June 27 at the Laurel Dell Lodge, Upper Lake, California. The men attending these sessions will have charge of the district aquatic program.

LITTLE CHANGE IN GREYHOUND STRIKE

Little change in the three-week-old drivers' strike against the Greyhound Bus company has been shown locally with strikers settling down for a waiting period.

Sam D. Koehler, chairman of the Oregon grievance committee here, said that additional pressure was being exerted on the San Francisco office, and indicated that the lines were being tightened "throughout the affected area. He added that he had received instructions from the bay region stating that all news releases would be given out from that point to avoid duplication of controversy.

Striking drivers yesterday received checks for the last half of May in the form of benefits paid by the Brotherhood.

Company officials here report that the buses are running on schedule and no interruptions have been recorded.

SOUTHERN OREGON BOYS JOIN NAVY

Navy recruiting offices said here today that at least 15 young men from the southern Oregon district would be enlisted in the naval forces during June.

Eight applicants are to be sent to the Portland offices June 10 and a second delegation will leave about June 17. Possibilities of still a third delegation were being discussed but definite information has not been received officially.

Names of the men who will comprise the June quota were being selected today.

Additional appropriations for the navy have increased the vacancies in the personnel and recruiters said that all district quotas had been increased.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED IN RESORT LITIGATION

An order sustaining the demurrer of the defendants in the suit of C. H. McGrew against Amelia Toft Yarrington and Fred E. Wahl, signed by Circuit Judge Carl Hendricks, of Fossil, Ore., was filed in circuit court today.

The plaintiff is given until June 20 to reply.

The demurrer was a legal move in the action involving the Buckhorn Springs property near Ashland, and pending in the court for several months in various phases.

TWO MILLION IN GIGANTIC BATTLE ON WIDE FRONT

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infantry massed along the front, with the heaviest fury of the attack centering in the Laon-Soissons sector.

The whole battle line extended from Laon to Abbeville, 12 miles from the English channel.

With the conflict still in too early a stage for decisive results, Premier Reynaud of France confidently predicted that the allies "can hope for a favorable issue of the struggle."

"France has decided to fight to the end with her British ally for the liberty of the world," Reynaud declared.

Violence Increases
Toward nightfall, the battle increased in violence in the stifling heat, smoke and dust of the fields.

German bombers meanwhile raided an unidentified area in central France, and French fighting planes and anti-aircraft struck back.

Touched Off By Hitler
Touched off by the German fuhrer himself from his headquarters on the western front, the massive attack began at 4:04 a. m. (7:04 p. m. Tuesday, P. S. T.) with a furious artillery barrage against the French lines.

While the Nazi air force thundered overhead, bombing and strafing, masses of uniformed German infantry moved forward through the dawn haze.

The heaviest blows were directed at the region of Amiens and along the Ailette canal, between Laon and Soissons. The latter is only 58 miles from Paris.

Berlin declared Paris—the apparent target of the new blitzkrieg—lay "practically exposed" to the German onslaught.

Peace Offer Hinted
With Belgium crushed in a 26-day campaign, Hitler sent his legions striking into the heart of France with a hint that he had offered the allies some kind of a separate peace—possibly a separate peace to only one side—and had been rejected.

This, in his "order of the day" addressed to his armies, the fuhrer declared:

"The plutocratic rulers of England and France, who pledged each other to avoid with all means the bloom of a new and better world, want a continuation of the war."

London several days ago reported that Hitler was expected to offer a separate peace in an attempt to split the allies—and Prime Minister Churchill pledged yesterday that Britain would fight "alone if necessary" to win the war.

Allied planes again retaliated for the Nazi aerial attack on Paris—which left 254 dead and 652 wounded—by bombing

Friedrichshafen, home of the German Zeppelin and site of Nazi airplane engine factories.

A. S. BLITON, EARLY PUBLISHER HERE, TAKEN BY DEATH

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self with odd jobs around his home and up until his illness six weeks ago, was a familiar figure about the business district, calling on old friends and making new ones.

Mr. Bliton's circle of friends and acquaintances in the valley was large and his death will be mourned by hundreds. He was an active member of the Methodist church and a true Christian throughout his long and useful life.

He is survived by his wife, Ida M. Bliton; two daughters, Mrs. Loraine Thomas, Medford, and Mrs. Mildred B. Dodge, Yreka, Cal. Also one son, Albert H. Bliton, Eugene, and two grandchildren, Larnell Dodge and Claire Loraine Thomas.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of Conger funeral home, will be announced tomorrow.

Air Students Pass.
Salem.—(AP)—All 24 students in the civil aeronautics ground school at the local airport received passing grades, Vern DeAutremont, instructor, reported. Ten of the students will be selected for flight training at government expense, DeAutremont said.

TRANSIENT HELD FOR ROBBERY OF TAXICAB DRIVER

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picked up Miller, who had abandoned the cab and was hitchhiking, and took him to Ashland. Suspicious of Miller's actions, Zarka notified Ashland city police and Miller was arrested in an Ashland restaurant at 11:20.

After being notified of the alleged stickup, state police here launched a search for the taxicab and discovered it at 1:50 a. m. today. It was not badly damaged, the right front fender, headlight and front bumper being bent. It had apparently struck a bank as Miller tried to turn around in the middle of the road.

Confession Claimed
State police said that Miller made a full confession of the assault and robbery, giving as his reason the "need for money." Miller also stated, police said, that he had been in trouble before for burglary.

In his statement, Miller said he enlisted in the U. S. army at Fort McArthur, San Pedro, Cal., in August of 1939, and received a medical discharge in December. He stated he had been hitch-hiking around the country since his discharge, and was on his way south from Seattle when he "hired" the taxicab driver last night.

FLAG DAY OBSERVANCE PLANNED BY ELKS OF NEIGHBORING LODGES

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The annual Flag Day observance of the Elks lodges of Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, will be held next Monday evening in the Ashland Elks temple. The regular Flag Day observance comes on Friday, June 14. The date was advanced due to the state Elks convention at Pendle-

ton, which will be attended by many of the officers of the three lodges. The public is invited to attend.

Herbert K. Hanna of the Medford lodge will deliver the history of the flag, and Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass, state commander of the American Legion, will deliver the main address. There will also be appropriate patriotic music, both vocal and instrumental. The regular Elks

flag ritual will also be given. The Flag Day exercises are one of the high points of the Elks lodges, which stress Americanism and love of flag in their tenets.

Ex-Postmaster Dies.
Forest Grove, June 5.—(AP)—Robert P. Wirtz, 66, former Forest Grove postmaster, died yesterday. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. He resided here 55 years.

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