

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR WAR RELIEF WELL UNDER WAY

Chairman Harder Names Captains From Various Clubs for Campaign Here.

Jackson county Red Cross campaign to raise \$12,000 in the county for local and national war relief is progressing well, according to Ben Harder, county chairman. Captains selected from various service clubs are in charge of the campaign with the Toastmaster's club handling publicity.

Representatives from the clubs in Medford include: E. C. Corn, Rotary club; E. E. Koford and Raymond R. Reiter, Kiwanis club; Ed Mann and E. B. Humphrey, Lions club and C. Morris and George Frey, Toastmaster's club.

A plea has been received from Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross for cooperation of all American citizens in this Red Cross war drive. In a telegram addressed to Seth M. Bullis, chairman of the Jackson County Red Cross chapter he said:

"The bombing of Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Manila, the invasion of the Philippines, the submarine attacks in the Atlantic and Pacific have dramatically brought home to us the cruelties of this war. Wherever our heroic soldiers, sailors and airmen are so valiantly defending our soil there also you will find the flag of the Red Cross unfurled alongside the Stars and Stripes. Red Cross men are on every hand. Funds are urgently needed to keep intact these frontlines of mercy. The enemy respects neither holidays nor weekends. The Red Cross war fund should be pushed to rapid over-subscription. Partnership in this time of need gives all the people an opportunity to participate. The Red Cross is a people's partnership in a time of need. It is patriotism in action to give to the Red Cross. Miseries of war cannot be measured by quotas and mathematical yardsticks nor personal conveniences. The president, the American people and our fighting men expect much of us. An avalanche of giving now will help the Red Cross deliver the goods."

WORKER HURT AT TIMBER PRODUCTS

G. E. Childreth, 44, carrier driver for Timber Products company, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital late this morning with a badly injured left ankle, which was caught and pinched between a load of lumber and pile-bottom fittings, according to a company official.

Childreth was working in the shed when the accident occurred about 11 a. m. He was taken to the hospital in the Perl ambulance.

Births

SIMMONS.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton W. Simmons, Eagle Point, December 27, a boy, eight pounds, at Community hospital.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

The Mail Tribune want ads.

County Defense Council Instructions for Public

No. 8
Uniform Warning Signals

"To avoid confusion, every community MUST conform to the uniform warning signal for air raids and blackouts which has been adopted by the second interceptor command.

"There are only TWO authorized audible signals to be sounded by siren or whistle. First is the AIR RAID WARNING. Second is the ALL CLEAR. Precautionary warnings will be given only over the telephone or other silent signal system.

"The air raid warning signal means that an enemy raid is imminent. The air raid warning signal should be of two minutes' duration and consist of arising and falling signal of varying pitch or a succession of intermittent blasts.

"The all clear signal should also be of two minutes duration but consist of a continuous flow of sound at a steady pitch.

"The difference between the two signals can best be illustrated by the difference between a wavy or broken line and a straight, unbroken line."

Ruler of Warlike Little Balugas Joins in Defense of Philippines

With the USAFFE in Central Luzon, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The ABCD powers have a new ally in their war against Japan. He is "General Tomas," the ruler of the warlike if diminutive Balugas who live in the mountains of west central Luzon.

Tomas, with a slight of poisoned arrows over his shoulder, an ancient cartridge belt around his waist and a gleaming bolo in his hand, approached a group of American officers. He wore an old U. S. army shirt and a fatigue cap.

He drew himself up to his full height—four feet—and, with great dignity, informed the officers that the Balugas, with the approval of their tribal council, had decided unambiguously to help America fight Japan.

Tomas previously had captured three Japanese airmen, who had parachuted from their planes, and delivered them to the American forces.

CRIME DETECTION GROUP WILL MAKE SABOTEURS WORRY

FBI Laboratory Helps Track Down Enemy Aliens Working Inside Against U. S.

Washington—It would be inconceivable in this war for the United States not to have sabotage and espionage for those are twin activities considered vital to the effective operation of any war effort.

But the spy and saboteur are going to be up against something now with which they never had to cope in World War I—the most complete scientific crime laboratory in the world.

Over at the federal bureau of investigation, a group of 65 scientists, every one of them specialists in some particular field, will be working day and night if necessary to make life hard for the saboteurs and spies. J. Edgar Hoover, director, started the FBI crime detection laboratory in 1932, not without a little derisive sniffing from some government officials, lawmakers, and particularly the police of the land.

Sniffers Quiet

In nine years, the sniffers have quit it and the police of the land now send about 2,000 specimens a month to the laboratory for analysis and report.

Spectrography, petrography, serology and such may just send the reader to the dictionary, but it already has been proved that they can send the saboteur to the pen.

Petrography, for example, is the business of analyzing and

classifying soils, minerals, dirt and debris. Into this classification, too, falls the microscopic study of oils and greases to determine if any foreign substance has been introduced to damage the machinery it is supposed to lubricate.

One case where petrography played its part recently was the identification of iron filings in a big tractor that was shipped to Australia. After that, locating the source of the filings was up to other FBI investigators, but knowing what it was narrowed the search.

Not long ago, a navy experimental plane was discovered to have certain aluminum alloy fittings which had been partially sawed through. Into the laboratory came the fittings and 176 hacksaw blades and the scientists went to work. In a few days, they came up with the report that only 17 of the hacksaws could possibly have been used on the job. That didn't solve the case, but here again it narrowed the search to such extent that the agents in the field could work swiftly on what otherwise would have been a painfully slow investigation.

Studies Ramified

In the laboratory, too, chemists study acids that are thrown on metals and materials to damage them.

The document section devotes its time to documents, checks, codes and ciphers. The search for fluorescent invisible writing, using ultraviolet light and the use of ultraviolet and infrared photography for the restoration of secret and obliterated writing are just phases of this section's extensive work but it is one that makes the task of sabotage and spying far more difficult than it was.

Life won't be so easy for inside workers as it was 20-odd years ago.

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AVOIDING JITTERS IS MAIN BATTLE FOR AMERICANS

Washington's Biggest Worry Is Fear Of Hysteria—Control Plan Is Studied.

By Jack Stinnett

Washington.—The biggest worry of official Washington in these early days of war is fear of widespread hysteria throughout the nation.

That was the chief reason President Roosevelt took the air to try to create calm in a people who were giving every evidence of letting war jitters lead them into panic.

Officials already are trying to formulate rules and regulations by which the people, self-imposing them, can avoid the hysteria and resulting confusion which the enemy would so much like to see spreading over the land.

Ignore Rumors

Among these, the first is pay no attention to rumor. The theater of war is a thousand miles and more away. Communications are disrupted. News will come back slowly and will even then have to be filtered to be certain that none is given to the enemy by being made public.

Naturally, this leaves the door wide open for all sorts of concoctions that have little or no basis in fact. And the worst and most damaging of the fabrications will be planted by the enemy.

Federal officials say it is not impossible that American cities will be bombed and that every city should have its precautionary plans drawn and ready for instant action. But, they continue, without enemy bases nearby, there can be no large-scale bombing in this phase of the war.

No Witch Hunt

How to keep the people on guard for fifth column activity without setting off a witch hunt is another one that is putting gray hairs in many Washington heads.

The prime activity of the fifth columnists, before the armed forces arrive, is to create distrust in one's government and one's institutions; to set up race hatreds; to align class against class; to turn every one against his neighbor; to throw the country into confusion.

According to investigators, the chief instrument of the fifth columnist in this country for a while now at least will be talk—just plain conversation that will have as its objective those things mentioned in the paragraph above. And that is the kind of conversation that will have to be guarded against.

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TOP 4-H STOCKMAN



HIGH achievements of Oregon 4-H Clubsters in livestock work is reflected in the 10-year record of Robert K. King, 21, of Moro, who is named the state's outstanding boy for the year in this project by State Leader H. C. Seymour of Corvallis. Robert handled 393 sheep, 127 baby beavers and other stock and won many showman's and judging honors. Prize money received on 11 grand championships and lesser awards total \$1,891 and the boy's gross proceeds are certified as \$20,643. He is also named Western sectional winner in the national 4-H meat animal contest and received from Thomas E. Wilson, prize donor, a trip to the recent National 4-H Club Congress and a \$200 college scholarship.

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