

WAR SACRIFICES NOT IN VAIN, IS SMITH'S OPINION

Education Board Member
Tells Rotarians U. S. Dross
Melted in Common Cause

Edgar W. Smith, Portland, member of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and of the United Nations' council of Portland, spoke before the Medford Rotary club Tuesday noon at the Hotel Medford, the anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack at Pearl Harbor. "Education, the War and Peace" was the subject of his address.

Smith, who is a Portland business man and also operates a ranch at Pendleton, has been prominently mentioned as a Democratic candidate for the



Edgar W. Smith

U. S. Senate at the forthcoming primary elections. In the evening he spoke before army officers and wives and members of Medford chapter of the American Association of University Women at the Outpost.

In his opening remarks, Edgar Smith told Rotarians that the loss of 3,000 men, victims of a treacherous and diabolical assault, was terrible, but that their sacrifice was not in vain. This tragedy in stantly welded all America into a mighty singleness of purpose. The bombs that fell on Pearl Harbor and on Manila blasted from our midst the isolationists and pro-Nazi propagandists, destroyed the obstructionists and crippled the saboteurs, blew up our complacency and over-confidence, and at the same time and above all, strengthened the faith of our people in the realities of our own professions of democracy.

In Rightful Role
"Then did we come out of our selfish isolation and assume once more the role of courage, self-respect and helpfulness, and our natural right in the affairs of the world," he said. "Then did we find ourselves fortified by democratic education functioning at its best."

After tracing the early steps which made man the creature of nature as we know him today, Smith pointed out that "education has developed the germs of nature but has not perfected them. Man's continually occurring orgies of blood quite overwhelm any statement to the contrary. Today, with four-fifths of the people of the world embroiled in another bloody conflict, we discern the proving ground of two colossal experiments in education. One of these began 70 years ago with Germany's grandiose plan to subjugate the world. The other was

the United States' gigantic undertaking in building the world's mightiest war machine, utilizing the product of the most prolific and efficient inventive and manufacturing genius ever known.

Because this nation insisted upon isolationism after the first world war, efforts to establish a collective peace became a futile gesture," Smith said. The Versailles treaty was then flouted before the world and education in many countries became disorganized and demoralized.

Totalitarianism Traced
The speaker then traced the course of totalitarian rise to power which began with the first attack of the Japanese upon Manchuria, followed by the invasion of China, Mussolini's attack upon Ethiopia and his violation of pledges with the kingdom of Albania. Hitler's thrusts in Europe were the inevitable subsequent moves which involved the world in this desperate struggle.

On the brighter side, Smith reminded his audience that "education which we seek must not be one that destroys lives but to serve life . . . the only reason we have education at all is because of the value we place upon human lives." Democracy, he said, is not an "ism" but a "way of life" with respect for the individual human being its basic and abiding moral purpose.

"Democracy does not awake to danger until the 59th minute of the 24th hour," the speaker said in pointing out America's complacency in the face of mounting Nazi and Japanese power, the infiltration of fifth columnists here and the fortifying of mandated islands in the Pacific.

"In the final awakening it is good to know that our educators in schools and colleges throughout the nation showed redoubled vigor in respect to their analysis and understanding of the economic, social and political problems which were involved in this war and which created the awful crisis that still confronts us . . . The ruthlessness, ingenuity, and malignity of the totalitarian strategy have placed free people everywhere on trial. This is clear, yet it is those who profess democratic ideals and not the ideals themselves that are on trial."

Mr. Smith reviewed briefly the events of the past 20 years which have brought to the people of America a more intelligent conception of human relations. He expressed the opinion that the league of nations covenant was overwhelmingly popular after the first war, but was blocked by the efforts of a "group of wilful men. The people of America must prepare to adopt and act upon the international policies that will be most likely to attain the desired results of the coming victory, otherwise the sacrifice of this struggle will have been in vain," he concluded.

Mr. Smith left today for Portland.

THE GRANGE

Roxy Ann Grange
Roxy Ann Grange members enjoyed a special program of educational pictures at their hall Friday evening, when Mary Schuler, principal of Lone Pine school, and Hervey Crocker showed "Timber Today, Forests Tomorrow," and "The Country of Ecuador" on the screen.

Sunday, Dec. 12, members will meet at the hall at 10 a. m. Men are to bring hammers for the purpose of rebuilding tables and ladies are to serve dinner at noon.

The Grange Christmas party will be observed Dec. 17 with each member asked to give a number toward the program. There also will be the usual exchange of Christmas gifts and the ladies are to furnish either one dozen popcorn balls, apples or oranges.

CLINIC DONATION TO HONOR YREKAN KILLED IN CRASH

Relatives of 1st Lt. Theodore A. Stewart Make
Substantial Gift

As a memorial to First Lieut. Theodore A. Stewart of Yreka, Cal., who was killed in an airplane crash last Monday in North Carolina, a large donation has been made to the Jackson county health program, Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, chairman of the Alex Sparrow Memorial committee of the Jackson County Public Health association, announced this week.

The committee, she stated, feels honored to add the name of the young flier to the memorial plaque, which hangs in the clinic rooms of the Jackson county health department. Relatives of Lieutenant Stewart have sent contributions to the clinic from Los Angeles, San Diego, Fort Lewis and Amarillo, Texas. His family had learned of the establishment of the Sparrow Memorial clinic through friends in Medford and chose this manner of honoring him.

Married in August
Lieutenant Stewart, 22, had married Miss Beth Marie Pitman of Yreka just last August at Cherry Point, N. C. He was killed in a flying accident about one mile south of the Marine Corps station at Cherry Point, according to the Yreka press.

Mrs. Stewart was expected to return to Yreka by plane from Washington. Her husband's body, accompanied by a military escort, was being sent to Yreka for burial.

In addition to his wife, Lieutenant Stewart leaves his mother, Mrs. J. W. Thomas of Yreka, his stepfather, J. W. Thomas, a sister, Mrs. Jean DeLong; an aunt, Mrs. Marguerite Eldridge of Alameda and four cousins: Mrs. Ferda Downey of Alameda; Lieut. Scott Harrison of Fort Lewis; Pfc. Lawrence Harrison, Amarillo, Tex., and Pfc. Donald Harrison, on duty in the South Pacific. His father, M. M. Stewart, is a warrant gunner in the navy, stationed at San Diego.

FIRST CONCERT IS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

First concert of the Jackson County Civic Music association is to be Dec. 15, Wednesday of next week, according to an announcement today by Seth M. Bullis, president of the association. Appearing will be Sidor Belarsky, famous Russian bass-baritone. The concerts are to be held at the high school auditorium on South Oakdale Ave., and Mr. Belarsky's program is to open at 8:15 p. m.

A total of five programs is to be presented during the winter and early spring by the association. Second of the series will be the Don Cossacks Russian choir, which is scheduled for Jan. 18.

Since the successful campaign for memberships resulted in a capacity subscription, there will be no admissions sold at the door. Seats will not be reserved.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to Classify 12:00 p. m.



A C-47 transport plane, first of that type to land on the rebuilt airfield at Tarawa, lands between rows of American fighter planes as the big craft brought Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, to the base on a recent inspection.

WATCH PRICES CUT
Washington, Dec. 8 —(U.P.)—Sharp reductions in retail prices of three types of imported Swiss watches were ordered today by the Office of Price Administration.

Watches affected were pin-lever, cylinder and Roskopf types, now being imported in greater than usual quantity because of the shortage of inexpensive American-made types.

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MRS. R. M. EVANS GIVES LECTURE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. R. M. Evans, chairman of the speaker's bureau of the Philadelphia Red Cross branch, spoke at the senior class assembly at the Medford high school this morning. She explained the work of staff assistants in the high schools of the east and talked of the help they give in establishing blood bank centers. Mrs. Evans' talk was the initial lecture in a series to be given under auspices of the Junior Red Cross to train high school students as junior staff assistants.

Second lecture of the series will be Dec. 14 at 1:45 p. m. at which time Mrs. Justin Smith will lecture on Red Cross history to a combined audience of seniors and adults at the senior high school. Attending the lecture will be recruits for the hospital and recreation corps and staff assistants from the army auxiliary and high school. The third lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a. m., and will be on the subject of the services rendered by the Red Cross to the armed forces.

The high school lectures are being made through the cooperation of Leonard Mayfield, principal of Medford senior high school.

ENROLLMENT DECLINES IN SUMMER SESSIONS

Eugene, Dec. 8 — Enrollment in the six summer sessions of the Oregon state system of higher education in 1943 with a total of 2141 as against 2374 in the previous year, showed a decline of 9 per cent, as compared with an average decline in the 11 other major summer sessions in the four northwestern states and California of 41 per cent.

The annual statistical report of the Oregon summer sessions, from which the foregoing figures are taken, indicates that the only major institution showing increased enrollment was the Portland summer session, in which the gain was 18 per cent on a total of 761 this year as against 642 in 1942.

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