

D-DAY HEADS 10 BIGGEST STORIES; 4TH TERM SECOND

New York, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Because no military operation in history equalled it for boldness of conception or force of execution, the Allied invasion of France last June was the unanimous choice of the editors of the United Press today as the number one news story of 1944.

In listing the reelection of President Roosevelt as the year's second biggest story several of the editors said they intended the heading to cover such closely related developments as the election campaign and especially the rise of labor in American politics.

The selections:
1. D-Day.
2. Roosevelt's election to fourth term.
3. American invasion of the Philippines.
4. Allied sweep through France.

5. Red army's thrust into Baltic states and Balkans.
6. B-29 raids on Tokyo.
7. Defeat of Japanese grand fleet by U. S. navy.
8. German robot-bomb and rocket campaign.
9. Assassination plot against Hitler and mystery of his decline.
10. Hartford circus fire.

GUILTY IS VERDICT IN NEWBURN CASE

A verdict of guilty was returned yesterday afternoon by jurors who heard the trial of Woodrow Wilson Newburn, 33-year-old Medford millworker, charged with statutory rape of a minor. Judge H. K. Hanna of circuit court will pronounce sentence Monday at 10 a. m.

The jury, composed of eight men and four women, deliberated 34 minutes and returned their verdict at 2:22 p. m.

Newburn's trial opened Tuesday morning with O. H. Bengtson appearing as defense attorney. Upon hearing the verdict, Judge Hanna set the date of sentence and Newburn was returned to the county jail.

New York, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Pat O'Brien returned from an eight week tour of the China-Burma-India theater today with only one complaint—he missed his wife.

Infantry Show To Be Here Saturday



A 39-man demonstration unit of Combat Infantrymen will exhibit this infantry weapon in the spectacular outdoor weapon show, "Here's Your Infantry" which will be held at Medford high school stadium beginning at 7:45 Saturday evening. Display of infantry weapons will be shown at Riverside USO Saturday from 1 until 5 p. m. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School).

LEYTE ACK-ACK DAILY AVERAGES 4 JAP PLANES

American Sixth Army Headquarters, Leyte, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—This army's anti-aircraft, commanded by Col. William L. McNamee, Riverside, Calif., who at 39 is probably the youngest ack-ack commander in the U. S. armed forces, has averaged four Jap planes a day definitely shot down and an equal number probably destroyed or damaged since the invasion of Leyte began.

The ack-ack guns have bagged more than 400 enemy craft, most of them during the first few weeks when McNamee did not have too many anti-aircraft pieces, especially the heavier type. During his last two years overseas—the last year as the Sixth army's ack-ack commander—he has made many improvements in the disposition of guns and the dispersal of quadruple machine guns in connection with 40-mm pieces.

The closer General MacArthur

comes to Manila the more at home McNamee feels. He was commander of anti-aircraft at Fort Drum—the "concrete battleship"—and also at Corregidor from 1937 to 1939. He was graduated from West Point in 1927 and has been in the army ever since.

R. E. WINCHESTER PASSES SUDDENLY

Richard E. Winchester, 55, passed away suddenly about 11 o'clock last night at his home, 111 King street. He had made his home here about a year and prior to coming to Medford had lived in Lakeview about 30 years.

He is survived by two sons, in the armed forces, a daughter, Mildred, at home, and his wife. The body is at Perl funeral home pending arrangements which will be announced later.

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'PVT. HARGROVE' ACTS SEQUENCE IN USHER ROLE

New York, Dec. 15—(U.P.)—Sgt. Marion Hargrove, of "See Here, Private Hargrove" fame, now feature editor of Yank, the army weekly, acted out a sequence to his book last night, with a change of locale, but only slight change of characters.

The new character was Miss Esther Wall McCarty of Roseland, La., urged into the scene by Lt. Thomas James Mulvehill, formerly of Ft. Bragg, N. C., and Hargrove's "Pal" in his book and movie as well as in real life.

It all began yesterday when Mulvehill assumed the new role of bridegroom. He called Hargrove up.

"Hargrove, I just remembered I'm getting married tonight, and what I need most next to a ring is an usher at the door. You're it. I'll pick you up this afternoon and we'll go get me married."

The wedding followed somewhat in the Hargrove literary style, with the groom an hour and 25 minutes late due to 16 wrong turns he took while driving to the scene at the home of Mr. John Marshall in Bronxville.

CONSOLIDATION OF FARM LOAN UNITS THIS AREA IS PLAN

Reorganization and consolidation of the Jackson and Josephine county units of the National Farm Loan association in order to improve their efficiency and financial standing was proposed at a meeting of the board of the two associations held in Medford Wednesday. Explaining the proposal were Arnold Anderson, Spokane, regional manager for Oregon, and K. K. Bernard, Spokane, vice-president and treasurer for the association in the northwest district.

Stockholders of the two county associations will vote on the proposal at a special meeting to be set early in January. Anderson and Bernard explained at the meeting here that similar reorganizations are being carried on throughout the country with favorable reaction from stockholders.

Warren Patterson, secretary and treasurer of the Jackson county association, is a patient in a local hospital and unable to attend the meeting.

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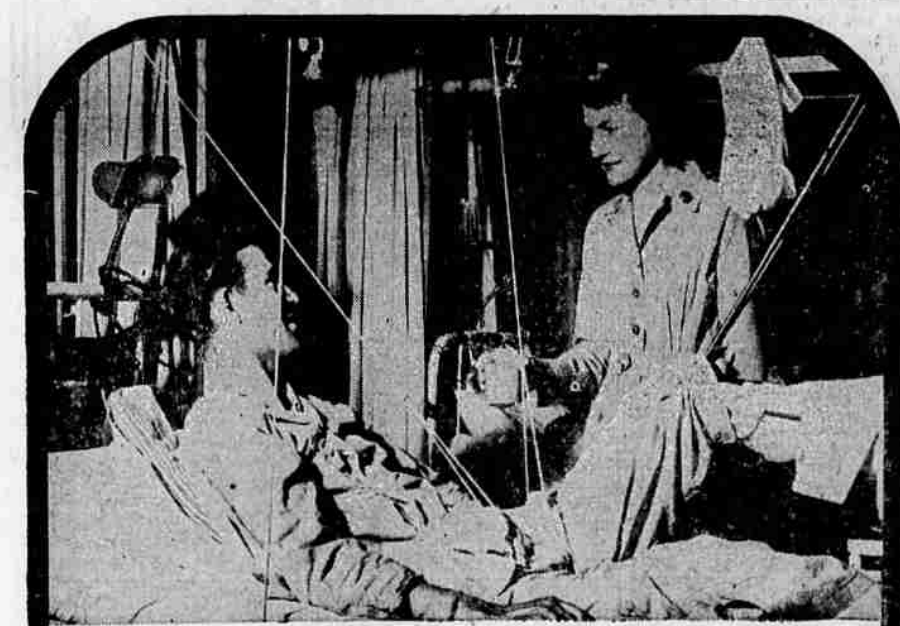
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