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Editorial Correspondence

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 18.—(Delayed)—A delightful surprise! Hearing Judge Hanna was improving decided to see if he was receiving callers, and lo and behold, on getting to St. Vincent's Hospital found he had left for home last night.

Colder today and now and then a bit of blue sky and sunshine. We often have the impression up here that the weather man is really working hard to produce some respectable weather, but old Jupiter Pluvius always is just a bit too much for him, except for about 90 days out of the 365.

Judging by what we have heard here in Portland the past few days, we would say the pendulum of public sentiment regarding the war in Europe has about swung back to where it was before December 16th, 1944—widespread confidence and optimism.

So Hitler again is at bay, with the allied pincers, Russia on the East and the British-Americans on the west, about to close in on him. A similar note is evident in the newspaper comments and commentaries.

Our old military sour-puss from Vancouver, however, does not share this sanguine feeling,—he maintains the war won't end until the German armies are destroyed and neither in the East nor the West, in his opinion, is that process going on very RAPIDLY at the present time.

We are glad to see President Roosevelt is not treating a universal war service program, as he did before the presidential election, when he did nothing to secure its passage after he had recommended it. As his message of yesterday demonstrates, he intends to fight for it this time in spite of the opposition of labor and the farmers. For which let Allah be praised and F. D. R. commended.

There will be one of the toughest problems for the historian of the future, i.e., properly appraising the character and career of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. To what extent, for example, was the welfare of the country impaired by the President's insistence upon playing politics,—placing political expediency above courageous and constructive statesmanship?

It is easy to over-simplify the matter,—maintain no President should consider votes, when principles are concerned. The plain truth is unless a President seeking re-election does consider votes, to some extent at least,—unless he takes the political considerations into some account, he won't be re-elected, and the principles he does believe in may never be established.

There is a medium ground which represents the proper democratic course to pursue. Our own belief is, history will record President Roosevelt's greatest weakness was his disposition, in case of doubt, to always veer to the side that had the most votes.

As has been maintained in this department from the first, the sooner this country,—ALL the country, labor, farmer, capitalist and what have you,—join together to win this war by doing what those who are running this war,—President Roosevelt and the general staff,—say SHOULD be done, the sooner the war will end and the less the final sacrifice in blood and treasure.

The Willamette river is high and about the color of milk chocolate. We presume the censor would not object to our noting the large number of new ships along the west bank, and large log rafts further up, with activity all the way to the Columbia contributing materially to the war effort.

Those in the income tax class,—and few these days are out of it,—should expect to be stung pretty hard while a war is on and not complain about it. But one of our old friends here in Portland has gone down to Salem to do what he can to see that the refund program for the state income tax is sustained, war or no war.

Last year that refund was approximately 75% and totaled many millions of dollars, which rejoiced the state tax payers, of course, but as a policy we believe is neither desirable nor right. Let such reductions come in times of peace. When a war is on let all who have incomes willingly pay large portions to support the war. Instead of refunding income taxes in state or nation, use the money raised to support the war effort, nationally and WITHIN the state.

P. S.: Why not turn these millions over to the institutions of higher learning, for example, instead of back to the tax payers and thus allow the Oregon boys who have fought this war to get the post-war education they deserve and want. R.W.R.

DEMOLAY ORDER SEATS OFFICERS WEDNESDAY EVE

Installation of DeMolay officers will be held at 8 p. m., Wednesday in the Masonic temple. The ceremony will be open to the public and past DeMolays will be in charge.

Bob Sherwood, who once played a cornet in high school, and then thought better of it, is in France.

Ed Kubil of the Applegate, who lost his fancy wallet then days ago, rejoiced Tues. as he found it, right where he lost it, while not looking for it.

The legislature is still in Salem, and the doldrums. Unless they get a hustle on, the Jack. co. delegation won't be home for the first sulphur of lime spraying.

A large coterie of robins made a sudden appearance in the residential areas during the week, and held a caucus to select the first robin of spring. Many favored one who had not been here all winter. John L. Robin predicted fishworms would be out earlier this year. His wife said she would give her right wing for a good mess.

Military experts now agree, including the Tokyo variety, the Japs are in an Hon. Tight Spot, and the Germans are in the same fix, only more so.

The nation continues to run out of everything it has too much of. Many think the shortages would vanish, if the defiance of commonsense in high places could be discontinued.

New sheep arrived in rural pastures the past week, and cut fancy capers to keep warm. One of their cutest tricks is to jump three feet straight up, and land three-legged. None of the lambs as yet have followed Mary to school.

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

Closing time for Sunday To Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

ARMED GUARD AT JAP FARM AFTER NIGHT RIDER ACT

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At the same time, state attorney general's investigators combed the ranch for clues to the identity of the group, which was frightened away when Doi summoned sheriff's deputies.

Sheriff Charles Silva said that Deputy Charles Dolce, who spent last night at the ranch, would remain there again tonight and added "we're not going to let up on this thing."

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LT. FRANK ROGERS LEAVES BY PLANE FOR ARMY DUTIES

An 8th Air Force Bomber Station, England—First Lt. Frank H. Rogers, Jr., 21, of Medford, Ore., pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been awarded the fourth oak leaf cluster to the air medal for "meritorious achievement" while participating in bombing attacks on Nazi installations.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Rogers, Sr., of Ge Baur apartments in Medford, Ore. A graduate of Medford senior high school, he was employed as an assistant dispatcher for the United Air Lines in San Francisco prior to his entry into the AAF in February, 1943.

Lt. Rogers is a veteran of more than 30 of the 8th Air Force's large-scale bombing attacks on vital targets within Germany.

"The oil refinery at Magdeburg was my most thrilling mission," said Lt. Rogers. "Flak knocked out one engine right over the target, but we bombed anyway and then turned for home."

Lt. Rogers is a member of the 487th bomb group, the division cited by the president for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, in August, 1943.

Lt. Rogers left by plane Saturday afternoon for San Francisco and will go from there by train to Santa Barbara for a complete physical checkup and reassignment. He has been spending the past three weeks visiting his parents here.

VICTOR ANDERSON DIES AT TALENT

Victor V. Anderson of Talent passed away at his home at 1 p. m. Saturday. He was born April 29, 1923, in Ashland and joined Battery B, 249th coast artillery, when 15 years old.

When the battery left Ashland he went with them to camp and spent 15 months before receiving a medical discharge.

He enlisted in the field artillery after Pearl Harbor and was trained at Camp Roberts, Calif., later transferring to the All-American division of paratroopers and received his boots and wings at Fort Bragg, N. C.

He was given a second medical discharge May 18, 1943, and has been in failing health since. He received his education at Talent schools.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson, Sr., Talent, brothers C/M second class Lester in New Guinea and R/M third class Albert in Russell Island, and his grandmother, Ella Abbott, Talent.

Funeral services will probably be held Tuesday from Litwiler Funeral Home in Ashland.

FARM EQUIPMENT SHOW HERE MAR. 1

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 20.—(U.P.) Residents of all but one of Oregon's western counties will have an opportunity to see labor-saving equipment for the farmer and his wife demonstrated by Clyde Walker's staff from January 26 to March 1.

Jackson county will have the exhibit in Medford on the last day, according to the schedule. Clyde Walker is extension agricultural engineer and assistant state supervisor of the state farm labor office in the Oregon State college extension service.

SINGER A RIVETER

Hollywood, Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Singing Screen Star Allan Jones reported tonight that from now on he'll be making music only with a rivet gun. The Universal actor said he starts work Monday on the swing shift at the North American Aviation plant in Inglewood, Calif. He will be a riveter.

LEMON JUICE RECIPE CHECKS RHEUMATIC PAIN QUICKLY

If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritis or neuritis pain, try this simple inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound, a two-week supply, today. Mix it with a quart of water, add the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy. No trouble at all and pleasant. You need only 3 tablespoonsfuls two times a day. Often within 48 hours—sometimes overnight—splendid results are obtained. If the pains do not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, return the empty package and Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by Western Therapist and drug stores everywhere.

BART SUMMERS, LONG TIME RESIDENT, DIES

Bart Summers, 93, a resident of southern Oregon for many years, passed away at his home in Gold Hill early Friday morning. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris chapel.

MISS O'DENNY TO BE DIRECTOR OF RIVERSIDE USO

Announcement was made Saturday of the appointment of Miss Bernice O'Denny of Tacoma as director of the Riverside USO. She arrived Saturday and relieves Vera B. Maris who has served as acting director for the last 12 weeks.

Miss O'Denny's background in USO activities dates back to the early stages of the war in 1941 when she began as a program director in the Tacoma club. She was later appointed an assistant director there before being transferred to the 989 Market street USO in San Francisco. As an associate director she earned a reputation for her work in organizing junior hostesses. After a year she became the 989's assistant director where she has been assigned until arrival here yesterday. She was an advertising manager in a Tacoma store before entering USO work.

A luncheon honoring Miss O'Denny as new director is planned for Thursday noon at the USO by the operating committee. Chairman George Frey is in charge of arrangements. Maj. Henry Koerner, regional supervisor of USO, who plans to be in Medford Thursday will be a special guest, it was announced this week.

Mrs. H. F. Nordwick resigned Friday as acting program director at the USO after three months in the position. Nancy Lee Huff of San Francisco was appointed to the post a few weeks ago.

OLIVE TURNER PASSES AT HOME IN GOLD HILL

Miss Olive May Turner, 65, passed away in her sleep Friday evening. Her death was unexpected. She had made her home in Gold Hill for the past 37 years. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris chapel.

FLIGHT O' TIME

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

January 21, 1935 (It was Monday) Tom Mooney serving life in San Quentin for preparedness day bombing, is denied review of case by U. S. supreme court.

FEAR RAINS AND RISING TEMPERATURES MELTING SNOW IN HILLS WILL BRING FLOOD IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

Alvin Karpis, No. 1 desperado, shoots way out of Atlantic City trap.

LADDER USED BY KIDNAPER OF

Col. Lindbergh baby shown jury in Brund Hauptmann trial.

UNSETTLED WITH RAIN. HIGH 40, LOW 30 DEGREES.

Chain store tax bill to be presented to legislature.

OREGON SHIPPING HARD HIT BY STORM OFF COAST

Economic rights in China new sore points between Russia and Japan.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 21, 1925 (It was Wednesday) Bill presented in legislature asking \$175,000 for state normal school at Ashland.

VALE RANCHER TESTIFIES HE WAS STRUNG UP TO LIMB OF TREE THREE TIMES BEFORE HE ADMITS TIPPING-OFF BOOTLEGGERS.

BOND ELECTION FOR NEW SCHOOL UNDERWAY TODAY.

Espie to move its waterfront near Haymarket square to Jackson street.

VAUDEVILLE AT CRATERIAN DRAWS LARGE CROWD.

Unsettled with probable rain. High 53, low 33 degrees.

GREEN FIR SLABS \$7.50 GREEN PINE SLABS \$8.00

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AMERICA'S #1 COWBOY COMEDIAN Smiley Burnette

WITH Guest Stars from Hollywood & National BARN DANCE and Grand Ole Opry Continuous Entertainment. Music by Jimmy Dean and his Trail Riders.

MERRICK'S BALLROOM

Announcing The OPENING of the New American Fruit Growers REPAIR SHOP On South Fir St.—Opposite Our Plant Complete Repair Service for TRACTORS, SPRAYERS and FARM MACHINERY ONE of southern Oregon's largest and best equipped shops is now ready to help YOU to keep your tractor, sprayer and equipment producing vital "Food for Victory." The quality of work here will be in keeping, too, with the high tradition of American Fruit Growers' service to southern Oregon—provided by four skilled mechanics, one a specialist in Diesel. Now, in wintertime, while farm and orchard work is impossible, is the time to have your equipment checked and repaired—it will save costly breakdowns and loss of precious time in busy seasons. New equipment is scarce... keep your present machinery in good condition for the duration. PARTS for CLETRAC and OLIVER tractors in stock and parts for all makes of tractors, sprayers and farm equipment available. American Fruit Growers, Inc.