



(Acme Telephoto) Up sagging and crumbling dikes, Sam Gyrlik (left) and Nick Letkeman pause to read morale building message on the marquee of the City Hall in flood-plagued Winnipeg, Canada. Letkeman traveled 70 miles from Whitemouth, Manitoba, to help fight the rampaging Red River which has already forced at least 110,000 persons to flee the city.

Rogue River

Rogue River, May 24—Layman Alan O. Dech who is connected with the state educational system of Pennsylvania spoke to the Mens Council at Hope Presbyterian church, Friday evening, on the work of the organization and its growth. He reported there are now 1100 chapters and 1060 delegates attended the third convention held in Chicago recently. The Rogue River chapter is one of three organized chapters in Oregon. Dech said there is a great need for the practical application of Christianity in every day business and in all community life, and that every worth while accomplishment throughout the world is based on applied Christianity.

A waffle and pancake supper will be given by the Mens Council at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, in Fellowship hall. At the recent meeting of the council a discussion arose as to the number of waffles a small boy can eat, and as a result of the debate, pancakes and sausage are to be included in the menu for the evening repast. The men will cook and serve the supper and a small charge per person will be made. Funds raised are to be used to rebuild the burned out fireplace. A congregational meeting will follow the supper.

Mrs. Daniel T. Timberlake, 91, a pioneer of the covered wagon days, was a recent visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Wohlford. She is a resident of Mount Hermon, Cal., and was accompanied on her trip by another daughter, Mrs. C. M. Bigelow, also of Mount Hermon. Mrs. Timberlake has led an interesting life as the wife of an inventor. She states her husband was the original inventor of four-wheel drive trucks and four-wheel brakes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hargitt have returned from a ten day trip and visit with relatives in Seattle, Molalla and Hillsboro. They also visited their older son, Robert H. Hargitt, who is in the navy and is transporting relief troops to Yokohama, Japan. With them on the trip were Hargitt's mother and brother, Mrs. M. A. Hargitt and C. L. Hargitt from Tice, Fla., who are visiting in Rogue River.

Miss Gertrude Harris of Honolulu and Miss Ilse Kleinert of Kent, Wash., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Worral of West Evans creek.

John Sullivan of Seattle and his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Bruning of Detroit visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sullivan over the week end.

Rogue River, May 24—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whipple, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Babb, enjoyed an all day outing Sunday. They attended the rodeo in Ashland and returned by way of Jacksonville to look over the town and see the progress being made on the museum. They were

such that the bombers would get through with acceptable losses. LeMay has said an enemy probably would not know a B-36 was coming until the bomb hit.

And in exercises over England not so long ago, B-29's got through British defenses with what for the defenders was discouraging ease. No official statement ever was made to that effect, but a British source who was on the scene confirms reports printed at the time that the B-29's flying at 300 miles an hour at 30,000 feet were not stopped by Britain's fast climbing, jet-propelled Meteor 4's.

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celebrating Mr. Whipple's 79th birthday.

Della Randleman was given a tetanus shot Monday after stepping on a pitchfork which had been left in the grass. One time penetrated her foot about an inch and a half.

Mrs. Carl Christenson, left Monday for Bellingham, Wash., to attend the funeral of her brother Lloyd William Rick, who died suddenly in Los Angeles, May 19. Rick, a veteran of World War I, served under General Joan J. Pershing, and he also served nine years in the Philippines. The body is being returned to Bellingham by plane, funeral services will be conducted May 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gifford of Sherburne Center, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Seward Read of Brattleboro Vt., and Ralph West of Pasadena, Cal., have arrived here for a two weeks visit with their brothers, Frank, Albert and Lester West and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Worral of West Evans creek have received word their son Robert plans to spend the summer in New York as a guest of O. B. Hansen, chief engineer of NBC in Radio City. Robert was on the tennis team and has won his letter. He is house manager of Phi Delta Theta and has been chosen editor of the college year book for next year.

Mrs. Minnie E. Sams of Grants Pass is spending a week visiting friends and former neighbors in Rogue River. The Sams family for many years resided on the ranch now owned by Frank Hall. She recalls many interesting events in the history of Woodville and while calling on Mrs. Martha Cary Sunday evening, she and her friend, Mrs.

Lizzie Hatch told many humorous stories of the past.

Mrs. Hatch spoke of the old live oak tree on Evans creek and the covered bridge which stood beside it from 1868 to 1912. They then repeated Mark Whipple's story of crossing the bridge one dark night. It was when he first came to Woodville as a young man. He was returning from town on that particular night and he had forgotten the load pail and candle

lantern he usually carried. In passing through the dark bridge he stumbled over a cow. She arose with a bellowing protest and Mark said he ran some distance while telling himself it was only a cow.

Larry Sheehan, with the help of several others, succeeded in rearranging the fixtures in the Double Decker, Monday. They removed the counters and one door then sawed a part of the wall out to remove the old cab-

inet and make room for the new speed freezer. When they finished the work they were rewarded with cones of soft cream served them by Mr. and Mrs. James Roy, Rogue River's newest business team.

California is divided into four timber districts.

Portales, N. M.—U.P.—Mrs. F. C. Oldham believes she has discovered why her husband was discharged as janitor at the county courthouse. He is one-third of a set of identical triplets. The discharge came after a county commissioner saw one of her husband's brothers working in an adjoining town.

About 500 Bombers In Strategic Force

Washington, May 24—U.P.—America's strategic bombing force, which gained new importance in recent North Atlantic defense talks, now numbers about 500 bombers, it was disclosed today.

Only a few are B-36 super-bombers. The others are B-29 superforts, built during World War II, and their postwar successors, B-50's. All three types are atomic bomb carriers. No B-47 jet bombers have yet been delivered to combat groups.

Would Be Responsible
This country would be entirely responsible for long-range bombardment under plans for dividing military tasks among the 12 Atlantic pact countries, as discussed at the London foreign ministers meeting.

The bombers available immediately for the job are fewer in number than those frequently dispatched on single missions in World War II. But the destructive force they can carry is many times greater than that of the old B-17 flying forts.

Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, air force strategic air commander, keeps the bombing force in constant readiness to strike quickly if this country should be drawn into war. From headquarters of Offutt air force base, Omaha, Neb., he commands three air forces. They are: The 15th with headquarters at March air force base, Riverside, Cal.; the 8th at Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Tex., and the 2nd at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La.

Bombers Ready
With the exception of one B-29 group of probably 30

planes, based in the far east, and one currently on duty in England, all the strategic bombers are stationed in this country, ready to be sent in any direction when necessary.

Fifteen of the air force's 48 groups are bomb groups in the strategic air command's three forces. At present there are three B-36 superbomber groups, supposed to have 18 aircraft each, although one probably is not up to that strength. Eventually each group will have 30 planes. The B-36's are based at Fort Worth (7th and 11th groups) and Fairfield-Suisun air force base, Cal. (9th group). The 92nd group at Spokane, Wash., is slated to get B-36's.

There are three B-50 groups—the 93rd at Castle AFB, Merced, Cal.; the 43rd at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz., and the 2nd at Chatham AFB, Savannah, Ga. The other groups are B-29 outfits.

Gradual Expansion
The air force has been achieving a gradual expansion of bomber strength without increasing numbers of groups. Nine medium bomber groups, B-29's and B-50's, are being increased from a strength of 30 planes each to 45 and, in addition, each has assigned one squadron of 20 B-29 tankers for refueling in flight. The expansion is underway or already completed for six of these groups.

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