

FRED LA FORGE ELECTED HEAD OF LEGION POST

Fred A. LaForge, prominent in American Legion affairs, was elected commander of Klamath Post No. 3 at a meeting held Tuesday night. Other officers named for the coming year included L. L. Lombard, first vice commander; J. H. Gallagher, second vice commander; Calvin H. Ellis, adjutant and service officer; Elmer F. Merritt, finance officer; R. D. McGhehey, T. S. Abbott, F. M. Hooten, James R. Fowler and Earl Templar, members of the executive committee.

Delegates to the Portland convention to be held July 24 and 25 are Fred LaForge, Angus Newton, Fred Heilbronner and O. D. Matthews. Alternates, M. E. Cooper, C. F. O'Loughlin, Earl Templar, W. J. Bucknell and Elmer Merritt.

Upon recommendation of the post, Commander Angus Newton appointed M. E. Cornett and R. D. McGhehey to fill the vacancies on the Buckaroo Days committee. They will succeed Major Dewey Powell who is in the service and Lester Finley who recently joined the marines. Remodeling of the Legion hall is about completed and a house warming is planned soon. It was announced. The new quarters are attractive and will be enjoyed by the membership. Klamath post also bought an additional \$300 in bonds this week.

BATTLE CONTINUES AROUND SEVASTOPOL

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13 but said nothing about it officially for several days.

The Russians have been holding two salients which pointed toward Smolensk, 220 miles west of Moscow.

One extends through Dorogobuzh, 50 miles southeast of Smolensk and only 20 miles south of the Smolensk-Moscow highway.

Meanwhile, reinforced Nazi troops — perhaps spurred by hopes of a token victory for the first anniversary of the German-Russian war Monday — appeared to be increasing pressure upon smoking and explosive-scarred Sevastopol.

Soviet dispatches said fresh soldiers had joined Gen. Erich von Manstein's assault divisions to replace the thousands who had fallen in the all-out offensive he launched against the Crimean naval base 16 days ago.

A Berlin declaration that defenses of the besieged Crimean stronghold had been cracked was not confirmed here.

"Our infantrymen, sailors and artillerymen, repelling attacks of the enemy, are delivering ever new blows against them," the soviet information bureau said in a communique.

Russian warships in the Barents sea sank a 15,000-ton axis transport and Russian fliers, in addition to other work, destroyed an enemy torpedo boat, the communique reported.

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VFW Department Officials Coming



Included among the officials of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Department of Oregon who will hold their 22nd annual encampment in Klamath Falls from Wednesday to Friday of this week, and the VFW auxiliary, which will hold its 15th annual encampment at the same time, will be Department Commander Louis E. Starr (upper left), Department Senior Vice Commander Herman E. Lafky (upper right), Department Quartermaster and Adjutant W. E. McGuffin (lower left) and Department Senior Vice President Edith Mudd (lower right), of the auxiliary. The highlight of the encampment will be the joint memorial service to be held at the KUHS auditorium at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening. The memorial service will be called to order by Department Commander Starr and the program will include the invocation by the Rev. E. V. Haynes, the song, "Nearer My God to Thee," a ritual service under the direction of Department Chaplain Windus, the VFW memorial song, "Sleep, Soldier Boy," by the Klamath Lutheran male octet, a memorial address by Past National Chaplain Perry Smith, the song, "America," and the benediction by Father B. J. Scott.

Jack Waits, "Lex" Veteran, Tells Story of Battle

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banked away from the ship. A moment later two of the fish hit with a thud felt through the entire hull of the big Lex.

Our gun was undamaged, however, and from then on we were busy boys as wave after wave of torpedo planes and dive bombers converged on us from all sides. But, as I've said, their aim was highly inaccurate in view of their numbers.

Then, too, our fighter planes were aloft and engaging 'em wherever they could find 'em. That helped a lot.

During the battle, our battery was ordered to switch fire from port to starboard several times. Normally we fired to port.

But we got two of 'em. The one I remember most was a torpedo craft which had loosed its fish at our port side, then banked to its left so that for a short moment it was running parallel to the Lex and in the same direction.

Perfect Target
It presented a perfect target and we let the Jap have it with all four barrels. The plane was vitally hit, perhaps the shells killed the pilot, for it immediately began to drift to the right and crashed into the side of the carrier toward the bow from us.

I don't think all the torpedoes which crashed into the sides of the big ship did much damage. That is, if it hadn't been for the fires started deep within.

They did give us a list of about 10 degrees to port but within six minutes after the battle was over the Lex was righted and steaming steadily forward at 20 knots. To me, that showed the excellency of our officers and the perfect coordination they had with the men.

I don't think there's a more capable carrier commander than Captain F. E. Sherman, our skipper, who was the last man off the ship. I understand that since the battle he has been made a rear-admiral.

Well, as I've related, the attack lasted 24 minutes. I knew that several guns around us had been silenced but ours came

through without the loss of a man. After the fight was over we had little to do although we remained at our stations. We didn't know at the time that the Jap carriers had been engaged and had a lot of trouble right at their doorstep.

Big Explosion
Two hours afterward, at about 2 o'clock, a big explosion almost directly below us shook the ship and gave us a second list — of about three degrees. It was followed by a succession of smaller blasts that were to continue all afternoon.

At about 4:30 the command was given to abandon ship. I went forward—which was a mistake for I found out afterwards that the ship's store of ice cream had been broken out—and found my shipmates cutting down life rafts and lowering lines to the water.

I grabbed one on the port side, after inflating the life jacket I had worn during the entire attack, and slipped into the calm but oily water.

It was only then that I felt fear—all of us had been too busy before that, I think—for the current kept pulling me back toward the ship's side.

Finally the doomed Lex's big hull — the engines had been stopped — floated astern and away from me. In the meantime I didn't know but what it might blow up at any minute.

Picked Up
Fifty minutes later—it must have been almost six o'clock by then—I was picked up by a launch and taken to a cruiser.

Meanwhile, fires began to break out on our ship from stem to stern. Suddenly the biggest blast of them all blotted out the center in a blinding flash of light which looked like a colossal photographic bulb exploding.

When I last looked, our ship was flaming from stem to stern. I felt pretty rotten about it and I guess the rest of the boys did too.

I understand that a little later one of our destroyers steamed within range and threw several fish into her to keep her from becoming a floating derelict.

I don't know whether or not I'll again be assigned to carrier duty unless I'm good enough to make it as a pilot. I learned in San Diego that my application for naval air corps training had been accepted and as soon as they've room for me I expect to be transferred to the air arm.

I don't know what my assignment will be in the meantime but, in one way or another, I'd like another crack at the Japanese as soon as possible.

ALLIED ATTACK WAITS PROPER TIME, CRIPPS

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only a successful attack would help the allies and that "failure would damage and would not assist our common cause."

"When we strike, let us strike hard and with determination to march through to Berlin before we call a final halt," he said.

USO URGES SPEEDY CLEANUP OF DRIVE

Chalking up over half of its \$8600 quota, USO drive officials Saturday announced that Klamath citizens have contributed \$5,287 so far "to help someone they know." With more boys entering the services every day, drive workers laid special stress on the tremendous importance of civilian support, and urged that contributions be made speedily to carry on the work.

One hundred percenters—local groups whose members have every one made their contribution—grew in number Saturday, with six fairs added to the honor roll: Balsiger Motor company; Big Lakes Box company; Everbody's Drug store; Klamath Second Hand store; Conifer Lumber company and Kelpine Plywood company.

Members of the Stewart-Lenox Community club knew exactly what to do with the seven odd dollars they had left after the purchase of a war bond—they turned it in to the USO Saturday morning, and it will go to help entertain the boys, contribute to navy relief and local troop entertainment.

Klamath Queen Candidates Meet Friday Night

A group of Klamath girls, representing various parts of the county, met at the Elk hotel with representatives of the Junior chamber of commerce Friday night and were advised on the progress of the Victory rodeo queen's contest to be held July 4 and 5 by Klamath Buckaroo days.

Estle Affleck, Junior chamber chairman of the contest, stated Saturday other candidates who were unable to attend the meeting Friday night would be advised of the next gathering at which time the queen will be named.

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Ration Board Sets Friday For Second Sugar Sign-Up

Ration board officials today were high in their praise of the numerous citizens throughout the county who volunteered and assisted in the registration for canning sugar certificates which took place this week. These volunteers all served without pay and devoted many hours of tedious work in registering and issuing certificates so that Klamath housewives could secure sugar for this season's canning, it was stated.

However, from the registration figures it was apparent that many housewives put off registering until the last day, and so swamped the registration boards that all were not able to secure their certificates. For this reason the board has designated Friday, June 26, as another registration day and appealed to the civic-minded citizens of the county to again volunteer their services for this registration.

As soon as details can be worked out, announcement will be made through this newspaper of the various registration places. These places will be approximately the same as those used this week, but in some instances must be changed. People in the outlying communities are asked to watch for announcements of the registration places, which will be posted in their local post offices. In most instances school houses will be used for the registration, but in some of the communities more convenient locations will be chosen.

Navy Recruiting Score Card

This is the Klamath navy recruiting scorecard. It shows the quota for local recruiting for the navy by June 25, how many have been signed up, and how many to go.

Quota	38
Recruited	14
Yet to go	24

Radio Day by Day

Pacific War Time
NEW YORK, June 20 (Wide World)—Of the 50 or so war effort programs being carried each week, the only one listed to continue for the duration is the official army hour of NBC. Its slogan is: "On the Air Until Victory."

On Saturday night lists: CBS 4 p. m. People's Platform; "Axis State of Mind"; 7:15 Dr. Frank Kingdon, "Congress in Wartime"; 7:30 Cleveland Orchestra, new series; BLU—6 Summer Symphony, Dr. Black.

Sunday brings: Talks—8 a. m. Reviewing Stand "Price Fixing"; CBS 9:15 p. m. Rabbi Louis Finkelstein on "War and Religion"; NBC 11:30 Round-Table; BLU 12:15 Wake up Forum new time "War and Free Enterprise"; CBS 1, Archbishop of Canterbury from London; MBS 3, Secretary Ickes on "We Americans Mean Business"; MBS 5, Forum "Labor-Management Relations."

Premieres—NBC 7:45 a. m. Commando Mary, dramatic; NBC 2 p. m. Dear Adolf, with Raymond Massey; CBS 4:15 Lou Holtz and Mildred Bailey.

NBC—10:15, 12:15, 2:15 Hale America Golf; 2:30 Bette Davis in "Adolf and Mrs. Runyan"; 4 Victory Parade, Rudy Vallee.

BLU—1:30 Army-Navy Game, Quiz.

Monday expectations: CBS 12:30 Bruce Barton on "Advertising in Wartime."

HITLER ASKS CESSION OF FRENCH SHIPS

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ports that Prime Minister Churchill was seeking quick United States help in the Mediterranean theater were taken to indicate that the British believed a tremendous German drive against Suez was impending.

While British north African armies girded for the defense of Egypt, Hitler's field headquarters announced that "the destruction of Sevastopol continues" amid heavy fighting around a northern fort of the big Crimean naval base.

With Sevastopol out of the way, Hitler would be in a position to send his armies into the oil-rich Caucasus and down that land bridge to the Middle East in a thrust synchronized with one eastward against Egypt and the Suez.

Klamath Zooms \$500 Over Bond Quota at Rally

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Weston Watson of Klamath Falls and Norman King of Merrill. The boys told some of their experiences at the time the Lexington was lost in the Coral sea engagement, and Waits spoke briefly on behalf of the navy, thanking the "home folks" for their hospitality.

Speaker of the evening was Wilson Wiley, Klamath Falls attorney, who gave an inspiring address. In the absence of City Attorney D. E. Van Vactor, Councilman A. H. Busman spoke on behalf of city. Madeline Mahoney sang "Tangerine" from "The Fleet's In," accompanied by Emil Buzaid, and Charles Stanfield directed the city band in playing "The Star Spangled Banner."

John Ebinger introduced the Commandos, young women's service group who appeared for the first time in their blue and white uniforms. They aided in the selling of bonds and in the enlistments.

Lewis — Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 19, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin B. Lewis, box 257, city, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds 8 ounces.

Olexer — Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 19, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Olexer, Tulelake, Calif., a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.

Listed, brother—there's not a damned thing left in Cologne.—Sgt. Bud Cardinal, R. A. F., of Fort Worth, Tex.

WAR QUIZ

1. This dragon medal attached to a yellow ribbon edged with blue is the China campaign medal worn by some American soldiers. Is it presented for service in this war or a previous campaign?

2. Is it probable that the recent sinking of an allied ship in the St. Lawrence river was visible from either shore of the stream?

3. Bootlicking submission to the nazis by Pierre Laval shows the need of France for another "Tiger." Name the dauntless patriot with that nickname.



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INDIAN PERISHES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

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straight at that point. The Courville car was some 12 inches off the pavement at the point of impact. The Indian was not driving at an excessive rate of speed, police said.

Hood's death was attributed to internal injuries. Neither of his companions was injured. Late Saturday state police had not filed charges. Hood's body was moved to Ward's.

British Demand "Inquest" in Desert Defeat

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major axis columns were reported to have veered back westward after they were engaged about 25 miles from Bardia.

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's main forces were reported re-equipped and reorganized for what most informed sources believed would be a gigantic assault on Tobruk, siege-breaker of Libyan port 70 miles west of Bardia.

FDR, Churchill Held Mapping Counter Blows

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that the British believed a mendacious German drive against Suez was impending, if not already under way.

As for the Pacific, word from China that the Japanese were preparing a blow against Siberia was being taken with increasing seriousness.

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