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# •Tail Gunner's Lifeless Hand Releases Raft From Sunken Bomber, Saves Crew

#### By OLEN CLEMENTS

April 19 (Delayed) (P)-Capt. L. F. Krebs, of Fonda, Ia., pilot of a big B-24, looked anxiously out the plane's window for a place to land. Henderson field on Guadal-

canal island was closed in tight by rain and fog and darkness, and co-Pilot Jack Nowell, Columbia, Mo., called out that there was practically no gasoline left. Krebs had but one choice-

set her down and hope they were over water. He ordered radio antenna reeled out feet as a feeler for land or water or jagged mountains that form the southern Solomons. Then he started down through

fog and rain. Every man in the nine-man crew said a silent prayer and waited for death or a fighting chance in the water, if they were lucky. They had donned life preservers and huddled to-gether in the radio compart-ment amidship, ready to release life rafts and then crawl through the top hatch when the plane hit the water.

The bomber descended a thousand feet a minute. Two engines quit, Out of gas. Rain and clouds obliterated overything, even the darkness of night

Suddenly there was a blinding flash below. This is it, thought every man. The antenna had hit something and the bomber had but 200 feet to de-Beads of sweat broke out on every man's brow.

slowly, repeating to himself each foot that he would never make it. Nowell had his eyes glued to the instrument board. The men huddled in the radio room and Sgt. A. S. Hatfield, Salt Lake City, reached for the handle to release the big life

Then she hit with a big splash. The bomber broke into three pieces. The tail sank with a blurp. With the tail went the tail gunner and the raft for which he was reaching when last seen

Hatfield was knocked out by the shock. The nose of the plane flipped downward and Krebs and Nowell were trapped inside the cabin while the water rushed in. By super-human efforts they

managed to crawl outside the windows and swim to the surface. All of the bomber then sunk from sight. It was black as pitch and an hour before dawn. Krebs called to the swimming men. All were there but the tail gunner. He didn't get out.

Then came the most horrible realization of all-none of the life rafts had been released. It was sink or swim and nobody knew where to or how far. Krebs called to the men to

form a circle, having read or -in Klamath Falls, at Whitman Drug.

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One by one he rounded them up: Lieut. James Reed, Nash-ville, Tenn.; Lieut. J. D. New-man, Lake Charles, La.; Sgl. Gustafson; Sgt. M. E. Hatfield; Sgl. Sheehan; Sgt. A. S. Hat-field, and Lieut. Nowell. Only the total gungar was missing the tail gunner was missing. There was nothing to do now but wait. Nobody said much of anything. There was nothing much to say. If only the tail

gunner had managed to release his raft there might have been some hope. One enlisted man said he

saw the tall gunner almost reach the raft's release when the crash came. They mused over this for an hour, wishing but not daring to hope that dawn would bring new hope. Finally it grew light enough to see. Nowhere was the raft to be seen. Practically all abandoned hope then. Suddenly the water ripped and up shot a small raft from the deep. Krebs saw it first

and yelled. Then they all yelled. It was the raft the tall gunner had been trying to release when he died. The men piled into it and sighted land 20 miles away.

They fought a strong current for two days and nights and reached safety on an island, where they were rescued later. Back in the harness now each of the fortunate eight will tell you that it wasn't fate that released that raft below water but the dead hand of the tail

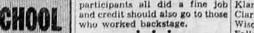
Krebs let her down ever so Washington. Jockey of 1907

raft. The tail gunner moved to release the small raft. Kentucky Derby Winner Dies

day

shot, home in front by two lengths on a muddy track.

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about the definite need of stu-dent nurses. Advantages were told and questions asked and answered.

Paul Landry spoke to the home management classes about Son of Chinese the insurance of personal prop-

Marriages SPOONEMORE-COPE. Dal-

Dick Vaillancour, broad jumper, and Jim Bocchi, discus throw er and high jumper, and Ralph Foster as extra, traveled to Eugene today with Paul Deller, coach, Frank Ramsey and Joseph Peak, to enter the state track meet Friday.

rected by Mrs. David Burgoyne and the mixed chorus, directed

dore Smith as general superin-tendent, will present a special Mother's Day program during the school period, which opens Sunday at 9:45 s. m. Every moth-er attending will receive a uni-que and attractive gift of permanent spiritual value. The sacrament of baptism will be administered during the morning worship period, at 11 o'clock. Parents of children to be baptized are requested to contact the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Smith, dial 5477, in order that certificates of baptism nay be prepared in advance.

#### Quartz Mt.

The First Presbyterian Sun-

day school, with Mrs. Theo-dore Smith as general superin-

Lewis Robbins has resigned the position as logging superin-tendent for the Bly Logging company, which is a subsidiary of the Ewauna Box company. As yet no one has been named to take his place.

Mrs. Lucile Barnes of Olene, visited her son Jimmy Barnes, and his family in Quartz mountain last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McMurren and family and Eddle Frances were weekend visitors in Klamath Falls this week.

Mrs. Peggy Barnes and Mrs. Ruth Daves entertained at a birthday party for their hus-bands, Jimmy Barnes and Dave gunner, whose name cannot be released because the war de-Daves. released because the war de partner won't permit the guests of honor were Mr. and publishing of the names of the Mrs. Cecil Herizog. Mrs. Vers Real went to Klam-

ath Falls Monday of this week for medical attention. Mrs. Real has had a severe ear infection for the past three weeks. Her condition is now much im-proved. She was accompanied to town by her daughter, Mrs.



Friends of Minder recalled that he never had much to say except when horse racing was mentioned, upon which he would tell of bringing Pink Star, a 15-1

Men, Women! Old? Get New Pep, Vim **Feel Years Younger** 

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BY ANITA GWYN CAMPBELL Sunday, May 16, is the date set

for baccalaurente services at the high school. The program folerty. lows: Major W. C. Curry, presiding. Scripture reading-Rev. R. C. Johnson, First Covenant church.

Message — "The Hour Is Come," Rey. Cecil C. Brown, First Baptist church. Benediction-Rev. A. Theo-

dore Smith, First Presbyterian church. The high school orchestra, di-Courthouse Records

by Andrew Loney Jr., will fur-

rew Loney Jr., will fur-nish the music. Mitchell Til-lotson of the First National bank will be the speaker at com-mencement on Mitchell 5, 100 Charles Spoonemore, 22, soldier. Native of Texas, resi-dent of Greenville, Texas. Rose-mary Cope, 22, teacher. Native of Louislana, resident of Palo Alto, California. DENNIS - REDIFER. William May 19. Bert Dennis, 19, mill worker. Gifts were Native of Oregon, resident of presented to the Klamath Falls. Shirley Jeanne Native of Oregon, resident of

Thursday morning. Jean Under-wood and Donna Brotherton en-tertained with a plane and word and JACKSON - CLARK. Arthur

ribbon. . . . The Senior Follies seemed to e quite a success if it can be judged by student reaction. One hundred and thirty-five dollars was cleared after deducting the

solo. Twenty-seven new Pep Peppers were presented with a PILES\_ corsage of lilacs, tied with red SUCCESSFULLY TREATED NO PAIN - NO HOSPITALIZATION No Lose of Time Permanent Results 1 DR. E. M. MARSHA Chiropractic Physiolan 220 No. 711 - Esquire Theatre Eide. Phony Tots ANNOUNCEMENT!

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### Leader Studies At Hill Academy

PORTLAND, May 6 (F)-For two years a frail, bespectacled Chinese boy has been a student at Hill Military academy here. His identity was disclosed to-day. He is Chang Lu Ling, 12, cay. He is Chang Lu Ling, 12, son of young Marshal Chang Hsuch-Liang, the Manchurian military leader who kidnapped Chiang-Kai-shek in 1936 in the prelude to the Sino-Japanese war.

The boy said his mother brought him to this country three years ago, then returned to China where she and his father remain.

#### which still prevails among American children that all Mex icans are bandits, and the idea in the minds of Mexican children that all Americans are gangsters. - Dr. Ricardo Hill, Mexican consul in New York.



government amusement tax. The Native of Texas, resident of participants all did a fine job Klamath Falls. Doris Pearl and credit should also go to those Clark, 40, housewife. Native of Wisconsin, resident of Klamath Falls.

Ailcen Dyer, representative of the State Council of War Nurs-ing, spoke to girls, interested tive of Tennessee, resident of Klamath Falls. Opal Ferne Tho-mas, 35, housewife. Native of Kansas, resident of Kismath

## **Oregon News Notes**

By The Associated Press Adna W. Leonard, Methodist bishop who lost his life in the tion president, as speaker. Iceland crash of a plane Monday with Lieut, Gen. Frank M. An-drews and 12 others, was at one

OBITUARY JOE SCALETTI

Joe Scaletti, a resident of

Klamath county for the last 17 years, passed away in this city

time a trustce of Willamette uni-versity, Portlanders recalled. . . Benton county's Oregon Trail Centennial committee will be headed by John C. Burtner, Oregon State college extension ed-itor . . . Two youths escaped from the Oregon City jail by climbing up the chimney, ruin-ing it, officers said, by knocking

on Wednesday morning, May 5, 1943, following a brief illness. The deceased was a native of Sondrio, Italy, and was aged 56 years, 1 month and 17 days out many bricks. The Right Rev. Benjamin D. when called. The deceased is survived by relatives in Italy. Dagwell, bishop of Oregon's Episcopal diocese, and Harold Wendell, also of Portland, were named to the Reed college board The remains rest at Wards Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street. Funeral arrange-ments will be announced at a of regents . . . A federal court jury at Portland returned a verdict for Harold and Olive Allater date. lison, Salem, defendants in an automobile accident damage ac-

Keep tion brought by Max Werbolofsky, a soldier . . . The Oregon Fraternal Congress, meeting in Portland, will observe the Ore-gon Trail Centennial Saturday **Perspiring Feet Dry and Sweet** 

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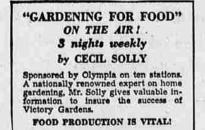








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