

CALIFORNIAN SENTENCED ON RAPE CHARGE

LAKEVIEW — Pleading guilty to a charge of assault with intent to commit rape on a 13-year-old girl in Lakeview, Herman Alexander Beffa of San Luis Obispo, Calif., was sentenced Saturday to serve three years in the state penitentiary at Salem. The sentence was imposed on the 20-year-old soldier by Judge Charles H. Combs on charges filed by District Attorney Robert Welch.

Beffa was picked up by Lake county authorities on the evening of August 17, after he had started to hitch-hike back to his camp at Alkali lake, north of Lakeview, where he is stationed with the army. He was with a company of men sent from Fort Lewis, Wash., to the northern Lake county camp.

Beffa, according to the testimony, followed the Lakeview girl to her home on the evening of August 17, and near her home attacked her. The girl received head bruises that necessitated emergency treatment at Lakeview public hospital following the attack. Beffa was frightened from the scene when the girl's screams attracted neighbors, and shortly afterwards Beffa was placed under arrest. Blood on his clothing, which corresponded to that of the girl's, led to his arrest.

While a charge of this kind carries a maximum of 20 years' imprisonment, the court was lenient in Beffa's case due to his youth. Sheriff H. E. Cassidy left Monday for Salem, taking Beffa to the penitentiary to start serving his term.

ARMY BAND TO PLAY AT ROUND-UP BALL

LAKEVIEW — Arrangements were completed today by Clifton Howard, pageant chairman, and Ray Harlan, chairman of the Lake county war bond sales committee, for the appearance here Friday evening, September 3, of a 28-piece army band from Camp White, Medford, and Col. Warren S. Hood, who will be the speaker of the evening.

The band, under the direction of Lt. Charles L. Harlan, will feature four entertainers. The band and speaker will be brought to Lakeview to participate in the queen coronation through the courtesy of Ben C. G. Thomas, commanding officer at Camp White. This part of the program is under the auspices of the Lake county far finance committee, which feels justly proud that the Camp White group is honoring Lake county with their attendance and participation.

FAREWELL PARTY HELD FOR PASTOR

A combined farewell and welcome party for Reverend Ruben Johnson and family, who are leaving this week, and for Reverend Albert Dwight, and family, who will take the Johnson family's place, will be held Tuesday evening, August 31, at 8 p. m. at the First Covenant church.

Reverend Johnson has been pastor of the First Covenant church for the past year. He has accepted a new call at Aberdeen, Wash., and will leave here sometime this week.

Reverend Albert Dwight, new minister here, was a missionary in China for several years. He is a brother of Reverend Johnson.

Members and friend are cordially invited to attend the affair.

Deadly Bug



Nose-on-view of famed Flying Fortress "Memphis Belle" looks like a many-horned bug. Workers at Lone Beach, Calif., aircraft plant are clustered around the gun turret to autograph the bomber.

OUT OF THE WOODS

It's Not the Heat But the Humidity

Outside the woods it's a hot, dry day. Inside the big green timber it's cool and damp. On a given acre the Douglas firs are pumping tons of water every hour up into the atmosphere—nature's air conditioning in the forest. The boughs screen off sunlight from the damp forest floor. A forest twenty years or more old will hold dampness, or humidity, through long spells of hot weather. This is the forest's own defense against fire.

Forest safety from fire is governed, says E. H. MacDaniels, our fire expert, by what the foresters call relative humidity, or "RH." Mac carries all the facts on RH in his pocket, right along with his plug tobacco. He has varied some facts out for this column.

The west wind works to provide our humidity, he says, skimming it off the Pacific and toting it over the timber and mountains. The resulting atmosphere of our coast region is pretty soggy in fall, winter and spring, and when we're lucky the summers are damp. The wind leaks a lot of its moisture on its westerly way over the land. This is where the rule of relative humidity comes in.

RH in a Nutshell . . .
Dry air, like a dry rag, will soak up more water than wet air or a wet rag. If air has soaked up all the water that it will hold, if it is 100 per cent loaded; its relative humidity—RH—is 100 per cent. If it has taken only half as much as it can carry, its RH is 50 per cent, and it will absorb more water from anything wet. But being half-soaked, that air is not so thirsty.

When the air is only about one-third soaked—that is, with the RH down near 30 per cent—it will take up water pretty fast, and light forest fuel exposed to it soon gets dangerously dry.

When forester's instruments show 30 per cent RH, logging camps shut down. However, the public will keep going to the woods until barred out, setting cigarette and campers' fires. When RH gets down to from 20 to 10 per cent, as it may do in the fire belt, then the forest protection crews more than earn their money. Mac says he's seen forest fires start at such times from an angry look.

In the pine country RH often reaches 6 per cent or less, and

again according to Mac, that weather in the woods will toast a slice of bread before you can get it buttered.

Where the Heat Comes In . . .
Forest fires will start in winter, with snow on the ground, when the RH drops to 20 per cent and less. The danger, of course, is much greater in the heat of summer. Here's why.

Warm air will hold more water than cold air. Something to do with the laws of the diffusion of gases—but let's not go into that. Night air with temperature at 65 or 70 degrees may be well soaked—say, with RH of 70 per cent. Everything is under control.

Then, snup. The temperature is boosted by noon to 85 or 90 degrees. And so the RH is reduced to 35 per cent or less, and the fire fighters see trouble coming up in the hot hours of the afternoon.

Warm water evaporates faster than cold water—you know how your clothes when wet begin to steam when you come into a warm room. Rain or fog on dead fern or fir needles or on the surface of rotten wood may be heated to 85 or 90 degrees by direct sunlight. It then will evaporate two or three times as fast as it will at 50 or 60 degrees. So forest fires do best on hot days.

Our prevailing west winds bring in more moist and cool air at night. Then the RH goes back to 50 or to 70 per cent even in summer weather. But let the curse of an east wind strike and hold, coming steadily over the Cascades from dry country, and then protection men begin to gulp and sob like Li'l Abner. Heat holds through the night. Fern, brush, needles, rotted wood, stay dry. The RH falls, day by day, until in a thousand places hell breaks loose through the forest floor.

THIS ISN'T BALONEY

CHICAGO. (AP)—Former Alderman Jacob M. Garvey, now a lieutenant colonel on duty in the Pacific wrote his friend, Judge Oscar S. Caplan, that he would like some salami.

Said Judge Caplan: "Jake will get so much salami that he'll be using it to club the Japs."

Rationing Calendar

War Price and Rationing Board, Main and Esplanade streets. Office hours daily, 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Saturday, 9:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. Phone 8181 for all information.

All applications must be MAILED IN to the war price and rationing board at Main and Esplanade, and not brought in in person.

August 31—Expiration date for red stamps T, U, V, W. Stamp X valid Aug. 22. Stamp Y valid Aug. 29. Stamp Z valid Sept. 5. All expire Oct. 2.

Book 3
September 12 — Starting date for use of brown stamps for meat, fats, oils, butter and cheese. Point value to be same as red stamps but will always expire on the Saturday nearest the end of the month.

September 20—Blue stamps R-S-T expire. Stamps U-V-W valid Sept. 1 to Oct. 20.

SUGAR
October 31—Stamp number 14 in book 1 valid for 5 pounds until this date. Stamps number 15 and 16 good for 5 pounds of sugar each for home canning purposes only, expire.

GASOLINE
September 21—No. 7 stamps in A book, each good for four gallons, valid through this date.

SHOES
October 31—Stamp No. 18, war ration book 1, valid for purchase of one pair of shoes, expires at midnight. Family stamps are interchangeable.

FUEL OIL
September 30—Fuel oil—5th period coupon expires. Fixed value coupons expire on date listed on coupon sheet.

STOVES
August 24—Beginning date of cooking and heating stove rationing. Covering all new stoves burning coal, wood, oil or gas for domestic use, with a few exceptions.

TIRES
"C" book holders must have tires inspected every three months with at least 45 days elapsing between inspections. "B" book holders must have tires inspected every four months with at least 60 days elapsing between inspections. "A" and "D" book holders must have tires inspected every six months with at least 90 days elapsing between inspections.

September 30—Next inspection deadline for A book holders.

Instructor Inspects Community Cannery in Lakeview

LAKEVIEW — Mary Van Dusen, itinerant adult home economics instructor for the state division of home economics vocational education, was in Lakeview two days the past week working with Mrs. [Name] and William Holloway on the Lakeview community cannery.

Miss Van Dusen states that the Lakeview cannery is the first of its kind in the state where small retorts are used for canning in tin cans with the use of gas for heat. She was pleased at the progress that has been made in arranging for and carrying on the project, and also the splendid cooperation of the citizens of the community given Holloway in arranging for the cannery.

Whit Wyatt won 23 games and lost 7 in 1938. He was with Milwaukee in the American association.

No Scents in It



(U. S. Army Air Force Photo From NEA) Corporal Stinky, the two-striped baby skunk mascot of bomber ground crewmen at San Angelo, Tex., bombardier school, receives a peculiar form of salutation from his squadron mates, left to right, Pvt. Dale Short, Neillville, Wis., Pvt. J. N. Burke, Rochelle, Tex.; Sgt. Nick Dudick, Elyria, O.; Pvt. E. A. Wilson, Sheboygan, Wis., and Corp. Mike Senuick, Somerset, Mass.

Pacific Northwest Men Wipe Japs From Munda Air Field; Klamath Man Named

By ART BURGESS
WITH PACIFIC NORTHWEST INFANTRY UNITS ADVANCING ON BARIOKO, Aug. 25 (Delayed)—Pacific northwest soldiers, veterans of Guadalcanal, Rendova and Munda, who over-ran the last Japanese stronghold on New Georgia today, received high praise from their Yankee colonel who said he was amazed at their stamina, fortitude, bravery and woods-manship.

"I never saw anything like it before," Col. James Dalton said, "Oregon, Washington and west coast boys are the talk of the Solomon area because of their splendid physique and ability in the woods."

Adaptable
"Some of them are great tree climbers and went up 100-foot naked trees without spurs for observation. They seemed to be adaptable to outdoor life more than other troops."

The Pacific northwesterns shared honors with another unit, made up mostly of New Englanders.

Together, they were the first troops to land at Munda. When the airfield was taken, they didn't stop to rest but continued to push ahead until the last Japanese was driven into the sea, killed, or fled.

This northwest unit was the same group which I watched train at Fort Lewis, Wash., two years ago. Now they are veterans of many battles, confident, tough, and not a single blotch to their record.

Give Credit
Their commanding officer gave much of the credit to training they received under their former Spokane commander, Colonel Orndorff.

Their present commander, who personally led the troops in

battle, said after what he saw of Pacific northwest men he wanted to visit Oregon and Washington to see what made those states produce such men.

Tales of Heroes
There are many tales of heroism of the Munda campaign.

Sgt. Orville Cummins of Spokane charged Japanese 75 MM. guns with hand grenades, creeping near their pits under heavy fire and knocking out gun crews. Fifty Japanese dead were counted when he finished.

Sgt. James Petty of Billings, Mont., personally took a machine-gun forward to a shellhole 50 yards from an enemy gun and took the position under sniper and mortar fire.

Sgt. Keith Neighbors of Spokane entered a Japanese pillbox and started to search apparently dead sons of Nippon. But they were merely playing dead. He discovered it just in time, backed away and opened fire—killing all of them.

Klamath Man
Others outstanding under fire included such men as Sgt. William C. Aris of Spokane, Cpl. Harold P. Robert of Spokane, Pvt. Andrew Woodall of Walla Walla, Cpl. Ray Hamann of Livingston, Mont.; Cpl. Heihold Knoblock of Couplerville; Cpl. Ralph W. Wright of Wenatchee; Cpl. Ray Kettman of Bremerton; Pvt. Roy Knutson of Everett; Pvt. John McGrath of Spokane; Pvt. Emil Nedbalek of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Cpl. Kenneth Hull of Renton; Maj. Carl H. Foler of Spokane; Capt. Bruce Jones of Portland; Sgt. Jim McIntyre of

NEW TYPE FOOD COUPONS ISSUED

Members of the food trades who are not eligible or required to maintain ration bank accounts are to be provided with a new type of red and blue food ration coupons, the office of price administration announced Saturday.

These new coupons will replace point certificates when ration currency is issued to persons who are not entitled to have ration bank accounts and to individuals who must buy large quantities of rationed foods at one time.

Food ration coupons of the new type will be used in the same way as stamps, certificates, and ration checks, except that they need not be endorsed. Unlike ration stamps and certificates, they will not expire, but will be good any time.

With the issuance of Saturday's amendments, the smaller industrial and institutional users are no longer eligible to maintain ration bank accounts. The effect will be to eliminate the smaller institutional and industrial users from ration banking and at the same time to provide them with a simple ration currency.

California Poll Shows Republicans Favor Willkie

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30 (AP)—Republican county committeemen in California pick Wendell Willkie as their first choice for presidential candidate in the 1944 election.

The San Francisco county republican committee announced Friday that tabulation of a state-wide poll showed that 168 of the 467 those Willkie over seven others listed on a secret ballot.

Gov. Earl Warren of California drew 132 votes and Gov. Thomas L. Dewey of New York got 104.

Dewey was the second choice by a wide margin over both Willkie and Warren.

Spokane; Bob Linden of Spokane; Cpl. Dan Venziano of Spokane; Lyman Lyman of Spokane.

Lt. Willard Egbert of Spokane was commissioned in the field for heroism.

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Tacoma Store Fire Causes Big Damage

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 30 (AP)—Damage estimated at \$350,000 was caused Saturday when fire swept through the downtown army and navy department store. Greatest damage was done by water, tons of which were poured into the building in an effort to check the flames.

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By 1944, two years and a few days after Pearl Harbor, we shall be producing at an annual rate more rubber in America than we ever bought in our largest peacetime year. Next year, if the present production goal is achieved, there should be sufficient rubber to keep us rolling on both the home front and the fighting front.

This achievement in the actual production of synthetic rubber in quantity is a definite and far-reaching allied victory which directly affects every battle and every campaign from now until the end of the war.

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