

PUBLIC EVENT SEES BURNING OF MORTGAGE

At a congregational dinner sponsored by the Ladies Aid, Zion Lutheran congregation, 1025 High, last Sunday in a public ceremony burned the mortgage on its church property. Before a large group of members and friends who had gathered to witness this significant act, Walter Zelman, trustee of the congregation and one of the original signers of the mortgage, touched the candle flame to the papers, destroying them and marking Zion's freedom from debt.

Other participants in the mortgage burning ceremony were: A. Ohlmeier, chairman and president of the congregation; Albert Ronfeld, treasurer; H. A. Eberlein, trustee; F. W. Kirchner, trustee; H. Leitzke, member of the finance committee; Mrs. F. W. Eberlein, president of the Ladies Aid, and Mrs. M. T. Howard and Mrs. V. A. Schulze, also representing the Ladies Aid.

The annual report of the pastor and officers of the congregation was also heard at this time. In his report, Pastor Schulze stated, "In spite of inadequate physical properties, Zion congregation held its own numerically, and has had a successful year. This mortgage burning ceremony has a double significance for Zion congregation, since it not only marks our freedom from debt, but also now permits us to begin visualizing the new church building we hope to erect."

The treasurer of the congregation, Albert Ronfeld, reported that although no concerted drive had as yet begun, the sum of \$1400 has already been received in the building fund. The musical portions of the program were presented by Margaret Carlson, soloist, and Joe Einwallner, violinist, accompanied by John Koglin.

During the Lenten season, Zion Lutheran church, 1025 High, will hold vespers services every Sunday at 4:30 p. m. These services will feature Lenten messages by Pastor Victor A. Schulze, based on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, and will stress the theme, "The Christ of Lent Needed Today." Special music will be furnished by the Zion Lutheran choir. These special Lenten vespers services begin Sunday, February 18. A cordial welcome is assured.

Flashes of Life

FRAUD
BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 17 (AP)—Slot machines don't always win. Police, counting the loot of 27 confiscated slot machines—their operation is illegal in Idaho—found in addition to \$1227 in nickels, dimes and quarters, an assortment of OPA ration points.

SURPRISE
DENVER, Feb. 17 (AP)—The Colorado board of examiners for engineers and land surveyors met at the statehouse, planning to surprise one of its members, James Underhill of Idaho Springs, by presenting him with a gold cup for not missing a meeting in 20 years. But the ceremony had to be postponed. Underhill missed the meeting.

EXPRESS
PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 17 (AP)—A Denver and Rio Grande Western Limited train stopped at Greenwood Springs for 20 extra minutes. The reason: a prize-winning bull from the McClure ranch was hauled into the baggage car as an express passenger to San Mateo, Calif. His fare was \$157; his keeper's \$57.

CURIOSITY'S RESULT
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 17 (AP)—Charles T. Chandler went to a public auction purely out of curiosity. He came away owner of a Sangamon county poor farm, for which his bid of \$130 an acre was high.

The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press
1. Eastern front: 32 miles (from Zellin).
2. Western front: 296 miles (from west bank of Rhine at Emmerich).
3. Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).

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HOUSTON WRITES
W. B. Barnes, 324 S. 5th, pioneer resident of Klamath Falls, received an interesting letter this week from his grandson, Dean Houston, RDM 3/c, United States Navy, who has been in on the invasion of the Palau group and both Leyte and Luzon. Houston advised his grandfather that the action at Lingayen gulf on Luzon "topped them all." He said natives paddled out to his ship and with the aid of a little Spanish he was able to barter for a bolo knife and also some Jap invasion bills, one of which he sent to Barnes. Houston's wife, Blanche, and son, Milton, are now residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton O'Neill, of San Francisco. All are former Klamath residents and well known here. Friends may write to Houston at this address: Dean Houston, RDM 3/c, USS Arneb KA-56, care fleet postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

HOWE PROMOTED
A 7TH AAF HEAVY BOMBER BASE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—James H. Howe of Malin, Ore., construction equipment operator in the 7th AAF aviation engineer battalion, has been promoted to technician fifth grade.

Technician Howe, who was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action in September, 1944, is a member of a pioneer engineer unit which was recently commended for its superior work in the construction of air bases in the Marianas islands.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Howe, live in Malin. Technician Howe attended Klamath Union high school and before entering the army in December, 1940, was employed by the Butte County Mining company in Chico, Calif.

KLAMATH MAN COMMENDED

A 7TH AAF HEAVY BOMBER BASE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—Two men from Klamath Falls, Ore., members of the famed 11th Heavy Bombardment group of the 7th AAF, have been commended by Major General Robert W. Douglass Jr., commanding the 7th AAF, for their part "in the campaigns that have taken a large section of the Pacific from the enemy's hands." Gen. Douglass issued his commendation along with a personal message of congratulations as the group rounded out its fifth year, one of the oldest, most traveled heavy bomber outfits in the Pacific.

Its fighting tradition began at Hickam field when the group was all but destroyed in the Pearl Harbor attack. The 11th later sent bombs crashing down on Wake and Guadalcanal.

It precision-bombed northward through the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Marianas, bringing such targets as Truk, Tarawa and Guam within its bombsights. Now the Bonin and Volcano islands are the targets for its attacks. "The valiant record of your group is the valiant record of its men, both as a unit and as individuals," Gen. Douglass declared. The men from Klamath Falls are: Sgt. Charles F. Bridges, whose

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LOAN FEATURE OF GI BILL SET FOR TALK

The subject of the loan feature of the GI bill of rights will be the basis of discussion at the pollock dinner which will be served by the American Legion and auxiliary at 6:30, Tuesday evening, February 20.

C. S. Robertson of the First Federal Savings and Loan, will be the speaker of the evening. He has spent a great deal of time accumulating all the information that was obtainable, in order to present it to the guests at this meeting.

Twenty-five Waves from the Klamath naval air station will be the special guests of the Legion and its auxiliary. It is urgently requested that all members attend this important meeting, in order that they may be able to understand the matter more fully.

There will be a short business meeting following the dinner.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Bridges, live at 2023 Madison, was graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1941 and was a welder for Kaiser shipyards before entering the army March 6, 1942. He joined the 7th AAF July, 1944, and is now waist gunner and radio operator on the Liberator "Sunsetter." Cpl. Donald E. Smith, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Smith, live at 331 Jefferson, was graduated from Sacred Heart academy in 1943 and was a car man helper for the Great Northern railroad before entering the service August 18, 1943. He joined the 7th AAF in May, 1944, and is now ball turret gunner on an 11th Group Liberator.

SCOTT COMMISSIONED
ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER, Camp BARKELEY, Texas, (Special)—Among those who today received commissions as second lieutenants in the medical administrative corps at the Camp Barkeley officer candidate school graduation was Herschel Wayne Scott, 29, 1945 Main, Klamath Falls, Ore., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, 815 Borger street, Silverton, Ore. Lt. Scott was a coach at Klamath Union high school and his basketball team won the Oregon state basketball championship in 1943.

Passenger Train, Express Collide

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 17 (AP)—A passenger train crashed into a derailed mail and express train at Leman Place, 11 miles east of here, today but no one was injured seriously, the Pennsylvania railroad public relations office reported.

The office said first reports indicated 40 persons suffered minor injuries, bruises and cuts when the second section of the east-bound St. Louis-New York passenger train "The American" ran into eight derailed cars of the mail and express.

Officials said a heavy snow was falling and the cause of the derailment of the express train had not been determined.

Passenger traffic was being routed over freight tracks, officials said.

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The War At A Glance

By The Associated Press
The Western front: Allied northern offensive, against stiff opposition, registered gains of up to two miles.
The Russian front: Two Russian armies battled Germans 60 miles southeast of Berlin; encircled Breslau shielded by soviet siege guns.

The Italian front: Patrol activity continued.
The Pacific front: Tokyo blasted by carrier planes for second day; enemy announced two Jima invaded; landings on Corregidor reported; Japanese on Bataan peninsula; MacArthur reported Bataan conquered; enemy compressed in small pocket in Manila.

LIFTING OF LAMB RATIONING ASKED

CORVALLIS, Feb. 17 (AP)—A request that lamb rationing be suspended on the Pacific coast in June, July and August to prevent wasting the milk-fat lamb crop was on books of the Western Oregon Livestock association today.

The market and transportation committee declared losses in total meat production are greater than savings effected through rationing, because of OPA restrictions on established livestock marketing practices. A net loss to the war effort results, they told the small seventh annual convention which ended here last night.

A change in the present system which would boost truck lengths in Oregon to 80 feet without increasing weight limits was urged by the committee. The association also endorsed stronger predatory animal bounty bills, now in the legislature.

Livestock men asked establishment of a wool testing laboratory at Oregon State college and approved the core method to determine wool shrinkage. They requested that the ODT remove its ban on livestock auction sales.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

LIQUOR BILL DISCUSSION SET FOR HOUSE

OLYMPIA, Feb. 17 (AP)—The Washington state legislature, its calendar crowded and the closing date rapidly drawing near, held its first Saturday session of the current term today with Gov. Mon Wallgren's substitute liquor bill a main order of business.

The new bill, minus the earlier proposal's provision for local option, was reported out by the house liquor committee last night with a pass recommendation. An emergency clause would put the measure into effect as soon as the governor's signature was affixed.

The bill provides for permanent cancellation of licenses where licensees are apprehended in the act of selling liquor to minors or intoxicated persons. It authorizes the state liquor control board to issue class H licenses at a cost of \$1000 to retailers and to railroads for dining cars for \$500, plus \$50 for each additional car.

Also scheduled today was a meeting between the governor and the state game commission, and Wallgren said last night he was "no big, bad wolf, you know," and expected a pleasant session. He insisted, however, that his views on the necessity of making the commission responsible to the governor had not changed.

South Dakota Passes Anti Closed-Shop Bill

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 17 (AP)—Governor M. O. Sharpe signed into law today a bill prohibiting closed shops in South Dakota, and it will implement a constitutional amendment upon which the electorate will vote in November, 1946.

The proposed amendment barring employment discrimination because of union membership or non-membership specifically preserves the rights of employees to bargain collectively through a union. The law, which goes into effect next July 1, does not contain this clause.

Penalty for violation may be up to \$300 fine and 90 days in jail.

First Snow Falls In Portland Area

PORTLAND, Feb. 17 (AP)—The winter's first feeble snow—a half-rain mixture which melted shortly after it hit the street—fell here early today.

The weather bureau predicted rain this afternoon, with possible snow accompanying lowering temperatures tomorrow.

FILE DAMAGE SUIT

SEATTLE, Feb. 17 (AP)—Charging the county responsible because of negligence and "failure to provide proper care and protection," Mr. and Mrs. William Emborg filed a \$10,000 damage claim yesterday with King county for the death of their son, John, 16, who was beaten to death in the King county jail last month.

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CUSTODY OF BOY GIVEN TO FATHER

SPOKANE, Feb. 17 (AP)—Custody of a five-year-old boy was returned to his Seattle father yesterday by Superior Judge R. M. Webster in a ruling in which the court held the foster parents' distrust of physicians threatened the child's health.

The boy, Edward Hall, was adopted two years ago by his father's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Hall. The father, Ben Hall, is a Seattle shipyard worker.

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