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### Weather News

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Precipitation last 24 hours			.00
Stream year to date			13.28
Normal	12.40	Last year	10.62

Forecast: Clear Friday.

## M'Arthur Lands On 'Sacred Isles'

By The Associated Press  
**ATSUGI AIRFIELD.** Near Tokyo, Aug. 30—General MacArthur arrived in Japan and set up headquarters in Yokohama as Nippon's military ruler today amidst the first alien armed forces ever to occupy the sacred islands.

**HAND-PICKED TROOPS**  
 Paratroopers and seaborne marines and sailors, hand-picked to remind Nippon of the invasion of the Philippines, swarmed out of the skies and in from the sea in an unbroken stream. They took over Atsugi airfield, 18 miles from Tokyo; ran up the American flag over Yokosuka naval base, Japan's second largest; rode by Japanese truck into Yokohama, port of Tokyo where the occupation force will establish general headquarters; and began evacuating prisoners of war from "a black hell hole" where "bestial beatings were common."

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
**PARIS:** As these words are written, news that the Japs are suing for peace has just been received in Paris. You'd expect that this city, jammed with American GIs either headed for the Pacific and waiting here for transport or merely here on leave and expecting to get on the Pacific (with a brief pause at home for training, etc.) would be going wild.

It ISN'T!  
 IN Paris the Red Cross Rainbow Corner, halfway along the Boulevard des Capucines from the Church of the Madeleine to the Place de l'Opera, is the stamping ground of the GI. There he gathers in thousands to take advantage of the facilities that are offered in the way of recreation—eating doughnuts, drinking cokes, listening to the orchestra, getting information about where he can go and what he can see while on leave or just sitting in the sidewalk cafe, bantering with his fellows and watching the crowds go by.

You'd think Rainbow Corner would be pandemonium at this moment, and the fact that it isn't is puzzling beyond measure. Occasionally there will be a little cell of celebration. Maybe a couple of dozen GIs will start whooping and dancing and parading down the streets. There was a momentary outburst of joy. GIs went up to MPs and kissed them on the cheek, explaining that in this great moment they had only love in their hearts even for MPs. Some of them took passing advantage of the occasion and kissed officers—who usually got red in the face, but took it pretty well on the whole.

## Elie To Build Auto Business

Another automobile business building is to rise immediately in Klamath. The owner is Jack Elie, who announced today he will construct a building at 606 South 6th, where he now operates a used car business. In the new structure, 50 x 100 feet, will be located the Elie Nash company, agency for Nash cars.

Elie said the building will be on the site of the old building, with facilities for service, sales and parts. This is the third motor business building to be announced here within a few days.

## Japs Blasted Kelly's Ship, Surviving Crewmen Report

By ELGAR BROWN  
 Representing the Combined American Press  
**BOARD MERCY SHIP REEVES OFF OMORI PRISON CAMP, TOKYO BAY, Aug. 30 (AP)—**How Capt. Colin Kelly actually died in battle was related for the first time today by the surviving crewmen of his warplane. Their lips had been sealed for nearly four years by confinement in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp.

America's famed ace, one of the war's first martyrs, didn't sink the Japanese battleship Haruna by piling his bomber against its stack—but he died a great hero just the same.

**Captain Idolized**  
 At the mention of his name, tears welled into the eyes of PFC Robert Altman, 26, of Sanford, Fla., just evacuated from the vile Omori camp in the suburban Tokyo area. The crew, he explained, idolized their captain. "Captain Kelly made a run over the battleship, expecting to see a carrier nearby. Finding none was visible, he returned to attack the battleship, later identified as the Haruna. We dropped our three bombs in a train, scoring one direct and two indirect hits on the Haruna. The second bomb struck on the vessel's bridge."

"The first was a near miss aft, and the third a near miss forward," he continued. Both caused damage.

**Magnificent Skill**  
 "The captain's skill was magnificent, to maneuver into position or to attack. Our navigator, Lt. Joseph Bean, observed a black wake and the vessel was burning from the bridge all the way back as we hit for our base at 20,000 feet altitude."

When the plane was five kilometers from Clark field, Altman related, Kelly dropped to 10,000 feet. Then two Japanese fighter planes attacked and set the bomber afire immediately.

"Our plane blew up in less than one minute," Altman said. "Of our eight-man crew, Captain Kelly never cleared the ship and Staff Sgt. Delehanty, right side gunner, also was killed. I bailed out with five others and reached base unhurt."

## WORK STOPPAGE SPREADS TO 3D PLUMBING SHOP

### Waters Plant Down Because Of AFL Demand

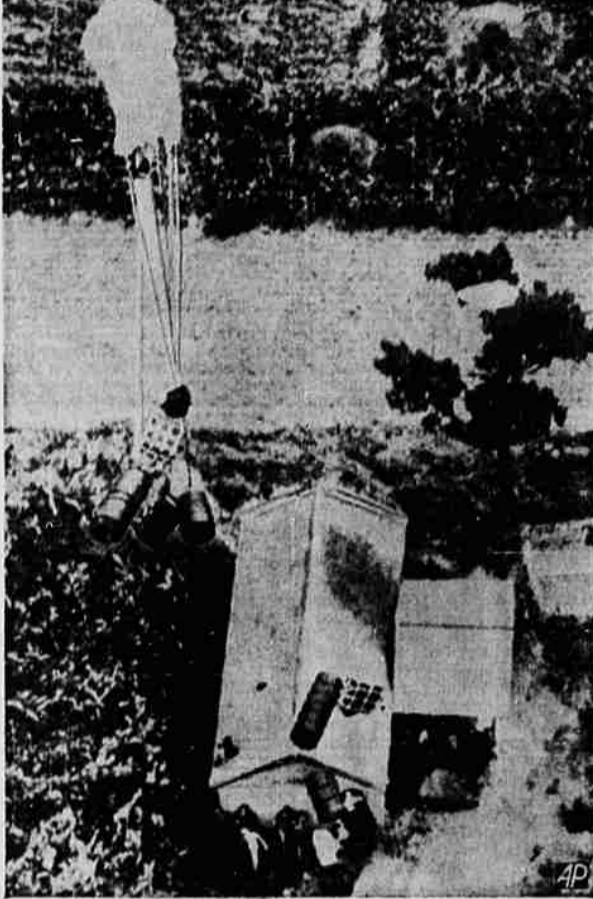
Work stoppage in local plumbing shops extended this morning to the Waters Plumbing and Heating company when three more journeymen plumbers struck in accordance with a demand by the Plumbers and Steamfitters local, AFL, for a 15 per cent increase in wages.

This brings the total of journeymen plumbers out on strike to six and the three shops which are now down are the Davis Plumbing company, G. C. Motley Plumbing company and the Waters company.

**Owners Meet**  
 Grover Motley, Seth Waters and Dean Davis, owners of the three shops affected, met yesterday and were advised by the war labor board of Portland that under a war labor directive no one is permitted to raise or lower wages without first securing the approval of the WLB to do so, and that persons making any change whatsoever in the present wage structure are subject to heavy penalty under law, according to a prepared release given The Herald and News this morning.

A conciliator from the WLB (Continued on Page Two)

## Supplies Parachuted To Prisoners



Parachutes with specially prepared oil drums containing food-stuff and bundles of clothing are dropped by the 73rd bombardment wing at the prisoner of war camp near Weishan, Shantung province, China. At bottom, POWs run out of house to receive the supplies. (AP wirephoto from 20th air force radioed from Guam).

## SGT. DIETER'S DEATH ON DAY OF RAID TOLD

### Tulelake Member Of Doolittle Party Lost In Action

A long-held secret of the war was divulged today when it was announced that Staff Sergeant William Dieter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dieter of Tulelake, was killed in action on the day the Doolittle fliers raided Japan—April 18, 1942.

The word came in a telegram from the war department to Mr. and Mrs. Dieter, and was the first definite report they had received since the raid on which Sgt. Dieter was a bombardier. Until now, Sgt. Dieter has been listed as "missing in action" and there was some basis for belief he was a prisoner in Japan.

**Crash at Sea**  
 It is presumed the definite information as to his fate came through Lt. Chase Nielsen, Hyrum, Utah, who with three others has just been freed from the Japanese. Lt. Nielsen was navigator on the plane on which Sgt. Dieter was a bombardier. It crash-landed at sea after dropping bombs on Japan.

The telegram to the elder Dieters expressed regret at the long delay in getting definite information, and said that a letter with further details is on its way.

Mrs. Dieter has asked the mother of Lt. Nielsen at Hyrum, Utah, to telephone her when Lt. Nielsen arrives there, so she can get further first-hand information regarding the circumstances of Sgt. Dieter's death.

**Varied Reports**  
 The Dieters recalled that some time ago a newspaperwoman, who said she had been in China, through Chinese grapevine, that Sgt. Dieter had been drowned. The elder Dieters thought the letter might be the work of a (Continued on Page Two)

## ALL U. S. BLAMED FOR PEARL HARBOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (AP)—President Truman declared today he thought the whole country, as much as any individual, was responsible for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Mr. Truman told a news conference he had no objection to a court martial but didn't intend to order one.

In addition, he said he always had favored a unity of command for the army and navy, but didn't want to amplify his views on that now.

Answering a barrage of questions based on the release yesterday of official reports by boards of inquiry which investigated the events leading up to Pearl Harbor, the chief executive said he had read the documents carefully.

**Conclusion**  
 And, he said, he had come to the conclusion the whole thing was a result of the policy of the country itself. It wasn't ready for preparedness, he asserted.

Preparedness moves by the late President Roosevelt were stifled, Mr. Truman said, and

## Fire Ravages Historic Old Crystal School House

Another historic landmark vanished yesterday, when fire gutted the old Crystal schoolhouse, at the head of Crystal creek, completely destroying it.

Farmers and mill workers pitched in to fight the fire and Mexican laborers rushed from the Scott creek forestry camp to help. The fire started about 11:30 a. m. and was suppressed by the crew of volunteer firefighters by about 4:30 p. m. Two small spot fires were started from flying coals, and only quick action of the volunteers prevented the fire from spreading to nearby forests, John Sarginson, district ranger stated.

The school was occupied by employees of Demick Lumber company, who lost all their household goods in the fire, including guns, billfolds, phonograph, beds and mattresses.

The school, on the west side of Klamath lake, at the head of Crystal creek, was built in 1893 by D. G. Brown and Ben Peterman. Material was hauled by scows equipped with sails up Crystal creek, from the old water-wheel Rufus Moore mill in Klamath Falls. The building was put together with square nails, which came from San Francisco in the fall of 1892, by railroad cars to Ager, and freighted from there by team to the building site.

School was held in the old building from 1893 up until 1941, when attendance dwindled from 48 to 5, and the school was closed. Three generations of the D. G. Brown family learned their three R's in the old school, which had grades from one to eight and one year of high school.

Exact cause of the fire which destroyed the building, is undetermined.

## 42 Billion Lend-Lease To Be Stricken From Books

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (AP)—President Truman notified congress today that the more than \$42,000,000,000 this country spent on lend-lease aid to its allies should, in the main, be written off the books.

The reason—made clear in a lengthy report Mr. Truman sent to Capitol Hill—is that the administration believes the United States received three things more important than a dollar bill settlement. They are:

1. Victory over Germany and Japan.
2. More than \$5,600,000,000 through last March in reverse lend-lease.
3. A commitment from all nations receiving lend-lease to join in organizing postwar international trade on the basis of lowering barriers.

In a letter accompanying the report, Mr. Truman told the lawmakers:

"With the defeat of the axis powers, whose ruthless plan for world conquest and enslavement came so close to succeeding, the United States has realized the major objective for which lend-lease aid has been extended.

The president has ordered lend-lease operations halted, effective V-J Day, and already has cut off requisitions for supplies which formerly would have been ordered under the mutual aid program.

**Peacetime Plans**  
 Meanwhile, arrangements are being worked out with lend-lease countries to switch their commerce over to a peacetime basis. American officials will begin conversations with a British delegation next week for some sort of credit substitute. Summing up the gigantic pro-

## KF Sets Perfect Traffic Record

CHICAGO, Aug. 30 (AP)—After the slight easing of gasoline restrictions last June 22, the nation's July traffic death toll rose 15 per cent over the same month in 1944, the National Safety council reported.

July traffic deaths were 2030, making a total of 13,190 for the first seven months of 1945. Despite the increase of deaths throughout the country, 232 cities reported perfect records for July.

Ratings of cities in the 10,000-25,000 population class, based on deaths per 10,000 registered vehicles, included Klamath Falls, Ore., Independence, Mo., and Chillicothe, O., all 0.0.

## Pelicans To Get Grid Uniforms At Modoc Field

Grid uniforms will be issued to Klamath Union high school football aspirants tomorrow afternoon beginning at 1 o'clock. A physical examination will also be given. Coach Paul Angstead said today.

Angstead expects approximately 50 boys to turn out for the opening practice session of the season Saturday morning in preparation for the first game with Grant of Portland on September 21.

## AFL Raps Strike Vote Handling

SEATTLE, Aug. 30 (AP)—A statement criticizing handling of a strike vote being taken among Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (AFL) members in Washington, Oregon, northern California, Montana and Idaho was issued last night by John Christenson, president of the union's northwest council.

The union's 65,000 members in the region, he said, would walk off their jobs unless a demand for 20 cents per hour raise in wages was met. Ballots are to be counted September 4 and the union's policy committee will meet at Portland after announcement of the results to decide upon action.

Christenson said the union had found "much in the way of errors, slips, delayed mailing and lack of cooperation on the part of some employers" in handling of mailed ballots.

## Car Runs Wild; Halted By Tree

A car belonging to A. H. Bussman, 2039 Del Moro, careened driverless down the hill above Pacific Terrace Wednesday evening and came to a stop after crashing into a tree.

The automobile ran from the Bussman driveway, down the hill along the front yard of the Bob Ellington home into an alley and then into the tree.

A front and back fender of the car were smashed and one axle bent. According to Bussman, the emergency brake is believed to have failed as the car was parked in the driveway next to his house.

## Beckham Freed From Jap Prison

Word has been received here of one of the first Klamath Falls boys to be liberated from a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Mrs. Frank Pryor, 2028 Siskiyou, learned Wednesday that her son, Cpl. Gail Beckham, has been freed and is "all right."

Beckham entered the army from Klamath Falls before the beginning of the war and was taken prisoner at Corrigdor.

The last word that Mrs. Pryor had received from her son was in 1943 when he was interned in a prisoner of war camp at Mukden, Manchoukuo.

**HONG KONG ENTERED**  
 SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 30 (AP)—A strong British naval force commanded by Rear Adm. C. H. J. Harcourt entered the port of Hong Kong today to reoccupy the crown colony. British Pacific fleet headquarters announced here tonight.

## Ships Damaged In Portland's Costliest Fire

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—Hundreds of tinhatters leaped and swam to safety today as the most costly fire in Portland's history roared through the outfitting basin of Kaiser's Shipbuilding corporation.

The blaze destroyed the outfitting dock and adjoining buildings, and seriously damaged several of the seven completed ships—valued at \$25,000,000—lying in the basin. The vessels, some still smoking, were being towed to safety in the Willamette river.

**Workers Leap From Building**  
 Workers leaping from burning ships reported one cabin painter drowned, and an asbestos worker missing. Police said, however, that the men might be safe but unaccounted for.

While firemen battled to keep the still uncontrolled blaze from reaching the nearby shipways, one of the 15-ton whirly cranes collapsed.

Edgar J. Kaiser, general manager, said it was impossible to tell how much damage was done to the ships. All were insured, \$3,000,000 Damage.

Later, however, a yard official boarded the towed-away ships, and reported only two seriously damaged; one partly burned, and the rest in good condition. He said all could probably be put in condition for delivery. Another source unofficially estimated damage at around \$3,000,000.

About four and a half hours after the blaze broke out, fire officials said they believed it was under control. Firemen and coastguardsmen, battling with power, acetylene and water lines out, continued patrolling the area.

Fire officials were unable to determine at once whether the blaze broke out on the Bexar Victory or on the outfitting dock. Workmen in the area reported a sudden explosion, followed by immediate fire spreading over the Bexar, the dock, and the troopship USS Glynn.

**Sparks Ignite**  
 The fire, which centered around the outfitting dock and basin, was believed caused by welding sparks falling on oil being piped into the generator of the Bexar Victory.

Six or seven ships were lying in the basin. Albert Bauer, manager of the yard, feared they would be destroyed, with a loss of \$25,000,000.

**Paint Feeds Fire**  
 Nearly 3000 workers were on the job when the blaze broke out during the morning shift. The flames, fed by fresh paint, drove firemen from the outfitting dock.

Firemen were battling to keep the blaze from still untouched shipways. A pall of black smoke covered the north Portland district, and lights and telephone communication at the yard went out.

It was the first serious fire in any yard in this area, though Oregon Shipbuilding lost its administration building by fire (Continued on Page Two)

## Lost



Sgt. William Dieter of Tulelake, one of the Doolittle bombing crew, whose death in action on April 18, 1942, was announced today, more than three years later.

## CITY POLICE NAB 5 JUVENILE BOYS

Five juvenile boys, ranging in age from 9 to 14, have been apprehended by city police and juvenile officers and charged with illegal entry into eight private homes here and the Klamath Variety store.

A 12-year-old boy was the ring-leader of the gang, which stole watches, beer, cigarettes, guns, butcher knives and money from the places entered.

All five youths admitted implication in the thefts which have been going on for over a month in Klamath Falls.

They gained entry to the homes in various ways, including removal of screens from windows and by the simple method of unlocking doors.

Some of the stolen property has been recovered, but a few stolen articles were thrown into the main canal, juvenile authorities said today.

The youths were picked by efficient law enforcement action upon a tip that two boys were peddling ring-toss game sets to people residing on Pacific Terrace. The boys were selling these games, which were valued at \$1.19 apiece, for whatever price they could get. They also shoot a mean game of craps, according to an eyewitness, who watched the boys roll the bones.

All five are awaiting action from juvenile authorities.

## Japs Hit Them With Bamboo Sticks, Yank Fliers Report

SHANGHAI, Aug. 30 (AP)—Stories of brutal Japanese captors who beat them with bamboo sticks and metal rods until they were black and blue from knee to hip and could hardly walk, were related here by eight American fliers.

One airman said he had his wrists tied behind him and had been hung by his thumbs in efforts by the Japanese to force him to reveal American plans to invade Nippon.

**In Good Condition**  
 All are in good condition, and their wounds are healing. They still are held by the Japanese who threatened correspondents with bayonets when they first tried to interview them in the YMCA here. Entrance was gained after a 15 minutes delay. The city of Shanghai still awaits its official release.

**Hit With Quirts**  
 Six released American prisoners of war, survivors of Wake Island, likewise told of Japanese brutalities.

The Japanese hit them with quirts "quite a lot," they said.

Marine Lt. Col. J. P. S. Devreux and about 1100 Wake survivors were transferred to Japan last year, the six told correspondents here.

**Principal Freed**  
 Among American prisoners of war freed here was Dr. Charles Boynton, Yale graduate and principal of the American school of Shanghai.

Second Lt. Harold H. Eifler, Chicago, pilot of an army B-24 bomber, and his bomber crew were shot down May 17. The navy men were on a plane which crashed June 26, following an attack on a Japanese convoy of three destroyer escorts, a picket boat, three cargo transports and two troop transports north of Shanghai.

Pallack said an m/a aircraft knocked the bomber out of the sky and it crashed near the convoy.

**Slugged By Japs**  
 When Japanese rescuers picked them up, Pallack saw about 1200 men swimming around from a troop transport that had been sunk by the bombers.

"As the Japs picked up the swimmers each greeted us by slugging us," Pallack related. "We were locked in vegetable bins and beaten every couple of hours."