

# BACK TO SCHOOL IS YOUNGSTERS' PATRIOTIC DUTY

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(This is the first in a series of statements by business, industrial and civic leaders in connection with the "Back to School" campaign of the Klamath county chamber of commerce.)

Recently I had occasion to talk to a 12-year-old boy who had a paper route in Portland along with a few other odd jobs, and was making close to \$100 a month these summer months. On another occasion I was talking to a high school boy who was working as an assistant to a surveyor and he was making over \$200 per month.

### Question Raised

To many boys all over the United States right now a question is formulating in their minds whether it won't pay them to continue working and earning big money rather than quitting their jobs and going back to school. To many of us, looking at the position these boys have, there is no question what should be done but still that is going to be a weighty problem for these boys.

There are many advantages gained by those going on to school. First, we broaden our experiences. We gain a better use of our vocabulary and we are more capable of thinking for ourselves. With these three points we rise to a better social advantage in life. We open the way towards a better economic standing.

### Education Is "Must"

In the retail business an education is looked on as a must for practically any employee. True, there are a few instances where men have risen to great heights without education, but to be fair to ourselves we should acknowledge that we are average people and that we should give ourselves at least the average chance.

Right now manpower is short but with the coming few months we are going to see a survival of the fittest in manpower. Those who produce will have jobs. So it behooves each of us to give ourselves the best tools possible so we can do that job. To those of school age, education is a tool.

### Patriotic View

From a patriotic view, our young people who are in jobs today but who are eligible to go on to school should do so, releasing more jobs for our returning service men who will need those jobs not only for wages but as a means to fit them into a normal living that they so deserve.

I personally urge all boys and girls of school age in Klamath county to go on to school and gain an education that will mean much to them in years to come.

### Work Stopped On Oregon NHA Projects

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—Work on two southern Oregon national housing agency projects was halted today following a previous announcement that the NHA would no longer aid Oregon cities in caring for crowded war industry workers.

A West Roseburg project for 20-knockdown houses and 40 units at Eugene were halted. Another 60-unit project at Eugene scheduled for occupancy September 15 probably will be finished.

### Stands By For Historic Signing



Preliminary conference between Japanese emissaries and Adm. Halsey's staff, in which details for historic signing of surrender were issued, was held aboard USS Missouri, battleship aboard which ceremonies will take place in Tokyo bay. Missouri here lies at anchor in Sagami bay, triumphant flagship, leader of Yank fleet into Japan waters. U. S. navy photo transmitted to San Francisco via radio telephoto direct from battleship Iowa in Sagami bay.

### EISENHOWER SEES OCCUPATION CUT

BERLIN, Aug. 30 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower said today that the 2,500,000 American troops now in Germany would be reduced to a fixed occupation force of about 400,000 well before the end of the winter.

The American commander said the importation of food from the United States to feed Germans was inescapable, but that he did not mean he intended to fatten the Germans.

He said he hoped to have the Germans elect their own officials in city and rural areas this fall. Eisenhower declined to predict how long the allied occupation of Germany would last, saying this was a matter of higher government policy, but added that the Americans did not expect to stay here forever.

### Oak Ridge Head Has No 'Apologies'

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Aug. 30 (AP)—The commanding officer of the Manhattan district which produced the atomic bomb has "no apologies or excuses" for the use of the bombs against the Japanese.

"The atomic bomb is not an inhuman weapon," Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves told workers and military personnel in a surprise visit to the project yesterday.

"I think our best answer to anyone who doubts this is that we did not start the war, and if they don't like the way we ended it, to remember who started it."

### 2 Men Held On Larceny Charges

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 29 (AP)—Edward Emmett Craig and Carl Rucker are being held in the county jail pending trial on Friday when they will face Judge H. K. Hanna in circuit court on grand larceny charges.

The two, arrested by Sgt. C. R. Borgman of the state police and Sheriff Loyd Lewis Monday, have confessed to burglarizing the Fruitdale garage Sunday evening and stealing approximately \$175 worth of car-painting equipment from the owner, D. R. Pruitt.

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### 'Doc' Comes Home After Two Thrilling Months

PORTLAND, Aug. 30 (AP)—A police dog which has gone through two months of combat, a kidnapping, and a stowaway trip in a barracks bag was back home today.

**Kidnapped**  
"Doc," a dog with a dozen owners, was kidnapped in Walla Walla in January, 1943, by an air combat crew who later paid the physician owner \$50 and christened the dog for him.

One by one the crew went

down over North Africa, Italy, and France, until only "Doc" was left. The ground crew took the dog in, with the understanding that the last man to return to the United States would have "Doc" for good.

**Loved His Masters**  
"He loved all the men," said Staff Sgt. Leighton E. Hollenbeck, who was the last man home. "Except for one group; he would have nothing to do with officers. We never did know how he distinguished them."

**Stowaway**  
Hollenbeck got the dog on shipboard by thrusting him into a barracks bag. "He didn't like it," said the veteran. "But he had to ride stowaway until we hit Camp Patrick Henry, Va., where they told us that any dogs, cats, parrots or other pets that we'd smuggled in could now be brought into the open."

### Flashes of Life

#### FIVE MISSION MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—Veteran Ambulance Driver Carl Emerson was not surprised when a maternity call took him to the Union bus depot, nor even excited when he had to stop halfway to the hospital and deliver a daughter for his passenger.

Back at his garage, Emerson calmly sketched a safety pin on the door of his ambulance, alongside of four others for infant deliveries made en route.

#### RUGGED

BEAVER, Ore., Aug. 30 (AP)—Eighty-year-old Eldon Kutchen arrived here for a visit with relatives from his isolated mountain home and murmured "I'm just set a spell."

After resting a few minutes he told worried relatives he was feeling "chipper as ever" after walking the 35 miles in two days and sleeping outdoors one night.

#### FAMILIAR ADDRESS

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Aug. 30 (AP)—Fire Department Capt. Ernest Fer led his men in a desperate dash to 3606 Elmira street.

A broom had set fire to a closet after it had been used to poke an incinerator. Capt. and Mrs. Fer estimated damage at \$15—and they ought to know. It was their house.

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