

General Homma, Convicted Of War Atrocities, Sentenced To Be Shot

By PAUL MASON
MANILA, Feb. 11 (AP)— Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma was sentenced today to be shot, convicted by a military tribunal of war atrocities charges, including the infamous Bataan death march.

Homma was moved immediately to Luzon prisoner of war camp number one, where he joined his successor as supreme commander of the Philippines during the palmy days of Japanese conquest, Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, and 10 other convicted war criminals.

While hearing his sentence, Homma stood in almost the exact spot in the ballroom of the former home of the United States commissioner to the Philippines where, bemuddled an arrogant after the Japanese conquest of the islands, he had received the homage of the puppet Filipino commission and collaborators in a widely-publicized reception.

Within the range of his vision, as he stood before the five-man commission across Manila bay was the fortress rock of Corregidor and the mist-shrouded hills of Bataan, from which he had headed Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, Maj. Gen. Edward P. King and their forces along the sun-scorched roads in the infamous death march.

No Surprise
 The conviction was no surprise, as Homma had expected to be shot.

Strict order prevailed at the sentencing, as it had through the trial, under the stern discipline of bald, bespectacled Lt. Gen. Lee Donovan, commission president. Spectators, representing all the military services, Red Cross workers and a large number of Filipinos who had lived in the area during Homma's occupation, were carefully searched before being admitted to the grounds.

Homma, attired in the same gray herringbone suit and tan shoes he had worn during the trial, was led quickly away after the conviction and sentence were pronounced.

Maj. Larry Hodgkin, military police officer, who once was an Associated Press staff member in Boise, Idaho, escorted Homma to a military automobile and drove him swiftly to the prisoner of war camp, 35 miles south of here.

Just before he was sentenced, Homma made a brief speech thanking the court for "the courteous way I have been treated all during my trial."

Sentence, read immediately afterward, said that "upon secret written ballot with two-thirds or more of the members concurring the commission sentences you to be shot to death with musketry."

MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

New Pine Creek

Old Man Winter is having his way and in his icy grip the mercurial indicators vary widely in the squeeze. Anyway, regardless of how cold they say, the casual observer will mutter, "Yeah! Its all of that!" even if they drop as low as 14 below, like Mr. Smith's over on the creek did Sunday night. However, even if some indicators couched under a porch and against a constantly heated building show only a drop to six above, most everyone is willing to trust the ears that tingle and the nose that knows, and say, "Its plenty cold enough!" It is safe and sufficient to say that we are having sub-zero weather.

The East Side grange had another record attendance last Saturday evening at their regular meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Lechman, Dave McAuliffe of Willow Ranch, and Mildred McLain were obligated as new members. Mrs. Ruth McAuliffe was reinstated. Several new names were turned in to be voted on at the next meeting February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston, Thomas Creek grange master, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were visitors. Houston was giving a ceremonial introduction befitting state grange dignitaries and important officers of Pomona and subordinate granges. State grange deputy, Charles Wicklander, did not make his appearance until after the meeting closed and when the social hour was in progress. A pause was called during the merriment, during which Wicklander gave a brief talk on the significance of juvenile granges.

On the literary program, Ed Benefiel, operator of the Klondyke mine, gave a very good talk on mining. His address was in the form of an instructive, factual resume of the history of mining in the west, dating back to the simple mining methods of the Aztec Indians, and correlating each succeeding gold boom with some national exigency when greater wealth was drastically needed. Logically, he concluded, that in these times of world crisis, when a still greater wealth was needed to rehabilitate war devastated countries and offset the economic ravages and losses, the time is ripe for another big gold strike somewhere.

Irvin Faris played "Melody in F" a violin solo, accompanied by his daughter, Susan Jane Faris.

The New Pine Creek juvenile grange was organized last Saturday night in the Modern Woodman hall, simultaneously to the regular grange meeting, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wicklander. Twenty-seven children joined as charter members and four adults, Mrs. Erbie Hammersley, Mrs. Lydia Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fisher.

The following officers were elected, Jackie Moffitt, master; Susan Moffitt, secretary; Anne Hammersley, lecturer; Beverley Vincent, chaplain; Dwayne St. Clair, overseer; Robert Cook, treasurer; Roger St. Clair, assistant steward; Barbara Fisher, lady assistant steward; Edward Richardson, steward; Bobby Vincent, gate keeper; Anna May Fisher, Ceres; Barbara Hammersley, Pomona; Betty Cannon, Flora.

Those present were given the secret work and instructions. The next meeting will be February 16, at which time the newly elected officers will be installed by Raymond Fisher, past master.

Mrs. Lydia Bishop was named matron.

The Home Ec club met last Thursday, January 31, with 13 members and five children present.

ent. The secret pal names were drawn.

Refreshments of fruit-cup-cakes, coffee and chocolate. Mrs. Patty Hallinan was hostess and Mrs. Imogene Batman was chosen as hostess for the next meeting.

Janice Hammersley was given a party Tuesday afternoon, in celebration of her sixth birthday. Those present were Teresa Ellen Hallinan, Goldie Ann Gooch, Sharon Tuxhorn, Barbara Fisher, Richard Hammersley and Janice. Ice cream and cake was served at the close of the party.

There will be a big benefit dance held in the grange hall this Saturday evening, February 9, sponsored by the East Side grange, for members and guests of that organization. The idea of the benefit is to raise funds to repair and rejuvenate the Modern Woodman hall for a cozy and comfortable juvenile lodge hall. Every granger come and bring a guest.

The Modern Woodmen held a meeting last Tuesday evening. The nature of the meeting was not disclosed, except that some business matters were taken care of.

Don Partin and Clarice Garner, were quietly married in Reno on January 10. Don is the son of Mark A. Partin and Miss Garner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Haupman of Gilchrist, Oregon.

The couple has rented the little Follette house now owned by A. W. Lightie, where they plan to move soon to make their home.

Sprague River

SPRAGUE RIVER, Feb. 9— The March of Dimes committee of Sprague River is well pleased with the cooperation received during the campaign, January 14 to 31. The total amount raised was \$212.28.

A ball game between Beatty and Sprague River netted \$10.80, a benefit card party, \$30; a dance brought in a total of \$48.15; donations, \$10; local union, \$15.60; fifth and sixth grade room, \$40.36; other grades, \$20.08; March of Dimes collection boxes, \$27.29; Ewanna Box collection, \$10. Total \$212.28.

Prizes for the card party were donated by Gienger grocery, Boroughs grocery, Ivan Pankey ranch and Sprague River variety store.

The music for the dance was donated by the Nelson Brothers' band of Chiloquin. The committee wishes to express thanks for the help and cooperation received in the campaign.

Committee members were Mrs. Gail Ridenour, Mrs. Rollo Moore, Mrs. Owen Ludwick, Mrs. Ivan Pankey, Mrs. Charles Boroughs and Mrs. Ted Montgomery.

Mrs. Cinda Crume accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Agatha Anderson, left Monday for California to be with her sister, Mrs. Mary Curtis, who is very ill.

Arthur Hill has gone to De-

Queen, Ark. He expects to be away about a month.

Mrs. Nell Crain is in a veterans' hospital in Portland being treated for a neck injury received while in the service. She expects to be able to return here about the first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Disrud have moved here from Fort Klamath.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Leidtke and daughter of Salem were here over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gail Ridenour. Leidtke was recently discharged from the air corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bailey from Pelican Bay camp were here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pankey on Wednesday.

C. C. Heidrich and son Billy were business visitors in Sprague River Friday. While here they called on friends.

Fred Zebul has recovered from a recent illness and is able to be back on the job with the American Box company.

Claire Taylor and friend were here from Chiloquin visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Stowe on Thursday.

Edward Roufs, coxswain, has been on a 30-day leave after serving two years on Kwajalein island in the South Pacific. He has been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Roufs of 4408 S. 6th, Klamath Falls, and with Mrs. W. J. Runnels, Sprague River. His younger brother, Glen, just enlisted in the navy last week. Both boys left January 28 together to report for duty, Glen at Portland and Edward at Seattle.

Pastor Speaks To Rotarians

TULELAKE, Feb. 11 — Rev. David J. Ferguson, pastor of the Merrill Presbyterian church, guest speaker at the last Rotary luncheon, using as his topic a quotation from Shakespeare, "The world is out of joint!" applied it to present world conditions stating that in his opinion we are living in the greatest of all periods in history. Changes after this war will be greater than after World War I because we are living in a period of greater stress and urgency. He was introduced by Leeth S. Dunlap, program chairman.

Tentative plans are for a Rotary institute again this year, beginning probably the first week in March with five speakers to appear. The institute had drawn large audiences here in the past several years.

Visiting Rotarians were H. W. Letch, Bridgeton, N. J. and Scott Warren, Klamath Falls. Guests were Leon Street and Gilbert Osborne, Tulelake and O. S. Mosh, San Francisco.

children spent the weekend in Paisley with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton who have been here for some time left January 27 for Boise, Ida., where they will visit indefinitely.

Edna Book returned home Monday having spent several days in Klamath Falls for medical treatment.

Seda Joins Abstract Firm

Charles Seda Jr., formerly of Chicago, Ill., is now associated with the Wilson Title and Abstract company in Klamath Falls.

He holds the position of associate to Arthur Wilson, president of the firm.

Seda was formerly with the Chicago Title and Trust company and also practiced law in Chicago for a number of years. He is contemplating establishing a home here and his wife and daughter will join him in the near future.

Monday, Feb. 11, 1946

Jack Robinson Home From Army

Jack I. Robinson, proprietor of Robinson's delivery service from 1939 to 1945, has been discharged from the army and returned Thursday to his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson, 1435 Derby. Robinson served 40 months with the cavalry in the 12th armored division in Germany. He graduated with the class of 1940 from KUHS.

NEW THEATRE PLANNED
EUGENE, Feb. 11 (AP)— Plans for a two-story, 1500 seat theatre here were announced today by Mr. and Mrs. A. West Johnson, operators of the Hellig and Mayflower theatres here.

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Bly

BLY — Della Banister and Clara Pauck of Paisley spent the weekend of January 25 at the Herb Hadley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and children left February 2 for Portland. Mrs. Smith and children will spend the next month with their relatives.

Mrs. Buck Kneass and Reba Lybrand were business visitors in Klamath Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hadley and

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Merrill

Mrs. William Walker and associate officers of the Merrill Library club were hostesses February 7 at the home of Mrs. Walker when plans for adding to the club treasury were discussed. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to Mrs. H. O. Cox, Mrs. T. O. Wheeler, Mrs. Max Hartlerode, Mrs. R. L. Dalton, Mrs. Roy McNeill, Mrs. J. Leland Pope, Mrs. A. J. King, Mrs. Kenneth Colwell and the hostess, Mrs. Walker.

The club entertained Friday night for husbands and friends at a pot-luck in the Odd Fellows hall with 50 guests present. Tables were centered with Valentine trees, blooming with gay red hearts. Bridge and pinocle were on the program following the dinner with high score in pinocle going to George Hancock, second high went to Mrs. Max Hartlerode and low to Mrs. William Walker. In bridge high honors went to Mrs. Strack, second high to Mrs. Joe Bailey and the low to Mr. Strack. The traveling prize in pinocle went to O. V. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Winebarger are parents of a daughter born February 2 at the family home here. The little girl, fifth child in the family weighed 8 1/2 pounds. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson, former Merrill residents, now living near Macdoel.

Watch For the RED ROOSTER ?

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