

'Fighting Lady' Retires After Long And Glorious Battle Career In Pacific

SEATTLE, June 21 (AP)—The "Fighting Lady" has laid down her weapons, put on a new dress and retired to respectful reserve to live with her memories. But she's ready to fight again if need be.

The Japanese knew the "Fighting Lady" as "Mitscher's Gray Ghost," and to them she was no lady. The navy knew her as the USS Yorktown or CV-10. The men who fought her called her the "Lucky Y." A moving picture telling of her exploits was titled "Fighting Lady."

Today the Yorktown ends a gallant career. Tied alongside a Seattle dock, boxed in by the carriers Lexington and Essex, she has been placed in reserve. She has a new dress of haze

'46 Telephone Book Out Soon

Although a few books will be sent out this week, the principal delivery dates of the new 1946 telephone books will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, according to Charles E. Seavey, manager of the local branch of Bell Telephone company.

The books will be distributed by mail throughout Klamath county and vicinity to telephone users. The initial distribution will be approximately 9500, said Seavey, although more than 14,000 are expected to be apportioned to users before next June.

An increase of 36 pages will make the books slightly larger than the present size. The 1945 book contained 148 pages, and the new ones have 184. Other changes in the book include a simplified emergency information page.

Because of difficulties with supplies and printing, the book is actually 20 days late, despite the date on the cover. Telephone books come out once a year, and are printed by Smith-Bates Printing company.

20-30 Clubs Gather Here

The state convention of the 20-30 club will get underway Saturday evening when representatives from clubs all over the state will assemble in Klamath Falls. The convention, extending over the weekend, will start with a banquet and dinner dance at the Willard hotel Saturday evening. Sunday morning will be devoted to a business meeting and breakfast, also at the Willard. Wives of the 20-30 members will be entertained at a picnic Sunday afternoon at Moore park.

National officers who will attend the meeting are Dr. Jim Varnatti, president, Ray Fletcher vice president, Jess Tolle, trustee, and Robert Burg, secretary.

Roy Andrews Heads Alturas Lions Club

ALTURAS, June 21—Roy Andrews was unanimously elected as president of the Lions club at its last regular meeting. Other officers elected: Walls Gloster, vice president; Merle Weidman, secretary; Robert Ebenhaek, treasurer; Dr. F. A. Rose and Harvey Milligan, directors, two years; Norville Meyer, director, one year.

The new officers will be installed next Tuesday evening in the banquet room of the Niles hotel.

Charles Lederer, charter president of the club, will be installing officer.

Spanish War Vets To Hold Encampment

SALEM, June 21 (AP)—The four-day 38th annual encampment of the Oregon department of the United Spanish War Veterans will open here Sunday evening with memorial services at the First Methodist church.

Business sessions will open Monday morning with the address by Governor Earl Snell. Officers will be elected at the closing session Wednesday.

The organization's auxiliary also will hold meetings during the convention.

gray—a peaceful color—which replaced her dark grey war paint, but the new dress fails to hide the scar in her side caused by a Japanese bomb.

The score upon score of little Japanese flags—indicating success in combat—still remain to tell of a glorious success in combat.

High ranking officers will praise her and tell of her heroic deeds, but the "Fighting Lady" need not be reminded of them. She has many memories. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was her sponsor as she was launched in January of 1943, seven minutes ahead of schedule.

She was the first carrier of her class to get into action in the Pacific offensive, beating her sister ship Essex by minutes in launching planes in strikes at Marcus Island on August 31, 1943.

Her planes were also the last to see action in the air when her fliers shot down three Japanese aircraft which appeared in the skies after the Japanese had surrendered and had agreed to ground their planes.

In between the first and the last were attacks on Wake Island, on the Gilberts and Marshalls, on Truk, in the Marianas, on the Palau and Wolei islands, on Hollandia, Guam, the Bonins, Yap, Philippines, Formosa, Okinawa, and Japan.

She can long reminisce in the 235,360 nautical miles traveled to Oct. 21, 1945; on the 40,315,765 gallons of fuel oil used, on the 8,500,000 meals served; the 11,346 sorties over enemy targets; the 31,170 aircraft landings on board; the 3640 bombs dropped over enemy targets; the 6814 rockets fired on Japanese targets.

She can be proud of the 458 Japanese planes shot down by her planes, the 14 Japanese aircraft shot down by her own guns; the 695 Japanese aircraft destroyed on the ground; the 1191 enemy aircraft probably destroyed and the 2358 enemy aircraft destroyed or damaged.

She can be proud, too, of the 119 enemy ships sunk, the 329 enemy ships damaged; of the 15,184 five-inch shells fired, the 167,630 40-millimeter shells fired and the 472,757 20-millimeter shells fired.

And she can be sad at the 131 of her own aircraft lost to combat, the 73 lost operationally.

Now retired, it is estimated she can be placed in action again within a very short period if the time ever comes when she is needed. Until then she will ride out the peace in protected waters of Puget sound.

Alturas Lions Help Blind Vet

ALTURAS, June 21—The local Lions club who last winter donated \$1800 toward a public swimming pool, the proceeds of a two-night show, "The Gay Nineties," have again made a donation for which they should be highly commended.

George (Buck) Gillispie, local boy who was badly wounded in combat in France and has lost the sight of both eyes, is visiting friends here between skin grafting operations in an army hospital. Twenty more will be performed over a period of two years.

The club, knowing of his plight and desiring to assist him in some way, donated \$700 toward the purchase of an automobile to be driven by other convalescents during his confinement. Three other friends, Ralph Renner, Harold Morgan and Roy Andrews added \$500, assuring "Buck" of a car, the one thing he most desired.

UP Warehouse Razed By Fire

FAIRVIEW, June 21 (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin razed the Union Pacific Railroad company warehouse in this Multnomah county community last night.

Fire-fighting equipment from Gresham, Corbett, Errol Heights and Springdale arrived to find the entire structure ablaze. Loss was not immediately estimated.

The blaze destroyed hay, grass seed and other items in the warehouse, leased to brokerage firms.

Flames leaped to the roof of the Fairview high school, 400 feet away, but firemen said the alertness of C. E. Bunn, school clerk, saved the building.

Around Oregon

By The Associated Press

The Oregon Independent Telephone association opened its annual convention in Portland today, with speakers from Chicago and Washington, D. C., on the program. Sweet Home voters have approved a school budget calling for \$56,745 more than the 6 per cent limitation. Mrs. May Yocum will be crowned pioneer mother as Phil Sheridan Days open today at Sheridan. The American Legion and veterans of foreign wars plan to lease the Officers club at Redmond army airfield. The Al Kader spring ceremonial will attract several hundred Shriners from all parts of Oregon to Bend this weekend, with a parade set for Saturday. City traffic problems were to be studied in Portland today by 38 city and state traffic engineers attending the western regional traffic institute at Corvallis this week. Oregon City school district will hold a special election July 12 on a proposed budget exceeding the 6 per cent tax limitation.

Approximately 3,000,000 tons of sugar were exported by Java in 1931.

For the woman on hand in the home

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VALID EXCUSE

CHICAGO, June 21 (AP)—The influence of returned war veterans on university life is being reflected in excuses for absence from classes, say Loyola university officials.

Apartment-hunting and baby-minding have taken their place alongside such old favorites as alarm clock failures, funerals, and dental appointments, they said.

One married vet's excuse was: "An eight-pound boy, wow!"

LEGAL LINEUP

SUPERIOR, WIS., June 21 (AP)—City Attorney George Flynn needs a pair of nylon stockings—for official use.

They are needed to satisfy a claim by a woman who is suing the city for injuries to herself—and a pair of nylons—resulting from a fall on a sidewalk.

Settlement of the claim is routine, Flynn said. But he's fudging with the job of standing in line for the nylons—if he can find a nylon line.

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Few Klamath Falls Boys Heed Beaver State Call

Beaver State, an annual week-long affair on the campus of Oregon State college to give boys from all over the state the opportunity to learn rules and duties connected with civic government, is getting little local response, according to C. H. Bussman, head of the Klamath committee to send boys to Beaver State at Corvallis.

The boys who leave Sunday at 6:30 a. m. for the college in order to be there in time for first sessions Monday, Beaver State is

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lieved to be a cold stove. Apparently there were some coals and, after smouldering all day, the fire broke out in the evening. The stove was quickly heated and lumber piled near the stove caught on fire.

A neighbor going to bed about 11 p. m. saw the flames through the window and immediately called the fire department.

Owners Glen Hout and W. V. Meade report that almost no damage was done by the fire, but that it could have been very serious as the shed and warehouse were loaded with roofing and other critical materials.

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