

26 CALIFORNIANS WIN LAND

In The
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GENERAL BENNETT MEYERS is sentenced today to serve from 20 months to five years in prison for using his position as an insider to make money for himself out of the government. He was a high-up purchasing officer for the army, and as such he gave contracts (presumably at profitable prices) to a plane parts manufacturing plant which he himself owned.

That is to say, he used his position as a government officer to play both ends against the middle for his own financial benefit.

HIS attorneys have announced that they will appeal the verdict of guilty under which he has been sentenced. Just before sentence was passed, one of them made this plea to the court:

"I say the punishment this man (Meyers) has already gone through—by being pilloried from coast to coast like a Benedict Arnold—is a punishment greater than it is in this court's power to impose."

Well, this writer would say such a punishment is no greater than Meyers deserved. Using your power as a government officer to rob your government in time of war is about as low as anybody can sink. Serving a few months, or a few years, in jail isn't adequate punishment for such an offense. If Meyers has been "pilloried from coast to coast," it is no more than he deserves.

THIS morning's dispatches from Washington dramatize the startling change in our relations with Russia since the war ended.

They point out that when President Truman came home from Potsdam two and a half years ago (where with Britain's premier he met Stalin face to face) he said:

"The three powers (Britain, U. S., Russia) are now more closely than ever bound together in determination to achieve a just and lasting peace."

The dispatch adds:

"Today the President admits that his faith in eventual world peace is somewhat shaken although he still believes peace is attainable. He has committed the United States to oppose the spread of communism anywhere."

THAT is quite a change. But don't lay the sole burden for it on President Truman's shoulders. Two and a half years ago, we all felt exactly as he did. We all wanted to work with Russia. We all thought it was POSSIBLE to work with Russia. We tried our best to work with Russia.

We were mistaken. NOT just President Truman. ALL of us. We were all in the same boat together.

We are just beginning to learn the truth. It is hard, unpalatable truth. But there it is.

WHERE do we go from here? This morning's dispatches provide an answer. They tell us: "The President's military leaders—Secretary of Defense Forrestal and the top land, sea and air chiefs—have been meeting in Key West (Florida) to determine exactly how the armed forces should operate in event of a war."

Is that bad news? Probably not. All clear thinkers know that when the seriousness of any situation is recognized and realistic steps are taken to meet it, things are apt to get BETTER rather than worse.

This insignificant writer believes that if we permit ourselves to become weaker than Russia WAR WILL BE CERTAIN. If we make ourselves too strong to be safely tackled, peace may be possible.

The lessons of history support that belief.

Land Winner Hard At Work

Wesley Allen Worden, No. 1 on the list of Coppock bay homestead winners, was working on another farm—at Upper Lake, Calif.—this morning when his name was called. Reached by telephone, Worden didn't have much to say but "Good gosh!" when informed that he had drawn the first farm.

Worden is a single, 36 years old. He is an army veteran of three years in the European theater of action, and has a small place near Upper Lake which he farms. He put his bid in for a Coppock bay homestead with an eye to getting rid of his Upper Lake place if he won—but he wasn't counting on it. Worden said he had already started to work at home.

He will start moving his equipment to Coppock bay this week. Upper Lake is 20 miles east of Ukiah, Calif.

The McGoverns Still Hold Out

NEWARK, N. J., March 15 (AP)—Thirty thousand of Newark's Irish—excluding the McGoverns—marched through town yesterday for an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Some 150,000 watched the parade, but the McGoverns were nowhere in sight. Irked because they were assigned to the rear for the second year in a row, the Frank McGovern association and its auxiliaries withdrew from the ceremony.

Instead, they said, they would hold their own parade here Easter Sunday.

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Scenes At The Homestead Drawing Today



1. Ten Brooke Williamson, regional land settlement chief of the USBR, breaks the seal on the pickle jar containing 3757 numbers of participating veterans. 2. Gordon Burris, representing allied veteran council, drew the first number, with Nelson Reed, left, chairman of the homestead examining board, looking on. 3. Al Harvey, USBR, places winning names on board. 4. Burris congratulates Marvin D. Criss, Macdoel, No. 22 and the first winner who was present. 5. A section of the waiting crowd at the armory.

155,000 Soft Coal Miners Quit

Rains Relieve Calif. Drought

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15 (AP)—Weekend rains refreshed California's parched lands but the power shortage remained critical. A spokesman for the Pacific Gas & Electric company said "the power shortage was not solved" by rains totaling an inch or so in much of the state.

The only tangible result was a temporary slight decrease in use of electricity for irrigation pumping, he explained.

Girl Homestead Winner Unaware Of Good Luck

Frances Jeanne Ivory, the only girl winner of a Coppock bay homestead, has not been informed of her good luck. She is driving through to St. Louis this week.

Miss Ivory lives in Redding and is in partnership there with her parents in running several frozen food lockers. She is a former first lieutenant in the WAC and spent two years in Algeria and Italy.

Miss Ivory is a graduate of the University of Utah and in 1939, when World War II broke out, was in France with a Mormon church mission. She returned to this country through Switzerland and went back to school, going into the women's army corps after graduation.

She is 28 years old and unmarried. Her name was the 21st drawn in today's land opening, and if she qualifies in a final check she will get a 94-acre farm.

In the first post-war Tulelake homestead opening there was one girl winner, Eleanor Jane Bolesta of Whitby Island, Wash. Mrs. Bolesta successfully operated her farm this past growing season.

Three Hurt In Car Smash-Up

A two-car accident at Henley early Sunday morning sent three persons to Hillside hospital, one with possible serious injuries.

Tommy Moore, 2675 Radcliffe; Pauline Davis, 2675 Radcliffe; and Charles Whitmeyer, 1304 Nimitz, were taken to the hospital by ambulance after being injured by a rear-end collision between a Buick and a Chevrolet.

Sales Tax Hearing Slated

A hearing on a proposed sales tax for Siskiyou county, which has been set for tomorrow at Yreka, has been called off.

The cancellation came on advice of District Attorney Fred W. Burton, who was told by the state board of equalization that cities and states may adopt sales taxes but that counties may not do it under existing laws.

Some 90 California cities have sales taxes, but no counties are permitted to have them. The Siskiyou board of supervisors, according to word from Yreka, may join an effort to get the legislation necessary to empower counties to impose this kind of tax.

Skier Reaches Willamette Area On Crater Lake Run

CASCADE SUMMIT, March 15—Jack Meissner, Mt. Hood to Crater Lake skier, arrived at Willamette ski area at 4 p.m. Sunday after skiing for 18 miles in an effort to attend the championship races being held there. He was too late to run the course but appeared in time to be welcomed by his many skier friends and others who drove up to be on hand to greet him.

Mrs. Florence Adkinson, Jack's mother, was at the area bright and early to help with the races, and his stepfather, E. V. Adkinson, snowshoed up a few hours later to meet the 300-mile ski-trekker.

At home a large turkey was roasting merrily and other goodies had been prepared for the wanderer's homecoming reception but Jack had to attend the championship banquet, held at McCrede Springs resort, to present his cup to the winner of the junior boys before he came back to his own dwelling.

Among interesting facts about his trip, Jack mentioned that he had had to hole up for three days during the past week's snowstorms and the cold was so penetrating that it was difficult to find even a modicum of comfort. However, he did all right by crawling in his sleeping bag inside his tent. Largely experimental as it has been, the trip thus far has taught Meissner several things, such as: Eight miles per day is better than 10 for the average skier; build fires on logs rather than directly on snow; every article of wearing apparel should be thoroughly waterproofed; nylon and wool mixture best for trousers as they stay dry longer and dry faster, and that hotcakes made at night and eaten cold the following morning eliminate necessity of making two cooking fires.

Jack expects to stay at Cascade Summit long enough to wash up his clothes and prepare them for the next and final part of the trip. At this time, there is a possibility that Don Temple, veteran skier in spite of his youth, may accompany Jack from the Summit to Crater Lake. Donny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Temple of Oakridge and resided at Cascade Summit for several years, before moving to Oakridge in 1945. He would have accompanied Meissner the entire distance but had to attend school up until now.

Laddie, pet dog of Jack Meissner, was utterly unabashed in demonstrating his joyous reception of his long absent master, so it looks like it could be a party of three finishing the trek.

Pensions Are Strike Cause

PITTSBURGH, March 15 (AP)—More than one-third of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners quit work today to support the demand of John L. Lewis for miner pensions.

An early tabulation showed more than 155,000 miners idle in eight states as follows: West Virginia, 60,000; Kentucky, over 40,000; Pennsylvania, 27,800; Illinois, 13,000; Ohio, 6,500; Alabama, 6,000; Indiana, 2,000; Tennessee, 300.

The U. S. Steel corporation reported nine of its 14 Western Pennsylvania pits were closed, with 7,000 miners idle. The corporation expected its coal output would drop today to about 20,000 tons, or one-third of capacity.

The Jones & Laughlin Steel corporation reported all its Pennsylvania and West Virginia mines were closed and 4,600 miners idle.

Republic was another steel corporation affected with three Pennsylvania mines down. The output of steel company-owned pits is used in making fuel for steel mills.

Commercial mines, too, whose production is sold on the open markets, began to shut. The giant Pittsburgh Coal company reported at least nine of its mines closed. Owners of some independent mines expected the movement to spread.

Miners said the walkouts backed up demand of Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, for \$100 monthly pensions for miners.

Lewis sent word to union locals Friday that operators had "dishonored" the 1947 wage agreement by not agreeing to pay pensions out of the union's welfare fund. He asked the locals to meet and inform him of their reaction to his stand.

8 Vets From Local Area Hit Jackpot

Californians won 26 of the 44 homesteads opened to World War II veterans by the bureau of reclamation in drawing ceremonies conducted at the Klamath armory this morning.

Ten of the fertile irrigated farms in the Coppock bay district went to Oregonians, Washington veterans took three, two went to Idaho men, two to Utah, and North Dakota placed one.

There were 2757 numbers in the converted pickle jar used in the drawing. More Californians had applied than any others, but there were applicants from all parts of the country. Not a single aspirant from east of the Mississippi won a homestead.

One woman, Frances Jeanne Ivory of Redding, Calif., was among the 44 homestead winners. She is an ex-WAC lieutenant who served in the Mediterranean theater in Africa and Italy. She is a graduate of the University of Utah. At Coppock bay, she will be a neighbor of Eleanor Jane Bolesta, an ex-navy Wave, who was the only woman winner in the previous World War II drawing held here in December 1946.

Few of the winning veterans were present today and there was less excitement in the armory than at the time of the 1946 drawing. The armory was well filled with applicants

THE 44 WINNERS

NO.	NAME	ADDRESS	ACREAGE
1.	1256 Wesley Allen Worden	Box 189, Upper Lake, Calif.	85.7
2.	1605 Thomas Albert Gorham	Rt. 1, Box 128, Paso Robles, Calif.	81.9
3.	3827 Gayle Myler Johnson	591 E. 9th, Logan, Utah	84.6
4.	925 Bernhard Reimer	Orosi, Calif.	84.2
5.	2234 Clatus Earl Birtwistle	Box 242, Tulelake, Calif.	72.9
6.	498 Orvin Ray Ackley 2nd	Box 216, McCleary, Wash.	73.8
7.	835 Walter Eisenbeis	Route 1, Tulelake, Calif.	71.4
8.	1286 Paul R. Macy	Rt. 1, Box 93A, Lakeside, Calif.	71.0
9.	1687 Leonard George Scheckla	Rt. 1, Box 237, Tigard, Ore.	71.4
10.	3891 Eugene L. Keeler	Rt. 7, 1708 Broadway, Yakima, Wn.	73.5
11.	1562 Manuel F. Silva Jr.	Box 534, Los Alamos, Calif.	73.4
12.	2971 Leland Muthler	1620 Eye St., Oroville, Calif.	84.0
13.	1901 John Mattison Logan	Box 471, Chico, Calif.	86.6
14.	2535 Jacob Klassen Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 346, Kingsburg, Calif.	77.3
15.	1784 Edward Johnson	Box 74, Dixon, Calif.	75.5
16.	1660 Lynn Archie Swensen	Box 321, St. Anthony, Idaho	71.8
17.	3028 John L. Singleton	Box 55, Lakeview, Ore.	68.8
18.	1325 Leonard A. Taylor	Rt. 2, Box 731B, El Cajon, Calif.	75.2
19.	1828 Edward J. Spolek	Box 803, Malin, Ore.	77.4
20.	1717 John Leo Masterson	Vina, Calif., Box 1052	70.2
21.	3190 Frances Jeanne Ivory	Box 556, Redding, Calif. (girl)	81.4
22.	1740 Marvin D. Criss	Box 62, Macdoel, Calif.	80.2
23.	2103 Harold John Westland	521 W. Broadway, Anaheim, Calif.	72.6
24.	409 Irvin Earl Duerksen	Rt. 1, Box 155, Shafter, Calif.	71.2
25.	600 Augustine Roderick	Rt. 2, Box 96, Gustine, Calif.	70.7
26.	1196 Edmond B. O'Connor	Armstrong College, Kitteridge St. at Harold Way, Berkeley, Calif.	72.5
27.	2213 Clifford D. Morris	Box 65, John Day, Ore.	72.6
28.	1836 David L. Carran	319 S. Alta Vista, Monrovia, Calif.	72.3
29.	1112 Bob Lafay Van Osdel	Rt. 1, Box 123, Estacada, Ore.	77.8
30.	2459 Oliver Perry	306 W. Locust St., Centralia, Wash.	76.0
31.	2494 Lester W. McDonald	c/o Horton Hereford Ranch, K. F.	73.4
32.	3534 Wendel A. Schey	420 1/2 W. Custer, Pocatello, Ida.	104.2
33.	2086 Frank Albert Badker	USBR, Newell, Calif.	112.2
34.	781 Glen Arthur	Star Route, Malin, Ore.	100.6
35.	2830 John J. Shaw	Box 476, Grants Pass, Ore.	77.5
36.	2798 Chester Eugene Kongsle	McHenry Co., Upham, N. D.	73.1
37.	2917 Jack Wendell Williams	Rt. 1, Box 65, Shafter, Calif.	97.7
38.	1115 Ardith L. Beck	448 N. 6 E., Brigham City, Utah	90.2
39.	2742 Thomas E. Withers	11358 Addison St., N. Hollywood, Cal.	78.0
40.	354 William James Cashman	1419 29th Ave., San Francisco, Cal.	84.0
41.	1471 Russell Wayne Girvin	Rt. 1, Box 146, Vale, Ore.	81.2
42.	3522 Patrick Clare McCullough	Rt. 10, Box 8073AA, Sacram'to, Cal.	81.1
43.	2497 Loren Lee Roth	Route 1, Albany, Ore.	81.5
44.	296 Cloyce Dudley Lemke	Rt. 1, Box 148, Buena Park, Calif.	83.8

and members of their families, but most of those present left disappointed.

Three of the winners came from Klamath county, three from Siskiyou county, and one each from Modoc and Lake counties.

The first applicant present whose name was drawn was Marvin D. Criss, a 28-year-old bachelor living at Macdoel. He was talking to his brother and did not hear when his name was called. He was called to a microphone but was too excited to say much.

First name drawn was that of Wesley Allen Worden, Upper Lake, Calif.

Brief ceremonies preceded the drawing, with Nelson Reed, chairman of the homestead examining board, presiding. Speakers included Wyatt Padgett, representing Governor John Hall of Oregon; Ulric Gendron, assistant regional director of the reclamation bureau; Max Singer, former commander in chief of the VFW of the United States, and Olney Rudd, veteran Tulelake homesteader who welcomed new homesteaders to the area.

Reed remarked that the turning of the pickle jar symbolized the turning point in the lives of the winners. He advised the new homesteaders to rely on old homesteaders in the area for advice. Singer urged the opening of more land to veterans, and spoke strongly for retaining the 160-acre limit in the reclamation law.

Layton Stephens and John Wynn, other members of the homestead examining board, were introduced. It was announced that the board will immediately re-check the applications of the 44 winners.

Forty-four alternates were also drawn, and will be advanced if there are any post-drawing disqualifications among the winners.

The examining board asked local veterans who won homesteads to check by Wednesday at the bureau office to learn their status. If approved, they can make arrangements for filing on the homesteads.

Gordon Burris of the Allied Veterans' council picked the first pellet from the pickle jar, and other veteran representatives and speakers followed him to the jar.

The first three alternates, who are most likely to move up if there are any disqualifications, are:

Jared Eugene Fessenden, Rt. 1, Clifton, Kas.
Gerald Mark Sherwood, 2805 Summers lane, Klamath Falls.
Charles H. Delman, Rt. 2, Box 30, Ashland.
Others on the alternate list, in their order:
LaVon Orvil Long, Tecumseh, Okla.; 48; Stanford Arby Williams, Lodi, Calif.; 49; John P. Burke Jr., Tulelake, Calif.; 50; John Daniel Spiering, Hillsboro, Calif.; 51; Theodore Paul Henke, Chowchilla, Calif.; 52; W. C. Thompson, Wilson, Tex.; 53; William Paul Poffitt, Shafter, Calif.; 54; John Willard Russell, Klamath Falls, Ore.; 55; Donald Bluff, Malin, Ore.; 56.
Paul W. Bendix, Eugene, Ore.; 57; Earnest M. Williams, Live Oak, Calif.; 58; Oscar H. Pederson, Portland, Ore.; 59; James A. Powell, Corvallis, Ore.; 60; James Roy Akim, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; 61; Robert Paul Cox, Banks, Ore.; 62; Erwin Hines, Klamath Falls, Ore.; 63; John P. Smith, Campbell, Calif.; 64.
Beaufort Louis Amerine, Southgate, Calif.; 65; Richard R. Reynolds, Merced, Calif.; 66; Frank B. Cooper, Bend, Ore.; 67; Clarence J. Vanderzanden, Banks, Ore.; 68; Carl G. Stevenson, North Hollywood, Calif.; 69; Lawrence J. Caten, Martinez, Calif.; 70; Don P. Haight, Layton, Utah; 71; Lester C. Urbach, Tulelake, Calif.; 72.
Herman P. Henrikson, Turner, Ore.; 73; Daniel C. Parker, San Francisco, Calif.; 74; Donald S. Thompson, Corvallis, Ore.; 75; Elbert D. Luchland, Lodi, Calif.; 76; Billy Clark, St. Anthony, Ida.; 77; Julius V. Toews, Dtnuba, Calif.; 78; Robert LeRoy Adams, Roseburg, Ore.; 79; LeRoy Hendryx, LeMoore, Calif.; 80; Donald Lloyd Rivers, Westminster, Calif.; 81; Kenneth L. Randol, Merced, Calif.; 82; William Leo York, Bonners Ferry, Ida.; 83; Walter Leonard Meshke, Tulelake, Calif.; 84; Gale Jack Bradley, Bonanza, Ore.; 85; Edward James Lukes, Tulelake, Calif.; 86; Oldrich B. Roman, Orland, Calif.; 87; Kenneth Frank Gowan, Oak Grove, Ore.; 88.