

STATE MAY CANCEL IRRIGATION DEBT HIGH COURT RULES

WIDE EFFECTS ARE SEEN IN DECISION WHICH UPHOLDS WARMSPRINGS DISTRICT OF MALHEUR COUNTY.

The writ of mandamus requiring the state treasurer of Oregon to cancel indebtedness of irrigation and drainage districts in order to permit refinancing through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was allowed by the Oregon supreme court yesterday.

The case was brought by the Warm Springs Irrigation district of Malheur county against the state treasurer.

Plans for refinancing numerous districts for which loans have been authorized on the stipulation the state cancel the indebtedness, will proceed immediately following this decree. The amount owed by the plaintiff to the state including interest, was \$614,000, but as a result of the decree the state could cancel interest and principal if the district enters into contract for government refinancing.

Officials said the opinion means that if other irrigation and drainage districts can enter into refinancing contracts with the federal government the state eventually will cancel \$2,172,760 of irrigation certificates of indebtedness and interest on all certificates totalling \$4,328,000.

The supreme court held that there is nothing in the constitution which would prohibit the legislature from canceling or authorizing the cancellation of such evidences of indebtedness under the conditions contemplated in the 1933 legislative act.

The effect of the opinion officials declared, would be to allow all irrigation and drainage districts to restore their properties to the tax rolls free from any indebtedness other than that provided in contracts between the projects and the federal government.

RESIDENCE BURNS ON BIG BEND FARM

Big Bend—a fire of unknown origin destroyed the house and some corn which had been stored on the Z. Davidson ranch Thursday. The house was unoccupied and the fire was not observed until too late to save it.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Robertson of Parma were calling on Bend friends Thursday.

Mr. Grant and Miss Helen DeFreece of Baker were here on business Thursday.

Miss Harriet Ahearn of Nyssa was a week end guest in the Brumbach home.

A special meeting of officers of Big Bend Grange will be held next Tuesday evening to practice drill work as four new members will soon join the grange.

Paul Hatch is driving a new Ford coupe.

The Book Club was entertained by Mrs. R. L. Haworth Saturday. Mrs. Eva Hamlin, Mrs. F. A. Miller, Mrs. Rose Carlyle and Miss Harriet Ahearn were guests.

A large number from the Bend attended the State banquet at Roswell Wednesday evening.

E. H. Brumbach spent Wednesday in Vale at a CWA meeting.

Eimer Eskew had the muscles of his leg badly strained last Friday when a rung broke in a ladder and caused him to fall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haworth and daughters visited Mrs. M. E. Rogers in Nampa Sunday.

Mr. Devers of Caldwell and W. L. Maddux of Seattle were business visitors in Bend the forepart of the week.

Portland Delegates Find Highway Commission Favorable to Cut-Off

The highway commission is very favorable to the construction of the Dayville-Maupin cut-off which would reduce mileage from Malheur county towns to Portland by 58 miles via the John Day highway, reported the delegation from the Nyssa Commercial club which attended the commission meeting in Portland last week. The delegates Frank T. Morgan, Chas. M. Caldwell and Don M. Graham returned Friday.

Despite the fact that no commitment was made in regard to the cut-off, Nyssa delegates were unofficially told that the commission is for it. Its construction will be a big factor in producing more tourist travel over the John Day, proponents believe.

Delegates also discussed with Portland bankers the proposition of securing a branch bank for this city.

Monday night Frank Morgan and Chas. M. Caldwell attended the regular meeting of the associated chambers of commerce in Boise when the proposed reduction in freight rates on shipments from midwest to coast points was again

NOON HOUR CROWD SEES CIRCUS IN TOWN ON FRIDAY

If folks were late for lunch last Friday, if they loitered on the streets there was a reason. A circus came to town. High school students who ordinarily promenade from the schoolhouse to main street, neatly dressed in jackets and skirts or jackets and trousers as the case may be, were dressed in some of the most unusual clothes ever seen in Nyssa. The occasion was "tacky day" and every student seemed to be taking part.

Dressed "in rags," Jack Farmer won a prize for tackiest boy. Miss Vera Garrison, in Dutch dress complete to shoes of wood, tied with Miss Lois Enos of Adrian, a cross between a white pickaninnie and a scout, for tackiest girl. The few students who did not dress up were assessed a fine.

Students called "tacky day" a great success—teachers did not say.

FOUR SPEAKERS WIN IN TRYOUT

GIRLS TAKE HONORS IN SCHOOL DECLAMATORY HERE; MANY SPEAKERS EXCELLENT.

The local tryout for entrance in the Nyssa zone contest of the Malheur county declamatory contest was held Friday, despite the absence of several upper grade candidates. The vote of six judges gave Delma Ward and Marian Boden, first places in humorous and non-humorous divisions for the 3rd and 4th grades; Jeannette Gilmore and Marjorie Groot, first places for 5th and 6th. Other speakers were so splendid in these divisions that judging was difficult.

Seventh and 8th grade winner will be announced later.

While awaiting the judges' report, pupils gave the following program: Lincoln and Washington chorus, first grade; songs, 8th grade girls; songs Billie Louise Glasgow; violin solo, Cleo Jordan.

Judges were Mrs. Kathryn Claypool, school superintendent, and Miss Oran Belle Bood of Vale, Mrs. J. J. Sarazin, Mrs. Ernest C. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Lathen and Mrs. W. P. McLaughlin. Miss Burl Nelson accompanied the Vale ladies to hear the tryout. Miss Harriet Ahearn and Owen Price had charge.

AUXILIARY CHIEF HERE FROM BAKER

The regular meeting of the Nyssa Legion Auxiliary complimented Mrs. Vivian Castle, district president, who was here from Baker Thursday night. She spoke at the Auxiliary session outlining the work of the various standing committees for the year. Legionnaires joined the ladies at supper which was served by Mrs. Harry Russell of Big Bend, Mrs. Chas. Schweizer and Mrs. Oce Schweizer of the Owyhee. Flags were used in decorating for the occasion. After hearing the Auxiliary quartet Mrs. Castle invited the ladies to sing at the inter-state convention in Weiser in April.

BOY SCOUTS WANT—

Bed springs any size. Tables, chairs. A kitchen range. All for needy families the boys have found in looking about for those to serve for their good deed for President Roosevelt in observance of the birthday month of Scouting. If you have one or more of these articles you wish to give someone in need, phone Bert Lienkaemper, assistant scoutmaster, and the scouts will call for it.

Bernard Frost attended a banquet for Idaho Power company employes in Ontario Tuesday night.

BOISE YOUTHS ADMIT STEALING JEWELRY

A ring, wrist watch and a valued old-fashioned breast pin were stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Greeling in Boise February 3. They were given up as lost but Monday Boise police arrested two boys, Gus Woldberg, 16, and Norman Campbell, 17, who confessed to eight burglaries so recovery of the stolen jewelry is probable.

It seems, however, that some of the jewelry taken had been sold to a Nampa jeweler who had melted the gold and sold it for bullion. Some of the trinkets were found at a Boise jeweler's others at Campbell's home.

KOLONY YOUTHS WIN FREE TRIP TO CORVALLIS

JAMES NICHOLS AND VIVIAN SMITH ARE 1934 WINNERS OF TRIPS TO 4-H SUMMER SCHOOL; FOUNDERS DAY IS OBSERVED.

Selected as the outstanding 4-H club boy and girl of Kingman Kolony, rated as the most active in club work in Malheur county, James Nichols and Vivian Smith have won a trip to 4-H summer school at Corvallis next June with all expenses paid. They were selected at a meeting Friday of Kingman Kolony Parent-Teacher association, which sponsors all club work in the Kolony.

Club workers with the best record for a three-year period are annually selected by the association for this honor. Nichols is the youngest son of Mrs. Mary Nichols. Miss Smith is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Smith of the Kolony.

Founders' Day was also observed at the meeting last Friday, a three-tiered cake bearing 37 candles having been baked for the occasion by Mrs. Conrad Martin. The candle lighting ceremony was used. At the close Mrs. Mary Nichols, Mrs. Ted Simmons and Mrs. D. C. Duvall served tea.

On March 9, the Kolony will give a play to raise funds for the summer school trip.

NEW PRESIDENT OPENS CLUB YEAR

Nyssa Civic club opened a new year yesterday with renewed interest for 1934 with Mrs. O. G. Boden, new president, at the helm. She expressed appreciation of the work of division captains who have been successful in securing new members. Year books will be ready for distribution at the March meeting when Mrs. Glenn Prizell's division will entertain.

Mrs. C. W. Barrett gave a talk on spring planting, as refreshing as spring itself. She gave an actual demonstration of fertilizing the soil, preparing it for planting and seeding. Miss Margaret Pinkerton read an article on the life of Washington; Marjorie Groot gave a reading; Mrs. Dick Tensen and daughter Tiena a piano duet. Mrs. Betty Lafrenz had charge while Mrs. S. D. Goshert was chairman of the tea committee, assisted by Mrs. Jess Lawrence, Mrs. Jas. Gilmore, Mrs. Marion Klinkenberg. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. Ray Cantrall of the Owyhee left Tuesday for Cascade, Ida., where her father is seriously ill.

Miss Dorothy Lake, Owyhee teacher, spent last week end with relatives in Ontario.

Young Boor Is Crowned Champ Of Boxing Show

Howard Boor, 18-year old high school athlete of Nyssa who tips the scales at 250 pounds, was crowned the champion of the amateur boxing tournament of Nampa at the final Wednesday night, after he repeated his initial performance of Monday night. It was Boor's first appearance in the ring and he stole the show. He came home with the golden trophy of the tournament and a new pair of gloves, the prize for fastest knockout. He was the hero of an army of local fans who took in the show.

Monday night Boor landed a knock-out blow on the chin of Big Bill Willard 236, cousin of the former heavy-weight champion, in the forepart of the first round. Willard went to sleep.

Last night Boor knocked Big Bill Jensen of Nampa onto the floor and into the ropes, as fast as Jensen could gain his feet. Jensen lost no time in giving Boor the honors.

In a whisker weight bout, Hank McNeen fought a draw with an aged Nanpan.

LOANS WILL BE MADE IN MARCH

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED IN CALDWELL WITH TENSEN DIRECTOR

Unless present plans are changed, the local production credit association will be ready to make loans to farmers of Malheur county and ten southwestern Idaho counties on March 1, according to Pieter Tensen of Nyssa, Malheur county director, who attended the organization meeting in Caldwell Friday.

The association is capitalized at \$300,000 and will have a loaning power of \$1,500,000 which is believed sufficient for the eleven counties concerned. Six per cent interest will be charged plus 1 per cent for inspection.

Earl Q. Marsing was elected manager and secretary-treasurer, with headquarters to be established in Caldwell. J. Loe Reed of Emmett was elected president; W. B. Allison, Caldwell, vice-president. In addition to these three officers, W. E. Talbot of Weiser and George Ames of Boise will comprise the executive committee.

J. W. Bradley, Spokane, secretary of the Spokane Production Credit corporation, met with directors in Caldwell. He announced that managers of the 20 local associations of the four western states will meet at Spokane February 21 for a week's training preparatory to actual operation of the individual groups.

WORK BEGINS AT PIPE PLANT AND AT SIPHON SITE

GOVERNMENT CREW IS AGAIN MAKING PIPE AT DUNAWAY; MORRISON-KNUDSON PLANS EARLY START ON TWO SIPHONS.

The two major developments on the Owyhee irrigation project this week were the start of work at the government pipe plant at Dunaway, idle for three years and the arrival of machinery for construction of Owyhee river and Sively siphon by Morrison-Knudson company of Boise.

With Chas. W. Farmer, superintendent, a crew of ten men started work at the pipe plant. They are making lock joint pipe to be used for culverts and turnouts on the Owyhee project. John Andrews is foreman. This work makes much additional activity at Dunaway.

Yesterday a dragline and other machinery was shipped into Nyssa by Morrison-Knudson for the start of work on the siphon which will carry the waters of Owyhee main canal into and from the great dip created by Owyhee river canyon near the Vincente Mendiolra ranch. Engineer O. G. Boden advised that the siphon will be built under the river, the plan for the construction over the river on a bridge having been found more costly.

Morrison-Knudson also started pouring concrete on the bench flume contract this week.

Word came from Vale yesterday that Hinman Brothers of Denver are sending in trucks for the start of work on the North Fork dam at Beulah. This job will employ over 100 men, it is said.

RANCHERS MAKE MANY CHANGES

Newcomers here are J. E. Hearron and family of Sunnyside, Wash., Mr. Hearron having rented a tract from the Eastern Oregon Land company with a view to permanently locating in this section. A number of associates accompanied Mr. Hearron to look this region over as news of its productivity has reached far. The visitors, fourteen in all were guests at the Hotel Owyhee several nights this week.

James Gray has rented the K. S. and D. ranch, occupied by S. M. Rloridan last season.

Aubrey Fleming has accepted the position of foreman of farm tracts under the Deseret ranch holdings.

Wm. and Tull Holady will transfer potato operations to Dead Ox Flat where they have rented 200 acres of land known as the Sewell ranch. The Tull Holidays are moving to Dead Ox Flat at once while the Wm. Holady family will move within a few weeks.

GIRLS ANSWER CALL OF ROAD ON HOT SKATES

Sunday was a great day for golfing, playing marbles—and for skating.

In tune with Miss Spring, three Nyssa girls answered the call of the open road. They buckled on their roller skates and started for Parma. One hour and 35 minutes later they arrived in that city, probably the first young ladies ever to cover those ten miles on roller skates. They were not easy miles as they had no four-wheel brakes to stem their breezy rush down a steep hill or extra power for the hard climb. After miles of skating, feet and skates grew hot. Autoists whirling by found the girls quite a curiosity.

Did the girls skate back? No. Misses Mae and Sue Keizer and Charlena Crawford enjoyed a ride back home—a grand ride.

PROFFITT GETS STIFF SENTENCE

FEDERAL JUDGE AT BOISE METES OUT SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR DISTILLING LIQUOR.

Franklin Stacey Proffitt received a stiff sentence in the federal court in Boise Saturday when fined an aggregate of \$3500 and sentenced to five terms of a year and a day each in federal prison by Judge C. C. Cavanah of the United States district court. The jail terms will run concurrently and the fine may be paid or served at the rate of \$2 a day.

The six counts to which Proffitt pleaded were running a still without registration with the department of internal revenue, distilling without bond, making mash for distillation, distilling without notice of possessing a whiskey still in Idaho with intent to defraud the government.

Judge Cavanah gave penalties in nearly all cases of internal revenue infraction which were more severe than under the prohibition law.

Payette county officials arrested Proffitt several months ago for the alleged operation of a distillery in a dug-out on the Idaho side.

SETTLERS GET EXTENSION

The senate Tuesday passed the bill extending for another year payments due from water users on reclamation projects of the west. The house has yet to act. Congressman Walter M. Pierce was instrumental in securing the passage of the moratorium extension. Monday he appeared before the budget director in behalf of the bill.

60TH WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Alexander of Roswell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Monday by giving a dinner for their two sons and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins of Central Cove and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fry of Nyssa. The Alexanders are well known in Roswell where they have resided many years.

TAX STATEMENTS ARRIVE

Tax statements were received in the mails this week. A 3 per cent rebate may be deducted from the total if taxes are paid in full before March 15; 2 per cent if three-fourth of the year's taxes are paid; 1 per cent for half payment.

Mrs. Rolland Holmes is spending this week with her parents at New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith entertained at dinner Sunday for the W. E. Jennings family of Fruitland, the Clarence Gregory family of New Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fry.

Vale people will give the new community hall, built by CWA funds, a housewarming dance Saturday night which is sponsored by the fire department. Zutz Orchestra will play. Bill Glenn was here yesterday to tell of the event.

W. D. Bridgeway of Big Bend has joined Engineer O. G. Boden's survey crew on the Owyhee project.

RIISING STAR IN "THE FIGHTING CODE"

A young actress who is slated to become one of Hollywood's brightest stars within the near future is Diane Sinclair, who is seen in support of Buck Jones in the Columbia picture "The Fighting Code", coming to the Nyssa Theatre Friday-Saturday.

Three boxes of cough drops kept James Dunn from getting a sore throat during the three hours it took to record a comic hiccupping scene required for "Take a Chance," the new Paramount musical film which arrives next Sunday and Monday at the Nyssa theatre, with a cast including Charles (Buddy) Rogers and June Knight. Hiccoughs, even though simulated, are no fun after half an hour or so, Dunn told producers.

DR. MILLER WILL ADDRESS FATHERS, SONS AT BANQUET

GALA DINNER IS PLANNED FOR MEN AND BOYS AT NYSSA CHURCH MONDAY NIGHT; PROCEEDS FOR BASEMENT REPAIRS.

Next Monday will be the boys' night out as it will bring the annual Father and son banquet at the Nyssa community church. A big banquet will be served by the ladies aid at seven o'clock, Mrs. J. T. Long having appointed numerous committees to arrange for decorations, serving and last but not least—the supper. If it equals the one served a year ago, it will be a banquet fit for kings.

Dean Miller of the College of Idaho will be the speaker. Other numbers will be given by the boys and their dads with Supt. Leo Hollenberg, toastmaster. No effort will be spared to make the program entertaining for boys, young and old.

Bert Lienkaemper and the Boy Scouts are selling tickets. Proceeds will be used for improvement of the church basement.

VALE-OWYHEE WILL MOVE OFFICE HERE

After the annual meeting in March, the Vale-Owyhee land settlement association will move its headquarters from Vale to Nyssa, according to Frank T. Morgan. He reported that directors voted for the change in view of the fact that virtually all of the lands under the Vale irrigation project have just sold to colonists while settlement is being begun on the Owyhee. Further plans for the maintenance of Vale-Owyhee settlement work will be made at the next meeting which comes on Tuesday, March 13, at Vale.

TWO CHURCHES JOIN FOR EASTER CANTATA

Combining talents, the Episcopal and Community churches will give an Easter cantata in Nyssa on Easter Sunday, which falls on April 1st this year. Mrs. Howard Larsen is director, Mrs. Bert Lienkaemper, pianist. Rehearsals have started with many of the best singers of the community taking part in leads and in the chorus.

MASONS AND STARS HONOR WASHINGTON

Eighty guests enjoyed the Washington banquet given by the Eastern Star and Masonic lodges Monday night. Toastmaster Leo Hollenberg called on John Young, Mrs. Earl Ward, George Stacey and Art Norcott for toasts. Miss Hettie Medesker gave a musical reading. Ethel Mary Boydell and Betty Cook, a vocal duet, accompanied by Tiena Tensen. A mock initiation and dancing followed. Mrs. Wm. Schreman was chairman of the banquet committee while the teachers arranged table decorations.

FARM SALE AT WILLEY RANCH

Amos Miller, Caldwell auctioneer, is holding a farm sale next Wednesday at the H. P. Willey ranch north of town. It is the Chas. Johnson property rented by Mr. Willey the past two years. Cows, horses, hay, corn, farm machinery and household goods will be sold. Mr. Willey has made no definite plans for the future but says he will have a short vacation before resuming farm work.

SHEARING IS EARLY HERE

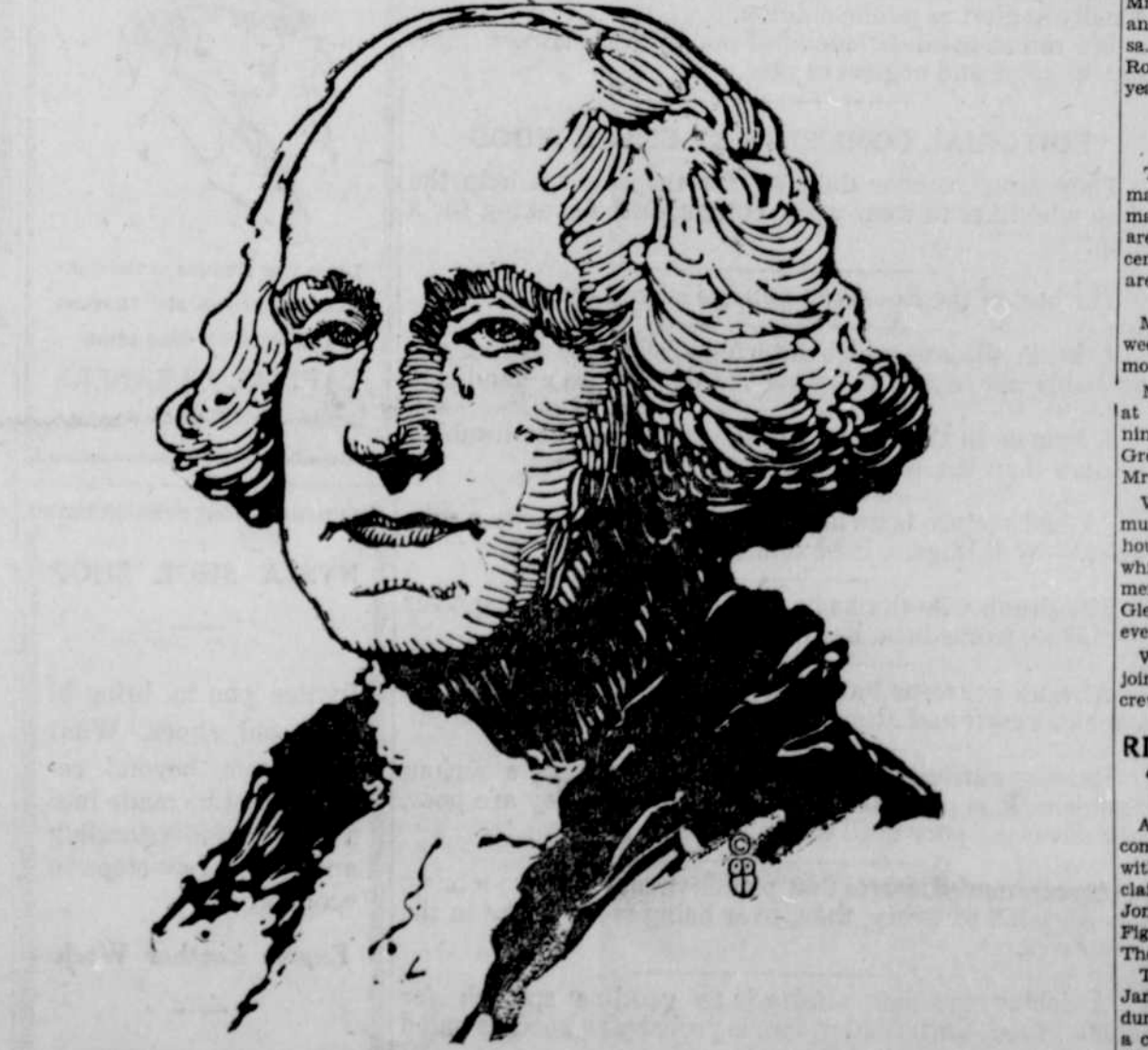
DESERET SHEARING OPENS SEASON; LARGE LAMB CROP IS EXPECTED.

Ahead of season, the Reed shearing crew completed the shearing of 3500 sheep at the Deseret ranch yesterday after a week's fast work with an electrically operated plant. Shearing at other camps will follow in rapid order as the herds will not mind losing their winter wools in this mild weather. The Reed crew went to Homedale from here.

Lambing is in full swing with prospects for a record crop. Good weather is also reducing the usual loss in lambs. Portland market reported the first receipts of spring lambs yesterday. They went on sale at 35 and 45 cents a pound a high figure.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ray were guests at the Gordon Ray home in Huntington Sunday.

THAT FREEDOM WE DEEM PRICELESS—WE OWE IT ALL TO HIM WHOM WE HONOR TODAY



The right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness has ever been our most cherished possession... thanks to the great leadership of George Washington. Forsaking the easy path of Life, he took up the word in defense of an oppressed, weak nation against forces that denied Freedom to him and his fellow countrymen. Memory of his triumph stirs the pride of every true American.