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Small Damage in Fire on U.S.S. Lexington

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One Girl in the Draft

Only girl in the nation whose name is on U. S. selective service lists is Miss Reika Schwanke, Austin, Minn., who misunderstood a radio broadcast on the draft, persuaded a woman clerk to accept her registration for the draft. In regular procedure, she was given a number, 14. Since numbers can't be transferred, she may be called. If not, she says she'll be disappointed.—(Acme Telephoto.)

County G.O.P. Head Lays 'Vandalism' to Democrats

Democrats of Kitsap county aren't behaving themselves these days, according to Atty. James Munro of Port Orchard, chairman of the Kitsap county Republican central committee.

The Democrats, Munro charged today, are guilty of defacing certain Republican billboards in Kitsap county.

Munro made his charge in a letter to F. L. (Tell) Pruitt of Bremerton, Democratic county chairman. "I call on you as head of the Democratic party in Kitsap county to call a halt to these tactics," Munro wrote. "I ask you to call upon your workers to conduct this campaign in these closing days in a fair and lawful manner. We, of the Republican party, will endeavor to present the issues to the people and trust to their wisdom on Nov. 5.

"It is my sincere hope," Munro continued "that the principles and policies of men such as Boss Flynn, Mayor Hague and the Kelly-Nash machine, who have corrupted the Democratic party and brought it into disrepute throughout the eastern part of our country, will not be allowed to flourish in Kitsap county."

The billboards call for "No Third Term." Munro pointed out, in his letter to Pruitt, that they were financed by "loyal Democrats who placed the good of their country above the good of the Democratic party."

The letter brought a chuckle from Pruitt. "I don't know who, if anyone, is defacing the signs," he said. "But I've a hunch it's the work of some loyal Republicans who place the good of their country above the good of the Republican party."

Charley and Henry, Rivals in Campaign, Dine on Same Train

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Oct. 23.—(UP)—Rival candidates for vice president rode on the same train today for the second time in the 1940 campaign.

Charles L. McNary, the Republican nominee, and Henry A. Wallace, Democratic candidate, ate breakfast at adjoining tables in the dining car of a train which left Chicago this morning.

"Hello there, Henry," McNary said, as the two shook hands.

"Well, well, well," Wallace replied. "This is getting to be a habit."

The candidates were on the same train from Detroit Lakes, Minn., to Minneapolis early in the campaign.

They will return to Chicago on the same train tonight after McNary speaks at Bloomington and Wallace at Springfield.

'Tis Said, History Is Made At Night

—So why don't YOU make YOURSELF some history —history is just a happening that's worth remembering. So, right after dinner, tonight, go into the living room, choose a chair where the light is good. Then turn the pages of The Sun to the CLASSIFIED SECTION.

Start reading right at the top of the first column, through real estate, automobiles, apartments, right on through the miscellaneous, etc. See how many things you'd like to have among those items.

Then, tomorrow, go out and buy that thing which your heart desires.

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HIGH FLAMES, SMOKE CAUSE ALARM IN CITY

Painter's Equipment Blamed for Fire on Main Deck

Damage from a spectacular blaze aboard the airplane carrier U. S. S. Lexington at 11:25 a.m. was termed by naval officials this afternoon as "purely superficial."

A painter's pitch pot apparently boiled over, spilling the steaming liquid on a 100-foot square area of the flight deck about amidships on the port side.

Huge clouds of black smoke poured up from flames 15 feet high, causing alarm in the yard and in the city. Men of the ship's force squelched the blaze with carbon dioxide extinguishers before marines of the navy yard fire department could reach the ship.

CANVAS BURNS

A canvas tent on a metal frame, placed over the pitch pot to protect workmen from the rain, caught afire, the canvas tending to send the flames higher.

Damage was confined to the scorched deck and loss of the canvas tent. No one was injured, but several sailors barely escaped facial burns when they approached too closely to the blaze as they fought it.

UNDERGOING OVERHAUL

The yard fire alarm sounded at 11:25 a.m. and sent fire trucks and an ambulance to pier 6, where the Lexington was berthed. The plane carrier has been at the yard about 10 weeks, undergoing her routine overhaul.

Workers in buildings from which the blaze could be sighted lined all available window space, watching the short-lived blaze which threatened one of the principal units of the U. S. fleet. Bremerton residents watched the fire from vantage points outside the yard, but as in the case of all fires in the government plant, yard gates were closed and no one could enter or leave until the secure signal was sounded a few minutes later.

ONE KILLED IN LABOR RIOTING

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23.—(UP)—One man was killed and five others injured today in a battle of bullets and bricks between union and non-union men at a subdivision under construction in suburban St. Louis county.

Upton Hammond, shot in the left temple, died of his wound at the county hospital several hours later.

The outbreak occurred when A.F.L. Building Trades unionists walked into the subdivision to begin their second day of picketing in a drive to unionize the project and were met by several hundred non-union men.

Elmer Bennin, 35, who said he was a member of local 42 of the American Federation of Labor Building Laborers' union, said he and about 100 other fellow unionists arrived at the subdivision this morning and were met by "a big mob of men, a couple of hundred, who came at us from all sides."

"There were several shots. We didn't have any guns, so we turned and ran."

Pacific Ave. Home Damaged by Fire

Smoke damage and burned wallpaper resulted from a fire shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Lena A. Berglund, 936 Pacific ave. City firemen said that paper was used to stuff a flue hole instead of a flue stop, and the paper caught afire when a stove connected to the other side of the flue was lighted. The blaze was on the second floor.

THE WEATHER

Occasional rain tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature; decreasing southerly wind off coast, but preceded by southerly gale off Washington coast today.

THIS DAY

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce, 2114 Burwell st., a daughter, at the Naval hospital, Oct. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baertschiger, 2122 6th st., a son, Oct. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Thompson, Rt. 1, a daughter, Oct. 21.

Marriage License Applications

Theodore Henry Jackson, 21, Bremerton, and Frances Purser, 17, Bremerton.

Died

Christian Bjerke, 76, Brownsville, at Olympic hospital, Oct. 22.

Vessels In Port

U.S.S. Lexington.
U.S.S. Pennsylvania.
U.S.S. Teal.
U.S.S. Oriole.
U.S.S. Eagle No. 32.
U.S.S. Idaho.
U.S.S. Mississippi.
U.S.S. New Mexico.
U.S.S. Arizona.
U.S.S. Charleston.
U.S.S. Ramsay.

Vessels Due

U.S.S. Nevada, Nov. 25.

Tides for Thursday

First low—4:05 a.m., 1.0 ft.; first high—11:29 a.m., 10.8 ft.; second low—5:50 p.m., 5.8 ft.; second high—10:22 p.m., 8.0 ft.

NAVY BACKING DEVELOPMENT OF AIR FIELD

County Job May Get Priority, Magnuson Reveals

Possibility of early approval of federal aid funds with which to improve the airport in the strategically-placed Kitsap County airport was seen today by Rep. Warren G. Magnuson.

In communication with The Sun, Magnuson said he had been advised this morning by Capt. Charles C. Hartigan, U.S.N., that the navy department feels Kitsap County airport is a most important project in the scheme of national defense.

Magnuson said he expects the navy department will recommend to the Civil Aeronautics Authority that the airport be given priority on the list of fields essential to national defense.

Improvement plans for the airport, worked out by the county engineer, are of a tentative nature. They depend on the amount of money which might be forthcoming.

The field at present is 300 feet wide and 3,000 feet long. It would likely be extended to 500 by 5,000 and graded, surfaced, oiled and lighted if turned to government uses.

LITTLE BOSTON TO CELEBRATE

Twenty new homes will be dedicated—and the old shacks they replace burned down—Saturday afternoon at ceremonies to be conducted at Little Boston, Indian settlement in the north end of the county.

The Works Projects Administration, with the sponsorship of the division of Indian affairs, has completed the housing project to improve living conditions among the Little Boston residents. The new homes will be offered at $5 monthly rentals.

A public day is planned Saturday, with a feast to be served. Main courses of the feast will be baked salmon and clams.

PREPAREDNESS TO BE TOPIC AT PUBLIC MEET

Large attendance at a national preparedness meeting sponsored by the Elks lodge is anticipated tomorrow night, C. Jack Jones, chairman, said today. The meeting, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, will be open to the public.

Principal speaker will be Frank Drake Davidson of Northr Bend. Selections by the Elks band, vocal numbers by Monty Snow and W. J. Spangle, and invocation and benediction by the Rev. O. M. Bailey also are on the program. C. L. Siegner, exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, will preside.

The public meeting will be preceded by a brief session of the lodge opening at 8 o'clock.

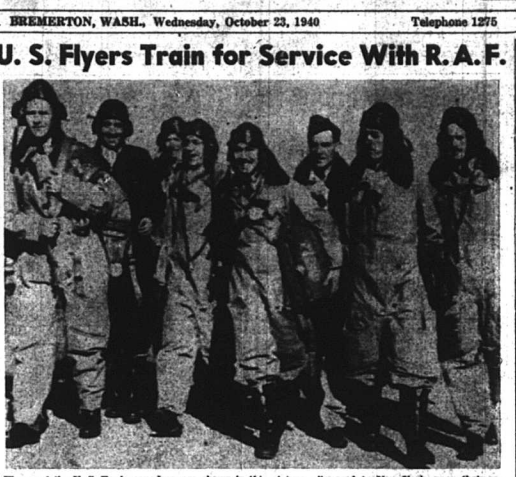
Endre Lofthus Is Ill

Endre Lofthus, pioneer Bremerton business man, is confined to his home by illness, friends learned today. Lofthus recently retired from active business when he disposed of his lumber yard here.

Get License in Reno

RENO, Nev., Oct. 23.—(UP)—A marriage license was issued today to James G. Glass, 23, Williamsburg, Pa., and Alice Sommerfield, 22, Bremerton, Wash.

U. S. Flyers Train for Service With R. A. F.



Flyers of the U. S. Eagle squadron are shown in this picture, clippered to New York, upon their return from a training flight "somewhere in England." All flyers in the Eagle squadron are Americans who volunteered for service with the R. A. F. — (Acme Telephoto)

Willkie Hit on Temple by Egg; Wife's Dress Soiled

ABOARD WILLKIE TRAIN, en route to New York, Oct. 23.—(UP)—Wendell L. Willkie headed east today for a "one-night stand" in New York City. He scheduled a dinner conference with Alfred E. Smith, the 1928 Democratic presidential nominee whom Franklin D. Roosevelt twice placed in nomination as "The Happy Warrior."

Hammering away at the war issue and at alleged failure of the New Deal to keep promises to the electorate, Willkie told a capacity crowd of 28,000 in the Chicago Stadium last night that if President Roosevelt's "promise to keep our boys out of foreign wars is no better than his promise to balance the budget, our boys already are almost on transports."

The Republican presidential nominee was bruised on the temple by a missile thrown from the crowd at the La Salle street station as he prepared to leave for New York. An egg thrown at the same time struck Mrs. Willkie in the back and soiled her dress.

Charles Mulrain, 56, unemployed stationary engineer, who said he was a baseball player when he served in the army in 1907, admitted in municipal court today that he threw eggs at the couple and was "sorry to the bottom of his heart."

Willkie appear unruffled and said he was "disturbed only that Mrs. Willkie was hit."

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'Vote for Liberty'

ABOARD ROOSEVELT TRAIN, at Wilmington, Del., Oct. 23.—(UP)—President Roosevelt, opening his home-stretch drive for a third term, said today that a vote for the New Deal on Nov. 5 will be a vote for "Liberty."

Mr. Roosevelt spoke from the rear platform of his special train while en route to Philadelphia where he will deliver a major political address at 6:15 p.m. (Bremerton time) tonight. He recalled that his victory in Delaware in 1936 caused surprise, and expressed confidence that the state will remain in the Democratic column this year.

The trip is the president's first sally in the current campaign. The expenses, including payment for the 45-minute radio talk tonight, will be borne by the Democratic national committee.

N. W. YARDS GET NEW NAVY JOBS

Headquarters of the 13th naval district announced today that three of the five Panama-Pacific Line ships acquired by the navy this week will be outfitted in Portland and Seattle as troop transports.

Capt. Guy Davis, chief of staff to Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, commandant of the district, said two of the 8,378-ton combination freight-passenger vessels will be made over by the Willamette Iron & Steel Works in Portland. The other ship will be prepared for auxiliary navy service by the Lake Union Shipyards in Seattle.

Capt. Davis said he did not know how much money would be involved in the work, but thought it would be "quite considerable."

'Vote Straight for Democrats,' Urges Farley Statement

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Former Postmaster General James A. Farley today appealed to Democrats to follow his lead and vote a straight ticket on Nov. 5.

The appeal was contained in a statement that did not mention President Roosevelt or his running mate, Henry A. Wallace.

Farley's statement was in keeping with his statements following the Democratic national convention, that he would support the Roosevelt-Wallace ticket, although opposed to a third term.

ARMOR PLATE IS NEEDED—KNOX

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(UP)—Secretary Frank Knox said today the navy was prepared to defend any territory under the American flag and expressed belief that the U. S. had a "moral obligation" to help South America rearm.

Knox said he was well satisfied with the progress of America's "two ocean" navy building program but disclosed there is one production "bottle neck" threatening the naval construction program—an insufficient output of armor plate.

Knox added that the navy was about to take definite steps to step up armor plate production.

NAVY FAILS TO GET SHIP BIDS

Contracts to Erect 2 Minelayers Go Begging

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(UP)—The navy failed today to get any bids for the construction of two new minelayers which it intended to add to the "two-ocean fleet."

Five prospective bidders were listed on the regular bid opening form. Letters were received from most of the firms, advising they did not care to submit an estimate.

Navy officials said it was the first time they had been unable to find a contractor in recent years. It was not determined immediately whether the project will be readvertised or turned over to navy yards, which are operating at capacity now on the two-ocean navy program.

They found no immediate explanation for the failure to receive bids even though most private shipyards are busy on naval and merchant marine vessels. Advertisements for bids on the two minelayers, which probably would have cost between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000 appeared last Aug. 28. The navy recently opened bids on 10 seaplane tenders, but has not awarded the contracts.

TALK PLANS FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Member of the committee arranging Bremerton's Armistice Day observance will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in city hall. All committemen are urged to attend as important business is to be transacted.

City Okehs Sewer

City commissioners this morning passed an ordinance granting the Bremerton Housing Authority a permit to construct a storm and sanitary sewer at the building site of 600 national defense homes.

BRITAIN AVERS NAZIS' OUTPUT CUT BY 20 PCT.

Barges for Invasion, Poised on Coast, Under Attack

LONDON, Oct. 23.—(UP)—Smashing British attacks since Sept. 5, have stopped German efforts to invade the British isles with hundreds of self-propelled barges altered for quick landing of tanks and heavy guns, the air ministry said today.

The ministry also asserted that systematic royal air force attacks on Germany have affected 20 per cent of the total productive capacity of Germany. The ministry quoted well-informed foreign industrialists.

The ministry said that large oil refineries in the Neuhof district of Hamburg had been forced to close as a result of constant bombing by the R. A. F.

British bombers were said to have inflicted heavy damage on Germany railways and other intra-city transport systems.

The ministry said that the R. A. F. has maintained constant watch on a 2,000-mile front from Narvik, Norway, to Bordeaux, France, and that blasting of invasion barges has thrown German plans into confusion.

Describing concentrations of barges, the ministry said that Germany had gathered hundreds of them, each self-propelled, 150 feet long and capable of carrying five trainloads of men or material.

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by JOE ALEX MORRIS
U. P. Foreign News Editor

Adolf Hitler appeared today to be mysteriously stopping an early climax in Europe's war.

The Nazi fuehrer was reported conferring, probably near the French-Spanish frontier, with Spanish Gen. Francisco Franco presumably on plans for intensifying Spain's collaboration with the long-threatened axis offensive against Great Britain.

Pierre Laval, French vice-premier, who talked to Hitler near Paris, rushed to Vichy for a talk with French Premier Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and then—apparently after a decision was reached—dashed back to Paris for

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Ohio Ave. Grading Bids Are Rejected

Bids opened today on the Ohio ave. district grading project were rejected by the city commission as too high, and the clerk was directed to readvertise for bids in conjunction with the district's sewer program. Bids will be opened on November 6 on both sewer and grading jobs in the district. Bids were received today from Holmberg and Norman, Port Orchard, and William Ford, Bremerton.

Tacoma Ship Plant Given 2 U. S. Jobs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(UP)—The maritime commission today awarded contracts to the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corp., Tacoma, Wash., for construction of two C-3 vessels that are suitable for conversion into army transports.

The cost exclusive of conversion is $2,000,000 each.

Barnyard Is Empty, and Here's Why:

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 23.—(UP)—Ben Werner giggled and grinned through toothless gums behind the bars of city prison today while he contemplated a charge of horse stealing placed against him.

But the horse is dead, and the dogs, chickens, rabbits, goats and canaries with which Werner was entrusted by Mrs. Anna Steinbach, 87, when she went to the hospital recently, are dead or sold.

Mrs. Steinbach told her story to Municipal Judge Theresa Meikle, and it was a tale.

She hired Werner, a neighbor, to care for her pets, including Pete, a 30-year-old horse, Mrs. Steinbach related. She began to hear disquieting rumors, and hobbled home from the hospital to investigate.

Werner, she said, had:

Sold Pete for $10; Pete was destroyed for dog food. Killed her dog because it ate too much. Sold her chickens; given away and sold her canaries; killed her rabbits and ate them; sold all the goats he could catch; dismantled the barn and sold the lumber.

To top the carnage, Mrs. Steinbach said, Werner dug around in the basement and found an iron box containing $650, then sought buried treasure all over her ranch until it was pitted like a no-man's-land.

"The charge against you is horse-stealing, a felony," said Judge Meikle to Werner. "Do you want you to give this woman back her money."

Werner giggled and began pulling bills out of his hatband, his shoetops, his pants and coat. It totaled $350.

"Where's the rest?" Asked Judge Meikle.

"I been under great expense. I had to feed the horse."

"But you sold the horse."

"I had to feed the dog."

"You killed the dog."

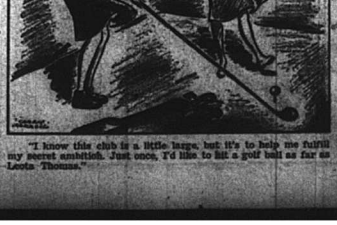
"I had to feed the rabbits."

"You ate the rabbits."

The goats and canaries had been sold to feed Werner, questioning developed. The barn was demolished and the lumber sold because there no longer was need for it and Werner's cash was running low.

"You're going to jail," said Judge Meikle. "I'm holding you for trial in Superior court."

Bremerton Sketches — By WILL DANCH



"I know this club is a little large, but it's to help me fulfill my secret ambition. Just once, I'd like to hit a golf ball as far as Louie Thomas."