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SEEK MISSING FISHERMAN

Whidbey Captain Is Lost In Plane Wreck Near Shelton

Aboard the Navy patrol plane which was found about 15 miles northwest of Shelton today was Capt. G. R. Dyson, 48, commander of Fleet Air Wing Four, NAS Whidbey. Capt. Dyson was an observer on the flight.

Ten other men aboard the plane were also reported lost, when the plane crashed into a hillside about 6:40 p.m. Wednesday. The P-4Y-2 and ten men were attached to Patrol Squadron 772 at Sand Point NAS.

'Could This Be You?'

A truck driven by Ralph Conkle and Glenn Converse went into the ditch Sunday near Ben Tufts'.

SCANNING THE NEWS

Storm Smashes Philippines

The worst typhoon in the history of the central Philippines struck the islands killing 370 persons, crushing towns and cities and leaving untold millions of dollars worth of property damage.

The first report of casualties came from the governor of Albay province southeast of Manila. He reported 56 casualties and said that these included some killed but did not say how many.

Manila was not struck by the storm. The typhoon curled out in to the South China sea 95 miles southwest of the Philippine capital. All of the first casualties reported came from the battered



General view of Daraga town, located at the foot of Mount Mayon in southern Luzon, Philippines, showing how concrete structures were leveled by tremendous force of most recent typhoon to hit the island. The big wind left a toll of 370 persons killed and countless injured before sweeping on out to sea.

southeast tip of Luzon. At Sorsogon, 230 miles northwest of Manila, the military commander reported 21 bodies had been recovered. He described the loss in human lives, crops and property as "tremendous".

Almost the same report came from the mayor of Legaspi, a port city of 80,000, 20 miles northwest of Sorsogon, who said 16 people were dead, 90 per cent of the private homes destroyed, public buildings destroyed, crops washed out, and communications paralyzed.

Eight more were dead in the nearby provinces of North and South Camarines. Damage there alone is estimated to be 1 1/2 million dollars. Also hard hit were Samar island, which was first to be struck and caught the full force of the blow, and Leyte.

60 AT JOINT MEETING AND VISIT TO LIONS

On Wednesday, November 12, the Oak Harbor and Coupeville Lions Clubs held a joint meeting at Coupeville. Lion Perry Moore of Vancouver, B.C., District Governor, made his official visit. Lion Perry Moore inducted Lion Edward Warner into the Coupeville Lions Club and presented Lion Walter Hunkler with a Key for sponsoring two new members in the South Whidbey Club, and with a Master Key for sponsoring twelve new members into that Club. The ladies of the W.S.C.S., of the Methodist church prepared and served a splendid turkey dinner.

Over 60 Lions attended the meeting. Other than Oak Harbor and Coupeville Lions, there were four Lions from the South Whidbey Club, and three Lions from the Mt. Vernon Club.

The Coupeville Lions are sponsoring the donation of blood to the American Red Cross on Friday, November 21st, at the Club Rooms of the Methodist church between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Lion Joseph E. Kramer is chairman of the committee.

OAK HARBOR P-TA TO TALK CONSOLIDATION

The November meeting of the Oak Harbor P-TA will be held Monday, Nov. 17th, at the Clover Valley School, starting at 8 p.m., according to Paul Cope, president.

The program for the meeting will be a panel discussion on the proposed consolidation of the Coupeville and Oak Harbor School districts.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Melvin Grimm was guest of honor at a stork shower today hosted by Mrs. Bill Kottke and Mrs. Ray Mathews, at the latter's home.

The evening was spent socially, with refreshments served after Mrs. Grimm opened her many lovely gifts.

Those attending were the Mesdames Robert Bailey and Bonnie; John Diegton; Art Hammons; Warren Lindsay; Walter Stoddard; Farlin Sahli; Robert Austin; Fred Ward; Daryl Franzen; Ed Youderian and Lora; Ralph Strong; Jack Sullivan; Ed LeSourd; Al Mountain; Orlan Dean; Lorene Kippen, the guest of honor and the hostesses.

COURT HOUSE

Permits To Wed

Oct. 31: Russell M. Padgett, Anacortes, and Lola Henry, Mt. Vernon.

Nov. 6: Robert Lee Smithhart Jr., NAS, and Beverly Jean Kooyman, Rt. 1, Coupeville.

Nov. 12: George S. Blewuss, NAS, and Marjorie L. Crook, Oak Harbor.

ON THE ROUTE

Visitors From California

Mr. and Mrs. Chet DeVries left Wednesday for their home in Santa Clara, Calif., after spending several days at the George DeVries home.

While here they enjoyed the open house for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nienhuis, who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Monday evening they attended a family reunion held at the Allen Vanderzicht home.

ALASKA:

Swins to GOP

After being solidly Democratic in the 1951 session, the Alaskan territorial legislature went Republican in the 1952 campaign although the territory's voters returned the incumbent Democratic delegate to Congress.

E. L. Bartlett, the delegate to Congress, defeated his Republican rival, Robert C. Reeve who operates an airline in Anchorage, by far less than his two previous wins in 1948 and 1950.

Late returns indicated that Republicans had 21 of 24 seats in the territorial house and seven of nine seats in the senate. The Republican legislative swing is in sharp contrast to the last presidential election year, 1948, when the Democrats swept into 21 of the 24 seats in the house. The Republicans came back last year to win 10 seats, while also winning a majority of the seats at stake in the senate.

VOTES REPORTED FOR ALL PREXY CANDIDATES

Of the 5791 registered voters in Island County, 4721 exercised their right of franchise, according to County Auditor J. W. Libbey.

For Initiative 180 (colored ole), 3187 voted, with 1272 against.

For President: Stevenson, Democrat, 1772; Eisenhower, Republican, 2901; MacArthur, Christian Nationalist, 18; Eric Hass, Socialist Labor, 2; Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers, 0; Vincent Hallinan, Progressive, 6; Darlington Hoopes, Socialist U. S. A., 0.

County Auditor Joe Libbey has received a supply of the 1953 license plate tabs.

A LOSING BATTLE: Won't Pay Taxes

Mrs. Irene B. Whetstone of Chicago, who refused to pay part of her 1944 income tax on the grounds that the money would be used to aid foreign governments in violation of the Constitution, lost another round in her five year battle when the United States Circuit Court of Appeals upheld her contempt of court sentence. She had been sentenced by a federal district court last January for refusing to produce her 1944 financial records. She was to be held until she permitted the collector of internal revenue to examine the records.

Mrs. Whetstone withheld \$1,389 from her 1944 income tax on the ground that it would be used to support lend-lease and other foreign aid in violation of the Constitution. The internal revenue bureau has been trying to collect this amount since November 17, 1947. Mrs. Whetstone, a self-styled inventor and business engineer, has acted as her own lawyer in numerous court appearances.

ALGER HISS:

May Go Free

Alger Hiss, former state department official convicted of perjury to conceal Russian espionage, will be eligible Nov. 21 for parole from his five year prison sentence.

Hiss has not yet filed an application for parole according to the United States parole board. The board's next visit to Lewisburg, Pa., where Hiss is imprisoned, to hold hearings was scheduled for this week. According to parole board records, if Hiss continues to accumulate time off at the present rate, he would be released Nov. 27, 1954, without parole board action.

In New York, Chester L. Lane, Hiss' attorney, said Hiss is "quite conscious of the date when he becomes eligible for parole. He's following it with interest."

FRENCH DRAFT:

Would Take Americans

A bill passed by the French National Assembly defense committee would permit the drafting into French military service all young Americans who stay in France more than a year.

The bill, which must be approved by Parliament to become law, applies to all foreigners residing in France whose governments impose military service on French residents.

The United States is the only country which has imposed such conditions on foreign residents.

At 10:25 p. m. this Thursday, a fisherman in a 14 foot boat was reported missing from the Maxwellton boat house since 1 p.m., by the Coast Guard in Seattle.

At 1:54 a. m. Friday, the Sheriff's office learned Harold Bentley, 37, of Edmonds was the missing man.

In the meantime, Sheriff Clark had alerted his deputies, and they were searching the beach from Possession to Bush Point.

At 2:22 a.m., Deputies Bob Lineburg and Norm Howe, together with Jack Sciven and Crawford Johnson, found an oar and a gas can, 300 yards east of Double Bluff. The Maxwellton boat house identified the oar as theirs, and A. B. Bentley, father of the missing man, identified the gas can.

The Coast Guard made a sea search from Bush Point to Maxwellton, with cutters out of Port Townsend and Everett.

The Coast Guard promised to send out a plane when it was daylight Friday.

A new number to write in your phone book: Brooks' Service Station, 2521.

GI CASUALTIES:

Total 121,154

American battle casualties in the Korean war totaled 121,154 as of October 10, one third of the casualties in World War I and approximately the total of casualties of the first two years of World War II.

American casualties in World War I were 364,800. The total of American casualties for the first two years of World War II was about 130,000. American casualties are more than 90 per cent of the United Nations total, excluding the South Koreans.

The report from the defense department, which does not include nonbattle casualties, runs from the beginning of the war in June, 1950 to October 10. American casualties include 21,233 dead, 87,345 wounded, 9,438 missing, 1,748 captured and 1,390 previously reported missing but returned to duty.

The breakdown follows:

Army—95,688 casualties: 17,531 deaths, 66,845 wounded, 8,243 missing, 1,744 captured, 1,325 previously missing but returned to service.

Navy—1,637 casualties: 340 deaths, 1,229 wounded, 64 missing, four previously missing but returned to service.

Marine Corps—22,535 casualties: 2,893 deaths, 19,232 wounded, 390 missing, 20 previously missing but returned to service.

Air Force—1,294 casualties: 469 deaths, 39 wounded, 741 missing, four captured, 41 previously missing but returned to service.

OPIUM AT SEA:

Seized on Tanker

A British tanker out into Philadelphia from the Persian Gulf with its tanks full of crude oil and several members of its Chinese crew full of opium and near mutiny.

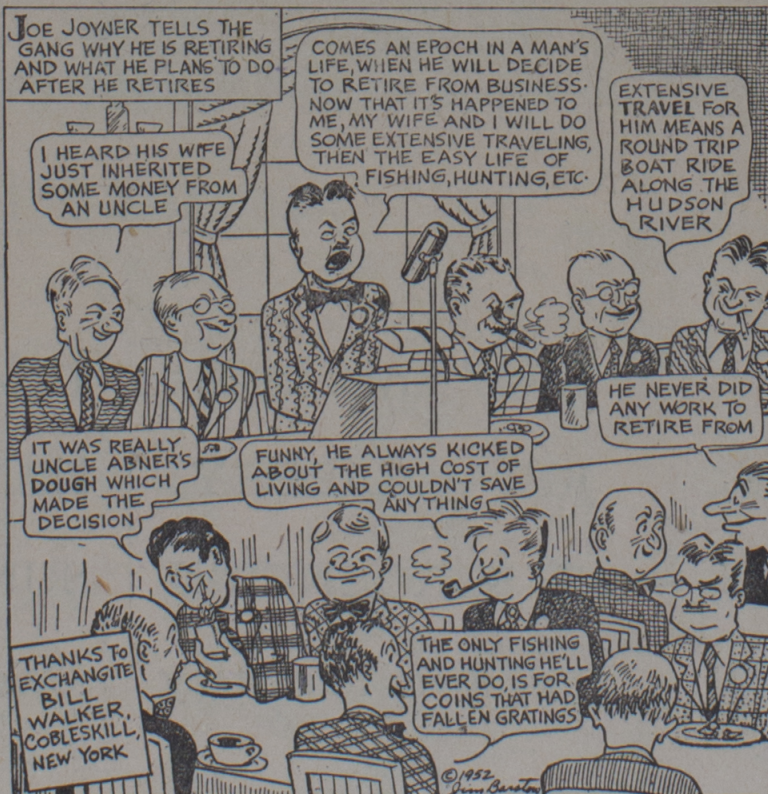
Customs officials seized 111 pounds of refined opium—valued in legitimate channels at \$600 a pound or \$66,600 and by underworld standards at \$12,000 a pound or \$1,332,000—and arrested two Chinese crewmen.

The ship is the Silverdale, built abroad less than a year ago. It carries a crew of 18 officers, all British, and 43 men, all Chinese.

The opium, in 10 inch sticks, was hidden all over the ship. In one case, a fire extinguisher had been emptied and opium hidden in it.

WEEKLY EATING CLUB

By Jim Barstow



HARRY KARRY

By WILLIS B. RENSIE



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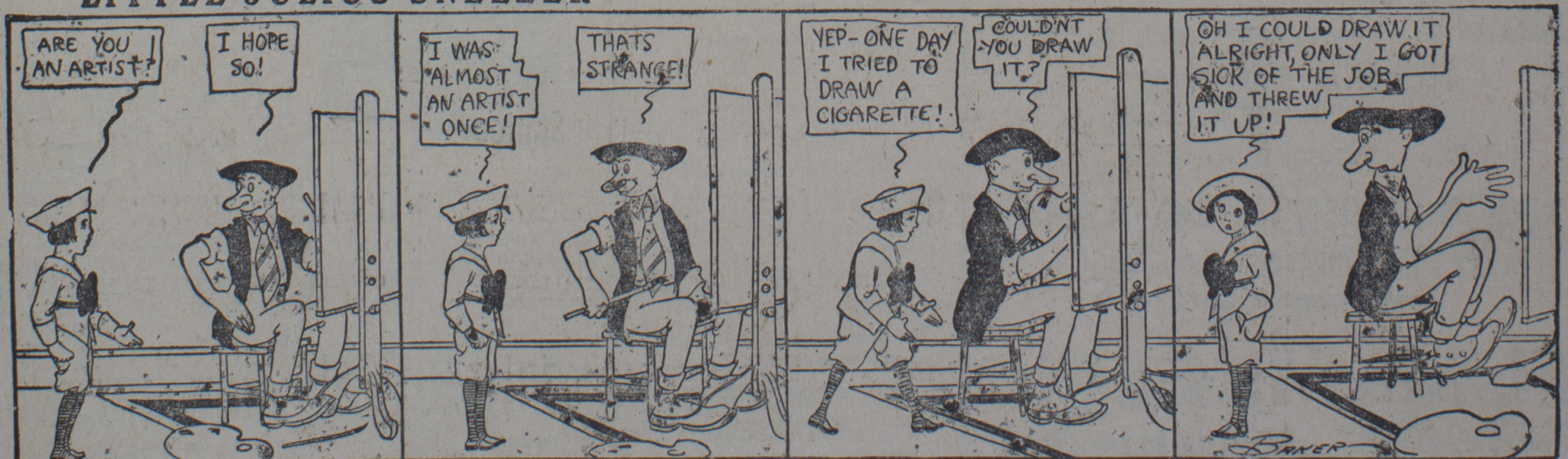


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Tops Bank Failures

Our postwar inflation has taken more than 20 times as much from the value of the American people's savings since V-J day as has been lost by depositors in all the bank failures since the end of the Civil War, according to figures reported by the family economics bureau of Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

Individual savings in the U. S., including time and savings accounts, life insurance policy reserves, U. S. savings bonds, postal savings, and savings and loan association share accounts, totaled 142.7 billion dollars at the end of 1945, the report shows. The 62-point rise in the living cost index since that date has made a cut of 32 per cent in the value of every U. S. dollar in existence at the end of 1945; this 32 per cent cut in the purchasing power of 142.7 billion dollars of savings amounts to a loss of 45.7 billions.

The Federal Deposit Insurance corporation has estimated total losses to depositors due to bank failures from 1865 to 1933 at 2.2 billion dollars, or less than 1/20 of the amount of the post-World War II inflation losses.

The FDIC has also estimated that bank failures have cost depositors an average annual toll of approximately one-fifth of one per cent on total bank deposits down through the years since 1865. Losses have run much higher in certain panic years, of course, costing depositors an amount which exceeded two per cent of total bank deposits in the year 1933.

However, inflation has taken a toll averaging over five per cent annually for the past several years on all money, whether in pay checks, pensions, bank accounts, insurance, U. S. savings bonds or hidden under the mattress.

SHOOTS THE CHUTE:
To Visit Boy Friend

Mrs. Mae Trenholm of Toronto, Ont., who slid down an ice chute to visit her boy friend in a Toronto ice plant, was acquitted of charges of ship-breaking and arson.

Mrs. Trenholm admitted that she accidentally started a \$6,000 fire in the ice plant on her visit when she dropped a match she had struck to see her way through the darkened office.

She said she frequently visited her beau at the plant. She usually got in by sliding down the ice chute.

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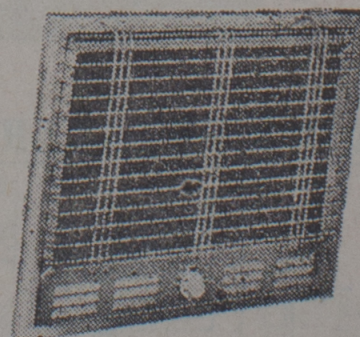
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