

One of the recent daring exploits of the Italian navy was the torpedoing, by mistake, of a Spanish freighter.

It would seem that belligerent generals might profitably employ some of the tactics used by American football coaches.

The etiquette books haven't provided for all of life's awkward social situations by a long shot.

When a Connecticut newspaper suspended publication recently it explained that it was "facing a difficult and uncertain future."

It must be awfully nerve-racking for those European generals to sit around and wait to see what the news analysts decide they are going to do next.

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With the great forward strides that have been made in the art of football spying in the last generation we should be plentifully supplied with espionage talent in the event of war.

The sport pages record the fact that Kayak II has been retired because of a bowed tendon.

One expert fears an epidemic of leprosy in Europe as a result of the war.

Mrs. Roosevelt is quoted as "appalled at the rise in the cost of living."

Babies are being born at the

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MONTANA MERCHANDISE SOLD TO NEW FIRM MONDAY

Dillon Feed & Seed Co. Buys Business from F. Erwin This Week

An important business deal was completed here Monday when F. Erwin disposed of the Montana Mercantile Sales company's business and holdings to a new firm which started operations yesterday morning as the Dillon Feed and Seed Company.

Mr. Waters and Mr. Andersen are now in Dillon and will conduct the business here in which both have had from 15 to 25 years experience.

The elevator here is the only one in Beaverhead county and the largest in Southwestern Montana serving an extensive agricultural area.

Mr. Erwin will devote his full time to looking after interests of the Erwin company here.

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Beaverhead Men Elected Members Of Grazing Board

Stockmen users of the federal range met to hold elections Saturday, Nov. 29 at Boulder and Dillon for advisory board members.

The advisory board, provided for by an amendment to the Taylor Grazing Act, assists the United States grazing service in administration of federal range, in planning for range improvement and wildlife matters.

The board for the Butte district consists of eleven stockmen and one wildlife representative.

Martin Thompson, jr., stationed at the U. S. navy base at San Diego, arrived home Sunday on furlough.

POSTAL RULE CHANGES ARE NOW IN FORCE

Post Card Senders Required to Give Return Guarantee Under Regulation

Advantages of sending Christmas greetings as first-class mail, under 3- or 2-cent stamps (depending upon outside or local delivery) has been pointed out by the postoffice department.

Postal regulations have been amended now requiring that any post card, business or personal, in order to rate return to the sender in case of non-delivery, must bear in the upper left-hand corner of the address side, the name and address of the sender together with a guarantee to pay return postage.

STROKE FATAL TO LONG-TIME CITY RESIDENT

A. A. Elliott Dies Soon After Affliction Last Saturday Morning

Dillon lost one of its best known, long-time residents last Saturday morning when Amos A. Elliott died at his home on South Atlantic street a few hours after suffering a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Elliott moved here with his family 44 years ago—in 1897—from Utica, New York.

He had long been active in local Masonic affairs and at the time of his death held office in both the blue lodge and chapter, being tyler of Lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M., and sentinel of Chapter 8, Royal Arch Masons.

Of his immediate family he is survived by his wife, Lula, two sons, Morton of Whitefish and Amos A., jr., of Seattle; two daughters, Mrs. Mildred Erickson and Mrs. Burnice Farrell, both of Seattle, and a sister, Mrs. A. L. Badoon, also of Seattle.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Brundage chapel with the Rev. V. G. Lewis of the St. James Episcopal church officiating.

\$90,000 Paid in Final "Tax Rush"

Approximately \$90,000 in 1941 taxes was collected at the county treasurer's office here in the last four days of current period, ending Monday.

Miss Patricia Gilbert, who is teaching at the Ursuline Academy in Great Falls, spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gilbert, of Dillon.

ELKS TO HOLD MEMORIAL RITES SUNDAY

George M. Gosman to Be Speaker at Impressive Ceremony.

George M. Gosman, charter member of the Dillon Elks lodge and past department commander of the American Legion, will deliver the address at the public memorial services to be conducted by the order at the lodge hall here next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The following program has been announced by Exalted Ruler Homer Faust: processional march (Edouard Batiste) orchestra, L. A. Gregory, director; opening ceremonies, Exalted Ruler Homer Faust and Esquire William Lloyd; invocation, Chaplain Harold Murray; song, Dillon Choral club; Elks' Memorial Day, exalted ruler; roll call of departed brothers, Secretary E. L. Wheat; song, Choral club; altar services, lodge officers; chorals, "Hear My Cry O God, Lord of Glory, Eternity, Tremendous Word" (J. S. Bach), orchestra; memorial address, Brother George M. Gosman; song, Choral club; "Liebeslied" (Beethoven), orchestra; "Auld Lang Syne," lodge and audience; closing ceremonies, exalted ruler; benediction, chaplain; recessional march (Batiste), orchestra.

The orchestra is composed of: Director L. A. Gregory, violin; Leone Cashmore, viola; Helen Paul, cello; Giovannina Cardinale, flute; Alma Yates, clarinet; Dorothy Chapman, bass; Rachel Smith, piano.

The Dillon Choral club, under the direction of Vernon Taylor and with Ruth Taylor as piano accompanist, is composed of: first sopranos, Janet Christensen, Ruth Eklund, Ruth Grotheer, Wilma Holloran, Lenore McCollum, Hazel Morse, Elizabeth Rife, Blythe Stephan, Genevieve Green; second sopranos, Lillian Anderson, Louise Green, Agnes Hendrickson, Ella Mae Logan, Ruth Nightingale, Leota Peterson, Frances Sewell, Alma Waldorf, Fern Warner, Evelyn McLaughlin; altos, Jean Bishop, Lavon Evans, Estella Hanson, Florence Hellman, Hallie Stevens, Fan Wilkinson, Nellie Wilson, Frances Waldorf.

The Elks Memorial Day committee is composed of Paul Bramson, chairman; Harry Tash, David Hier, Kenneth Wheat.

Officers of Dillon Lodge 1554 are: Homer Faust, exalted ruler; Emery K. Smith, esteemed leader.

H. HUTCHINS FOUND DEAD NEAR CABIN

Prospector Believed Overcome Making Arduous Trip With Supplies from Town

When Henry Hutchins failed to show up in Melrose on his regular trip there for supplies last week, searchers started for his mountain cabin in the Browne's bridge section last Thursday and in the afternoon found the body of the 72-year-old prospector not far from his home.

As all evidence pointed to his death as a result of natural causes Coroner Raymond Schwartz decided that no inquest was necessary.

Funeral services were held from the Brundage chapel Saturday afternoon, with the Rev. V. G. Lewis officiating, and interment was made in Mountain View cemetery.

LOCAL BOARD CLASSIFIES 24 DRAFTEES

Twelve Rated in I-A Class For Immediate Service Total Now 1,666

Twelve of twenty-four Beaverhead county draft registrants were classified in I-A, available for immediate military service, by the selective service board here last week, it has been announced.

Other classifications made by the county board last week were: Floyd S. Kenison, 3-A; Ralph E. Tope, 2-A; Lester W. Calvert, 1-B; George Lakner, 2-A; Melbourne L. Jackson, 2-A; Joe T. Newness, jr., 2-B; Nels E. Nelson, 2-A; William B. Husted, 3-A; Francis J. Bjorne, 1-H; George H. Anderson, 4-F; Edward T. Horton, 3-A; Carlton K. Kendrick, 1-B.

New registrants here Monday were Lawrence V. Crane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crane of Dillon, who recently returned to the States after spending three years in Venezuela, and Walter J. Lyczak, of Whitehall, whose papers were transferred to Jefferson county.

Another enlistment from Beaverhead county last week was James F. Tyler of Grant who enlisted in the Marine Corps at the Boise, Idaho, recruiting station, according to notification received here from F. S. Shute, recruiting officer at Portland.

Family of Butte Youth Has Many Friends in Dillon

Many Dillon people who well remembered his father and family from their long residence here and at Banhook, were interested in the news story in the Montana Standard last Friday concerning the outstanding record being made in the U. S. Army signal corps by Robert T. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newell O. Evans of Butte.

Young Evans, 23, enlisted on Sept. 23, 1940—the 23rd anniversary of his father's enlistment in the 316th Engineers, 91st Division, in 1917.

Early this year he was assigned for a special course of instruction at Chicago and upon its completion returned to the Presidio at San Francisco where he was immediately named wire chief of the post's telephone system.

His father, Newell Evans, was a native of Beaverhead county, where he attended local schools, and the whole family was well-known. Their many friends here will be glad to hear of the young man's excellent service record.

YULE TREE SET UP ON STATION LAWN

A large community Christmas tree was set up on the Union Pacific station lawn yesterday by a crew of local Montana Power company linemen.

BULLDOG HOOP SQUAD LEADS STATE RATING

National Sports Service Gives Local Team Nod Over State Colleges Opposition.

BULLDOG AND N.W. WELDERS MEET TONIGHT

College Cage Season Opens Here; Second Game Friday Night.

In their opening test of the basketball season, Coach William Straugh's Normal Bulldogs will play the flashy Northwest Welders team of Butte on the college court here tonight.

Friday night at the college gym another hang-up tilt is promised when the Bulldogs meet the Great Falls College of Education team which will be playing its first collegiate game.

Beavers Start Cage Season at Sheridan Friday

Coach Harold Babcock of the high school will take his Beaver basketball squad to Sheridan for their opening game of the season Friday night, and a week later, Friday, Dec. 12, they will play their first home game with the Deer Lodge team in the high school gym.

Rain Falls, Skaters Await Ice on Rink

Rain which threatened to turn to snow before evening if continued, was falling throughout Beaverhead valley this morning.

With the new community skating rink leveled off, banked, and with warming house ready, only freezing weather is awaited for flooding to prepare it for use.

SOUTH AMERICAN ART IS TOPIC AT ROTARY

Dillon Response to Red Cross Drive Excellent, Buck Tells Members

In Dillon proper, 1033 memberships had been reported in the Beaverhead chapter drive of the American Red Cross Monday, Edwin R. Buck told Rotarians at their meeting held that evening at Mrs. Brown's boarding house.

Mr. George Nightingale of the Normal college faculty made a short and highly educational address on South American art.

The Bulldogs of the Normal college here are given the highest rating of Montana college basketball teams this season by the Dunkel Sports Research Service of New York City.

The Dunkel Service has been rating all college basketball teams on the basis of its previous seasons' performance, as a basis for forecasting results of current season's games.

If a team averages 5 points better than its opposition whose rating averages 40, the team's rating is 45, and it should defeat a team with a rating of 30 by 15 points, according to the Dunkel rating.

Following is the Dunkel rating of the Normal college and opposition teams among Montana colleges for the 1941-42 season:

Table with 3 columns: College, Ntl. Rk., Rating. Rows include M.S.N.C., U. of Mont., M.S.C., Mont. Mines, North. Mont., Billings Poly., Carroll College, E.M.N.S.

XMAS SALE OF SEALS IS NOW UNDER WAY

Seals Being Sent by Mail and Sold in Banks, P.O., and by Schools

Under the direction of Mrs. T. Lee McCracken, Shakespeare club chairman of the annual Christmas sale in Beaverhead county, tuberculosis seals are being mailed out this week and will also be sold at booths in both banks and at the postoffice until the drive ends Dec. 24.

Christmas seals made their first appearance in Dillon on statements mailed out the first of the month by Dillon business firms.

Red Cross Roll Call Total Not Yet Tabulated

Complete tabulation of members enrolled in Beaverhead chapter of the American Red Cross during the recent drive, will not be possible before the end of the week, announced drive chairman, Edwin Buck, this morning.

Miss Margaret Sweeney, now on a tour of outlying communities and rural schools, is gathering returns from these districts and when available the tabulation will be finished.

STOCKMEN OF COUNTY TO TOUR BITTERROOT

Membership Report Will Be Made Next Week at Post Meet

The membership drive now under way in Beaverhead Post of the American Legion will be reported upon by Vice-Commander Jay V. McCarthy who is in charge at the Legion's regular meeting on Thursday of next week, Dec. 11, in the post headquarters in the Metlen hotel.

County Agent Receives Invitation; Trip Planned for Thursday, Dec. 11

Beaverhead county stockmen have been invited to make a livestock tour of ranches in the Bitterroot valley a week from tomorrow, Thursday, Dec. 11, in an invitation extended to Co. Agt. Bernard Williams.

Stock feeding operations in the valley will be inspected by the party, the trip starting at Florence at 9 o'clock in the morning, to end that evening at Hamilton where a banquet will be served at 6:30.

The tour is planned to return the courtesy extended a group of northern stockmen who made a trip through the Big Hole and Beaverhead valleys on Oct. 4, conducted by Mr. Williams and Beaverhead livestock men.