

Yuletide Cheer For Veterans Plan Of Local Groups

The Christmas cheer committee, composed of representatives of various ex-service, fraternal and civic organizations, formed to provide Christmas programs and gifts for veterans at the federal facility here, was organized this week. Carl Murphy was elected chairman. Mrs. Orelene Johnson, secretary, and Mrs. L. J. Johnson, treasurer.

Committees were chosen as follows: Mrs. Luella Johnson, Mrs. Clara Steiwig, Mrs. Hazel Althaus, purchasing; Mr. and Mrs. Milliken, wrapping of gifts; Delwin Jewett, Christmas tree festival program; Gus Angel, music for New Years dance; Mrs. Stella Spencer, refreshments; Erving Riegel, publicity.

The committee will sponsor two entertainments—a Christmas tree festival, with gifts for the veterans, and a New Year's dance.

Pledges amounting to \$100 were received from the following organizations: Dean-Perrine chapter, D. A. V.; D. A. V. auxiliary, D. A. V. state department; Umpqua post, American Legion; Kiwanis club, Eagles lodge, Lady Eagles, Daughters of Union Veterans, Elks lodge, American Legion auxiliary, Business and Professional Women's club, George Starmer post, U. S. W. R.; Patrick W. Kelley post, V. F. W.

A sufficient balance was left from last year's receipts, it was stated, to buy cigarettes for the Christmas bags with a reserve of \$19.14, making a total of \$119.14 available for activities this year.

British Sink Eight Axis Transport Ships

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tively 50 and 95 miles northwest of the capital.

MOSCOW, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A powerful red army counter-attack northwest of Moscow in which Russian forces were said to have crossed the Volga on the ice and driven the Germans out of town after town in an advance not yet checked was reported today by the Moscow radio.

Quoting dispatches to Izvestia, the broadcast said that at many places along the hard-pressed defense are in front of the soviet capital the nazis onslaught had been held to a standstill for several days, and that the nazis flanking movement southeast of Tula was being slowed down in intense fighting.

Sevastopol Peril Mounts

Russians conceded that the axis Crimean campaign, aimed now at Sevastopol, the soviet naval base by-passed in the drive from the Perekop isthmus to Kerch strait, had been reinforced. German Alpine units were said to be attempting to storm the heights of Sevastopol regardless of heavy casualties.

"The threat to Sevastopol is growing," the Moscow radio said. At the same time an official soviet broadcast declared more than 5,000 Germans had been killed in the northwestern (Leningrad) sector in 10 days of fighting and 353 trucks and 32 tanks were destroyed.

NAZIS WIN LONG FIGHT FOR TOWN IN MOSCOW REGION

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The long contested town of Volokolamsk, 65 miles northwest of Moscow, has been wrested from the red army and now is firmly in German hands, DNB, official news agency, announced today.

Russian attacks on German positions in the city of Rostov and on the Donets bend in southern Russia have cost the red army heavy losses, the German high command said today.

It was the first German admission that Russia's counterattacks in the southern sector had reached as far as the city of Rostov itself.

The high command announced that German forces of occupation were clearing the central city district of Rostov in order to carry out "necessary measures against the population which participated in fighting at the rear of the German troops."

The nature of the measures was not specified.

The Germans said they had scored further advances in the drive on Moscow.

All attempts of strong Russian units to break out of the city of Leningrad were repulsed, the communique declared.

Demand for Share of Gas Taxes for Cities Renewed

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Also present were J. W. McArthur, Eugene, representing the state public utilities department, and Alan Croft Blanchard, San Francisco, of the Federal Security agency.

The meeting was given over principally to the discussion of legislation to secure a share of the gasoline taxes, but a general discussion also was held in connection with other municipal problems, such as budgets, insurance, priorities, traffic and park-

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Far Eastern Crisis Still Marking Time

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are respected." "If Japan moves into Thailand," he told reporters, "that we ought to tighten our economic measures against her."

Japan Out On Limb

Coincidentally, Senator George, ranking member of the foreign relations group, said that "all the balls Japan has been pitching have strings tied to them."

George said that Japan is moving toward a point where she will either have to create war in the far east or reach an adjustment with the United States and Great Britain. She now is confronted with partial economic isolation, and her supplies gradually are being depleted.

President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull have given no hint of what action—diplomatic or otherwise—this nation might take in the event of further Japanese aggression in the Pacific. But Hull has restated carefully to Japan's envoys the fundamental principles which the United States insists form the only acceptable basis for establishment and maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Reports were current in Shanghai that 70 or more Japanese troop transports had been seen moving recently in the direction of Hainan island or French Indo-China. The ships were estimated to be carrying 22,000 or more soldiers, with complete campaign equipment, including landing boats.

No Hope of Accord Seen

President Roosevelt's departure today for Warm Springs, Ga., drew the opinion that he would not have left Washington if there had been any chance of hopeful further negotiations with Japan's special envoy, Kurihara, of if any sudden deterioration of the crisis were to be expected.

Dispatches from Chungking, Chinese provisional capital, said Chinese authorities expected that Japan would either strike into China's Yunnan province to cut the Burma road or invade Thailand in the event of war.

A British broadcast said Thailand had already sent a military representative to Singapore for conference with British officers—evidently in fear of such an attack.

JAPAN'S CHIEFS CONFER AS PRESS SCORES U. S.

TOKYO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A meeting of the Japanese cabinet was held today following yesterday's session in which the ministers deliberated Japan's final stand on the Pacific negotiations in Washington.

No details were reported but observers presumed that the cabinet was continuing its discussion of the position to be taken in the increasingly tense crisis.

Newspapers of Tokyo gave top play to President Roosevelt's press conference and his meeting with Secretaries Hull, Stimson, and Knox. General George C. Marshall, chief of the army staff, and Admiral Harold Stark, chief of naval operations.

The headline of Asahi was typical: "American military leaders hold secret conference. America has no sincerity. Japan must watch the situation closely."

Roosevelt "Trick" Seen. President Roosevelt's statement that United States merchant vessels plying Pacific routes "will not be armed under existing circumstances" was declared to be a trick.

Miyako featured a photograph from Rangoon depicting United States freighters unloading supplies for China.

Reliable observers concurred with the president's statement that the answer to Pacific questions now lies with Tokyo. They agreed that the United States had formally presented its answer to Japanese proposals to the government of Premier Tojo.

A Bangkok special dispatch in Asahi declared that Thailand was

now a target of ABCD (American-British-Chinese-Dutch) encirclement, and charged that the British were spreading alarming reports among the population of the little kingdom wedged between British Malaya and French Indo-China.

NAZIS SAID TRYING FOR CHINA-JAPAN PEACE

MANILA, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Nazi agents in the far east are making a determined attempt to bring about a negotiated peace between Japan and China, quarters "closely connected" with Japan's puppet Chinese regime at Nanking disclosed today.

At the same time an authorized Chinese source declared that any lessening of United States aid to China might force Chungking to accept peace terms.

The German purpose was said to be the release of the Japanese army and air force now pinned down in China for thrusts in other directions in the orient.

The outcome, Nanking quarters suggested, depended upon Japanese-American negotiations and whether these resulted in lessening the flow of supplies to Chiang Kai-Shek.

Drying up of supply sources might bring a collapse of morale at Chungking, it was said, because of a pretty general feeling among the war-weary populace that China has done her share of fighting.

However, flat rejection of Japan's demands and a speeding of supplies to Chungking probably would spur the Chinese to fight on, these quarters said.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—United States aid in the battle of the Atlantic has enabled Britain to delegate to the Pacific the sort of ships (that is, battleships) needed to meet a "really great naval power," an authoritative source said yesterday.

The informant meant Japan, whose strength in capital ships is far superior to that of the Italian or German navies. Against the axis Britain needs lighter craft.

The source plainly indicated that Britain had increased her naval power in the far east in the face of Japanese ambitions, recalling Prime Minister Churchill's recent declaration of readiness to join the United States "within the hour" in any fight with Japan.

Forum Luncheon Put Off Until December 15

Due to various conflicts and activities, there will be no Roseburg chamber of commerce forum luncheon Monday, it was announced today by Harry Pinniger, secretary. It is planned, he reports, to resume the forum luncheons Dec. 15, at which time the program will be in celebration of Bill of Rights day, which has been proclaimed by the president and the governor of Oregon.

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ment, said Superior Judge James M. Allen:

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CAVEMEN ACT ADVERSELY TO GABLE'S AID APPEAL

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP)—A preliminary private plea to the Oregon cavemen, Governor Sprague's authorized defenders of the state's borders, that they and Josephine county withdraw opposition to Gilbert E. Gable's secession movement, failed to sway the local tribe at Cave Junction last night.

Gable declared that his years of experience as a corporation public relations counsel convinced him the cavemen would obtain "ten times more publicity" by joining the 49th state parade of Curry, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc and Lassen counties.

Unconvinced, chief bighorn Sherman Dahl's raiding party took Gable captive on the American Legion hall platform, where he was released only on plea of Elwood Hussey, legionnaire and Cave Junction founder, that the Port Orford mayor had been invited to speak under a flag of truce, which was produced.

Already, said Gable, he has received a telegram from Oakland, California, declaring that an unnamed corporation there has been formed to establish a "chrome refinery" at Port Orford. Tourist cabins are full in Curry county, and numerous people are driving and flying from New York city to investigate his claims that the district is rich in minerals and

lumber which are being purposefully throttled by eastern capital, he declared.

Gable is talked of as first governor for the new "state of Jefferson."

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Oregon Assistance To Aged Increases

SALEM, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Old age assistance benefits in Oregon during the first 10 months of 1941 totaled \$4,603,287, increases of \$230,000 and \$200,000 over the similar periods of 1940 and 1939, respectively.

During October, 21,397 persons were receiving pensions, largest total in history. Benefits during the month totaled \$495,374, compared with \$402,770 in October, 1940.

Unemployment compensation benefits during the 10 months totaled \$2,133,745, lowest in the four-year history of jobless insurance. The total was about \$1,600,000 less than the benefits paid during the similar periods in each 1940 and 1939, and less than half of the 10-month figures for 1938. October benefits were \$84,053, compared with \$198,655 in October, 1940.

General assistance during the first 10 months of this year totaled \$2,037,696, about the same as the figures for similar periods of the two previous years. The October figure was \$172,556, compared with \$232,191 in October, 1940.

Boyd Parker Transferred To Missouri Air Base

Boyd H. Parker of Roseburg, who recently enlisted in the army air corps, has been transferred from the reception center at Fort Douglas, Utah, to Jefferson barracks, according to word received here today. So far he has not been given definite assignment.

Stock and Bond Averages

STOCKS				
Nov. 29.	30	15	15	60
	Ind's	RR's	Ut's	St's
Saturday	55.9	15.4	28.6	38.8
Prev. day	56.0	15.4	28.7	38.9
Month ago	57.9	16.3	30.3	40.5
Year ago	53.1	16.3	34.5	44.0
1941 high	63.9	19.0	35.5	45.0
1941 low	54.8	15.3	28.7	38.9
BONDS				
	20	10	10	10
	RR's	Ind's	Ut's	Fgn.
Saturday	62.0	104.9	101.8	46.0
Prev. day	62.9	104.9	101.7	46.0
Month ago	62.8	105.0	102.1	48.9
Year ago	59.5	105.8	99.7	37.6
1941 high	65.5	105.4	102.2	51.4
1941 low	60.2	104.2	99.0	38.0

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Tank Battle Renewed In Desert of Libya

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tanks and the railway station, engine shed and freight yards.

ITALY CLAIMS CAPTURE OF BRITONS, WITH GENERAL

ROME, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The destruction of a British motorized brigade in bitter fighting on the central Libyan front and the capture of more than 1,000 prisoners, including the commander of the brigade, were announced today by the Italian high command.

The general's name was given variously as James Scargos, the high command reported. (The British acknowledged that the fifth South African brigade had been "surprised" by axis troops at Rezegh early this week, and said yesterday that losses would not exceed 1,200 men, including prisoners taken. They said then that men still were escaping and that the final casualty figure might be smaller.)

Six additional war correspondents and radio reporters with British forces in Libya were disclosed by Italian authorities today to have been captured by fascist troops, raising the total number of newsmen-prisoners to eight.

Among them was Edward Ward, war commentator for the BBC, and five unidentified representatives of South African press and radio organizations.

Italian authorities announced yesterday they had captured Geoffrey H. P. Anderson of the Associated Press, London, and Harold Denny of the New York Times.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Commenting on the Italian claim of the capture of another British general, an informed British source said "we've heard of four versions of the name and there is no general with a name even remotely like any of them in the neighborhood" of the Libyan battle.

VICHY FORCED TO YIELD AFRICAN BASES TO AXIS

LONDON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Advices from foreign sources reported that France has yielded to Germany the important North African air bases of Rabat, Meknes, Stax and Gabes and the naval base and port at Bizerte. The reports could not be confirmed in British or American circles here.

According to these reports German ground crews, officers and personnel already are arriving at the bases in French Morocco and Tunisia along the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts of northwestern Africa.

Small groups of Germans also were said to be filtering into France's old line of fortifications

between Tunisia and Tripolitania.

One foreign source took this as confirmation of reports of German demands on beaten France for free movement of troops through the French North African colonies, and expressed the belief that Germans and Italians might be arranging a stand along the Tunisia-Tripolitania frontier if the British win the battle of Libya.

This source said he had heard from travelers that German submarines already were using France's Moroccan ports as regular refueling stations.

He said the Vichy government apparently was attempting to resist some of the German demands—such as handing over the French navy and permitting full use of all important French ports.

ANTI-AXIS PORTUGUESE OFFICIAL FACES TRIAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The German radio said today that the governor-general of Angola (Portuguese West Africa) had been relieved of his duties and would be tried on charges of having "cooperated" with England and the Free French government of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

The German report said that the governor-general now was en route to Lisbon and was expected to reach the Portuguese capital at the end of next week, where he would stand trial.

WILBUR

WILBUR, Nov. 29, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barneberg spent Thanksgiving at Brownsville with Mr. and Mrs. George Ayers and family. They also stopped in Salem to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jess Humphreys.

Mrs. Alan Wickham and Miss Kay Godley of Portland, spent Thanksgiving holidays visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pinkston of Oakland were Wilbur visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Deardorff of Oakland spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. Ralph Sands.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baird spent the week-end visiting the former's sister and brother-in-law at Toledo.

The Misses Irene, Mazie and Olive Walker of Deer Creek and Mrs. D. E. Moon were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Grubbe and son, Nelson, from Leburg, Oregon, were visiting relatives and friends in Wilbur Friday.

Mrs. Virgil Smith and daughter, Virginia, and Mrs. Nettie Smith of Oakland, went to Marshfield Sunday morning to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Roy Smith. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon La Rant and family spent Thanksgiving at Kellogg, where they attended a family dinner at the J. Ross Hutchinson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Sands went to Portland Thursday to spend a few days visiting the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tipton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson and two sons, Roger and Glenn, of Oakland, California, and Mrs. Viola Wilson and daughter, Leota, of Roseburg, were calling on Wilbur friends Friday.

Mrs. Medford Jones of Eugene called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baird Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Winniford and daughter, Laurie Lee, and son, Harold, of Garden Valley, had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barneberg.

Tiller Visitors Here—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lowell, of Tiller, were here Friday attending to business.

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