

For Christmas Give U.S. Defense Savings BONDS and STAMPS at STORES - BANKS POST OFFICES

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That was the U. S. navy's score in attacks on the Japanese, according to the report today of Admiral Hart. Details are coming later. They'll be relayed to NEWS-REVIEW readers promptly and accurately.

U. S. SUBMARINES SCORE IN TWO ATTACKS

ROSEBURG BLACKOUT ENFORCEMENT DECREED BY NEW CITY ORDINANCE

Council Sets Penalty For Disobedience

Rules, Patterned After Portland Law, Listed For All Civilians

The Roseburg city council, meeting Tuesday afternoon in an emergency session, adopted an ordinance providing penalties up to \$250 for violation of blackout regulations and civilian defense restrictions.

"I can't conceive that we should ever have to enforce any of the penalties provided in this ordinance," Mayor Young declared following the unanimous passage of the measure. "I believe the people of Roseburg are the type of patriotic people that will make every effort and sacrifice to cooperate during this emergency. If there is a person in our city who isn't of such a mind, I want to find out about it, and we'll be ready to deal with him to the full extent of the penalties we are able to provide."

The ordinance, which is patterned after the approved type of law passed by several other Oregon municipalities, is instructive, as well as regulatory, laying down the rules necessary for individual and community safety.

The ordinance, in effect, makes the rules and regulations of the county defense council, with regard to blackouts and defense measures, of the same weight as city laws, and provides penalties. The defense council may issue formal orders from time to time, as emergencies require and these immediately come within the scope of the ordinance.

Major Order Issued One such order has been promulgated by the council, requiring that all exterior lights, and all interior lights which might be visible from the outside, be extinguished when the property concerned is left unoccupied. The order applies principally to stores and business establishments and requires proprietors to extinguish lights upon leaving the place of business. The order is required, it is stated, because of delays encountered in getting merchants downtown to turn off forgotten lights.

In another case a time clock (Continued on page 6)

Response Good To Red Cross Appeal

Good progress is being made throughout the county on the Red Cross war fund campaign, according to reports received at the office of the Douglas county chapter. The drive has not been made in Roseburg to date, but in several other communities there has been a very ready response to the appeal.

The county chapter is striving to reach a goal of \$5,000 as its share in the \$50,000,000 national quota.

The money will be used to provide relief for civilian populations in case of bombings or other war-caused disasters; carry on greatly increased work with the armed forces, as outlined in M-day regulations of the army and navy, and to carry on the usual war-time services of the Red Cross.

The campaign for the war fund, it is reported, is in some cases, particularly in Roseburg, overlapping the annual roll call, and persons so far not contacted for the roll call are asked to at least double their contributions when contacted by war fund solicitors. The canvass of the business district of Roseburg will be started in the near future by teams from each of the service clubs, which are organizing the drive this week.

Douglas County Buys \$100,000 Worth of United States Defense Savings Bonds



Pictured above are Douglas county officers who were instrumental in arranging the investment of \$100,000 of surplus funds of the Douglas county treasury in national defense savings bonds. Pictured are (seated) from left, Commissioners H. B. Roadman, J. Ross Hutchinson and Judge D. N. Busenbark. Standing, District Attorney J. V. Long, Harry Pargeter, chairman of the county defense bonds sales; County Clerk Roy Agee and County Treasurer Oliver Johnson.

Purchase of \$100,000 worth of defense bonds with surplus funds from the Douglas county treasury has been authorized by the county court, it was announced here today by County Judge D. N. Busenbark. A resolution adopted by the court, authorizes the purchase of \$50,000 worth of bonds in December and a like amount in January. H. O. Pargeter, bond sale chairman for Douglas county, has been instructed to make necessary arrangements for the transaction.

The county, Judge Busenbark reports, has accumulated approximately \$225,000 treasury surplus, largely due to the sale of timber lands secured by the county through delinquent tax sales. Some of the money also represents delinquent tax payments.

Because of the surplus it was decided recently to levy no county tax for the first six months of 1942, other than a general road tax, and approximately \$125,000 of the surplus will be used to carry county government until the new budget is formed for the 1942-43 fiscal year.

Double Purpose Served Investment of the remaining \$100,000 in defense bonds has been authorized not only as a patriotic act, but as an actual financial benefit for the county, Judge Busenbark said, as the county's balance is drawing no interest at present. The court also was actuated by the possibility of a post-war depression, and the money invested in defense bonds will act as a reserve in the event of major tax delinquencies at some future date, Judge Busenbark said.

Legality of the transaction was approved by District Attorney J. V. Long. The program was worked out by County Treasurer Oliver Johnson and County Clerk Roy Agee.

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Bolivia Nips Sabotage Plot Aimed at Metals

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A German plot to halt the export of Bolivian metals to the United States by sabotaging railroads running to the Chilean ports or Arica and Antofagasta has been thwarted, according to information received here today.

It also was learned that the Bolivian government had imposed a rigid censorship but whether this was connected with the reported Nazi plot was not clear. Bolivia produces considerable tin and lead all of which is going to the United States under a purchase agreement.

Quake in Formosa Rips Jap Bases

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—(Official radio received by A. P.)—One hundred and ninety persons were killed and 164 injured this morning by an earthquake in southern Formosa, the overseas affairs ministry announced today.

A total of 612 houses were razed and there was some damage to railways and other communications, the ministry added.

(The Japanese island, off the southeast China coast and little more than 200 miles north of the northern Luzon coast, has several air bases from which attacks have been launched on the Philippine islands. It is likely that these fields are in the southern part hit by the quake.)

(The fact that the Japanese acknowledged damage to railways and other communications indicated the possibility that military effort based on Formosa might be impaired.)

(Formosa, along with the Chinese island of Hainan, off the south China coast, long has served as a base for Japanese troops and training point. Formosa is believed to have served as a great proving ground for new weapons and warfare techniques, such as Poland was used by the Germans after the occupation.)

3 Killed, 9 Injured in Two Train Accidents

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The west bound Katy flyer, passenger train of the M. K. T., crashed head-on into the standing eastbound flyer four miles north of here early today, killing three trainmen and injuring five other railroad employees.

No passengers were hurt seriously. The dead: P. H. Handley, Sedalia, Mo., engineer. F. M. Truett, Sedalia, Mo., engineer. Richard Snell, New Franklin, Mo., fireman.

DALHART, Texas, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Four persons were injured today when six cars of a west-bound Rock Island passenger derailed at Naravisa, 56 miles southwest of Dalhart.

Civilian Defense Plans Discussed

A large number of ex-service men were present last night for the meeting called by Umpqua post of the American Legion at the Knights of Pythias hall to hear speakers explain plans for civilian defense. The speakers, including Harry Pinniger, county defense coordinator; E. R. Walton, executive officer; V. J. Miceli, district commander of the American Legion and Ellen Post, executive secretary of the American Red Cross, discussed various phases of the program.

The veterans were advised of the departments being used in civilian defense and were told of the work being done in providing training in first aid by the Red Cross. Plans also were discussed for formation of a unit of veterans to function as an armed, military unit to serve in cases of disaster or other emergency.

Defense Bond Sale Heads Slated Here Tonight

Ray Conway, state administrator of the organization for sale of defense bonds, will be in attendance from Portland tonight at the meeting of the county defense bonds committee, H. O. Pargeter, local chairman announced today. Glenn Jackson, Medford, regional administrator, also will be present. The two officers will explain the various plans of campaign and functions of committees and committee members. All members of the county committee are urged by Mr. Pargeter to be present for the meeting which will be held at the blue room of the Umpqua hotel, instead of in the Douglas Abstract company office, as previously scheduled.

Motor Funds Yield Douglas County \$27,667

Douglas county has been allotted the sum of \$27,667 from the state motor vehicle funds, it was announced today by Secretary of State Earl Snell. The funds are distributed twice each year, on a basis of the number of cars registered from the county. Douglas county's share in the state total of \$1,200,000 is based upon registration of 9,242 vehicles.

Nazis Gloomy At Reverses On 2 Fronts

Defeat by Reds, Nearing Debacle in Africa Are Reflected in Reports

By the Associated Press Russia proclaimed a series of smashing new victories in the war with Germany today, and for the first time Adolf Hitler's high command wryly acknowledged that the German invasion armies were "shortening their lines" along the soviet front and were hard-pressed on the defensive in North Africa.

In perhaps the gloomiest Nazi communique of the entire war—giving the German people at least an inkling that the tide of conquest has been thrown into reverse—the high command reported: "In the course of transition from aggressive operations to stationary warfare for the winter months, necessary improvements involving the shortening of lines now are being systematically undertaken on various sectors of the eastern front."

But soviet dispatches pictured the Germans in headlong flight, by no means effecting a strategic withdrawal, with a Moscow communique declaring: "The fleeing enemy is being pursued and annihilated by our troops."

Nazis Winter Plan Upset Red army soldiers who recaptured strategic Kallinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, said they found that German troops had built four-tiered plank beds in houses throughout the Kallinin zone "evidently intending to spend the winter there."

Moreover, the official Berlin radio spokesman shifted in a broadcast from comment on the exploits of "our victorious German army" to a discourse on the "unbelievable difficulties" under which Nazi troops were fighting in Russia.

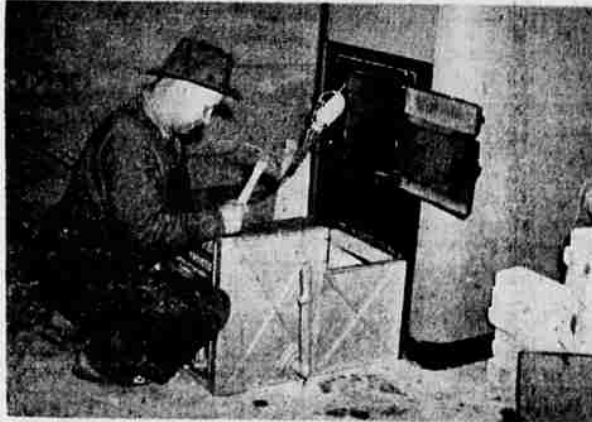
Soviet front-line dispatches said the Germans were retreating. (Continued on page 6)

Raid on Hawaii Sends 11,303 Recruits to Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Enlistment of 11,303 men in the navy in the eight days immediately following the Japanese attack on Hawaii was announced by the navy today as "indicating the response of the nation's man power to the threat against the nation."

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



CURTIS CALKINS briskly engaged in the installation of a sawdust burner at the new home of Fred (Jr.) Chapman in Laurelwood. Curtis is Roseburg agent for the manufacturer of the unit, and has installed over 300 commercial and residential burners here.

I could write a book on what I don't know about sawdust burners. In fact, I've written a lot about it. I've got one; but am seldom on speaking terms with it. "Oh," Curtis tells me, "you'll come to get along with it all right. The only thing I can think of is that it may be sucking a little air around its collar. I'll be over and look into that one of

Fleet's Prowl of Japanese Waters Puts Alarm in Foe

Sea War Off Malaya Still In Hot Stage

Japs Land in Borneo, but Get No Booty; Hongkong Resistance Continues

(By the Associated Press) British headquarters in Singapore acknowledged today that Japanese troops had landed in Sarawak on the northwest coast of Borneo, British-protected domain of the famous "white rajah," Sir Charles Brooke, within 300 miles bombing range of Singapore itself and 600 miles from Manila.

A Batavia communique said a Dutch bomber scored a direct hit on a Japanese destroyer covering hostile landing operations at Miri, Sarawak, close to the frontier between Sarawak and British North Borneo. The southern part of Borneo is Dutch.

Oil was an obvious objective at Miri but the Batavia radio said "everything was destroyed before the Japanese could land. * * * Even oil plants at the port of Miri have disappeared."

The air ministry news service at London declared today that the Japanese are using German fighter planes—in the air battle of Malaya.

Japs Seek Quick Kayo. With the Japanese throwing their land, sea and air forces into a spreading offensive around the South China sea, military experts said Tokyo war strategy evidently aimed at a quick knock-

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Fire Threat at Bandon Mill Under Inquiry

BANDON, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Police investigated today a fire, apparently originating in the center of a pile of green lumber, which threatened to destroy the Moore Mill & Lumber company despite high wind and rain yesterday.

Firemen, who said the pile burned as though inflammable material was involved, saved 1,000,000 board feet of lumber, the mill and the wharf.

Jap Attacks On Johnson, Maui Islands 'Weak'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The navy department announced today that there were no injuries to personnel during the Japanese attack on Johnston island, which was reported late yesterday.

The navy described the action by Japanese naval forces as "weak."

Earlier, the war department said the shelling of Kahului, on the island of Maui, by an enemy submarine yesterday caused only slight damage to a loading platform of a pineapple company and that there were no casualties.

Johnston, 717 miles southwest of Hawaii, was attacked by Japanese naval units at dusk of an unspecified day, possibly Monday, at about the same time that a Japanese submarine attacked the Hawaiian shipping center of Kahului, only about 95 miles from Pearl harbor.

About 10 shells were fired in the Maui attack, the army said.

The army announced also it was investigating reports that a disabled Japanese airplane and a pilot were found on Niihau, a small island in the western portion of the Hawaiian group.

The island is approximately 100 miles northwest of Oahu, on which Honolulu is situated. Niihau, privately owned, is listed only as a sheep ranch.

House Urged To Follow Senate In Draft Age Change

Reduction in Minimum Age From 21 to 19 Voted On Appeal From Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts rebuked the house military committee today and asked the representatives to approve legislation to require military training for men from 19 to 44, inclusive, rather than 21 to 44, inclusive.

Criticizing the committee for rejecting a request by President Roosevelt and the war department that men below 21 be inducted into service, McCormack said:

"We cannot have too many leaders in this crisis. I can not accept their (the committee members') judgment instead of that of the president of the United States and his military advisers. "They should not challenge the judgment of the president and of General Marshall."

McCormack was referring to General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff.

He said the committeemen might be "great military leaders and great tacticians" but he could not accept the committee's decision on age limit.

McCormack said Rep. Andrews (R., N. Y.) would sponsor an amendment to restore the war department's age brackets.

Rep. Thomason (D-Tex.), replying to McCormack, said that no member of the military committee "set himself up as superior to the war department" and asked the members for a "dispassionate patriotic" study of the legislation.

All-Out War Wanted Andrews told the house "I propose an all out war, with seven million in the air corps, and one million in the navy." He said his amendment would make the house conform to that approved unanimously by the senate military committee.

The senate, responding to Mr. Roosevelt's appeal, yesterday voted unanimously to make all able-bodied men from 19 through 44 liable for military service.

Under the legislation, men from 18 to 64, inclusive, would have to register, but only the 19-44 age group actually could be drafted for military service.

Defenders Of Luzon Smash 26 Jap Planes

Invasion Halt Leads to Idea Foe Reorganizing For Fresh Attempt

(By the Associated Press) Japan took alarm today at the reported presence of 20 U. S. submarines operating in Japanese waters even as Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, announced that American submarines had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old conflict and scored success in two out of three attacks.

U. S. army headquarters in Manila reported also that at least 26 Japanese planes had been destroyed yesterday at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, where the Japanese still maintained one of their three toeholds on Luzon island.

Admiral Hart's cryptical statement did not identify the victims of the American counterblows—whether Japanese warships or merchant craft—or the locale of the sinkings.

It seemed plausible, however, that the United States was tightening a blockade around the Mikado's densely-populated island empire.

Admiral Hart declared that United States submarines had "made two successful attacks" and a third which failed to achieve its objective.

Hart said the defensive plan drawn up for the Asiatic fleet before the war called for counterblows in the event of Japanese aggression.

He said the fleet was not "entirely ready" for Japan's surprise attack but nevertheless had been following its pre-arranged defensive plan with minor adjustments.

Why Marines Withdrew. Of the surrender of 200 United (Continued on page 6)

Auto Tires, Tubes to Go On Rationing Basis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—OPM officials said today that the prohibition on manufacture of automobile tires and tubes, except to fill top defense orders, would be extended until the first week in January.

The original order, effective December 11, was to have expired December 22 and was described as preliminary to direct rationing of tires to civilian consumers.

Designed to halt a consumer's buying wave which developed after the Japanese attack on American island possessions in the Pacific, the prohibition bars tire stores, both wholesale and retail, filling stations, automobile dealers or other persons from selling any type of new automobile, truck, bus, motorcycle or farm implement tire or tube except on high defense preference ratings.

Italy-Gripped Albania Declares War on U. S.

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stefani, the Italian official news agency, reported today from Tirana that Albania had declared war on the United States.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY TRINKETS FOR THE TREE! Buy Christmas Seals