

Diplomas Awarded At Myrtle Creek

MYRTLE CREEK, June 6.—Graduating exercises of Myrtle Creek high school and eighth grade were held Thursday. There were 15 graduates from high school and 17 in eighth grade.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Clyde Beard, principal of Roseburg high school.

Mrs. Thomas Ireland played the processional and recessional marches.

Vocal solos were sung by Wm. Lawrence and Mrs. John Gibson. Tresa McMannis played a piano solo.

Principal Thomas Ireland presented the scholarship plaques to Verl Stinson, salutatorian, and Vera Moore, valedictorian. These students also received the Danforth Foundation awards.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates as follows: Louise Briggs, Lucille Wineberger, Dean Appiebee, Evelyn Clayton, Elliott Clayton, Raymond Sellers, Francis Sitter, Harry Smith, Donna Jones, Vera Moore, Nelson Rust, Donald Hanna, Gordon Dyer and Verl Stinson.

A note of sadness was felt as the class recalled that one who spent the freshman year with them, Seaman 1st Class Erbert E. Carson, of Roseburg, is reported missing by the navy department.

Most of the teachers are expecting to be employed elsewhere next year. Miss May Gross is the only grade teacher who has signed her contract to come back. Leland Harter who taught in Riddle this year, will teach the 7th and 8th grades in Myrtle Creek next year and will also be athletic coach for boys.

Eighth grade diplomas were presented to the following graduates: Fred Jones, Margaret Epping, Elton Donelon, Wallace Richardson, Eula Wilson, Sybil Eckstein, Phyllis Hayes, Betty Briggs, Mary Osborn, Calla Shaw, Keith Gordon, Helen Mae Caswell, Billy Rice, Homer Abbott, Betty Ady, Delora Hurst and Ralph Hecathorn.

Revenue Goal Calls for Sales Tax, Contention

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fore completing its labors. The prospects were that the committee would come to grips next week with the alternatives of sales taxes or excise taxes.

Axis Hitting Power Wanes in Half Year

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have lost much of the initiative which they appeared to have had firmly in grasp only a month or two ago.

Possibly the most important of these is that the Germans have been unable to start any general campaign to destroy Russia but so far have been forced into a saw fighting with a Russian army that gives every appearance of being able to hold its own until a second front can be opened by British and American troops in western Europe.

Meanwhile Germany's spring offensive in Africa appears to have been held, and industries in Germany itself are suffering heavily from British bombardment.

What Will Japs Do? What the Japanese themselves may do in an effort to secure their already enormous conquests in east Asia and the western Pacific is a puzzle.

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Crippled Jap Fleet in Retreat From Midway, Pursued by U. S. Forces

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ship has been sunk by a Japanese submarine off the coast of New South Wales but survivors said they believed the undersea raider was sunk by an allied plane only a few minutes after their vessel went down.

Sinking of two Japanese submarines and probably a third off the east coast of Australia was reported in an allied communique at Melbourne yesterday. It was not immediately clear whether the Melbourne dispatch referred to these or to still another submarine.

They said their ship, which was the second victim of the Japanese in the same area this week, broke in two and sank within 30 seconds of the torpedo explosion.

Clinging to the roof of the deckhouse which was blown clear by the blast, they saw an allied plane swoop within 20 feet of the water and release three bombs, the last of which exploded at the spot where they believed the submarine was cruising just beneath the surface.

Japs Taken By Surprise

The size of the United States forces involved in the battle was veiled by military secrecy, but apparently the Japanese were taken by complete surprise. The mention of troop transports indicated that the enemy expected to subdue the small island garrison quickly by aerial assault and then send landing parties to take over control.

Instead, the island suddenly erupted with violent counter-attacks sufficient to beat off the invaders in short order.

The fight for Midway is for the last island outpost west of Hawaii still in United States hands. Guam and Wake island fell to the Japanese, the latter after an epic struggle of marines whose death blows to Jap ships made the price paid for victory a costly one. But Midway held on, turning aside shelling submarines and bombing planes so valorously that Admiral Nimitz went to the island to decorate the defenders personally.

Midway's outpost is poised like a dagger over Japan's Marshall islands to the southwest and the enemy's big gamble, its first with such heavy and costly armament in all the battle it has waged at sea to date, was indicative of its determination to knock out the possible stepping stone to a westward resurgence of the United States in the Pacific.

Tokyo Claims Successes Imperial headquarters at Tokyo announced today that naval units had sunk four enemy submarines off Tokyo bay in the latter part of May and early June.

Capt. Hiraide, spokesman of the navy press section, declared that "our imperial navy, which has placed the eastern half of the Indian ocean under its control, is now operating along the eastern coast of Africa in swift pursuit of British warships."

The spokesman perhaps was referring to Japanese submarines at Madagascar. There have been no independent reports of other Japanese naval units off Africa.

Turning to the submarine attack on Sydney harbor in Australia the night of May 31 he declared "American and Australian aircraft failed to discover the presence of Japanese naval vessels off the coast of Australia."

"The fact that Sydney, the most important southern Australian port and the heart of the commonwealth, was the target of a bewildering Japanese assault must surely awaken the Australian people to the utter weakness of Australian defense under so-called American protection," he added.

Allied announcements said four midget submarines were sunk at Sydney and two, perhaps three, more off the east coast.

RAF Again Hammers Ruhr Region, Coastline (Continued from page 1)

Essen, the Ruhr arsenal, on Monday night. The British reported 13 planes lost.

"This would have been big stuff before this week's bomber surge," said one returning Canadian pilot who told of unloading a cargo of explosives "on the target."

All fliers reported strong anti-aircraft and searchlight defenses.

A well-posted source said the

RAF had thrown more than 3,000 night bombers against Germany in the week ended with last night's raids. The losses were 113, and were estimated at just under four per cent of the assault forces.

"Only the weather will halt the offensive," it was said. The air ministry reported the night targets were within the Ruhr without identifying the cities attacked.

BRITISH OPEN NEW DRIVE ON AXIS IN LIBYA

CAIRO, June 6.—(AP)—British tanks and infantry attacked axis positions west of Knights Bridge Thursday night, opening a drive which was sustained successfully throughout yesterday by armored forces, British general headquarters announced today.

Knights Bridge, a desert trail crossing about 15 miles southwest of Tobruk, is roughly 20 miles east of where British and axis forces have been sparring in a seeming preliminary to resumption of the 12-day-old Libyan battle in which Field Marshal Rommel is said to have lost 340 tanks.

"The initial phase of the attack was successful," the war bulletin said, "and fighting by armored forces followed throughout the day (yesterday)."

On the northern part of the battle line, South African troops were said to have attacked axis strong points and captured some prisoners. The southern end, at Bir Hacheim, the inland anchor of the 50-mile British line, apparently was quiet.

It was believed the axis commander still had an equal number of tanks fit for action in the fighting zone, mostly concentrated in the "devil's cauldron" area east of the gap which his armored columns cut through the British minefields.

COLOGNE 'LOST FOREVER,' RESULT OF RAF RAID

LONDON, June 6.—(AP)—British bombers devastated more than 5,000 acres of Cologne—roughly eight square miles—in the first of the RAF's 1,000-bomber raids this week on the Ruhr and Rhineland, the air ministry disclosed today.

Railway workshops in Nippes, suburb of the big war industry town, were hit hard, photographs of the attack showed.

An air ministry source declared that "the greater part of the old town of Cologne is finished."

(Cologne newspapers reaching Bern yesterday said the old Rhineland city, as its people had known it, was "lost forever" and described a scene of desolation with some sections still burning and "whole quarters of the town empty.")

Among the big factories smashed by high explosives and burned out by the spreading flames, the air ministry source said, were the vast Vulkan works, the Rheinfelz plant and K. G. Mauser, producers of arms and steel for the German war machine.

He said an area of 660,000 square yards in the Ehrenfeld district northwest of the city, where thousands of industrial workers are housed, had been scorched and flattened.

A close examination on reconnaissance pictures of the district showed nothing but row on row of ruined homes, he said.

The east end of the great Hindenburg bridge which crossed the Rhine at the heart of the town was said to have been hit squarely with a heavy bomb.

Cologne's famed 14th century cathedral, overlooking the Rhine near the bridge, was said to have shown no signs of direct hits in the reconnaissance pictures, but

three areas west of it apparently were devastated.

RAF ALSO RAIDS ITALY: NAPLES BATTLES FIRES

ROME (from Italian broadcast) June 6.—(AP)—The RAF raided Naples and its environs last night, setting fires, and also dropped flares on the province of Littoria, the Italian high command communique announced today.

The communique said the fires in Naples were brought under control quickly and no important property damage was caused. One person was killed and another injured, it said.

Five Axis Aliens Nabbed; Contraband Confiscated

SEATTLE, June 6.—(AP)—Five axis aliens were arrested in Seattle and Spokane yesterday, headquarters of the federal bureau of investigation said today. Three Italians and one German were seized here and one German was taken into custody in Spokane.

Seven short wave radios, one rifle, one revolver, 111 cartridges and three cameras were seized as contraband here. In Spokane, two rifles, a radio, a camera and 106 cartridges were confiscated.

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