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Annual Meeting Of Roseburg Chamber Set

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which 6 directors will be elected. The list to be submitted to the membership includes Dr. Ed. Boring, Frank Ward, Wallace Rapp, Henry Carstens, Horace Berg, Richard Coen, Earl Wiley, Paul Helwig, Morgan Lawson, Paul Lund, Jack Harris and Paul Abele.

Elliott Succeeds Henninger

The board, following the election, will be organized by selecting the president, vice-president and other officers. It has been the practice in past years to elect the vice-president of the preceding year to the office of president. This will not be possible this year, however, as L. E. Henninger, who served as vice-president in 1942, has resigned from the board, due to the fact that his work during 1943 will take him out of town much of the time. The directors last night appointed Bruce Elliott to serve the remaining year of Mr. Henninger's term.

A delegation from the Douglas County Taxpayers league met with the chamber directors last night to discuss the proposal to divide the county into districts for the election of county commissioners. The directors agreed with the principle that the remote sections of the county should have county court representation, and it was agreed that the matter would be given further consideration after the measure has been formally prepared into a bill for submission to the state legislature. The league delegation reported that the attorney general is to be asked to prepare the bill. The league delegation included R. R. Clark, Harry Rice, G. N. Riddle and Henry Ryckert.

Security Act Broadening Sought by Roosevelt

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one to study sympathetically and to work out with fairness to all. New Plan Being Created

He was asked whether he had

"Yours, Ma'am?"



Soviet Tide Sweeps Nearer to Rostov Goal

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miles from Rostov represented a 10-mile gain since yesterday, when Red army vanguards reached the Sal river town of Bolshaya Bolovka.

Nazis Admit Retreat

The Nazi radio belatedly acknowledged to the German people what the outside world has known for weeks—i. e., that the German armies are on the run.

Even this admission was couched in terms of utmost restraint and gave no inkling of the disastrous turn of the tide.

"German troops in the eastern Caucasus completed, according to schedule, the shortening of front lines by withdrawing advanced strongholds it became known in Berlin Thursday night," the broadcast said.

"Soviet attacks on rear guards were frustrated despite the massed employment of tanks."

By contrast, Soviet dispatches pictured the German invasion armies in headlong retreat, with the Russians overrunning scores of towns in the Caucasus and lower Don valley, threatening to trap all the hundreds of thousands of axis soldiers east of Rostov, and squeezing ever more tightly around the remnants of 22 German divisions encircled before Stalingrad.

Nazis Burn Villages

Frontline advisers said the Germans were battling desperately to keep open a corridor into the Caucasus, but declared the Red army was steadily battering its way through massed tanks and infantry.

Hitler's armies of the Caucasus, wearily slogging down the long road back, were reported burning villages and scattering thousands of land mines in an effort to impede the triumphant Soviets.

While the Berlin radio frankly if cautiously admitted Nazi setbacks, Hitler's field headquarters asserted that German troops engaged in "heavy but successful defensive fighting" on three major front—Caucasus, Don and northwest of Stalingrad.

The Nazi command said German counterattacks inflicted heavy losses on the Russians and beat off strong Red army tank and infantry forces.

A series of bulletins and Red army headquarters said tanked Soviet infantry columns had stormed into more than 40 additional towns and villages in the Caucasus during the last 24 hours.

"Our troops, breaking the resistance of the enemy and wiping out his manpower, continue to advance," the Russian command said, referring to the lower Don offensive.

Simultaneously, Reuter's (British News Agency) dispatch from Moscow reported that Russian troops sweeping westward across the flat and barren Kalmuk steppes in the Caucasus had raced within 40 miles of a junction with north-bound Soviet columns.

Germany, Sicily Blasted

Other major developments in the global war: Aerial warfare—allied bombers smashing at both sides of Hitler's "European fortress" attacked western Germany overnight and bombed the harbor of Palermo, Sicily, in daylight yesterday.

Italian headquarters listed 46 persons killed and 272 injured at Palermo. The raid was said to have been made by American four-motored planes, and reported "damage in the central part of the town."

Tunisia—a German military spokesman reported that "major action" had developed in northern Tunisia and asserted that axis troops had thrown an attacking British force far back beyond its initial position.

Dispatches from allied headquarters in north Africa said bad weather had closed in again on the northern sector in Tunisia and indicated a lull.

Far to the south, a French and American camel corps, attacking against heavy odds, was reported to have captured the axis outpost at Tanout Maller in the "territory of the oases," killing 250 Italians.

Tanout Maller is 14 miles from Tarat on the Tripolitanian-Algerian frontier, 800 miles south of Tunis and 500 miles southwest of Tripoli. The region lies opposite the Fezzan desert of southwest Libya, where another French column is driving north from Lake Chad in equatorial Africa.

Libya—the lull in land fighting still prevailed, but allied fighter planes reached out within 40 miles of the big axis base at Tripoli to strafe columns of enemy motor transport moving westward along the coastal road.

Will Spend Week-End At Home

—Ken Lucas, of the publicity department of the Standard Oil company, left today for his home in Eugene to spend the week-end. He expects to return here the first of the week to resume his business with the local manager, W. C. Holmes.

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Roosevelt Speech Unity Builder, Ellsworth Says

Congressman Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg, formerly editor of the News-Review, was among the senators and representatives interviewed and quoted yesterday by Earl Godwin, radio news commentator. Congressman Ellsworth was quoted as declaring that in his opinion the report to congress by President Roosevelt was a good speech and in the interest of national unity.

November's election results, some informed legislators expressed the belief privately that Mr. Roosevelt was attaching greater weight to the counseling of conservative members of his party.

This, they said, was evidenced by the manner in which he advocated a broader social security system for all Americans.

It was a new republican congressman from Washington state, Rep. Holmes, who saw political ghosts hovering over the address. He said it "might possible be construed as a good campaign speech for the 1944 presidential election," and added:

"The question might be asked 'did President Roosevelt throw his hat into the ring on Jan. 7, 1943?'"

McNary Kept As Leader
Senate republicans unanimously re-elected Charles L. McNary of Oregon as minority leader today and approved assignments giving them increased representation on standing committees.

In a session so non-controversial in its aspects that McNary commented that "harmony was so thick it ran down my cheeks," the minority conference re-elected Senator White of Maine as its secretary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—The navy reported today that army air forces had again bombed Japanese bases at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands, and Munda, in the Solomons, but that no results were reported.

Proposed legislation included the following:

McNary (R-Ore) (S 45) to increase the annual authorization for forest perpetuation to \$9,000,000; (S 46) to include olives and prunes for canning produced in Oregon and Washington west of the Cascade mountains in the Agricultural Adjustment act; (S 47) to provide a forest credit commissioner and forest credit bank in the farm credit administration; (S 48) to acquire additional land in Deschutes national forest, Oregon; (S 49) authorizing the secretary of agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with land owners for the coordinated management of forests to promote sustained yields; (S 50) to establish a fish cultural station at Clatskanie, Oregon.

Japanese Convoy of 10 Vessels Shattered

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group and three Oregonians among its personnel have won more laurels.

The war department disclosed yesterday in announcing individual decorations to 20 officers and 28 enlisted men that their outfit—the one to which Capt. Colin Kelly belonged has been cited as a unit for the fourth time.

The group's planes have destroyed 350 Japanese planes in the air and about the same number on the ground while sending 200 enemy surface ships to the bottom, war department officials

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