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In the Day's News

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THE amazing Russians pile one achievement on top of another. At the moment when they seem to be closing in definitely on Rostov to write the end to Hitler's Volga-Caspian-Caucasus hopes, they strike a thousand miles to the north and free Leningrad from the grip the Germans have held on it for a year and a half.

RAISING the siege of Leningrad and bringing their second city back into contact with the rest of Russia is quite something in itself, but its outstanding interest to us lies in its demonstration of Russia's reserve STRIKING POWER.

If the Russians can keep it up all winter, Hitler is in a bad way—and delivering powerful blows a thousand miles apart at the same time is the strongest kind of proof that they have a lot of power at their command.

THIS seems to be about what happened at Leningrad:



The Leningrad garrison struck eastward from the Germans at Schlüsselburg, on the Neva river, and at the same time the relieving Russian army struck westward from Volkovstroel on the Volkov river. They met at Schlüsselburg and successfully put the old nut-cracker on the Germans. The accompanying rude sketch is intended to picture this situation. The arrows show the advancing Russians with the Germans in between.

At almost the identical time when the Russians were breaking the German grip on Leningrad, Montgomery was driving Rommel out of the strong point where the desert fox had been licking his wounds and trying to get in reinforcements. What happened is roughly illustrated here:



Rommel had been holed up in the narrow defile between the salt marsh and the Mediterranean, with one flank protected by the marsh and the other by the sea. The main coast road follows

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Annual Meet of Roseburg's Chamber of Commerce Set

Public Bids To Program On Jan 26th

Guest Speaker Will Be Obtained; Local Talent To Give Entertainment

Plans are being completed today for the annual membership meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce to be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Umpqua hotel. This meeting is open to all members and friends of the chamber of commerce. Following the banquet, there will be a program of music, a business session, which will include the annual reports and a discussion of proposed projects, and an address by a guest speaker.

Included in the business meeting, will be a vote on a resolution which would clarify the organization's by-laws with regard to multiple memberships. Under the present system, each firm or individual is entitled to one membership for each \$12 paid annually into the chamber of commerce. Thus some businesses, particularly, hold several voting memberships. It has been customary in the past to hold such memberships in the name of the firm, but it is proposed that in the future they be assigned to specific officers and employees, who shall be listed as active members, available for committee assignment. The plan, if adopted, is expected to greatly increase the working force of the chamber.

Annual District Scout Meet Set in Roseburg

The annual meeting of the Douglas district of the Wallamet Area council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the Umpqua hotel in Roseburg, Thursday, Jan. 28. The dinner meeting will start at 6:45 p. m., and will be open to all persons interested in the Boy Scout program. The business program will include the election of officers, awards of war service plaques, reports of Boy Scouts activities, and an address by a guest speaker.

Russians Advance on Entire Front



The Russians are rolling forward along the entire length of their 1500-mile front. After freeing Leningrad (1) by the capture of the fortress of Schlüsselburg, the reds are now driving hard toward Novgorod, 80 miles to the south. And as the drives against the Germans continue toward Velikie Luki (2) and Voronezh (3) on the central front, another push endangers nazi-held Rostov from newly-captured Millerovo and Kamensk (4). In the Caucasus area, a two-pronged drive from south of Stalingrad (5) endangers Salsk and Maikop in the oil district.

Satellites Of Hitler Giving Up To Russian Army

LONDON, Jan. 22 — Turkish dispatches said today that a wave of panic had swept Hungary as the result of official revelations of frightful Hungarian losses on the Russian front and the cancellation of army leaves, which was apparently taken as warning that more thousands were to be sacrificed.

Reports that reached London yesterday that six of nine Hungarian divisions had been smashed.

Turkey received reports that Hungarian soldiers were surrendering wholesale "in face of superior Russian forces from Siberia."

The Rumanian army, largest of the satellite forces, had been broken and recent Russian communications had told of Italian surrendering, with their officers in groups of up to 5000.

The increasing emphasis which German satellite nations are putting on the terrific striking power of the Russian army was voiced today by Finland. A Finnish wireless commentator said:

"The Russian offensive is of such colossal scope that, compared with it, Russia's winter offensive of 1941-42 resembles only a local operation."

Military quarters have been watching, now that the siege of Leningrad has been broken, for a Russian attack up the Karelian peninsula, which would bring Finland, already bled white, into the front line of major activity.

Tire Inspection Urged by Head of Ration Board Here

The fact that the tire inspection deadlines for motorists holding "A," "B" and "C" gasoline ration books have been postponed does not mean that the vehicle operator should wait until the last minute to have this service performed, according to a statement issued today by Harvey Stark, chairman of OPA's local war price and rationing board.

The modification of the tire inspection program, which was announced by the OPA in Washington a few days ago, allows holders of "A" books until March 31 of this year and provides that the tires must be inspected once every six months.

Holders of "B" and "C" books have until February 28 for tire inspection; "B" book holders must present their cars for tire inspection every four months, and "C" operators, every three months.

"This action was taken by OPA to relieve tire inspectors from a last minute rush which they probably would have been unable to handle," said Mr. Stark. "Now there will be no excuse for those who fail to comply. It should be borne in mind that after these dates, no holder of any of the ration cards will be able to get gasoline unless the tire inspection certificate is produced."

Jack Davis New Manager of Local Auto Supply Store

Jack Davis, employed with the Western Auto Supply company for the past four years, has arrived in Roseburg and has assumed the management of the firm's local store. He succeeds to the position formerly held by G. M. Krell, who has resigned to engage in another line of business activity.

Mr. Davis formerly was located at Corvallis and for the past two years has been manager at Walla Walla, Wash. He reports that he is greatly pleased to be able to return to western Oregon. Mr. Davis was accompanied to Roseburg by Mrs. Davis and their daughter, Glenna, and son, Davey.

Two Large Farms Bought by H. T. Hansen

Purchase of two large farms by H. T. Hansen, local General Motors dealer, from the Herman Marks estate has been concluded following extensive negotiations. Mr. Hansen has acquired the property in Garden valley, abutting the North Umpqua river at Brown's bridge, and also has purchased a total of about 1800 acres. Mr. Hansen reports that he is planning improvements and development of the property as soon as construction restrictions are lifted.

Annual Dimes March Drive Started Here

County Chapter Formed In Program to Battle Infantile Paralysis

The national foundation for infantile paralysis has organized a Douglas County chapter with the following personnel: A. G. Flegel, chairman; Mrs. Donald Helliwell, vice chairman; E. S. McClain, treasurer, and Chas. V. Stanton, secretary. Helping to fill out the board of directors will be Dr. E. J. Wainwright and Mrs. Mary B. Barrett. In addition there will be four additional members on the board of directors from other points in the county appointed in the very near future.

This board is in charge of the money collected into the local fund for the prevention and relief of those afflicted with infantile paralysis. Monies available at the present time for this purpose and anyone needing assistance in this specific regard needs only to contact one of the individuals named.

Dimes March Begun

The annual drive for the march of dimes has started in Roseburg with the distribution of banks at the various retail stores in this city. In the outlying districts material will be in the mail to the various local chairmen just as soon as possible. In addition to this method of collection, a large number of birthday greeting cards, will be mailed to people through the county. These cards are constructed to afford the recipient the privilege of sending a card full of dimes to the president, in honor of his birthday, which has been the original incentive in starting this program. All the money sent in to the local committee or directed to the president or national committee is divided in half. One-half remains with the national chapter and the other returns or stays with the local chapter for the purchase of supplies and medical care for sufferers of this dreaded disease.

A ticket sale for the President's Birthday ball to be held in conjunction with the weekly American Legion dance, will soon be dated. All proceeds of this sale will go direct to the infantile paralysis drive. The dance will be held Saturday, January 30.

Lions Contribute

At the regular Wednesday meeting of the Roseburg Lions club a quiz program was conducted by Bruce Elliot, the program chairman for the night, with the prize for being the smartest Lion present going to Jim Ralston. In the course of the evening a drive was conducted by means of fining members present and the proceeds of \$4.50 were turned over to the local infantile paralysis drive. A guest of the club who obliged by helping out on the piano was C. H. Arundel.

Birth Record Bill Receives Senate O. K.

Certificate May Come From Judge of Court; Sabotage Bill Revived

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22—(AP)—The senate, without a dissenting vote, Thursday approved a bill by Senator W. H. Strayer, Baker county, providing that birth certificates may be obtained for a nominal fee either from circuit or probate judges.

Birth certificates, under the existing laws, are issued by the state board of health. Strayer said he considered his bill of outstanding importance for the reason that it would cure a situation that has caused almost unlimited dissatisfaction in the state. "I wonder sometimes whether the legislature should delegate any important functions to boards and commissions," Strayer declared.

Senator Lew Wallace, Multnomah county, asserted that the payment of many insurance claims has been delayed recently because of the inability to obtain birth certificates under the existing setup.

Vetoed Bill Referred

Upon request of Senator Rex Ellis, Umatilla county, the senate took from the table the vetoed sabotage bill of the 1941 legislative session and referred it to the military committee. The bill provided a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or a penitentiary sentence of not more than ten years, or both such fine and imprisonment, for interfering with war defense properties, and the creation of defense areas.

Ex-Governor Sprague, in vetoing the bill, said his objection was not based so much on the terms of the act as on the history of the abuse of similar legislation during and subsequent to the first world war.

"I would make short shift of the traitor or the saboteur," Ex-Governor Sprague declared, "but I can see in a season of hysteria that this extension of criminal laws might be invoked to cause the wholesale arrest involving many innocent persons."

Ellis, who originally introduced the bill, would not say whether he intends to have it reintroduced at the current legislative session.

Gambling Bill Offered

Important among bills introduced in the senate was one by Senator Wallace providing that all funds recovered in gambling prosecutions, in excess of the court costs and other disbursements, shall revert to the state's common school fund.

The senate game committee reported out unfavorably a bill by Senator Wallace reducing the bounty on wildcats and cougar in the amount of 50 percent. Senator Belton, Clackamas county, and Gibson, Lane county,

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Douglas County Isolated, Power Service Interrupted, Highway Traffic is Impeded

Complete Cessation of All Wire Systems, Slides, Floods Follow Blizzard-Like Blow; Schools in North Part of State Close, Ship Building Slows.

Highway traffic through Roseburg was returning to near normal today while telephone and telegraph crews devoted their energies to restoring broken communication lines which had completely isolated the county from the remainder of the storm-ravaged Pacific northwest. Telephone lines were down in all directions, halting communications on press and radio wires, as well as all long distance telephone lines. Telegraph companies reported they had been able to procure only infrequent periods of contact with outside stations. Trains were being dispatched out of Roseburg to operate as far as Drain on the north and Grants Pass on the south, there to be given orders for further movements. Power lines were kept in operation generally throughout the county, although there were several breaks in service. Oakland and Sutherlin were without electric service for about two hours last night and Riddle and Canyonville also were in darkness temporarily.

Today's Issue Below Par—Here's Reason

If today's issue of the News-Review bears any resemblance to a newspaper, it is purely accidental.

Due to complete breakdown of communication facilities, the News-Review had no leased wire service today and was entirely cut off from its Associated Press source of international, national and state news.

Coupled with power interruptions, flooded stock room and other obstacles it was found necessary to greatly reduce today's news service.

The church news, ordinarily appearing in Friday's issue, will appear instead in Saturday's paper.

Storm Damage to Roads, Bridges Not Extensive

No reports of major damage to county roads or bridges as a result of the current storm have been received by the county court, Judge D. N. Busenbark reported today. Numerous reports, however, are coming in concerning slides, flooded roads and other minor damage, he advises.

The flood waters were reported to have washed out the road at each end of a culvert bridge on the Curry estate. Slides closed the Lee Love road, between Winchester and Garden Valley, and the Boomer hill road. One-way traffic was maintained around slides on the Looking-glass road and the Sunshine road. The Roseburg-Melrose road was closed by high water near the Victor Micelli home, two miles west of Roseburg.

Newcomers Buy Farm From Dan Boone

Mr. and Mrs. George Jorgensen of Hayward, California, have purchased the 75-acre Dan Boone farm, located on the rifle range road, northwest of Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen are making their home on the property, which they plan to stock with registered sheep, poultry and dairy cattle. Mr. Jorgensen retired recently from employment as foreman with the water company at Hayward.

Dan Boone, local railroad employee, has purchased the adjoining 15-acre William Majeskie property, and has moved to that home. Mr. Majeskie has returned to his former home in Nebraska, where he plans to remain.

Highway conditions were reported to be improving. Travel from the south was resumed this morning, when stages due last night managed to get through the Roseburg station about 6 a. m. A storm of blizzard proportions was reported in the Siskiyou district, where the traffic blockade resulted principally from freight trucks stalled across the pavement after skidding into snowbanks. Highway department crews succeeded about midnight in clearing the section of stalled vehicles and removing enough of the snow to permit resumption of traffic. Water was reported receding in the Rogue river valley where deep water blocked the highway temporarily Thursday.

Buses from the north were arriving only slightly behind schedule but drivers reported travelling through water at several points on the highway, particularly in the Sutherlin area. Snow reaching depths of two feet was reported throughout the Willamette valley extending as far south as Drain.

Wire Systems Paralyzed Communication systems were hopelessly tangled today, but it was anticipated that connections with main points north and south would be obtained later today.

The telephone company reported only one circuit in operation, that being an emergency line established to handle army traffic exclusively. The lines piping Mutual Broadcasting system programs into the Roseburg radio station, KRNR, failed Thursday evening, and were still out of operation this morning. The News-Review's Associated Press leased wire was not functioning and it was impossible to obtain bulletins from the news service. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies were both without wire connections and the railroad and power companies had no service on their private telephone lines.

Several city telephone circuits were out of order temporarily, but nearly all had been restored to service today. Lines in rural districts were also seriously affected.

The principal breaks in the communication systems were in the Willamette valley and Rogue river area it was reported, the lines being down between Roseburg and Eugene and Roseburg

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Bulletins From Storm-Hit Areas In Douglas County

OAKLAND—Roads in the Oakland vicinity were open to travel today, after having been flooded in several low spots during the night. School buses were able to cover all routes in transporting pupils to the Oakland schools. The power service was interrupted briefly during the night, but service was restored today.

MYRTLE CREEK—Power company linemen were still struggling today to restore service on the Myrtle Creek distribution system, which suffered several breaks during the wind storm Thursday evening. The lines were broken principally by falling limbs. The telephone company's lines were not damaged. Numerous trees were blown down by the wind. Creeks were reported dropping after having reached flood stage.

CANYONVILLE—Flood water was receding here today after having blocked several roads, and traffic was being restored. No severe damage was suffered in the wind and rain storm of Thursday night. Local mills were forced to suspend operation, but were preparing today to resume work.

Bandsman Krupa Faces Charge



Gene Krupa, right, drum-beating bandsman and idol of millions of jitterbugs, is shown in San Francisco as he was arraigned on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor by permitting a 17-year-old youth to transport narcotics. Krupa was released on \$1000 bail. He expressed surprise when told by officers that federal narcotics agents had found marijuana cigarettes on John Patoakos, prop boy and valet of Krupa. Attorney J. W. Ehrlich is at left.

U. S. Marines Make It Hot for Guadalcanal Japs



Hot off the firing line is this picture catching the U. S. marines on Guadalcanal turning the heat on the much-battered Jap lines with a couple of howitzers.