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Germans are holding at about the same point in the far south where they succeeded in stopping the Russians in the winter fighting of a year ago; that is, at a point between Tanagerog and Rostov.

It seems obvious that they are hoping to hold here again, so that again they may have a jumping-off point for a drive at the Caucasus and its oil. To keep this springboard, they seem to be willing to lose territory in the north—even, possibly, their great base at Smolensk.

That will give you an idea of the store they set by the Caucasus and its oil riches.

(NOTE the use here of "seem" and "appear" and similar qualifying words. We outsiders, who do not know the true inside facts, can only guess at what is in the wind, basing our guesses on what happens from day to day. Any outsider who attempts to make a positive prediction is merely going out on a limb.)

IN Russia the weather is still bad and as these words are written only air and ground patrol activity are reported. The big battle that is shaping up there hasn't got under way in earnest as yet.

It WILL get under way sooner or later.

THERE'S an interesting tale from London to the effect that De Gaulle will soon meet Giraud in Africa. Giraud made a friendly gesture in a speech the other day, and more important still appears to be cleaning the Vichyites out of his organization in Africa. The presence of these Vichy Frenchmen in Giraud's entourage has been the chief bone of contention between De Gaulle and Giraud.

We all hope, of course, that these two French leaders will get together. As long as the French are suspicious of each other, they can't be of such assistance to our side.

KEEP your ears tuned for news of a German drive down through Spain toward Gibraltar. Gibraltar in German possession would threaten our communications to Tunisia.

That is probably the reason for all this talk about a German drive through Spain. With such a possibility in the wind, Eisenhower has to keep large forces in Africa across from Gibraltar to meet it if it comes.

That may be the reason for all these Gibraltar rumors. If the Germans can force us to keep heavy strength AWAY FROM TUNISIA in order to meet such a threat, they will be helping themselves materially.

Lucky Number

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Thirteen unlucky? Don't try to peddle that stuff to Sergt. James F. Gates, Jr., bombardier in the army air forces, who says he was born May 13, 1917. Was in two consecutive battles in the Solomons on the 13th—Was under shellfire on Guadalcanal on the 13th—Was on one of the longest air-sea bombardment missions of the war on the 13th—Was away three years, seven months, 13 days—and arrived home March 13rd—And was not greatly surprised when his mother gave a luncheon for him and invited 13 guests.

IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

IMPAIRMENT of the county's road maintenance and improvement program and a possible reduction in production of lumber and logs are foreseen by the county court as a result of rejection of applications for priorities on the purchase of needed machinery and equipment. Faced with the necessity of making extensive road improvements to keep logging trucks in full operation, the county has been denied a rock crusher, bulldozer and four gravel trucks, which the court declares are essential to the development plans and which were recommended not only by the court but by federal agents, who had made inspections and were thoroughly convinced of the county's needs.

The county has one rock crusher in operation. This equipment is located at Drain and is being worked at full capacity to supply needs in that area. In fact, the Drain plant has not been able to keep pace with the demand for road surfacing materials and some logging operators have been forced to build corduroy roads to keep trucks in operation.

The county has a small portable plant and two old crushers, which are so badly worn they can no longer be used for other than light work.

It was desired to secure a new crusher to be used for surfacing the Calaponia road east of Sutherlin, now one of the county's principal logging routes. The volume of surfacing material required necessitates a crusher capable of producing at least 200 cubic yards of rock daily. Without surfacing materials for this road, it will be impossible, the court declares, to keep heavy traffic operating through another wet season.

In spite of these facts, however, the county is informed that its application cannot be granted.

The swivel-chair federal agency calls the court's attention to the fact that it is only about 25 miles from the Drain plant to the site proposed for a crusher at Sutherlin, and suggests that the Drain plant be moved. No consideration apparently is given the fact that the Drain crusher already is far behind production needs.

The manufacturer from whom the county proposes to buy the machinery has informed the court that the equipment is already manufactured and is in storage awaiting shipment to a purchaser able to secure the required priority. The federal department, however, informs the court that the crusher contains "vital materials." Apparently it is more essential to the war effort to have the vital materials contained in this machine lying idle in a warehouse than maintaining roadways over which flow materials so important that no dealer may sell lumber to civilians without first having secured permission from the army to do so.

Announcement that negotiations have been completed for the purchase of the vacated Albany college campus and buildings as a site for a bureau of mines metallurgical laboratory to serve the Pacific northwest is most welcome news to the mining industry of Oregon. The laboratory, according to a statement by Interior Secretary Ickes, will "investigate improved methods of recovering aluminum and magnesium from the plentiful reserves of the northwest area, together with research in the processing of nickel, tungsten, chromium, manganese, vanadium and other critical and strategic materials which are vital to the war effort." Southern Oregon particularly is interested in this undertaking because of its large undeveloped mineral deposits. Congressman Harris Elsworth, recently elected from the fourth congressional district, has worked diligently in support of the Albany site, which also had the recommendation of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The entire Oregon delegation in congress is deserving of commendation for the achievement in securing recognition for the Albany site.

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

FRIDAY

5:15—Superman.
5:30—Norman Nesbitt.
6:30—Treasury Star Parade.
Starring Fredrick March in "The Balcony Empire."

7:00—Sammy Angott vs. Willie Pep.

SATURDAY

10:15—Stop, Look and Listen.
2:00—Navy Bulletin Board.
3:30—Hawaii Calls.
4:00—American Eagle Club.
6:00—The Busy Mr. Bingle.
7:15—Saturday Night Band wagon.

8:00—The Fleet's In.

SUNDAY

2:00—Answering You.
5:00—American Forum of the Air.
7:15—Rabbi Maginn.
7:30—Halls of Montezuma.
8:30—Wings Over the West Coast.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.
4:15—Johnson Family.
4:30—P.T.A.
4:45—Pipe Organ.
5:00—Musical Matinee.
5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pep.
5:30—Norman Nesbitt, Studebaker.
5:45—We Love and Learn.
6:00—Dinner Concert.
6:30—Treasury Star Parade starring Fredrick March.
6:50—Copco News.
7:00—Sammy Angott vs. Willie Pep, Gillette Safety Razor Co.
8:15—Lone Ranger.
8:45—Music Without Words.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Hi Neighbor, McKean & Carstens.
9:30—Uncle Sam.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

9:30—Dance Music.
10:00—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00—Wesley Radio League.
8:30—Mutual's Radio Chapel.
9:00—Detroit Bible Class.
9:30—The Chaplain Speaks, Rev. Perry Smith.
9:45—Songs for Sunday.
10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Romance of the Highways, Greyhound Bus Lines.
10:30—Canary Chorus.
11:00—Baptist Church Services.
12:00—Floyd B. Johnson and King's Ambassadors.
12:30—Madrid Melodiana.
1:00—Lutheran Hour.
1:30—Young People's Church of the Air.
2:00—Answering You.
2:30—The Shadow.
3:00—Campana's First Nighter.
3:30—Treasury Star Parade presents Bobby Sherwood's Orchestra.
3:45—The Voice of the Farmer, American Dairy Assoc.
4:00—Bullfrog Drummond.
4:30—The Angelus Hour, Douglas Funeral Home.
5:00—American Forum of the Air.
5:45—Evening Melodies.
6:00—Old Fashioned Revival.
7:00—John B. Hughes.
7:15—Rabbi Maginn.
7:30—Halls of Montezuma.
8:00—Hancock Ensemble.
8:30—Wings Over the West Coast.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Voice of Prophecy.
9:45—Lani McIntyre's Orchestra.
10:00—Old Fashioned Revival.
11:00—Sign Off.

In colonial America, the Puritans passed laws to keep shoes plain and inexpensive.

Ceiling Set On Seed Potatoes to Hit Black Market

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—The office of price administration, aiming at a black market in white seed potatoes, Thursday prohibited their sale unless sellers established that they are to be used for planting purposes. In the same action, OPA established price maximums for certified white seed potatoes sold by country shippers. Prices must not exceed the seller's highest price between February 15 and March 1, 1943, and it is further provided that prices for these seed potatoes must not exceed by more than 75 cents a bushel table stock prices.

Intermediate sellers are required to take the same mark-ups as are allowed for white potatoes for human consumption. "These controls are intended to make white potatoes available to the armed forces and the housewife through normal channels at reasonable prices," OPA said, "and to assure the farmer a sufficient supply of seed for future crops."

The agency said a potato black market had developed in the last two weeks.

WALLA WALLA, March 19.—(AP)—Ben Webbs, former Spokane negro, vigorously protested his innocence to the end this

morning as he went to death on the gallows of Washington State prison for a murder in Spokane 24 years ago.

It was five minutes before the trap could be sprung because Webbs fought off efforts of guards to prepare the noose until he was strapped to an emergency board.

Webbs died for the June, 1940, slaying of Mrs. Jessie Sellers, beauty parlor operator, whose battered body, stripped of clothing, was found at the bottom of the elevator shaft of the Victoria hotel.

Webbs was a porter in the hotel's beauty shop.

Women Risk Sea Death Rather Than Captivity by Axis

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 19.—(AP)—The tragic story of how scores of women risked death on a sinking Brazilian ship in shark-infested waters of the south Atlantic rather than face capture by axis seamen was related by survivors of the Afonso Penna, sunk by a submarine off the east coast of Brazil on March 2.

After the ship, a 3,540-ton vessel carrying 241 passengers, including many women and children was hit by a torpedo she began to sink immediately, said survivors who were picked up by an American oil tanker.

The submarine surfaced and an officer, shouting through a megaphone, offered to save the women but warned they would be held as prisoners. At once a cry of protest went up from the women.

Dozens of panic-stricken passengers were said to have jumped into the water, where many of them died. The ship sank within 15 minutes with some of the passengers apparently still aboard.

According to one of the ship's crew the submarine was Italian, but its identity was not definitely established. It was recalled, however, that the Rome radio announced on March 5 the sinking of a Brazilian vessel.

A reliable informant said 123 persons, including many women and children, had been listed as missing.

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Splitting of Axis Forces in Tunisia Intent of Allies

Gen. Patton's Lunge to Gafsa Regarded as Opening Blow in Campaign for Ouster of Foe

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
There's more than meets the eye in Commander-in-Chief Eisenhower's appointment of General "Blood and Guts" Patton to lead the American troops in western Tunisia as the allies maneuver for position in what may be the start of the big offensive, though it hasn't yet been officially identified as such.

It's a fair guess that Patton has been given the task of exploiting the greatest threat which now exists to the enemy's Tunisian defenses as a whole. That is the danger of a wedge being driven between General von Arnim in the north and Marshal Rommel in the south.

It looks to me as though Patton, with his central command, is expected to provide the wedge. The fact that he not only is a go-getter but a tank expert, and that these devil-machines will play a great part in the coming showdown, fits rather well into the picture.

The general inaugurated his new job by recapturing the oasis town of Gafsa, and drove on twelve miles to the southeast. He thus italicized the two-listed part of his colorful if somewhat inelegant nickname but not the "blood," since the operation was carried out without loss of a single man, the enemy having evacuated the position under fierce bombardment.

Gafsa is highly important, especially as regards any project for driving a wedge between Rommel and von Arnim. This oasis not only is the greenest and most fruitful little Garden of Eden in all Barbary, but it is the strategic point of the central allied front. It was the anchor of American troops before they were forced to withdraw on February 16.

Allied Strategy Theorized.

Von Arnim is in the far north by Bizerte and Tunis, while Rommel is facing Montgomery with the British eighth army way down near the southern border on the great Mareth line of fortifications. In between these giant knobs is a stretch of close to 300 miles of coastal belt which is vulnerable. The axis is said to have some 250,000 troops in Tunisia, and while that force would be formidable when massed, or even divided between two places, it certainly is far from sufficient to defend the length and breadth of Tunisia.

The allied strategy likely will aim at segregating the two main axis forces at either end of the country, and then annihilating them.

Ban Hits Containers for Fresh Fruits, Vegetables

SALEM, Ore., March 19.—(AP)—Twenty-one Oregon standard wooden containers for fresh fruit

and vegetables may no longer be manufactured or assembled under war production board orders curtailing the industry for its duration, the state department of agriculture, said today. Eighteen Oregon standard containers come under the permissible sizes of the WPB order.

Use of all Oregon standard containers made or assembled before the WPB order, now in effect, may be continued in this state, it was pointed out.

DIAL LOG

Saturday's radio shows are super this week. Starting in the morning with the U. S. army band and following right through the sign off, 1490 on your dial will be doing some solid sending. Here's a pre-view of what's in store for you: "Stop, Look and Listen" (A. W. S. show) at 10:15, "Hawaii Calls" this week without the leis and alohas. It's a salute to the many Chinese in the armed services of the U. S., with an original song making it's debut. The weekly visit to the American Eagle club in London is on a new spot this week. These interviews with American air-men now in battle stations across the sea comes to you at 4 p.m. this week. And now we come to Saturday evening—Pop will be happy to kick off his shoes and light his pipe and Ma can settle down to her knitting—because from 6 o'clock on the entertainment is tops.

Two brand, spanking new shows and the return of our favorite Saturday Night Bonwagon at 7:15. "The Busy Mr. Bingle" (6:00) is the first of a series—all about the dilemmas of a bewildered little man with a large government order for pins. Another first-nighter—"The Fleet's In." We mentioned it the other day—this week the show will include a dramatization of "Where the Buffalo Roam"—the story was in last week's Saturday Evening Post. Sunday you'll find all your favorite once-a-week shows back again. Special recommendation—Rabbi Maginn (7:15)—one of the best speakers on the air today and well worth your time.

Pep, Angott Ready for Ten Rounder Tonight

NEW YORK, March 19.—(AP)—Willie Pep and Sammy Angott collide in Madison Square garden tonight in a ten rounder that's billed as a non-title lightweight tussle.

The bout is Sammy's first time since he decided to come back with "miraculously" cured hands. He figures to produce the toughest hurdle for the all-time record 62-straight winning string Pep has put together in his unbeaten career.

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