

ETNA LINE BREAKING UNDER ALLIED FIRE

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Capture of Orel Appears to be Imminent

Smashing Red Army Nearing German-Held Stronghold As Axis Forces Beat Retreat

Elimination Nazi Salient On Central Front Looms As Red Thrusts Progress

In The Day's News

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MOSCOW, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The of the German stronghold of Orel appeared inevitable today as the Red army offensive drove within five miles of the city.

The German retreat westward from Orel north and south of Orel proceeded steadily and it seemed only a question of time before Orel itself would be abandoned, eliminating the entire enemy salient on the central front.

The British radio, quoting a Reuters dispatch from Moscow, declared that the Germans' escape corridor west of Orel had been narrowed to 13 miles, threatening the Nazis with another disaster perhaps equal to that suffered at Stalingrad.

The broadcast, recorded by CBS, said that the Germans "are in full and hasty retreat toward Orel, with the three main Russian armies driving forward after them."

The German high command communique dismissed the Orel fighting with the assertion that violent Russian tank attacks southwest of that city had been "repulsed everywhere," but told of heavy fighting on the Mius river front on the southern end of the line near Kulbyshevo.

(German infantry, tanks and the Waffen elite guard under command of Field Marshal Gen. Fritz Erich von Manstein were reported to have thrown back repeated Soviet attacks in the Mius sector, capturing 17,895 prisoners up to August 2 and destroying 730 tanks. The number of Russian dead was many times that of prisoners taken, the German war bulletin said. A hard struggle was reported continuing in the Belgorod area.)

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Bend Dairyman to Get Aid From Municipal Sales Tax

BEND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Bend joined The Dalles in the dairy business today, seeking to prevent a threatened milk shortage. The city council voted a 2-cent-a-quart sales tax, the proceeds to be used for a 15-cent subsidy for producers, who recently were denied by the OPA a price increase from 85 cents to \$1 a pound butterfat content for milk. The producers had threatened to go out of business after August 12 if the increase were not authorized. The tax will increase the retail price of milk to 15 1/2 cents a quart.

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, in his broadcast to the nation the other night, indicated his belief that the war won't end this year and won't go on until 1949.

He added: "The length of the war will depend on uninterrupted continuance of all-out effort on the fighting fronts and here at home."

WE'VE all seen football teams win the first half and go into the second half thinking it was about all over but the cheering at the end—and GET LICKED.

That could happen to us in this war if we let ourselves fall into the belief that since Italy it's about all over but the mopping up.

WHAT has happened is this:

We've turned the corner on the deadly fear that WE'LL BE LICKED. Our chief concern now is when we'll get the other fellow licked.

We won't speed that time any by pulling our punches.

THE hardest fighting of our war between the states came after the turning point at Gettysburg. It's altogether likely that the hardest fighting of this war still lies ahead of us.

At any rate, it's sound policy to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

IT is safe, though, to begin to do a little thinking about after the war, and the President indicates he's doing it himself when he says it's time to lay plans for the return to civilian life of the men AND WOMEN in the armed services.

Such a policy, he thinks, should include mustering out pay to help in tiding over until a job is (Continued on page 2)

Early Marketing of Turkeys Will Aid in Meeting Demand of Armed Services, County Agent Reports

Turkey growers in Douglas county who have early hatched birds that can be finished up ready for market in August or September will be doing the boys in the armed service a favor by preparing them early, County Agent J. R. Parker points out.

The War Food Administration has called on the turkey industry to provide approximately 10,000, 600 pounds of turkey meat in August and September for shipment to American armed forces overseas, Parker reports. This is only a small proportion of the entire crop, but the cooperation of many producers will be required to obtain enough turkeys at such an early date to make sure that the soldiers, sailors and marines abroad will all have turkey dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The turkeys in cold storage from last year's crop are just about exhausted.

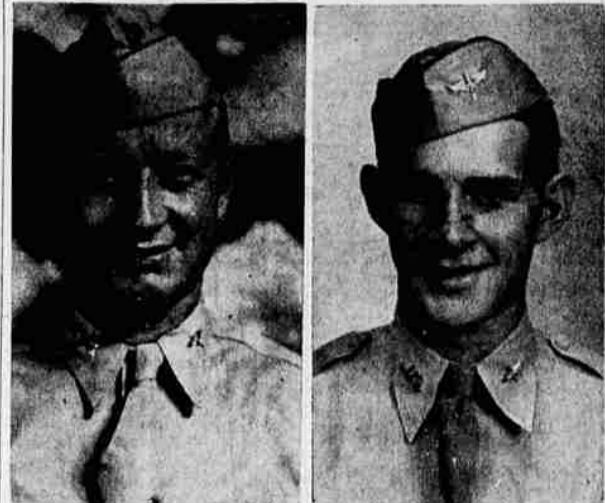
In the average flock of turkeys a considerable number of birds will be ready for market at five to six months of age, says Noel L. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State college. If grow-

ers with early birds will sort these out for marketing in August and September, it will be good business for them as well as providing the government with the desired amount of turkey meat.

The sooner turkeys are sold after they reach marketable condition the more feed will be conserved, an important factor this year. The amount of feed required to produce a pound of gain gradually increases with the age of the turkey. Bennion explains, therefore, for most economical production it is essential to finish turkeys for market as short a feeding period as possible.

For most growers it will not be necessary to sort out the early birds in advance and feed them separately because successful turkeysmen find that it is best to provide the entire flock with all the feed that will be consumed, hence there is usually no particular advantage in segregating a few to be forced. The main thing will be to select those ready for market in advance of the usual marketing period.

Commissioned in Army Air Forces



U. S. Army Photos—News-Review Engraving

Commissioned as second Lieutenants in the army air forces recently were Ronald F. Faulkner, left, and Frank L. Clark, both of Douglas county. Faulkner, who was graduated from Foster field, Texas, is a resident of 428 Pitzer street, Roseburg. Clark, who was graduated from Moore field, Mission, Texas, is a resident of Brockway. They participated in a mass graduation ceremony with pilots from eleven advanced flying fields, making up the sprawling Gulf Coast Training Center.

Fate of Italian Fleet in Balance

Elimination of Navy Will Release Allied Sea Power For Move Against Japs.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—There is growing opinion in naval circles here that the allies can count with reasonable certainty on capturing or destroying the major portion of Italy's hapless fleet, possibly soon.

What becomes of the Italian fleet is of utmost interest to military and naval authorities here because of the effect it is bound to have on the war against Japan.

The final crushing of Italy, if it entails the surrender of the axis Mediterranean naval force, will facilitate greatly the organization of amphibious forces for an assault on Burma this fall.

Warships have been held in the Mediterranean against the possibility that the Italians might reserve their "fleet-in-being" strategy and send their warships against allied convoys or landing forces.

At present the Italians should be able to muster about half a dozen battleships, somewhat less than a dozen cruisers, a maximum of 100 destroyers of which about half are corvette types, and some 70 submarines.

O'Neal and Jones Talk Food Problem

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau federation expressed belief today that farmers would have more freedom next year in determining their individual crop and livestock production programs. "The trend in agriculture," he said, "is definitely away from central government control and toward more local, individual control."

O'Neal made this statement after conferring with War Food Administrator Marvin Jones on plans for the 1944 food program which, Jones has announced, will call for record plantings of 380,000,000 acres to food and feed crops and the maintenance of livestock production at near the present peak.

Railway Labor Unions Authorize Strike Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Officers of 15 railway labor unions approved a strike ballot today but agreed not to issue it pending further conferences with railroad officials, starting Friday. A strike vote might result in government seizure and operation of the roads for the duration. Railroad officials, anxious to avert this, were reported willing to discuss an agreement to be submitted jointly with the unions for government approval.

Clues Lacking In Kidnapping Albany Infant

Instructions for Care Broadcast; Mother May Fail to Survive Shock

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 4.—(AP)—Police admitted today they had few clues and no leads at all to follow after 24 hours' investigation in the kidnapping of tiny Judith Gurney, who they said was the youngest tot ever abducted.

The baby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gurney, Albany, was born Sunday, and less than 48 hours later disappeared from her crib in the second-story nursery of the Albany hospital.

Police Chief Perry Stellmacher said the kidnaper apparently entered the building in the early morning hours yesterday, waited until the nurses were out of the room, grabbed the child, placed a rolled blanket in the crib to resemble the babe, and fled.

At 2 a. m. a nurse discovered the abduction. No ransom note has been received. Stellmacher said the only clues are a torn wistaria vine alongside the fire escape and footprints in a flower bed below. Stellmacher said all possible leads have been followed. All proved fruitless.

Dr. E. Lewy Hurd, who attended Mrs. Gurney, feared for the health of the child. On his appeal radio stations broadcast instructions, intended for the kidnaper, on how to care for the babe.

Police throughout the state were put on the alert and State Police Sergeant Earl Houston asked all doctors to report anyone seeking care for a newborn child.

Mrs. Gurney, grief-stricken, was allowed no visitors. Her mother, Mrs. Alma Montgomery Crabtree, Salem, said she was in a critical condition and feared (Continued on page 6)

Seven Men Killed In Train Smashup

SEATTLE, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Seven men were killed and 12 injured in a Milwaukee railroad train wreck at Warden, in central Washington, at 1 a. m. today, N. A. Meyer, superintendent of transportation, reported.

Meyer said a westbound Milwaukee passenger train sidwiped a train from the Moses lake branch line and that both locomotives were overturned. The dead and injured, all of which were reported to have been in the armed services, were riding on the passenger.

The transportation superintendent said the branch line train had been instructed to wait on a siding until the passenger train passed and then to follow it into Othello, but that the engineer had overrun his switch at the clearance point between the branch and the main line.

Bombay Floods Fatal to Two Thousand Persons

BOMBAY, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Floods which submerged the town of Vijainagar and six other villages in Rajputana have taken the lives of more than 2,000 persons, an official announcement said today.

Vijainagar, which is situated about 50 miles south of Ajmer, was said to have been inundated by a torrent of water which reached a depth of 10 or 15 feet in less than half an hour.

Twenty Die in Kentucky Airliner Crash



Here are the remains of the big twin-engine American airliner after a crash in a storm near Bowling Green, Ky., in which 20 persons lost their lives. Only two passengers survived the crash.

Talking Peace?



Pope Pius XII, top, and American Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, bottom, are reported to be key figures in the peace rumors.

Pilot Killed in Army Plane Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4.—(AP)—First Lieut. Charles W. Ryland of Lebanon, Pa., army flier was killed yesterday in a crash of a single-engine fighter plane (P-39 aircraft) near Lebanon, Ore., Portland air base announced today.

Ryland's next of kin was listed as Charles S. Ryland, father, 407 E. Chestnut street, Lebanon, Pa.

Children said the plane fell smoking into a plowed field and exploded.

Four Inmates Escape Washington Reformatory

SEATTLE, Aug. 4.—(AP)—State authorities today sought five inmates of the state reformatory at Monroe, who escaped yesterday.

The state patrol said Jack Mason, 22, and Leslie C. Perryman, 21, walked away from the state cannery at Kent; Frank J. Humbert, 20, and Robert Seibeck, 26, escaped from a truck near Belleview while being returned from the cannery during the afternoon, and that Marcus Hillstad, John Pape and George Heck fled from the reformatory last night.

Fresh Troops Open Big Push As Naval Guns and Artillery Pound Axis Fixed Defenses

Greatest Concentration of Fire Power So Far In War Supports Six Mile Advance by U. S. Army; Heavy Cruisers Pounding Escape Routes

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The Mt. Etna line trembled under one of the greatest concentrations of fire in the war today as huge formations of allied bombers and fighter-bombers joined with British and American warships and hundreds of batteries of field artillery in hammering the axis' fixed defenses.

The full fury of the tremendous air, sea and bombardment was unleashed in support of the big push of the land troops which, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters communique announced, marked up an advance of six miles in the Americans' northern sector and a gain of "several miles" in the central zone flanking Mt. Etna.

Crash of Bomber Kills 9 Crewmen

Fortress From Pendleton Base Lost in Fall Off Cape Lookout, Oregon

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 4.—(AP)—Names of nine airmen killed in the crash of an army B-17 Flying Fortress near Cape Lookout, Ore., late Monday were released by Pendleton field authorities this morning following notification of next of kin.

The big four-engine bomber, based here, was on a routine training flight when it fell to the ground.

The tenth member of the crew, Second Lt. Wilbur Lee Perez, whose wife is Mrs. Maude C. Perez, route 5, station A, New Orleans, La., escaped death but was seriously injured.

The dead: Second Lt. Roy James Lee, father Robert F. Lee, Meadville, Miss.

Second Lt. Robert Warren Wilkins, father, M. P. Wilkins, 427 North First street, Canton, Ill.

Second Lt. Victor Alfred Lowenfelt, wife Mrs. V. A. Lowenfelt, 284 James street, Tennalee, N. J., mother Mrs. Anna Lowenfelt, 497 Larch avenue, Bogota, N. J.

Staff Sgt. Delmar F. Priest, mother Mrs. Eva E. Clark, 602 West Perry street, Paulding, O.

Sgt. William M. Pruner, mother Mrs. Louise Pruner, 1321 64th avenue, Oakland, Cal.

Staff Sgt. Benjamin J. Puzio, father Anthony Puzio, R. D. 3, Binghamton, N. Y.

Sgt. Paul W. Mandeville, mother Mrs. Katherine Mandeville, 1249 Seventh avenue, Watervliet, N. Y.

Staff Sgt. Hoyt W. Wilson, wife Mrs. Muriel C. Wilson, Walpole, N. H.

Staff Sgt. Harry Lilly, mother Mrs. Bertie Belle Lilly, 415 Clendenin street, Charleston, W. Va.

Exact location of the crash was not given. Cape Lookout is south of Tillamook on the Oregon coast.

Ray Bruch Named to Represent Tractor Co.

Announcement is made by the Inter-state Tractor and Equipment company of Eugene through B. H. Hunter, manager, of the appointment of Ray Bruch, well known in the logging and contracting industries, to cover the territory of Coos county, Curry county north of the Rogue river, and Douglas county south of the Umpqua.

Mr. Bruch has recently taken up residence at 1444 Riverside Drive in Laurelgrove. He will be in frequent contact with loggers, contractors and governmental agencies using tractors and heavy machinery. Mr. Bruch comes from Seattle, where he spent many years with the Caterpillar Diesel Tractor distributor.

Former U. of O. Student Dies in Rescue Attempt

PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Capt. Eugene McGee, former University of Oregon student, was killed on Attu May 29 while trying to rescue his superior officer, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. McGee of Portland, revealed today.

McGee, who entered the army shortly after graduating from the university, was awarded the purple heart medal posthumously.

According to stories of fellow officers, McGee and 10 others held off a force of Japanese, killing 60 before their ammunition ran out. Then the Japanese attacked with bayonets. McGee was struggling to carry a bayoneted major to safety when he himself was wounded fatally.

The American seventh army, strengthened for the final punch by rested veterans of North Africa who took over from some of the weary advance guard in Sicily, captured Catania, four miles east of San Stefano and 18 miles west of Cape Orlando on the north coast.

Naples Bombed Again. Naples was hit the second successive night in the reopened air offensive against the mainland, with railways and communications as the particular target.

American heavy cruisers, disclosed to be in action in Sicilian waters for the first time, along with American destroyers, pumped shells into the coastal road and axis defenses built into the high ground west of Cape Orlando, about 43 miles west of Messina and just ahead of the American advance.

British destroyers also blazed away at the east Sicilian coast, raking with high explosives the coastal road at Taormina north of Catania, and at Cape Molini, 17 miles south of Taormina and just north of Catania.

Light naval forces laid down a tightening blockade of the axis garrison, maintaining a steady patrol even in the narrow Messina strait where they fought two sharp engagements with enemy motor torpedo boats, one off Cape Armi on the Italian toe and the other near Taormina. One of the enemy boats was damaged.

Not only bombers but several types of fighters and fighter-bombers ranged unopposed over the German and Italian ground forces, dropping high explosives at point blank range and ripping axis infantry with cannon shells and machine-gun bullets.

Teacher of Draft Evaders Arrested

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The department of justice today announced arrest of a man accused of teaching New Yorkers how to evade the draft by simulating deafness, mental incompetence, and organic disorders. The man under arrest was listed as Stephen Weinberg, 50, and was termed by the department "a notorious impersonator and deceptionist of world war days."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover asserted that his master deception was in 1921, when he conducted Princess Fatima, Sultana of Kabul Afghanistan, on a diplomatic tour of Washington while posing as a representative of the state department. He served two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta in connection with this offense, Hoover said.

Weinberg was apprehended in New York City by FBI agents on a charge of violating the national selective and training service act. He was to be arraigned there today.

Police Seeks Trustee Who Escaped Oregon Prison

SALEM, Aug. 4.—(AP)—John William Purvis, 50, trustee at the state penitentiary who walked away from the prison farm late yesterday, was still at large today. He was received at the prison June 24 from Polk county to serve one to five years on a morals charge.

Aven Roper, who escaped from the state hospital at 10:30 p. m. last night by jumping through a window, was caught by city police an hour later.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reinsmith

Announcement at Washington that plans are being made for war against Japs until 1949 is certainly a gloom builder for world geography makers.