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Savings-Loan League Names State Heads

Dr. H. L. Toney Elected President; Resolutions Slated for Disposal

Dr. H. L. Toney, McMinnville, was elected president of the Oregon Savings and Loan league at the business session held in Roseburg today in connection with the league's annual state convention. R. F. Kyle, Medford, was chosen first vice-president, and Kirk Reynolds, Portland, was re-elected secretary. A second vice-president remained to be chosen.

Approximately 40 delegates were in attendance at the state meeting, which was streamlined to keep the program confined strictly to essential matters.

The convention opened Sunday afternoon at the Umpqua hotel, with talks by A. V. Linderen, Portland on the post war outlook for interest rates; Dr. Toney on the subject of thrift institutions; Guy E. Jaques, Portland, savings and loan merchandising; Raymond P. Caulfield, Oregon City, postwar home financing. The session was conducted by President George E. Mason, Portland.

Johnson, Cordon Speak

The banquet meeting night was conducted by Mr. Jaques, with the address of welcome being given by State Senator Thomas Parkinson and the response by Fred Stickle, Eugene. The principal speakers were Frank H. Johnson, president of the Federal Home Loan bank of Portland, and Attorney Guy Cordon, Roseburg legal counsel for the association of Oregon counties. Mr. Johnson reported on the National Savings and Loan league convention in Chicago, and Mr. Cordon spoke on personal observations at Washington, D. C.

Various Phases Discussed

Today's program opened with a report on the national convention at Chicago by Keith Powell, Salem. Other speakers and their subjects were J. M. Pearson Hillsboro home ownership financing among low income families; C. S. Robertson, Klamath Falls, association investment policies; Les-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TURKEY is still the hot spot, although nothing definitely new has developed there in the past day or so.

SWEDISH correspondents (who are interesting as roving neutrals picking up whatever news they can) say the Turks have a "detachment" of troops guarding their Bulgarian border and that the Germans have moved up a couple of divisions to the Bulgarian side of the line.

Large supplies of weapons and "hundreds" of planes are said to have reached Turkey recently.

IF the situation is as bad as it LOOKS, one would guess that the Germans would HIT FIRST, hoping to catch the Turks and us off balance and unready. That's what they certainly would have done up to a year ago.

THE rumors paint a dark picture of the outer fringes of the Hitler fortress of Europe.

Bulgaria is obviously scared. Her heart isn't in her present job of fighting FOR Germany, for the sympathies of her people are with their blood kin, the Russians. Bulgarian soldiers are said to be deserting to the Greek and Yugoslav guerrillas. The Bulgarian parliament is reported to have met secretly last night.

The dreaded German gestapo is said to be busy in Bulgaria. (You can imagine what they're doing.) Only FEAR of German vengeance seems to be keeping the Bulgarians in line.

THE Paris radio (German-controlled) reports that anarchy is sweeping France, with Vichy powerless to check it. People are

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Western G. O. P. Demands "Place in Sun," Restoration Of Local Self-Government

Needs of Region Emphasized at 11-State Session

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Despite assertions by delegates that "we are now prepared to go and demand a place in the sun," a two-day conference of republicans from the 11 western states placed on record today a declaration that made little reference to that demand.

Only in relation to the converting of war industries to peacetime purposes was a specific request made.

"Western industries must be given the same consideration and opportunity for retooling and reconversion of postwar needs as eastern industries," said a paragraph of the declaration of principles which the conference adopted at its concluding session late Saturday.

There was no reference to the oft-expressed demand that the west be recognized by an appointment to the president's cabinet and to the supreme court.

It was Edward F. Tickle, California state chairman, who termed the 11 western states "the orphan child" of the federal government and demanded the "place in the sun."

Other speakers put it a little differently. Clarence Budington Kelland, Arizona national commit-tee member, said:

"We ought at least to demand dominion status for the 11 western states and acquire the privilege of sending an ambassador to Washington."

Planks Not Offered

With a few exceptions, the declaration of principles was comprised of recommendations for legislative or administrative changes affecting the west. The conference sidetracked proposals to gain official suggestions for planks in the 1944 national platform.

Fred Baker of Seattle, Washington national committeeman, presented proposed expressions on foreign policy, taxation, post-war business regulation—or lack of it—and social welfare, but the resolutions committee declined to recommend them.

Kelland, resolutions committee chairman, explained that an effort was made to keep the declaration as close as possible to matters affecting, primarily, the west.

Baker succeeded, however, in gaining adoption of a resolution specifically broadening the scope of the next conference to include action on resolutions relating to national problems. That conference will be called by Chairman David J. Wilson, Utah state republican chairman, when six of the 11 states have expressed a desire for another meeting.

Demands Listed

Briefly, the declaration proposed creation of a secretary of veterans' affairs in the national cabinet, "speedy elimination" of bureaucratic government, post-war opportunity and care for war veterans, provision for 1944 absentee voting by service men, the encouraging of mineral and oil exploration and development.

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Price Upped on Dressed Poultry Bought by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The OPA today boosted the price which government procurement agencies may pay for dressed poultry.

The order, effective December 13, permits such agencies to pay one cent over the base price for any quantity or assortment of poultry at the seller's shipping point, plus freight to the buyer's receiving point.

Previously government agencies paid one-quarter cent a pound over the base for special assortments in quantities of more than 14,000 pounds.

In requesting the increase, army procurement officials said persons selling to the army assume certain costs which they are spared in sales to civilian buyers.

McIntyre, Aide Of Roosevelt for Many Years, Dies



Marvin H. McIntyre

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to President Roosevelt throughout Mr. Roosevelt's 10 years in the White House, died today at the age of 65.

A native of La Grange, Oldham county, Ky., McIntyre had been associated with President Roosevelt more than two decades, serving as his publicity representative during the vice presidential campaign of 1920.

Prior to that, McIntyre was a newspaperman in Louisville, Ky., Asheville, N. C., and Washington, D. C.

During the first World war he served as a special assistant to the secretary of navy on public relations matters. He became business manager and publicity representative of Mr. Roosevelt's presidential campaign in 1943.

Roy Gerhardt of Gardiner Killed By Ditch Cave-In

Roy Gerhardt, 44, well known resident of Gardiner, died Sunday when he was buried by a cave-in while engaged in excavating a ditch. Coroner H. C. Stearns reported today. Gerhardt and Edward Johns, both employed by the Gardiner Mill company were digging a ditch to accommodate a sewer line from the mill, Stearns reported.

When the bank started to cave in, Johns was partially trapped but managed to extricate himself. Gerhardt, however, was covered to a depth of about four feet.

Members of the Reedsport Fire department were called and aided mill crewmen in attempting to reach the trapped worker, but it required more than an hour of digging before the body was finally reached by Jack Unger and Elmer Samson.

Gerhardt, who had spent the greater part of his life as a resident of Gardiner, was employed by the mill company as a millwright.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, his mother and three brothers, all residents of Gardiner.

Further Gasoline Cuts Possible, Ickes Warns

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Not only is there little prospect of increased gas rations for the early part of next year, says the Petroleum Administration for War but unforeseen new military requirements may necessitate further cuts.

"Quotas are entirely dependent on war needs," PAW Administrator Ickes said yesterday pointing out that a sudden acceleration of activity in any fighting zone might chop present civilian allotments.

Senators of Solid South Divided on Third Party Issue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Senators from the Solid South are split wide apart on the question of quitting the democratic party for an independent political organization of their own and the thunder of revolt may die without lightning.

There was angry talk in the senate last week from some of the southerners that they were tired of being "kicked around" in the democratic party, culminated by a suggestion from Senator Bailey (D. N. C.) that they form their own party and seek to wield the balance of power in the electoral college. (This talk was precipitated by a charge by Senator Guffey (D. Pa.) that the southerners had joined in an "unholy alliance" with republicans to shelve the service men's vote bill.)

Senator Smith (D. S. C.) capped this with a call for the south to unite behind Senator Byrd (D. Va.) for the presidential nomination, but a cross-check today turned up only two other senators willing to say publicly that there might be conditions under which the southerners would withdraw from the apparent democratic party.

Senator Eastland (D. Miss.), one of the authors of a "state's rights" measure which was substituted for the administration war ballot commission bill, told a reporter: "You can quote me as saying 'amen to Senator Bailey's remarks.'"

Senator Andrews (D. Fla.) said he felt that "if we're going to be treated as we have been particularly by our democratic representatives from the northern states—we'd better perhaps form a party of our own, the constitutional southern democrats."

He said southerners had opposed the anti-lynching bill, the anti-poll tax bill and the war ballot commission bill because these

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Less Lumber in Sight For Civilians in 1944

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Reporting that reserve stocks of lumber have been reduced to a critically low level by unprecedented wartime demands, the U. S. forest service said today civilian supplies may become acutely short next year.

In a report signed by Forestry Chief Lyle F. Watts, the agency said a shortage of skilled manpower, operating equipment and repairs as well as suitable timber resources had made it impossible for the lumber industry to keep abreast of requirements.

"It is obvious that we cannot much longer continue to draw upon reserve stocks of lumber," the report said. "From now on consumption will have to be kept in line with production. Inevitably the pinch on civilian use will become more acute."

Lumber stocks were said to be 60 per cent below the Pearl Harbor level.

Roseburg-Grants Pass Link on Money List

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—When the shooting stops, the state highway commission will have a huge road improvement program ready to go.

The department is studying proposals of county courts for a total of \$300,000,000 in highway construction, and could contract \$1,000,000 worth within 30 days after the war ends, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock announces.

Improvement of the Pacific highway between Roseburg and Grants Pass is earmarked for large sums, he said.

The commission would receive some \$19,000,000 annually for the first three postwar years under a bill now before congress.

Raid on Nauru Fails to Lure Nippon Fleet

U. S. Warships Smash Base, Destroy Aircraft; Planes Blast Borneo

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The American navy's invasion of the Japanese grand fleet to come out and fight bore a postscript today written by United States battleships which participated in the attack on Nauru island, west of the Gilberts.

Adm. Nimitz announced yesterday that the fleet's big blow added their steel to the deluge which carrier planes and surface craft poured onto Nauru Dec. 8.

Nauru, Japanese air base and phosphate producing center, is about 450 statute miles east and slightly south of the Gilbert Islands, which United States forces wrested from the Japanese last month. It has been air-bombed before, but never has the navy announced that our capital ships have fired their guns so close to the big enemy air base of Truk, 1,200 miles to the north-west.

In the Nauru attack, installations were smashed and 10 Japanese planes destroyed. Two United States planes were lost and one of our destroyers received minor damage from shore fire.

Tokyo Merely Hints

After the Tarawa-Makin successes in the Gilberts, Tokyo radio said our invasion constituted a threat to the Japanese-held Marshalls and "presages a real decisive battle of the fleets."

Since then, the Marshalls have been hit repeatedly by United States planes. In an attack Thursday, Nimitz said, an enemy cargo ship and escort patrol vessel were strafed near Jaluit atoll.

The attacks on the Marshalls and Nauru, the last one emphasized by presence of the battleships, was in line with Nimitz' remark after the Gilbert fighting that "we shall continue constant pressure on the Japs."

To Tokyo's vague talk about a "decisive battle of the fleets," Secretary of the Navy Knox remarked that if the Japanese had brought their "whole fleet from Truk out there we would have been delighted to have them come."

Borneo, Celebes Raided

Liberator bombers of Gen. MacArthur's command in the Southwest Pacific made 2,600 and 2,400-mile roundtrips from

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Kidnapper, Once Life Termer, Now Faces Death Chair

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Federal Judge Shackelford Miller today sentenced Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., to die Friday, March 10 in Kentucky's electric chair for the \$50,000 ransom kidnapping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll of Louisville in 1934.

A federal court jury Saturday convicted and recommended the death penalty but the judge could have imposed a lesser sentence. Robinson pleaded guilty to the charge in 1936 and at that time was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The 36-year-old former Nashville, Tenn., law student won a jury trial after he obtained a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from Alcatraz prison, where he had served six and one-half years of a life term for the Stall abduction. He contended he was insane at the time of the kidnapping, that he was coerced by agents of the F. B. I. into pleading guilty and that he was not represented properly by counsel.

The kidnapping occurred in October, 1934, and the prosecution contended the hearing of Mrs. Stoll was impaired permanently by a hard blow on her head from a piece of iron pipe wielded by Robinson.

Robinson eluded F. B. I. agents for nearly two years while living a life of luxury at swank hotels from coast to coast. He finally was captured by F. B. I. agents at Glendale, Calif., and returned here, where he pleaded guilty to the kidnapping.

Eighth Cracks Adriatic Line Of Germans

Foe Continues to Offer Hard Defense; Sicily Is Visited by Roosevelt

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Cracking a portion of the new 15-mile-long Adriatic line on which the Germans have massed three divisions, the British Eighth army has captured elevated ground overlooking the seacoast town of Ortona—anchoring enemy defenses guarding roads both to Pescara and Chieti.

Official advices today reported fierce fighting along the entire sector, extending from Ortona, which is 3 miles north of the Moro river, through Orsogna to Guardafrele on the slopes of the Mallela mountains which tower up to 8,000 feet 15 miles in from the sea.

The new limited gains by Gen. Sir Montgomery's warriors, which included widening of two more river bridgeheads, came in the face of strong enemy counterattacks in that sector while a lull prevailed on the Fifth army front.

Headquarters announced meanwhile that a total of 6,000 German prisoners have been taken by the Fifth and Eighth armies since the first landings in Italy.

The German air force was out in some strength over the battle area Saturday, throwing an estimated 130 sorties into the air during the day, but relapsed into its usual inactivity yesterday.

Roosevelt Visits Sicily

President Roosevelt visited Sicily on his recent trip to the Mediterranean and reviewed the American Seventh army troops commanded by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., it was announced officially today.

Flanked by Patton, General Eisenhower, and Lt. Gen. Clark, commander of the allied Fifth army in Italy, the president decorated several officers for bravery. After the ceremony he and his party flew to Tunisia.

It is understood that the president wanted to visit the Italian battlefield but secret service men and army officers charged with

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H. W. Lenz Named Manager of U. S. Natl. Bank Here

E. S. McClain Promoted to Loan Department of Head Office in Portland

E. S. McClain, manager of the Roseburg branch of the U. S. National bank, has been promoted to the loan department of the head office in Portland, and is to be succeeded by H. W. Lenz, who has been manager of the Peninsula branch bank, Portland, it was announced today.

Mr. Lenz has arrived in Roseburg to take over his new duties here. Mr. McClain will remain in Roseburg for a few days to assist the new manager in becoming acquainted with the duties of the local bank, and will then move with his family to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenz and their two children, Mary Elizabeth and Dave, will occupy the home being vacated by the McClain family.

Mr. Lenz has been employed with the U. S. National bank in Portland since 1925 and prior to that time was with the Ladd and Tilton bank.

Mr. McClain's promotion follows seven years of service in Roseburg, having been made manager in December, 1936, at the time the U. S. National bank purchased the Roseburg National bank and has merged its business with that institution in the Douglas National building. Mr. McClain this year completed a three-year course of study in the graduate bankers school. During his period of residence here he has been active in civic affairs, serving as a director with the chamber of commerce, and has taken an active part in the work of the Kiwanis club.

Bulgars, Sick Of War, Fear Fist of Nazis

Balkan State Wobbles Between Peace Desire, Menace of Hitlerism

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A peace-or-war crisis, inspired in part by fear of an expected allied invasion of the Balkans, was shaking Bulgaria to her very foundations today amid some indications the world has little more time to wait for the proposed east-west-south knockout blows against Hitler.

The next 100 days "will be as important in the history of the world as the 100 days before Waterloo," declared Lord Strabolgi, chief labor whip in the house of lords, in a speech yesterday. "Then Napoleon met his fate and Hitler will meet his if we act bravely and swiftly."

Bulgaria, first in defeat in the 1918 debacle of the Germanic powers, again is treading a similar path, and continental reports told of the dispatch of more German troops there.

Reluctant to break with Germany but anxious to continue her traditional friendship with Russia, this key central Balkan kingdom is wobbling precariously under the impact of both allied and Nazi propaganda as well as the more direct menace of Hitler bayonets and further and still heavier loads of allied aerial bombs.

"Bulgaria as a Nazi power is reaching the end of her tether," wrote the London Times diplomatic correspondent, who formerly was stationed in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital.

Rumania, Hungary Shaky

Like Bulgaria, Hitler's other vassals in southeastern Europe—Hungary and Rumania—also are wavering, while in Yugoslavia Marshal Broz (Tito), his own position strengthened by the recent formation of a rump government in opposition to the royalist government-in-exile, dramatically appealed to his scattered partisan followers yesterday to rise up everywhere and wage desperate battle against a major German drive to crush them.

The Rumanians, replete under their own losses and territorial sacrifices, are watching the Russians approaching ever nearer their border with the same thought as Bulgaria and Hungary: How to quit the German cause.

Berlin has dispatched Hans Neubacher, Balkan problem specialist, on a mystery mission to Budapest amid reports of one

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Russians Again Hold Initiative in Kiev Bulge Battle

MOSCOW, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Regaining the initiative in the Kiev bulge after four weeks of heavy defensive fighting, the red army was attacking fiercely today south and southwest of Malin, 55 miles west of the Ukrainian capital, after wresting several points from the Germans yesterday in the first major turn of the battle in this sector.

Further south, soviet forces captured Chigirin, at the northern end of the Kremenchug bridgehead, and took eight more populated places in their drive for the industrial town of Kiryograd inside the Dnieper bend. A Russian communiqué said mobile detachments had cut the road running to Chigirin from the southwest, threatening the Germans with encirclement.

The red army appeared to have concentrated sufficient forces inside the Kiev salient to overcome any new threat by the Germans, whose powerful mechanized thrusts had pushed the Russians steadily back in Zhitomir and Korosten sectors, although failing to tear a hole in their lines.

The soviet war bulletin, describing fierce fighting south and southwest of Malin, said the red army killed 1,000 nazis in dislodging the Germans from several populated places, and destroyed 28 tanks, four self-propelled guns and 40 trucks. In another part of the area the Russians beat back several German attacks, killing 800 nazis and setting fire to seven tanks.

Yankee Force Follows Up Emden Smash

British Mosquitoes Also Deal New Damage in Stepped-Up Operations

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Strong forces of American bombers thundered through concentrations of enemy fighter planes and flak today in a new daylight assault on one of the most heavily-bombed regions of the world—northwest Germany.

Specific targets were not immediately named in the Eighth airforce announcement, but some of the most important cities in the reich lie in the northwest territory, including battered Hamburg, Wilhelmshafen, Bremen and Emden.

It was over Emden Saturday that the German airforce sacrificed 138 of its fighters in a futile attempt to block the big American bombers from a pulverizing assault on vital docks and the center of the city itself.

Today's formations of Liberators and Flying Fortresses were shepherded by protective swarms of American fighters which have been accompanying the bombers all the way to their targets lately.

Yankoes Lose 20 Planes

It was the fourth heavy raid of the month for the Americans. Solingen was hit Dec. 1; unspecified targets in occupied France were hit heavily Dec. 5; and the smashing blow at Emden was delivered Saturday.

Seventeen bombers and three fighters were lost in the attack on Emden which left flames roaring over a half-mile-square area and towering columns of smoke dwarfing a feeble, wind-scattered ground screen miles below with which the Germans tried to obscure the American objective.

The toll of 138 Nazi fighters shot down in the Emden raid was attributable in part to the increased armament of Flying Fortresses—117 of the planes were knocked down by bomber gunners—and also to noticeable lack of experience of some of the German airmen.

The U. S. Eighth air force has downed 172 Nazi planes this month, although poor weather has limited major operations to three. The bag represents nearly 65 per cent of the total of 266 destroyed by the Americans in November.

Mosquitoes Harry Reich

Britain's tireless fleet of Mosquito bombers penetrated Germany for the third successive night last night for a series of lightning attacks on targets in the western reich.

The ascending scale of operations by these swift, all-wood raiders—alarming city after city in their sweeping course—is similar to the light bombing program which preceded the last group of heavy attacks on half-devastated Berlin.

The Mosquitoes went to work during the day Friday with low-level attacks in northwestern Germany, returning that night and again Saturday night when they ranged over western Germany.

An air ministry communiqué said one of the bombers was missing from last night's operations.

The foray followed a similar operation by the Mosquitoes Saturday night in which a number of unidentified targets were at-

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Salvaged Cans Shipped; Another Drive to Come

A capacity carload of tin cans was shipped from Roseburg Saturday culminating the tin salvage campaign. Fred A. Goff, county chairman, reported today. The tin will go to a detinning plant in San Francisco for processing. The Douglas county court provided several of its patrolmen to assist in the loading, which was directed by Floyd Frear, county roadmaster. Goff stated, Mr. Goff urged that Douglas county residents continue to save cans, as another tin drive is tentatively scheduled during the month of March.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

The Re-LIE-able Tokyo radio reports that the Japs, in a South Pacific fight, sank the U. S. battleship Wisconsin, which by the way is still afloat in the Delaware river. If these long-range Jap gunners aren't careful, they may drop their shells into the camp of their compatriots at Tule Lake. Restrain your alarm at such a possibility.