

Oregon Highway Planning Advanced

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Oregon is far ahead of other states in postwar highway planning, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said after returning from Chicago, where he attended the annual convention of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

"If the war ended today, we could let contracts on \$30,000,000 worth of highway projects within six months," Baldock said.

The association made plans for its campaign for a federal bill to assist state postwar highway programs for the three years immediately after the war. Under the program Oregon would get \$15,000,000 a year for three years. With state funds, the state would have \$19,000,000 a year to spend for three years.

Baldock said he would attend congressional hearings on the bill. The hearings will be held in Washington late in January.

Blockbusters Batter Nazis in Fresh Attacks

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tacked, and a sweep by Canadian-manned Mosquitoes over France by daylight yesterday in which a Heinkel-111 was shot down and another damaged over Bourges-Avoid airport.

Beaumonts of the coastal command also shot down three Nazi planes over the bay of Biscay in yesterday's operations in which two allied aircraft were lost.

George K. Protzman Funeral Services Held

Funeral services for the late George K. Protzman were held in the chapel of the Douglas Funeral home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Charles A. Edwards officiating. Concluding services and interment followed in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Driving Ban Ignored, Pays Fine of \$500

R. L. Chambers paid a fine of \$500 in the justice court at Roseburg today after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a motor vehicle following revocation of his operator's license. Judge Thomas Hartfel reported. A six months' jail sentence was suspended. Other fines reported included Donald A. Alexander, \$10, failure to stop at a through highway; James W. Payne, \$10, no vehicle license.

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Niles F. Similkier, son of Mrs. Hattie Similkier, 119 Mosher St., Roseburg, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant at the army air base at Clovis, N. M., according to word received here today. He entered service March 22, 1943. His wife, Mrs. Gertrude Similkier, is residing at 404 Ax-tell, Clovis, N. M.

The Roseburg News-Review has received a unique Christmas greeting from Major James K. Watts, athletic coach at Roseburg Senior high school, on leave of absence while serving with an infantry division overseas. An original drawing of a Christmas scene, "From Italy," was sent via V-mail.

Eighth Army Cracks Nazis' Adriatic Line

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his safety flatly vetoed the idea. (The dispatch gave no indication what, if anything, Mr. Roose-

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velt had to say to the Seventh army commander about the "Patton incident." Patton recently was disclosed to have apologized to his army or his action in striking a hospitalized soldier whom he berated for failure to return to action.

(The dispatch is the first indication of Patton's whereabouts in some time, although Eisenhower made it plain when the "incident" was disclosed that Patton remained in charge of the Seventh army.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson disclosed in a report to the senate today that Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., had "spoken threateningly and with undue harshness" to a soldier who failed to wear his leggings on combat duty because his ankles were swollen.

This was the only criticism of this nature made against Patton except previously reported incidents in which the general "cuffed" one soldier and upbraided another in Sicilian hospitals. Stimson said in a further report on the Patton case which has been under investigation by the senate military committee.

Senators of Solid South Split on 3rd Party Plan

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proposals "flouted the constitution."

Others Not Favorable

On the other hand, Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), who joined with Eastland in sponsoring the substitute vote bill, only bowed his head and smiled when asked about the revolt.

"I'm a democrat," he said. "That's all I want to say."

Senator Caraway (D-Ark.) said she didn't want to have anything to do with the revolt, adding she could not believe "any body is serious about this thing."

Senator Ellender (D-La.) complained that Bailey's remarks were "played up by the republican papers and used to split the democratic party further," adding: "I think we've had enough trouble already."

Observing that he didn't know Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) said much about "this party strife," he thought what was needed most was "a good housecleaning in Washington."

"It's quite confused at the present time, and politicians can talk about splits and new parties all they want to, but after all is said and done, the rank and file of the people are going to take hold and straighten this whole thing out next year," he commented.

Byrd Declines

Senator Byrd (D-Va.) has declined comment on the talk of revolt, except to reject the "nom." However, Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) said he was glad Byrd thus had snuffed out the proposal to nominate him for president on a third party ticket. It was Rankin's idea that Byrd could become the regular democratic nominee if President Roosevelt does not seek a fourth term.

Savings-Loan League Elects New Officers

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lie Payton, Portland, making savings investments more attractive to the public; Fred G. Stickle, Eugene, types of accounts; S. E. Trask, Corvallis, association services; David Auld, Eugene, promoting understanding with local and state leaders in government; Frank H. Johnson, Portland, improving banking quarters; S. E. Norby, Portland, utilizing services of the United States league.

Further reports on the national convention and a message from the retiring president, together with consideration and vote on the report of the resolutions committee, were among features scheduled for the afternoon session.

The convention was scheduled for final adjournment at 5 p. m.

Raid on Nauru Fails to Lure Japanese Fleet

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Australia to Borneo and Celebes island, respectively.

The flights Friday night brought destruction to oil refineries and storage tanks at Balikpapan, on the southwest coast of Borneo, and to wharves at Macassar, big port on the southwest coast of Celebes island. It was the third raid on Balikpapan and the fifth on Macassar.

MacArthur's communiqué today made the first reference to

Australian cavalry fighting on New Guinea. The horsemen and infantry met the Japanese in sharp clashes in the Ramu river valley Saturday.

Australian infantry, tanks and artillery overcame stiff opposition to advance one mile up the Huon peninsula coast to the So-wi river. The enemy was driven from prepared positions in precipitous Tunom river valley, leaving more than 100 dead.

Americans repulsed a Japanese counterattack Thursday in the northeast sector of Empress Augusta bay on Bougainville island in the North Solomons. The Americans have established an air strip here, within fighter plane distance of Rabaul, the enemy harbor and air base on New Britain island.

JAPS AGAIN ACCUSED OF USING POISON GAS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The recapture of Niupitan, east of Changteh, the retaking of 10 villages northwest of Changteh and the encirclement of 2,000 Japanese, more than 500 of whom were killed, were announced by the Chinese high command today in continued bloody rice bowl fighting.

Escaping remnants of the surrounded force fled toward Linli,

25 miles north of Changteh. Results of the fighting were not unimpaired, however, for the Chinese admitted the loss of Shihmen, an important town 40 miles northwest of Changteh.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, was reported around the Yangtze river port of Ichang, where the Chinese said their troops were attacking the outer defenses of the Japanese base after hand-to-hand engagements in which they captured several villages.

Japanese units are striking back under cover of heavy artillery fire and poison gas, a Chinese communiqué declares.

"Many of our officers and men were poisoned," said the Chinese high command, which on several occasions recently has accused the Japanese of employing poison gas.

The Chinese apparently were receiving continued effective air support from American airplanes in their battle to clear the enemy from the rich rice bowl area.

Bulgaria, Sick of War, Fears Nazi Retribution

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Hungarian cabinet meeting after hours. Tension was said to be spreading through the country

after the Hungarian peace party distributed pamphlets urging resistance to the war effort.

Although obviously concerned with their Balkan position and doing everything possible to strengthen it, German military experts are represented as expecting the biggest allied blow from the west.

With that in mind, they are said to have shifted Marshal Rommel, now touring Norway, from the Italian-Balkan command and put him in the western driver's seat.

Reich Faces More Havoc

But even before any new landings, the nazis undoubtedly will have new worries over the "24-hour, 360-degree bombing" of Germany and all her satellites which Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the U. S. army air forces, predicts is "about ready to start."

"Fearful and terrible air attacks are in prospect for Hitler-dominated Germany this winter and spring," the general told correspondents in Italy yesterday after a tour of the battlefield. "The RAF will bomb every city in Germany by night and we will by day."

Arnold emphasized that the Americans are about ready to strike by day at every point in

Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania as well as Germany itself.

His statement tended to support a warning given Bulgarians in pamphlets dropped by American planes that bombings even heavier than the three in a month on Sofia would follow unless Bulgaria got out of the war.

Backed by German arms, the puppet Bulgarian government is fighting growing revolt from the worried, pro-Russian population. Associated Press correspondent Frank J. O'Brien, writing from Ankara, said the third American air attack on Sofia Friday had convinced the Bulgarian citizen that his life and property were in danger by his government's alliance with the nazis.

Western Republicans Demand "Place in Sun"

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restoration to private ownership of government-owned industries.

For the farmer, the declaration asked a farm program assuring prices "in the market place comparable to the prices of other commodities"; tariff protection for the livestock industry, and the "restoration of the long established land policy which provides opportunity of ownership by

citizens qualified to promote the highest land use."

"Federal encroachment" on authority of states, counties and municipalities," the declaration

said, "is no longer to be tolerated and local self-government must be restored."

Immediate statehood for Alaska was proposed.

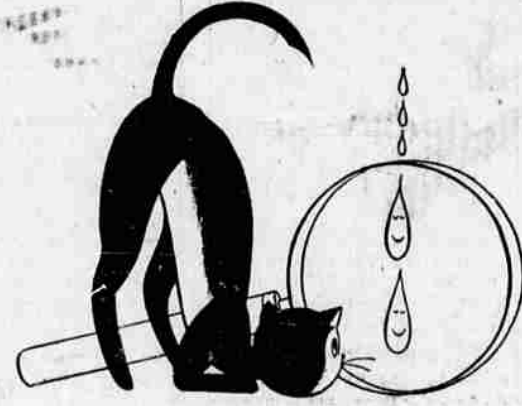
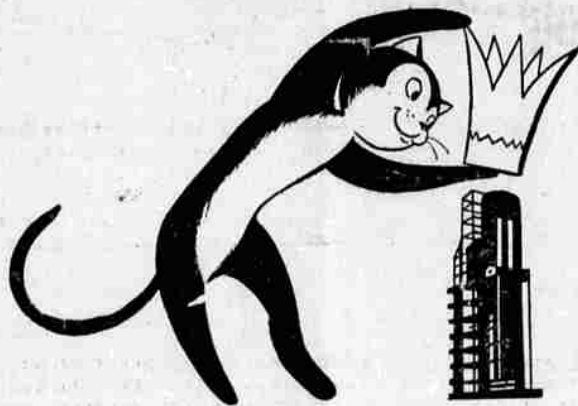
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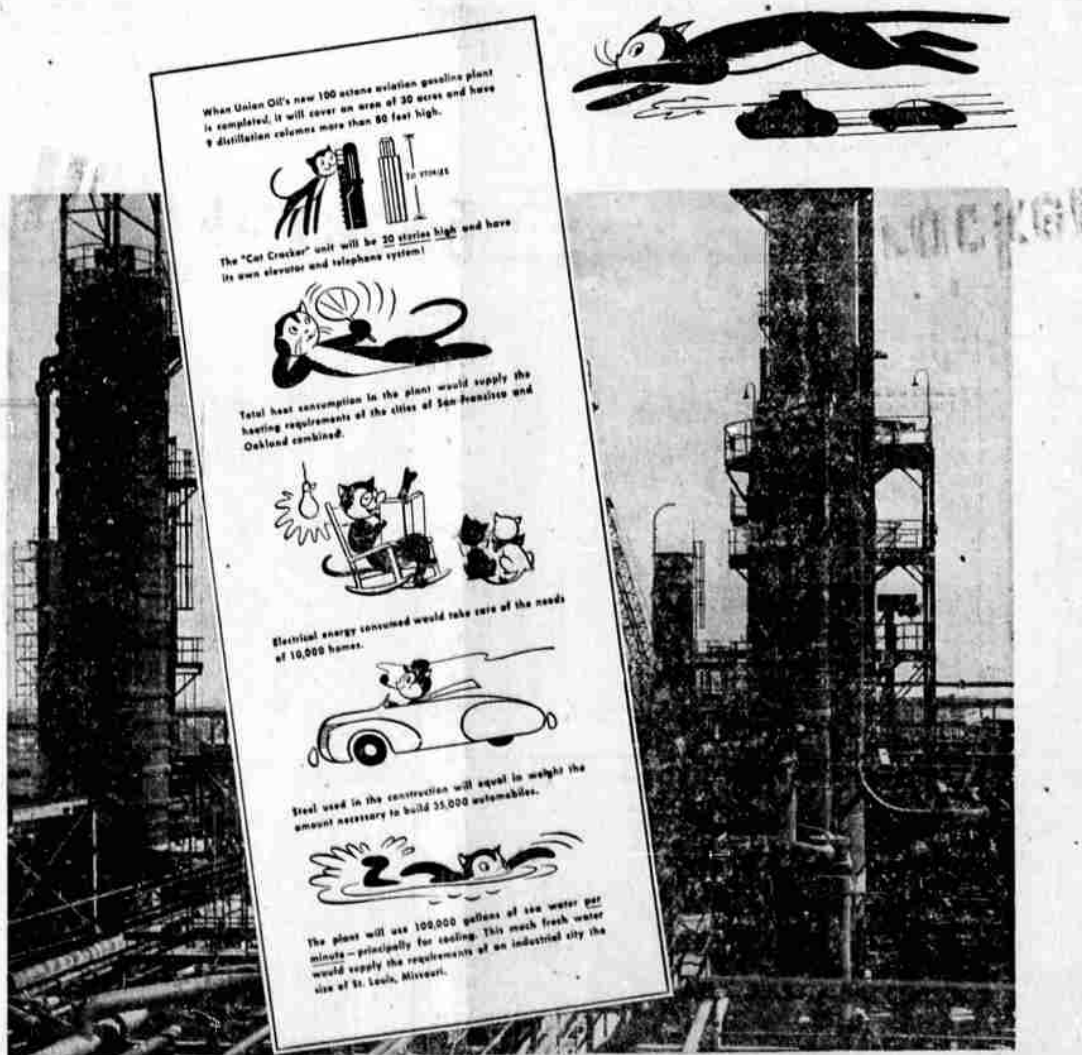
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