

FIRE DEVOURS BRUNSWICK AFTER RAF RAID

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North Roseburg Bottleneck Elimination Postwar Job No. 1

Planners Set Expansion of Schools No. 2

State, Federal Aid Will Be Asked; Mayor Harris Named Board Chairman

W. F. Harris, mayor of the city of Roseburg, was elected chairman of the Roseburg Postwar planning committee at that body's first meeting last night. Representatives from the county court, city council, school district and chamber of commerce compose the committee, which adopted the clearance of the traffic bottleneck in North Roseburg as the problem demanding first consideration, and the enlargement of school facilities was the project of next importance.

The committee includes Judge D. N. Busenbark and Commissioners H. B. Roadman and J. Ross Hutchinson, representing the county court; Chairman A. J. (Bud) Ellison, Harrie Booth and Leon E. McClintock, representing School District No. 4; Mayor Harris and Councilmen C. W. Wharton, Percy Croft and Walter Fisher, representing the City of Roseburg, and President James W. Moss, Bob Franks, Earl Wiley and Secretary Harold J. Hickerson, representing the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Hickerson was elected as the committee's secretary.

Link With Highway Listed

The proposal to cut Second Avenue South, the Deer creek road, through to the Pacific highway, was unanimously approved by the committee as the Number One project. The road is bearing heavy logging traffic, much of which must pass through the city's business district at present in order to reach the highway. With the opening of the housing units and the defense mill, it is anticipated the facilities will be inadequate to handle the volume of traffic and a short cut to the highway will be essential. State and federal aid in making the improvement will be solicited, while the county, city and logging interests are expected to share

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The big air battle over Germany, as most of us surmised, was for important objectives—three German fighter plane factories.

General Arnold, head of our air forces, tells us the Germans are trying to DOUBLE their present fighter strength and but for this and similar attacks MIGHT HAVE SUCCEEDED.

(BOMBERS are an offensive. B fighters a defensive weapon. We are attacking; the Germans are defending. For adequate defense, they need PLENTY OF FIGHTERS. Our present job is to prevent them from getting plenty. Hence Tuesday's great battle in the air.)

IN the Tuesday battle, we not only shot down 100 German fighters but smashed up German factories that were MAKING MORE fighters.

RETURNING pilots say they had to face ground rocket guns "throwing up explosives as big as a house," along with German rocket-firing fighter planes.

One guesses the present German air defense system is based on the old hunter's theory that "there's luck where there's lead flying." These rocket-firing guns heave up big bombs that burst and send fragments flying in every direction among our bomber formations. The missiles of the rocket-firing planes operate on the same principle.

THE German defense was desperate. The returning pilots report

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New Addition to Navy's Air Fleet



(NEA Telephoto)

New addition to the navy's air fleet are nine 10,000-ton converted cruisers of the Independence class, combining speed of cruisers and striking power of a modern carrier. Although this is the first picture of the new flat top to be released, the ships have seen heavy action in the South Pacific. Navy photo.

Red Juggernaut Heads for German Bastion at Pinsk

(By the Associated Press)

A Soviet offensive in White Russia surged forward in its fifth day struck across the Pripiet marshes, aimed at the stronghold city of Pinsk 115 miles away, and in Moscow's words, inflicted "tremendous losses" on the Germans.

The drive already had enveloped Moryz and Kalinkovichi, west of Gomel, and 40 small localities, carving a new bulge into the wavering Nazi line in Russia.

South of the marshes, Ukrainian forces of Gen. Vatutin struck deeper on a widening front along the Kiev-Warsaw railway, sweeping up more than 30 villages, and jumping the Horyn river 10 miles west of Sarny in old Poland.

The German high command said the Soviets had opened a new offensive north of Lake Ilmen, some 170 miles below Leningrad, on the northern front.

Moscow radio said the Germans appeared bewildered by the stunning red army blows in the Pripiet area. Rumanians were dying in great numbers, it said.

Concrete negotiations to settle the Polish-Russian boundary dispute seemed in the offing after a reply by the Polish government in exile urging a conference in which Britain and the United States would sit as intermediaries.

The diplomatic correspondent of the London Times said that Britain as well as Russia had assured the Poles their border would be extended westward as compensation for the Soviets' Curzon line proposal, which would leave Russia with the bulk of the Ukrainian and White Russian territory incorporated into the Soviet union in 1939.

Deep Snow Covers Mississippi City

GREENWOOD, Miss., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Nine inches of snow which fell here after Friday midnight had streets blocked in several parts of town today and city officials termed highway travel hazardous.

Heavy snow continued to fall during the morning hours.

Douglas Gets \$54,183 in Motor Vehicle Revenue

An allocation of \$54,183 to Douglas county from state motor vehicle revenues was announced by the state department at Salem today. The payment represents the county's share in the \$2,311,568 now being divided, the counties receiving 15.7 per cent of total receipts, which during 1943 amounted to \$15,723,366.

Planes Range 3,000 Miles To Blast Japs

Bases From Borneo to Bougainville Pounded; Bombs, Fires Take Toll

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Japanese tropical island bases in an almost unbroken chain of 3,000 miles from Borneo to Bougainville were listed today as having felt the wrath of bombs and bullets from far-ranging allied planes.

Bomber formations, night patrols and reconnaissance units helped chart one of the most extensive operations reported in several weeks.

From end to end of the long line, General MacArthur's command told of fires and explosions among such enemy warping facilities as a big oil refinery, a 7,000-ton cargo ship, planes, airdromes, barges, supply dumps, buildings and bivouacs.

Flying more than 1,000 miles northwest of Australia, Liberators set ablaze a cracking plant at the Balikpapan oil refinery on Borneo on the westernmost end of the operational line. On adjacent Celebes, the Wilhelmshafen wharf area was blasted.

Southeast of there, Liberators started fires in the harbor town of Dill on Portuguese Timor. Northeastward, on Ceram, explosions rocked Amahai airdrome and Geser village.

On nearby Dutch New Guinea, four-engine bombers attacked Keaukwa village. Midway along New Guinea's north coast, a night patroling Catalina damaged a small Japanese cargo ship.

Closer to the northeastern New Guinea jungle front, Liberators screened by P-38s dropped 75 tons of bombs on Alexishafen in the Madang sector where upwards of 1,300 tons of explosives have fallen since the first of the year.

From there, the operational line swung across New Britain, with attack planes tearing into enemy positions at invaded Arawe on the southwest coast; fight-

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Douglas County's "March of Dimes" Begins Next Week

Douglas county's "March of Dimes" will start next week under the sponsorship of the Roseburg Business and Professional Women's club, it was announced today by Iris Rice Helliwell, chairman of the county Infantine Paralysis Foundation committee.

The club, Mrs. Helliwell reports, is making plans for a number of special activities, in addition to a general county-wide solicitation for funds.

Mrs. Jean Mills, president of the club, is being assisted by the executive committee in planning the campaign.

Mrs. L. L. (Helen) Wimberly has been appointed county chairman and will enlist the support of workers in each community.

Money raised by the "March of Dimes" goes to maintain infantile paralysis research and aid for victims. The Douglas county committee during the recent epidemic expended several hundred dollars, and is still giving aid to several cases. Local funds are nearing the point of exhaustion, but the national fund has been set up to provide aid for counties in which the lead is greater than the sum available and assistance can be secured if necessary. E. S. McClain, treasurer of the fund, reports that the Douglas county fund probably would not have been sufficient to meet the needs, had it not been that some of the cases were helped by neighboring counties. It was necessary to cash a \$500 war bond in which the county's infantile paralysis fund reserve had been invested.

A large response to this year's appeal, it was stated, is urgent, in order to rebuild the reserve to a point where future emergencies can be met.

U. S. War Vote Plan Not Yet Knocked Out

Senate Ready to Enact Bill, or Compromise If Offered, Sponsor Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Advocates of a federal war ballot for the armed services today confidently predicted its passage despite the apparent steady progress in congress of a states' rights bill intended to keep Washington's hands off soldier votes in the coming presidential election.

As the house advanced for floor consideration of a senate-passed bill leaving armed service voting a problem for the states, Senator Lucas (D., Ill.) predicted that the senate now is ready to adopt a war ballot if it gets a chance to undo its month-old decision against the plan.

He said he would resurrect his federal ballot proposal and try to pin it on the states' rights bill if that measure is passed by the house and returned to the senate. If that fails he will press for passage of his own substitute which revives a federal ballot but leaves it up to local precinct officials to decide whether the service man or woman who uses it has cast a legal ballot.

The provision for local officials to pass on the validity of service ballots was a compromise concession to those who opposed the federal war ballot as invading states' rights.

"I have no fear what the election officials in 99 per cent of the precincts will do," Lucas declared. "They will approve these soldier votes. I'd hate to see what will happen when somebody says he's not going to count them."

Elsewhere in the senate there was a growing sentiment to pass a federal voting law in time for this year's elections.

What Bill Provides. These are the essential provisions:

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Farmers Choose Jail to Release in Ouster of Negroes

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., Jan. 15.—(AP)—At least a dozen of the 55 Butler county farmers who went to jail rather than ask for release on their own recognizance following indictments by a grand jury over a racial flareup, called for their lawyers today so they could get out of jail.

The farmers are charged with inciting to riot or kidnapping in connection with alleged election of four Negro families on Dec. 8 from a rural district occupied by white residents.

The men surrendered in a group yesterday, vowing not to post bond as a protest against what their attorney called "an oppressive charge."

Another farmer gave bond because, he said, of illness in his family, but promised the other accused: "I'll be back to join you in a couple of days."

A 16-year-old boy, also named in the indictment, was turned over to juvenile authorities.

Supreme Torture for Hitler Suggested

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Suggestions in the Hattiesburg American's what-to-do-with-Hitler contest included one from a Boston, Mass., citizen:

That Hitler be taken to Washington and be forced to read all the OPA rules, regulations, amendments and statements issued during the life of the OPA. Then Hitler would be made to explain in "plain language" what he had read, in a day-to-day report for the remainder of his life.

Entries in the newspaper's contest have been received from 30 states, Canada and Nova Scotia.

State Officer Shot by Navy Deserter Trio

Fight Follows Alleged Auto Theft at Ashland, Robbery at Eugene

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A trio of 21 to 23-year-old self-styled navy deserters who admit having shot a state police officer near the Rickreall junction in Polk county two hours after holding up a Eugene service station were arrested in Salem this morning.

The three, identified by Capt. Walter Lansing of the state police as Samuel Wells, Jr., and Clarence C. Larson, both from Bremerton, and Byron Neil Dyson, San Francisco, told officers today of having wandered around in the car they had stolen in Ashland January 6, hiding in drive-ways as the state police patrol spread its net around them in the early hours of the morning.

Finally, toward dawn, they drove into Salem, where they were surprised as they slept in a hotel room, taken without the firing of a shot, although they had told officer Karl Murphy they were "dangerous" just before shooting him in a scuffle at 9:30 last night.

At Salem general hospital, Murphy, with a flesh wound in one hip and a bullet from a .22 Woodsman pistol mushroomed along a bone near the knee, spent a "fair" night, attendants said.

Dyson Uses Pistol.

Arresting the sailors on a charge of automobile larceny, although he had originally given chase because they were speeding, Murphy took two into his police coupe, left the third in the stolen Studebaker and prepared to herd his charges into Dallas.

Dyson pulled out a pistol, told Murphy they were not going with him, that they had held up a service station in Eugene at 7:30 that night, obtaining \$200; that they were deserters and that they had too much to lose to be taken so easily. In the scuffle which ensued, the officer was shot. Larson told Lansing here this morning that a flesh wound in one of his legs was also the result of that scuffle.

Although he was beaten about

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Gangland Boss of Chicago is Slain

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Ben Zuckerman, described by police as a gambling boss and prohibition era bootlegger, was shot to death last night, his assassination carried out with the usual swiftness of gangland murders.

Less than two hours after Zuckerman was slain, Ben Glaser, 60, whom police said was his associate, died of a heart attack after being informed of Zuckerman's death.

The 49-year-old west side gambler was about to enter his home when a gunman jumped from a car parked nearby, ran towards him and fired one shot. Zuckerman fell to the sidewalk, pleaded to his assailant. The killer fired two more bullets.

Robert Updike of Sutherlin Drowns

Robert Updike, 20, resident of Sutherlin, who has been in army training at Camp Adair, near Corvallis, Ore., was drowned last night, according to word received by relatives.

He was the son of Mrs. May Updike, Sutherlin, and a brother of Edna Mae Updike, Spokane, and Mrs. Grovie Dunn and Lois Updike, Roseburg.

It was the second death by drowning to strike the family within a month as Mrs. Dunn's husband, Captain Chauncey Dunn, commander of the local rifle company of the Oregon State Guard, was drowned Dec. 10 at Winchester.

German War-Output Center Erased by Bombs; Magdeburg, Berlin, France Also Blasted

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The RAF threw its full weight into the pre-invasion campaign to exterminate the German air force, burying the central German city of Brunswick under a heavy load of explosives last night as an after-stroke to the American daylight attack last Tuesday when Fortresses and Liberators fought one of the great battles of the war to bomb the Messerschmitt plant.

The RAF bombers dumped 2,000 long tons of bombs upon the plane manufacturing city in what the air ministry termed "a very heavy attack." This and other operations cost 38 aircraft.

Great fires were left burning.

As this main force was over Brunswick, Mosquito bombers returned again to attack Berlin, and other planes bombed Magdeburg, southwest of Berlin, and targets in northern France.

Absentee M. P.'s Name Involved With Doris Duke



(NEA Telephoto)

During 1940 when James H. R. Cromwell alleges, his former wife, Doris Duke, turned over his bedroom and affections to a "British Casanova," further described as "a truant member of British parliament," there was controversy in the house of commons over the prolonged presence in the U. S. and as guest at Miss Duke's "Shangri-La" estate of Capt. A. S. Cunningham-Reid (above) 47-year-old independent member of parliament.

Evacuation Of Marseille Ordered

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Berlin radio today broadcast an appeal by the newspaper Le Petit Marseillais for all women, children, sick and aged persons to evacuate Marseille because of the growing danger of allied air attacks on French cities on the Mediterranean coast.

A Vichy broadcast said that authorities had taken special measures to have auxiliary hospital forces prepared to make surgical operations at French hospitals within six hours after an air attack.

Santa Fe Ticket Office is Held Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Santa Fe railroad ticket office on Geary street, in the heart of the city, was held up this morning about 8:30 by a man with a tommy gun who escaped with about \$90.

The man first made general inquiries about tickets, then stepped back, told four clerks: "Don't move; stand still, this is a hold-up." One of the clerks was forced to hand over the day's change.

Police took up the chase when the man ran east on Geary street.

Goodyear Store Bought By Hansen Motor Co.

Purchase of the Goodyear Service store, located in the L. O. O. F. building in Roseburg, was announced today by H. T. Hansen of the Hansen Motor company. Bruce Carter has been installed as manager. It is planned, Hansen stated, to continue the business in its present location and without change.

The overnight blow at Nazi defense fighters swung the allied aerial offensive into a round-the-clock attack again, following by only a few hours a day-long assault on military targets in northern France by strong formations of American planes.

Twenty-seven enemy craft were destroyed in the daylight raids by the American force.

Yesterday's daylight attacks against the so-called "rocket-gun coast" called into action in the neighborhood of 1,400 allied planes.

One hundred of Russian bombers entered the assault yesterday, attacking a German Black sea convoy, and far-ranging RAF planes swooped down on more Nazi shipping off Norway, torpedoing two vessels.

In London seven persons were killed and 31 injured last night by a direct bomb hit on a theater by a German raider that apparently sneaked undetected through the capital's warning system.

Flames Devour Brunswick.

Brunswick, a city of 200,000 population which lies 100 miles west of Berlin, was last hit by the RAF's night raiders on September 27. Its airplane works and plants turning out artillery, motorcycles, tractors and railway equipment were targets of the powerful Tuesday assault by American bombers, which also carried the heavy craft over Oshersleben, Halberstadt, Bielefeld and Meppen.

RAF and Canadian fliers returning from another of their "miracle" cloud-bombing jobs said Brunswick resembled a "city that wasn't blacked out," because of the many fires left raging.

Magdeburg, Elbe river city about 80 miles southwest of Berlin which the RAF's Mosquitos went on to blast last night, is an important chemical and war manufacturing city.

Nazi Defense Intense.

The Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet said about 100 Mosquitos made last night's attack on Berlin.

He said the capital's wailing sirens sent the bomb-punished residents scurrying to shelters shortly after 7 p. m., and added that the extent of damage was unknown.

The Nazis put up an unusually intensive although ineffectual opposition.

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Violations of Gas Rules Here Charged

Charges of violations in the Roseburg area of OPA price regulations are now before the district office in Portland and hearings are pending. It was reported today by L. V. Hammock, chairman of the Roseburg War Price and Rationing board, following his return from Portland, where he met with district officers.

A hearing on an alleged violation of rules pertaining to gasoline sales will be held in Roseburg Jan. 17 by the regional commissioner, Hammock stated. Further investigations are being made into complaints of other alleged violations, the chairman reported.

"I personally regret that things like this must happen," Hammock declared. "Our board is anxious to give assistance in explaining regulations so that no violations need result from misunderstanding with regulations and cooperating. It is my hope that business firms will cooperate in compliance with the local board."

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Rosenstiel

A lot of fellows on the war front punching the axis are probably wondering if they'll get a chance to punch a time clock when they return, without offering to swap citations for situations.