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Zoning System for Roseburg Considered by City Council

Need of Wider Fire Guarding Is Recognized

Tighter Curfew Law Is Ordered; Vacation of Sub Street Requested

The Roseburg city council at its regular meeting last night took action on two proposals resulting from rapid growth of the city and war conditions. One would provide a new curfew law to assist in the control of juvenile delinquency, and the other would initiate a zoning program. Routine transactions included consideration of a request for vacation of a stub street adjoining the Paulus Bros. warehouse; the acceptance of the resignation of James Bewley, assistant fire chief; extension of the no parking limits to include a portion of Second Avenue South; sale of a city-owned lot and consideration of reports, bills and beer license applications.

A lengthy discussion was held relative to the proposed zoning study. Councilman Percy Croft, chairman of the board of fire commissioners, reported that a preliminary study had been made and his proposal that immediate steps be taken to extend the fire limits was approved and an ordinance drawn and submitted at the next regular meeting.

Proposed Zones Detailed
The fire zone would add to the existing area a section in North Roseburg extending along the railroad tracks as far north as Rowe street, then along First Avenue South east to Third street. The boundary line would follow Third Street to Second Avenue South, then swing eastward one block to E. Fourth street, thence to Deer Creek, following the center line of the creek to Fowler street, and thence to Douglas street to connect with the existing zone. In the south end of town the addition would start at Mosher street, following McClellan and Cobb streets to Roberts street, which would form the southern boundary, with the alleyway between Pine and Stephens streets as the west boundary.

The addition of these areas to the fire zone would not affect existing structures but would require that any new buildings, other than residences, be of fireproof construction.

A proposal to add to the fire zone a strip 200 feet in width on each side of the railroad tracks was considered but was left for future decision.

Would Regulate Flues

The ordinance to be drawn by the city attorney will include a section designating the manner in which flues in all types of buildings shall be constructed. This section will apply to residential buildings.

Would-Be Draft Evader Lists His Horse "Dependent"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Philosophers and draft boards may now discuss—if they wish—the argument put forth in federal court yesterday by Edward Merrell Sheridan, 28, that a horse is a legal draft dependent.

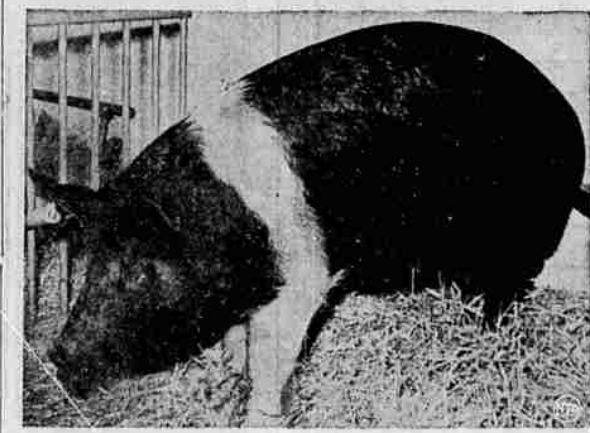
He frankly declared that in registering for the draft in 1941 he listed as a dependent "Mary Ann Sheridan," revealed last week as his horse. Then he pleaded no contest to an indictment alleging that he sought to evade army induction on the claim that he was supporting a "certain female dependent."

"To me," he told the court, "a dependent is a dependent—whether it is a horse or a child or what have you—so long as you are paying for its support."

"This dependent of mine ate oats all the time. I had to pay for her support all the time. I never meant to cheat the government."

Sentence was delayed until the federal probation office files a report.

For War Bonds—\$70,055 Per Pound



Pictured above is undoubtedly the highest priced pork in the world. She's Iowa Queen, 300-pound gilt who, at war bond auction at Freuhaf Farms, near Cedar Rapids, Ia., brought total of \$21,016,500, or \$70,055 per pound. Donated to war loan cause by Freuhaf Brothers, world's largest auto truck trailer manufacturers, Iowa Queen was bought, turned back and resold nine times in 15 minutes of frenzied bidding. Largest sale was for \$15,000,000 to Des Moines Bankers Life Co. Final sale was to the Killian store, which, for \$11,500 in bonds got the porker.

Red Slaughter of Trapped Nazis Goes On Relentlessly

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Red army has liquidated the German bridgehead at Nikopol, manganese center in the Dnieper bend, Moscow announced tonight.

In a four-day offensive the Russians "inflicted heavy defeat on seven enemy infantry divisions," said an order of the day by Marshal Stalin.

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The situation confronting 15 German divisions trapped in the Dnieper bend grew steadily more desperate today as the red army cut down thousands of the axis troops and narrowed the circles of death around the enemy forces at Nikopol and Cherkassy.

At the same time Russian and German troops fought without quarter in the outskirts of the rich manganese center of Nikopol into which the red army penetrated yesterday. As the bewildered nazis fell back before the fierceness of the soviet onslaught, other troops of the Third Ukrainian army came to grips with the remnants of five fast-tiring divisions effectively trapped in the Dnieper marshlands outside the city.

One hundred miles north of Nikopol the First and Second Ukrainian armies reduced the nazis-held Cherkassy pocket to approximately 40 square miles by capturing five fortified towns within its outer fringe. The Russians planted their artillery with in shelling range of German airfields which heretofore had offered the sole means of escape to survivors of the 100,000 troops originally penned in this Russian death trap.

On the northern end of the 1,200-mile-long front troops of the Second Baltic army captured 80 settlements north and west of Novosokolniki, a Russian commune said.

Far to the north, Gen. Govorov's Leningrad army was hammering further into Estonia and dislodging the Germans from their positions east of Lake Peipus.

Woman Says Soldiers Attacked, Robbed Her

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Police and Camp White military authorities today investigated a report of a 34-year-old Portland woman that she was robbed, beaten and raped by two soldiers.

The woman, whose name was withheld, said she stopped here briefly on her way home from California, forgot the way back to the bus terminal and asked two soldiers to direct her. They led her to a bridge instead, she said, forced her under it and then robbed her of \$18, struck her and attacked her.

18 Fruit Shippers Accused of Price Rules Violations

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The OPA charged 18 Oregon and Washington fruit shippers with evading federal price regulations.

The suit, filed in federal court here yesterday, declared the shippers had changed their business practices and had exceeded established OPA prices by 14 cents on each box of fruit by refusing to ship in carload lots. Shippers are entitled to higher prices on less than carload lots, OPA officials said.

The suit also charged the shippers with evading price rulings by shortweighing dealers.

Those named in the complaint were: Marley Fruit company, Stubbs Fruit and Storage company, Perham Fruit company, Yakima Fruit Growers association, Richey and Gilbert company, American Fruit Growers, Inc., Tonasket, Wash., Wenatchee Beebe Orchard company, White & Prince company, Seattle; Smith & Nelson company, Inc., Tonasket, Wash.; Wenatchee Cold Storage company, Paul M. See and Leslie O. Davis, doing business as H. S. Dennison company; Standard Fruit, Inc., Fruit Growers Service, Inc., American Fruit Growers, Inc., doing business as Northwest Fruit Exchange, all of Wenatchee, Wash.; Apple Growers association, Ted Pooley, all of Hood River, Ore.; Pinnacle Packing company of Medford, Ore., and the Blue Mountain Growers cooperative, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

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Navy Announces Loss of 2 More U. S. Submarines

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Loss of two American submarines, the Cisco and the S-44, was announced today by the navy. The submarines both presumably were operating in Pacific waters where American submarines have been taking a heavy toll of Japanese shipping.

Their losses bring to 19 the number of American undersea craft lost since the war started. Against those losses our submarines have sunk, probably sunk or damaged 572 Japanese vessels, including warships.

The navy gave no details in announcing the loss of the 18 year old S-44 and the big, new Cisco, which was commissioned only last May.

Commander James W. Coe, Richmond, Ind., skipper of the Cisco, was listed as missing in action. The Cisco was one of the newest type American submarines. She had a displacement of 1,525 tons and carried a crew of approximately 85 men.

Lieutenant Commander Francis E. Brown skippered the old S-44, which had a displacement of only 850 tons. She carried a crew of about 45 men. Brown, listed as missing in action, had given his official address as Reno, Nev. His wife, Mrs. Juanita L. Brown, now lives at Long Beach, Calif.

Loss of the two submarines brings to 141 the number of United States naval vessels lost since the beginning of the war.

Nazis Bomb Hospital In War in Italy

Nurses, Wounded Men, Doctors on Death List; Cassino Fight Rages On

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Waves of German planes struck in heavy attack yesterday at the allied invasion beachhead below Rome, headquarters announced today, and thunderous artillery shelling continued in prelude to an impending major battle.

One Nazi dive-bomber hit an American evacuation hospital, killing 26 and wounding 43 persons, including U. S. nurses, front dispatches said. The hospital was mainly marked and lay a mile from any military target.

The dead included two nurses, four doctors, four wounded soldiers, and 16 enlisted men of the hospital unit.

There apparently was not the remotest reason to doubt that it was a deliberate attack.

Anti-personnel bombs landed at the very edge of the Red Cross (insignia surmounting the hospital), which is 45 feet square with bars six feet wide.

There was not a single major military objective within a mile radius of the hospital. There also were three other hospitals—all equally plainly marked with red crosses—jammed up against the victim of the attack, making it literally impossible to mistake the sector for anything but a hospital zone.

(The War department in Washington said the women nurses killed in the attack on the Anzio evacuation hospital were the first American nurses to lose their lives through direct enemy action in this war.)

Nineteen German planes were shot down. American and British troops further consolidated their positions in the bridgehead, and the Germans strengthened their force thrown around the invasion area. Patrols were active, but there were no major land attacks by either side, headquarters added.

Cassino Battle Rages On
Grim fighting continued in the streets of Cassino to the east and the mountains around the town. Despite fierce attacks by Americans who have nearly surrounded the town, the nazis still held three-quarters of it, and had kept open a corridor to their rear lines.

(Doughboy units have pushed within 100 yards of the summit of Mt. Cassino west of the town, the navy said.)

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Nippon Slain On Kwajalein Totals 8,122

Yankee Dead 286, With 1,148 Others Wounded; 264 Japs Are Prisoners

(By the Associated Press)
The Japanese homeland remained in the dark today on the stunning Nipponese defeat in the swift American capture of Kwajalein in the Marshall islands. Just how complete was the U. S. victory was indicated in casualty figures given out at Pearl Harbor by Admiral Nimitz. They showed:

Japanese dead: 8,122.
American dead: 286.

The Tokyo radio told its broadcast listeners that "bitter fighting" continued in the Mar-

Jap Who 'Crushed' U. S. Fleet Slain, Tokyo Says

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said today in a broadcast that Japanese Vice Admiral Akiyama had been killed in action "on the southern front," but gave no details.

"He is a warrior who rendered meritorious services in crushing the enemy American fleet at one stroke in a night attack at the mouth of a certain bay during a certain month last year," said the broadcast.

shalls, although the 60-mile long Kwajalein atoll has been in American hands for several days. There has been no word of any further landings on other islands.

Commander Anthony Kimmins of the British Royal navy, the first military observer to return from the Marshalls, declared at Pearl Harbor that the Kwajalein campaign, which started January 31, was the most perfectly executed action he had seen.

Why Japanese casualties ran so high was suggested by Associated Press War Correspondent William L. Worden in a description of the pulverizing American bombardment of the coral target now being converted into a U. S. air base in the heart of the enemy's central Pacific defense line.

"American guns destroyed, as nearly as it is possible to destroy land itself, the northwest end of Kwajalein island," he wrote. "Nothing that was there when this blanket of hot steel fell, is alive—no men, no trees, not even tiny crabs which were scuttling."

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New Tokens Halve Time For Grocery Purchasing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The OPA reported today that a Chicago demonstration of the use of the new ration tokens showed a time saving of 50 per cent in the buying of rationed groceries.

Two hundred retailers watched the demonstration "endorsed the simplified token plan 100 per cent," OPA said, and 40 representatives of consumer organizations "were equally gratified."

Ten housewives moved past the cashier in five minutes while paying for goods selling at \$16 in the test run, OPA said, while it took 11 minutes 55 seconds for 10 housewives to check out \$14.25 worth of goods under the old system.

The token plan goes into effect Feb. 27.

Two Tule Lake Japs Held On Charge of Assault

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Sabao Yorika, 25, and George K. Szeki, 27, Japanese-American internees at the Tule Lake segregation camp, will be held in the Klamath Falls, Ore., jail pending disposition of assault and battery charges, R. B. Cozzens, assistant director of the War Relocation authority here, announced.

Yorika and Szeki, Cozzens said, administered a severe beating to Semichi Abe, an elderly Japanese, in a personal quarrel. Abe was taken to the Tule Lake hospital for treatment.

The case will be handled by Charles Lederer, district attorney of Modoc county, Calif.

Gets Last Laugh on Japanese Foe



(USMC Photo From NEA)

John Louis L'Abbe of the U. S. marines laughs as he tells how he got the sword he holds. Wounded at Tarawa beach, the Portland, Ore., marine was attacked with the sword by a Jap officer. Although his arms were badly slashed, L'Abbe wrested the blade away, used it to kill the Nip.

Tax Bill Requires 'F. R.'s Signature to Avoid Heavy Loss in Potential Revenue

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Time, the constitution and a three-line clause in the \$2,315,200,000 tax bill combined today to make it impossible for President Roosevelt to allow the measure to become law without his signature unless he is willing to lose more than \$87,000,000 in potential revenue.

The measure, which Mr. Roosevelt criticized recently as unrealistic and which blocks a social security payroll tax increase which he thinks should take effect, can not actually reach the White House before Wednesday, according to enrolling clerks, although it received final congressional approval yesterday. If Mr. Roosevelt then decides to allow it to become law without signing it, it would take effect under the constitution 10 days later (Sundays excepted), or Feb. 21.

However, the bill provides that the \$1,051,300,000 in excise tax increases "shall take effect on the first day of the first month which begins more than 10 days after the date of the enactment of this act." Non-signature would make the effective date April 1, rather than March 1, with a consequent potential loss of one-twelfth of a year's excise tax additions.

Simplicity Sought

Without waiting to see what would happen to this legislation, congress turned to the job of attempting to simplify the present income tax structure, the complexities of which have brought anguished cries from all parts of the country. Chairman Doughton said his house ways and means committee would begin a study of the matter immediately.

The anticipated \$2,315,200,000 yield from the new measure will push total federal revenue above

an estimated \$42,200,000,000 over a full year's operation, but both the president and the treasury have declared an increase of at least \$10,500,000,000 should have been provided.

It was generally expected that Mr. Roosevelt would reiterate his views in a message to congress, no matter what his decision on signing or vetoing it.

Income Credit Out

Individual income taxpayers face an additional \$664,900,000 load under the measure through abolition of the earned income credit and disallowance of deductions for federal excise taxes paid. The victory tax becomes a straight 3 per cent levy on income over \$24 a year, regardless of family status. The changes apply to 1944 income and not to that for 1943.

A rise from 90 to 95 per cent in the excess profits rate is expected to bring in an extra \$502,100,000 from corporations.

Higher postal rates, effective 30 days after enactment, are counted upon for \$36,900,000 more. In-town mail, formerly sent for a 2-cent stamp, will cost 3 cents, and the airmail rate will rise from 6 cents per ounce to 8.

Luxury Items Upped

The heavy new excise tax increases will take effect March 1 if the bill becomes law by February 19. They crack down heavily on a long list of so-called luxury items and on articles and services, such as light bulbs and railroad tickets, which never have been considered de luxe affairs.

The rate on hard liquor shoots up from \$6 per 100-proof gallon to \$9. Beer, now taxed \$7 a barrel, will carry \$8. Rates on wine rise sharply. Patrons of cabarets and night clubs must pay a 30 per cent treasury surcharge on their bills.

Claims Against Welfare Recipients Are Banned

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—County public welfare commissions are forbidden from making claims against future earnings of persons who now are receiving benefits from the state public welfare commission.

The county commissions also are forbidden from making claims against estates of deceased recipients of general assistance, and the commissions can not take mortgages against property of persons on general assistance, Neuner ruled.

Albany High Principal Found Dead at Home

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—E. A. Hudson, Albany high school principal, was found dead in his basement yesterday by police investigating his absence from school. The coroner blamed a heart attack.

Hudson, 58, was graduated from Oregon State college in 1909. He came here 32 years ago and was employed as athletic coach and band instructor before being appointed principal 25 years ago. A sister and three brothers survive. His wife died last November.

Central Oregon Traffic Paralyzed by Snowstorm

REDMOND, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—A snow storm swirled over central Oregon today, paralyzing highway traffic in some sections and closing Redmond schools.

Six inches of snow covered Redmond after a few hours and school buses were unable to operate.

State Auditor Facing Drunken Driving Charge

OLYMPIA, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A charge of drunken driving was on file in justice court here today against State Auditor Cliff Yelle.

The charge was filed last night by Acting Prosecutor Levy Johnson, who said that Yelle now is confined to a Seattle hospital.

Nine Army Airmen Die In Crash of Bomber

WENDOVER, Utah, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Nine army airmen were killed yesterday when a bomber crashed eight miles northeast of Wendover air base. Lt. Col. W. G. Carter, commandant, reported today. None were from the Pacific northwest.

Wipe-Out Of Industrial City Well on Way

Northern France Targets Also Raided; U. S. Again Tells Finland to Quit

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses in force thundered bombs on Frankfurt again today and the fury of their attack left no doubt that the obliteration of another great German manufacturing center was well begun.

While the Fortresses made their 400-mile penetration of Germany under the protection of long-range fighters, an independent force of Liberators droned across the channel to join swift flights of American Mauders and British Typhoons and Hurricanes in a concentrated pounding of targets in northern France.

Frankfurt, a city of a half a million near the junction of the Main and the Rhine rivers, already had been severely damaged by three heavy RAF attacks when over 800 American bombers struck it with 1,800 tons of explosives last Jan. 29.

Both Fortresses and Liberators delivered another punishing attack Feb. 4 and the follow-up today emphasized allied determination to wipe out the city with its railroad yards, aircraft component factories and chemical plants.

The daylight air offensive came after the RAF's swift Mosquitos bombed unspecified objectives in western Germany last night for the 6th time in seven nights.

Raiding Pace Intensified
The American heavies now have conducted 10 major operations in 12 winter days—a historically intensive pace indicative of the growing strength of the American air force now numbering more than 2,000 bombers in the United Kingdom.

The Mauders—which worked on two airfields and other military targets in northern France Sunday—went out today with a strong escort of RAF, Dominion and allied Spitfires.

In addition to bombing western Germany, the RAF night raiders attacked enemy airfields in northern France, an air ministry communique said. The overnight operations were carried out without loss.

U. S. AGAIN WARNS FINNS TO GET OUT OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Secretary Hull disclosed today that the United States had recently

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Govt. Ballot Bill Tacked by Senate Onto States Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The administration won a major victory for its federal war ballot plan today as the senate tacked the proposal on to a house-passed "states rights" bill for voting by the armed forces.

The roll call vote was 46 to 40 in favor of attaching the modified Green-Lucas federal ballot bill to the "states rights" measure which would have left to the states the job of handling all armed service voting.

The senate's action presaged a move to send the entire service vote controversy into a conference of senate and house members in an effort to work out a compromise measure agreeable to both branches of congress.

The Green-Lucas bill would send federal ballots overseas and to military personnel in this country for votes on president, vice-president and members of congress.

Previously today, by a vote of 62 to 20, backers of the Green-Lucas bill accepted a change which would give overseas personnel a choice between federal and state ballots. The amendment, providing that overseas voters might use the federal ballot if they fail to receive a state ballot in time to vote, originally, under the Green-Lucas bill, federal ballots would have gone to all overseas voters regardless of absentee voting provisions in their home states.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rosenblatt

For every victorious allied amphibious operation in the Pacific, there's an am-"fib"-ious broadcast on the Tokyo radio. Its policy appears to be, "If we can't beat the allies, tell the home folks all lies."