

Red Tape Cut To Send Huge Shoes To Needy Marine

POCATELLO, Idaho, April 21.—(AP)—The post-office finally accepted those shoes for delivery to Marine PFC. Lawrence I. Hanson, somewhere in the South Pacific—and just in time.

Citizens were growing disturbed after reading an Associated Press dispatch that the Post-office wouldn't handle the brogans—mere 1533's—because they were too heavy for overseas shipment. Not a few wrote sharp letters.

Hanson, a 19-year-old, 6-foot 4-inch lad who starred in football, weights and track at Rigby, Idaho, high school, was excused from overseas duty because his feet were too large for the regular government issue.

Not one to miss a scrap, Hanson dug up three pairs and went off to the wars. He gave them considerable wear at Guadalcanal and applied the finishing touches in the Gilberts. Things were so bad, a story carried by Associated Press related, that Hanson was walking around barefoot to save what was left of the last pair.

A Pocatello shoe company ordered a pair custom made and presented them to the marine recruiting office here, for shipment to Hanson. The post-office took one look at the shoes and said no. "For God's sake," wrote Frank Roemmelt of Detroit, "cut the red tape and see that he gets the shoes as quickly as possible * * *"

The post-office reconsidered and accepted the brogans as "military equipment."

Allies Well Prepared For Japanese in India

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ese previously has been to the north in the direction of Dimapur on the same line.

Stillwell's Chinese were still advancing slowly southward toward the rail town of Mogaung in an effort to cut off Myitkyina, chief Japanese base in northern Burma and a control point on the projected Ledo road to China.

Ceylon newspapers gave prominent play to a Tokyo radio broadcast which said British and Indian troops formerly stationed at Ceylon as a reserve had gone into action around Kohima.

Yanks In Role At Sumatra

A strong United States navy carrier force has joined with British French and Dutch naval units in the Indian ocean and participated in the blow which caught Japanese napping at Sumatra and Sabang, allied headquarters announced today.

Navy planes, 80 per cent of them American-made, hopped off from American and British carriers at dawn last Wednesday and smashed nearly every installation in sight at Sabang on the island of We, just off the northern tip of Sumatra, and at Lhong airfield on Sumatra itself.

The air-sea attack was the first strong assault delivered at the Japanese from the direction of Ceylon, British naval headquarters in this area, and indicated that at long last Admiral Somerville, commander of the British eastern fleet, had the strength for other smashes of at least a hit-run nature.

Ruse Deceives Japs

Before the airmen hit the Sumatra targets, India-based American Liberators struck Port Blair in the Andaman Islands some 300 miles to the northwest in a diversionary attack to draw off the Japanese planes from Sabang.

The ruse was perfect. At Sabang all the planes on the ground were destroyed. The Japanese were so unprepared that their anti-aircraft batteries were unmanned. Only light guns were used at first.

In a devastating 15-minute attack, the allied aircraft wrecked Japanese planes, ships, docks, oil tanks and other installations. A British submarine in the vicinity reported that huge fires still were burning 12 hours later.

Only one plane was lost in the foray. Under a heavy air umbrella a British submarine surfaced within range of Japanese coastal guns and rescued the pilot, Lt. (j. g.) Dal Christian (Klondike) Klahn, of Laramie, Wyo.

Pre-Invasion Aerial Lashing Continues

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and three more were sent crashing by Spitfires on patrol.

The nazis introduced a short-lived and new wrinkle on the Adriatic front, erecting a large notice board with a sign: "Britons, salute our fuhrer." An allied artillery "salute" demolished the sign.

Yugoslav partisans have thrown the Germans out of Sahovici in Montenegro, killing and wounding 340 of them, headquarters of Marshal Broz announced today.

Today's broadcast bulletin said fierce fighting was still raging in other sectors of Montenegro, with the Germans suffering heavy losses.

The communique said that 200

Chetniks were slain in Serbia after several days of fighting. A great number of "forcibly mobilized peasants" were taken prisoner and allowed to return home, the bulletin added.

Sales of Lumber To be Controlled After July First

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—The War Production board said yesterday it will control lumber consumption after July 1 through a system of "purchase authorization" based on essential consumer needs and the available supply.

An April 25 deadline for major consumers to file information on their lumber needs does not mean a freeze on lumber, WPB said in an effort to remove misunderstandings.

Consumers will continue to receive lumber under existing orders until the new purchase system is effective, WPB said, unless they have failed to file proper requests for the lumber according to its intended use.

Lumber controls now are applied at the producers' level, WPB explained, but when information on major essential needs is correlated with amounts available the control will be at the purchasers' level by means of specific authorizations.

Market Day Sees 200 4-H Visitors On Roseburg Tour

In addition to approximately 450 out-of-town delegates attending the state convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, Roseburg was visited today by more than 200 4-H club members, who have completed marketing projects. The annual Market day program was supervised by County Agent J. Roland Parker, in the absence of E. A. Britton, former club agent, who recently was moved to Corvallis to direct the farm programs over Radio Station KOAC.

Club members were taken this morning on tours through the bank, weather bureau, fire patrol and forest service warehouses and the courthouse. At a meeting at 11 a. m. in the circuit court room, the club members were officially welcomed by Marshall Pengra representing the chamber of commerce, and were addressed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly, who explained court procedure.

The Knight of Pythias lodge hall was opened at noon to provide facilities for the lunch hour. Complimentary passes to the local theaters were given by the management to permit all members to attend the matinees.

Govt. Urges Farmers to Release Corn Holdings

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ment of corn to elevators has been negligible, farmers using grain for feed. Most of them, it has been explained, can make more money by feeding the grain to livestock than by selling it on the basis of present government price ceilings.

Lloyd Marshall Wins Verdict Over LaMotta

CLEVELAND, April 22.—(AP)—Lloyd Marshall, who has disposed of all the active topnotchers in the light heavyweight division, today held a verdict over Jake LaMotta, current ruler of the middleweights.

The Cleveland-California Negro fought Jake on his own terms—at a weight of not more than 161 pounds—and smashed out a clean-cut decision in a 10-rounder here last night.

Reds Tighten Trap on Germans at Sevastopol

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Mannstein had been shifted.) The soviet communique reported only long-range bombing activity yesterday on the Estonian front, where the Russians Thursday announced that 2,000 counter-attacking Germans had been slain in strong tank and infantry thrusts that were beaten back. Shale oil distilleries, a rail station and a camp were blasted, the bulletin said.

NEW PLASTIC SKINS PIG WILMINGTON, Del.—(AP)—Tough bristles can now be removed from pigs in a simple stripping operation, the Hercules Powder company reports—and the result is more and better pork products.

The pork carcass is coated with a resin chemical. When the plastic suit is scraped off, the pig is minus hairs.

The removed plastic is remelted and used again.

VOTERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Your Support for the Douglas County Fair Grounds Proposal Appearing on the Special Election Ballot May 19th Is Solicited

The measure to be voted upon is as follows:

The question of levying a special tax of thirty thousand dollars upon the taxable property of said county, as last equalized, for the purposes of purchasing lands for fair grounds, making improvements and betterments of said fair grounds, and constructing buildings thereon.

The amount of the levy necessary for such purposes is thirty thousand dollars, which amount does not exceed one mill upon each one dollar of the taxable property of said county, as last equalized.

If the majority of the legal voters of said county voting upon said question shall vote in favor of said tax levy for the aforesaid purposes, then said County Court shall levy the tax for such purposes as authorized by said voter, and from the moneys collected from such tax, the necessary lands be purchased for the establishment of fair grounds in said county, making improvements and betterments of said fair grounds and constructing buildings thereon.

Here's What You Want to Know

WHAT IS IT?

DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

HOW IS IT TO BE FINANCED?

1 mill levy for one year only on the basis of assessed valuation of \$30,000,000. This will raise \$30,000. In other words, \$1.00 on each \$1,000 assessed valuation. To be followed by annual levy of 1/4 mill on each dollar assessed valuation for expansion, operation and upkeep.

LOCATION?

County Court to select from several available sites.

PLAN?

Annual County Fair. Show Grounds for local and traveling Rodeos, races, exhibits and general recreation.

SPONSORSHIP:

Mounted Police in the spirit of public interest and progress for Douglas County raised necessary money to pay cost of circulating petitions and advertising.