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Indian, Rose Theaters Go To New Firm

Donn Radabaugh and 2 Medford Men Buyers; 3rd Show House Slated

Purchase of the Indian and Rose theaters by a partnership, headed by Donn Radabaugh, manager of the two movie houses for the past 14 years, was announced here today simultaneously with the issuance of a statement that the new firm has leased the old Liberty theater building from L. R. Chambers and will start construction there early in June on a third motion picture theater for Roseburg.

Associated with Mr. Radabaugh in the partnership, which will retain the name Umpqua Amusement company, are Eino Hemmilla and Orin Schenck, both of Medford. Mr. Hemmilla and Mr. Schenck have long been employed with George A. Hunt Theaters, Inc., owners of the theaters at Roseburg and Medford. Following the recent tragic death of Mr. Hunt, who was killed in an automobile accident, the company's properties passed into the hands of his estate. Purchase of the two theaters at Roseburg by the three-man company has been under negotiation for several months and has now been given approval of the probate court.

Management Arranged
As Mr. Radabaugh is at present in military service, being located in South Carolina where he is being trained by the army in radio work, Mrs. Radabaugh will continue to serve as manager of the two Roseburg theaters. Mr. Hemmilla, who has been manager of the Medford theaters for the past 11 years, will continue in his present capacity and will act as supervisor in assisting the local manager until Mr. Radabaugh's return from the army. Mr. Schenck has been accountant and tax auditor for the Hunt firm for the past 19 years and will serve in that capacity both at Medford and Roseburg in the future.

The new company has negotiated with Mr. Chambers for a lease on the building at Jackson and Washington streets and will start remodeling as soon as plans can be prepared. It is proposed to install a theater with about 400 seats. Present plans call for opening the new show house in the late summer.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JAP defenses in northern New Guinea are reported to be collapsing. We've now taken four airports in the approximately 500 miles of coastline from Madang to Hollandia and appear to be on the verge of taking another.

There are supposed to be 60,000 Jap troops in this area, which is a sizable force. As yet, however, we seem to have encountered VERY LIGHT opposition.

That constitutes a mystery that hasn't yet been explained.

OUR air force seems to have the New Guinea situation pretty well in hand. The Japs have been bringing bombers into airports they still hold 300 to 400 miles WEST of Hollandia, but our planes have been smashing them as fast as they arrive and BEFORE they can get into action against our newly won positions.

A big battle is said to be shaping up at Kohima.

The British hold the town, located at the extreme eastern edge of the flat, jungle-covered plain and the Japs hold the jungle-covered heights just beyond. Dislodging them from these heights will probably be a tough job.

Maybe the British intend merely to HOLD at Kohima in the hope that the Japs will lose their communications to the rear and so will have to fizzle out. General Stilwell, striking down from the north at the Jap supply lines, is reported to be making AC-

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R. A. Booth, Lumberman, Former State Senator of Lane County, Passes Away

Robert Asbury Booth, nationally known lumberman, brother of J. H. Booth, Roseburg banker, died Friday night in Eugene, where he had lived for nearly half a century. He would have been 86 years old on May 15. He was a native of Yamhill county, Oregon, son of the late Rev. R. A. and Mary Miner Booth, his father being an early-day Methodist circuit rider.

Mr. Booth was one of the organizers of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, of Eugene, and at the time of death, which occurred in a Eugene hospital after a short illness, was the firm's vice-president. His career in the lumber business also embraced connection with the old Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Co. at Grants Pass. He formerly represented Lane county in the state senate and was a trustee of Willamette university at Salem. The early part of his education was obtained at the old Willbur academy.

Mr. Booth's wife, who died several years ago, was Clara LaRaut, member of a pioneer family of the Garden valley community. Their marriage occurred on his birthday—May 15—in 1881. He was one of the original stock-

holders of the Douglas National bank of Roseburg, which was recently bought by the U. S. National bank of Portland.

Surviving Mr. Booth, besides



Robert A. Booth

his brother in Roseburg, are a sister, Mrs. Bertha Peterson, Newberg, Ore., and a son and a daughter Roy R. Booth and Mrs. Barbara Davis, both of Eugene.

2nd Avenue South Extension Plan To Be Submitted

Two Routes for Link With Pacific Highway Proposed By State Engineer Baldock

A plan for connecting Second Avenue South, the main east and west road in Roseburg, to the Pacific highway, will be submitted to the state highway commission at a meeting early in May. It was announced here today. R. H. Baldock, state highway department engineer, conferred Thursday with members of the city council and county court and surveyed the proposed connection. Detailed engineering, together with an estimate of cost, will be undertaken at once, it was stated, and a plan to extend the street to a junction with the highway will be submitted for approval by the commission. Members of the council and court are expected to be in attendance to confer with the commission relative to the program outlined by the engineers.

The tentative proposal by the state engineer is for two routes, one a direct connection by means of a curved extension along the south side of the Creason building and the other in the rear or on the north side of that structure. Traffic coming from the north would descend Winchester street hill and turn over the north fork of the avenue, while trucks northbound or southbound from Second Avenue South would utilize the more direct branch.

After the proposed plan of connection receives state approval, efforts will be made to secure financial assistance from the fund set up by the federal government to provide access to raw materials needed in the war effort.

Canol Oil Refinery's Opening Is Celebrated

WHITEHORSE, Y. T., April 29 (CP)—Military and government officials of Canada and the United States were converging on this northern town today for opening of the Canol oil refinery Sunday. Opening of the refinery marks completion of the Canol project, with Crude oil from Norman Wells, N. W. T., being refined and pumped to airports along the northern route.

Nixon Takes Job With Freeport Sulphur Co.

PORTLAND, April 29.—(AP)—Earl K. Nixon, who resigned as director of the state department of geology and mineral industries last month, was appointed manager of western exploration for the Freeport Sulphur company by L. M. Williams, president. He will maintain offices in San Francisco.

Russians Report Minor Successes

LONDON, April 29.—(AP)—Fresh axis attacks southeast of Stanislawow in former Poland have been broken with 800 Germans and Hungarians killed, Moscow announced today, but again reported "no substantial changes" on the eastern front.

The soviets still were silent concerning the Romanian front, where the Germans declared Russian attempts to break through north of Iasi had been repulsed.

Red army planes struck in massed raids on the big rail junction of Lwow, 65 miles northwest of Stanislawow, Thursday night, bombing concentrations of enemy troop trains, the broadcast soviet war bulletin declared.

Other planes at the same time blockaded an airfield near Lwow and shot up German trucks on roads around the city, the bulletin added.

On the Crimean front, the brief bulletin said soviet naval planes sank a 1,000-ton tanker and a landing barge near Sevastopol. A smaller tanker and a minesweeper were declared sent to the bottom far to the north in the Gulf of Finland.

Negro Soldiers to Hang For Crime in England

LONDON, April 29.—(AP)—Two American army privates, both Negroes, were sentenced by a U. S. army court martial today to be hanged for the rape of a 16-year-old English girl April 4 near the base in England where they were stationed.

They are: Pvt. Willi W. Smith, 21, Birmingham, Ala., and Eliga Brinson, 25, of Tallahassee, Fla. The soldiers had pleaded innocent.

Hirohito, on Birthday, Sees "Planes Over Hawaii"

NEW YORK, April 29.—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito celebrated his 43rd birthday today, the Tokyo radio said, by watching a military parade, which included flights by "planes which flew over Hawaii." The broadcast did not specify whether the planes were those that participated in the Pearl Harbor attack.

The emperor was described in a Domei dispatch as being in "the very best of health."

Mother, Daughter Die When Autos Collide

SEATTLE, April 29.—(AP)—Mrs. Leslie Farrer, 41, and her daughter, Lillian, 13, died today of injuries received in an automobile collision last night in which seven other persons were injured. Her husband, 51, was critically injured and two sailors, Charles R. Ford, 24, and Glen Perry, 22, were hurt severely.

China-Burma Front Secure, Leader Says

No Cause for Uneasiness, Mountbatten Declares; Allies Score New Gains

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, April 29.—(AP)—Admiral Mountbatten's headquarters, replying to a series of questions submitted by the Associated Press, declared today that the Japanese drive in India had not dislocated the allied strategic schedule of delayed completion of the Ledo road to China and that there was no justification for uneasiness in America.

The statement said, however, that the Japanese have "strong land forces in Burma—stronger than the general public probably thinks—and since they have the advantage of interior lines of communication, we must always expect some offensive action on their part on one or other sectors of the front. Hard fighting lies ahead of us in Burma."

Allies Gaining at Kohima

Allied troops smashing against the Japanese in the Kohima sector of eastern India are liquidating remaining enemy strongpoints, headquarters announced today.

A communique yesterday said that the allies had captured a number of strongpoints west of the mile-high town.

The bulletin today reported that British and Indian troops were continuing to advance into the hills southeast of Kohima and indicated that the Japanese showdown attempt for a monsoon base was going badly.

Allied planes struck hard at the Japanese in the Kohima area as well as in the Imphal sector, to the south, the bulletin said, and allied patrols ambushed several en-

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Teachers Apply for Local School Posts

Walter V. Dennis, who is to assume the position of superintendent of the Roseburg schools during the forthcoming year, transferring from Clatskanie, reports he anticipates little difficulty in filling vacancies in the teaching staff. Although 15 of the instructors who served during the past year are not returning, more than 30 applications for contracts are on hand, Mr. Dennis reports.

Ten qualified teachers have been tentatively selected, pending final approval by the board of directors. Several other teachers now serving elsewhere have notified Mr. Dennis of their intentions to submit applications for jobs at Roseburg, Mr. Dennis states.

He arrived in Roseburg Friday and met last night with members of the school board to discuss salary and program schedules and to consider other arrangements for the school year starting next fall.

Community-Pet Parade to Spur Fair Grounds Project Dated in Roseburg May 13

Cash prizes amounting to more than \$100 have been posted for the Community and Pet parade to be held in Roseburg Saturday, May 13, it was announced today by Joe DeBernard, chairman. The parade is sponsored by the Douglas County Mounted Police as a part of its campaign in behalf of the county fair grounds proposal, appearing on the primary election ballot May 19.

The parade, the chairman stated, is wide open to every community, organization and individual. Particularly desired are floats, marching groups or other entries from communities, civic clubs, lodges, granges, or others publicizing the ballot measure.

To encourage such entries, the committee is posting four prizes, ranging from \$25, first prize, to \$5, fourth prize. In this sweepstakes division will also be considered entries in other departments of the parade, the four best entries in the parade to be

Western Europe Invasion on Now, Belief in Berlin Based On Talk of Captured Fliers

Eisenhower Tells Airmen More to Be Asked of Them

Pétain Appeals to France to Strick by Nazis; 40,000 Dones Armed to Aid Allies, Report

LONDON, April 29.—(AP)—Berlin dispatches to Stockholm declared today that the invasion of western Europe, practically speaking, began a week ago when the Americans and British threw great numbers of reserve air crews and aircraft into the continuing continental air assault.

The Stockholm Tidningen's Berlin correspondent quoted captured allied fliers as saying they regarded themselves "as invasion troops and the invasion began for them when they went into action."

The dispatch added: "German military circles interpret the fliers' statements as meaning the invasion air force now is actually in the fight."

The Germans announced their anti-invasion command was ready to go into action and simultaneously suspended telephone communication between Copenhagen and Stockholm for the second time in a week.

Rommel in Top Command

A Berlin broadcast gave no details concerning the Nazi anti-invasion command, but the Russian news agency Tass quoted Stockholm sources as saying that rumors persisted in the German

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Bolivian Revolt Reported Crushed

LA PAZ, Bolivia, April 29.—(AP)—The Bolivian government announced last night that a "vast revolutionary plot against the established regime" had been put down and that a state of siege had been proclaimed throughout the country.

"Elements involved in the abortive revolution have been detained," said a government communique.

(Bolivia has been in an uneasy situation since a revolutionary junta overthrew the government and took control last December. The new regime, with Major Gualberto Villarroel as acting president, has not been recognized by the United States and most other American republics.

A general strike April 19 closed Bolivia's tin mines, important to the United States. Villarroel requested the miners to return to work, but the exact status of the mines at present is unknown.)

To Bring 'em Back — But Not Alive



Coffins pictured above are contributions by Canadian longshoremen who have been loading thousands of tons of war materials for shipment from Dominion ports to combat zones. Caskets addressed to Hitler and Mussolini were made in hope that the axis leaders would be brought back "any way but alive."

Troops Withdrawn From Ward Store As Hearing Starts on Labor Dispute; Special Investigator Sent by Senate

CHICAGO, April 29.—(AP)—The army withdrew today from the Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward and company as the turbulent controversy between the management and the government settled for the day into a hearing before a National Labor Relations board examiner on the question of representation by the CIO union involved.

Wayne C. Taylor, undersecretary of commerce now in charge under government seizure said he had requested Brig. Gen. John E. Davis of the sixth service command to withdraw the troops, because "there is now no reason for the presence of troops."

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Chairman McCarran (D., Nev.) of the senate judiciary committee outdistanced spirited competition today in the congressional race to investigate the administration's seizure of Montgomery Ward and company properties at Chicago.

Acting under authority of a

Forrestal Backed To Succeed Knox

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Strong congressional backing developed today for the appointment of James V. Forrestal, 52-year-old undersecretary of the navy, to the cabinet post made vacant yesterday by the death of Secretary Frank Knox.

None in congress professed to know the president's intention. The chief executive himself gave no hint he had considered it. There were some who believed it probable that either Forrestal would be moved up immediately or another democrat named. Others expressed belief that Mr. Roosevelt would seek to fill the spot with another republican in order to continue the policy he began with the appointment of Knox and War Secretary Stimson.

In that connection the name most often mentioned in speculation is that of Lieut. Commander Harold E. Stassen, young former governor of Minnesota, who is on active duty with the fleet in the Pacific. Friends are booming him for the republican presidential nomination which he has made it plain he would accept if it were offered.

The promotion of Forrestal would place a native New Yorker, who served in the naval air service in the first World war, in administrative charge of the world's largest naval establishment.

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Nazi Capital Left Blazing; Damage Heavy

Toulon Also Hammered; RAF Pounds Hamburg, Enemy Base in Norway

(By the Associated Press)
Striking from the west and the south, allied bombers today capped the 15th day of the pre-invasion aerial offensive against Hitler's Europe with a smash at Berlin timed with a blow against the naval base at Toulon in southern France.

Two thousand Britain-based U. S. warplanes banged Berlin with up to 2,500 tons of bombs in perhaps the greatest daylight assault of the war. From 250 to 500 Italy-based Fortresses and Liberators took part in the attack on the port installations in southern France.

The latest onslaughts brought to approximately 75,000 tons the weight of explosives poured on Europe's ramparts in this offensive.

The German radio called the attack on Berlin "serious." The Germans said they put up "strong forces" of fighters to defend the battered capital but acknowledged that the raiders left fires raging and inflicted severe damage.

An American armada of about 2,000 planes attacked industrial and military targets in Berlin. A London announcement said nearly 1,000 bombers were powerfully escorted by Mustang, Thunderbolt and Lightning fighters.

Crewmen returning later from the Berlin run said they had hacked their way through heavy enemy opposition with German fighters attacking in boxes of 150 to 200 planes.

The German fighters largely held off over Berlin to escape the fire from the capital's own ground defenses which the Americans said was the most thunderous they ever had encountered.

Norway, Hamburg Also Hit.

The RAF, apparently satisfied with bombings of German air-plant plants on the continent, shifted its attack last night to an airplane factory 11 miles north-west of Oslo in Nazi-occupied Norway. All raiders returned from the 1,500-mile round trip. Mosquito bombers attacked the rubber port of Hamburg on the North sea also without loss.

Mediterranean-based planes carried on the assault against Europe's southern bastions. Allied bombers landed Genoa and other harbors last night after bombers struck Italian west ports yesterday. RAF Mosquitos shot up three trains and other transportation facilities in the Narbonne

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Mississippi River Flood Battled by Force of 10,000

(By the Associated Press)
Muddy waters of the flood-swollen Mississippi river continued their destructive course today. They swirled over levee after levee and threatened others as a small army of men fought desperately to keep the raging stream within banks.

Flood waters from the Mississippi and three receding tributaries—the Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas rivers—have left over 1,656,400 acres inundated in 113 counties of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, the Red Cross reported.

The Mississippi, gorged by the overflowing Illinois and Missouri rivers, was being battled by well over 10,000 federal and state troopers, coast guardsmen, prisoners of war, volunteer workers and high school students.

The U. S. army district engineer's office at St. Louis listed the latest critical areas as Harrisonville and Ivy Landing, Ill., below St. Louis.

The Mississippi is expected to crest at St. Louis late Sunday. A crest of 38.9 feet was predicted. This is a fraction under the 39.4 mark of last year, highest since 1844.

Lovity Fast Rant

By L. F. Reinsteiner

In the current period of lopsided news evaluations, the elevation over the announced allotment of an extra "fifth" of whiskey for May will far outweigh regrets over forced destruction of dairy herds representing years of labor build-up and of real economic value to the state.