

GUAM INVADIED BY AMERICAN LAND FORCES

St. George's Church Here To Attain Parish Status At Ceremonies Sunday



Bishop B. D. Dagwell



Father W. L. Blaker

St. George's church will be consecrated and the rector instituted Sunday at impressive ceremonies, marking the establishment of the first official Episcopal parish in Roseburg. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Right Reverend Benjamin B. Dagwell, Portland, bishop of the Oregon diocese, and the Venerable H. R. White, Eugene, archdeacon of the Oregon diocese.

The church at Roseburg, since its founding, has been operated as a mission, the status of an Episcopal church not entirely self-supporting. Only a church free from debt can be consecrated under church procedure.

The Roseburg church, Father W. L. Blaker reports, has been freed of debt, and the ceremonies

will be held Sunday and will be followed by services Sunday morning.

Archdeacon and Mrs. White are expected to arrive in Roseburg Saturday, and will be dinner guests of Father and Mrs. Blaker at the rectory.

The usual 8 a. m. service will be held Sunday and will be followed by the consecration of the church building and the institution of the rector at 11 a. m.

During the noon hour, luncheon will be served at the parish house for all parishioners and the ceremony of burning the mortgage will be observed.

Bishop Dagwell and Father Blaker will go to Riddle to conduct services at 8 p. m.

Douglas County Recreation District Committee Organizes, Program Drawn; Enabling Act to be Given Legislature

The Douglas County Recreation district committee, recently appointed by the county court, was organized last night at a meeting held at the office of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. Frank L. Taylor, Reedsport, sponsor of the program, was elected chairman; County Judge D. N. Busenbark, vice-chairman; Vernon M. Orr, secretary-treasurer, and Harold J. Hickerson, corresponding secretary.

Judge Busenbark announced appointment of State Representative Carl C. Hill, Days Creek, and Paul Applegate, Elkton, as additional members of the committee, which, in addition to those previously named, includes Clarence Elliott, Reedsport; Jack Culver, Sutherlin; Roy Sullivan, Charles V. Stanton, Dr. C. H. Bailey, Roseburg; Henry Shircliff, Myrtle Creek, and Attorney J. V. Long, Roseburg, legal adviser.

The committee was appointed to formulate details of a district plan to be placed before the legislature in the form of an enabling act which would permit the levying of a tax of one and one-half mills annually, if voted by the people of the county, to provide funds for recreational purposes.

Ship Explosion Is Barely Missed By Don Partin

Don Partin, gunner's mate, third class, son of W. T. Partin, Myrtle Creek, "missed the boat" and is exceedingly glad he did. Partin, a resident of Klamath Falls, was scheduled to stand watch on one of the ammunition ships which exploded at Port Chicago, Calif., last Monday night. However, Partin's wife had been visiting him and he secured leave to accompany her to the bus station after his friend, C. R. Helandsworth, seaman first class, had volunteered to stand Partin's watch. Partin had instructions to join the ship at San Pablo point, but upon arrival was informed by the shore patrol to proceed to Port Chicago, where the ship was anchored. He was half way between Oakland and Port Chicago when the explosion occurred.

French Saboteurs Hit Germans Hardest Blow

LONDON, July 21—(AP)—In the biggest stroke of sabotage since D-day, French patriots at Crugey blew up munition dumps supplying all German air force bases in eastern France between June 19 and 22, authoritative French informants in London said last night. Approximately 10,000 tons of munitions in more than 7,000 rail cars were reported destroyed.

Program Outlined

At last night's meeting, the committee adopted a 10-point program to cover the purposes for which the district would be organized as follows:

1. Acquisition of land by purchase, lease, gift or trade for the protection and preservation of recreational facilities.
2. Propagation and conservation of fish and wild life.
3. Development of pack trails to wilderness, scenic and recreational areas.
4. Encourage development of commercial facilities to provide suitable accommodations for vacationists.
5. Encourage reforestation and restoration of resources affecting recreation, fish and wild life.
6. Encourage standardization of fees charged for services rendered vacationists.
7. Promote and advertise Douglas county recreational resources.
8. Develop and promote organized recreational trips, cruises and tours.
9. Cooperate with existing state or federal agencies engaged in fish and game propagation and conservation, and agencies engaged in forest protection or development of recreational facilities.
10. Cooperate with municipalities in development of recreational resources.

Shotgun Mishap Sends Victim to Hospital

GRESHAM, Ore., July 21—(AP)—Paul Dudley loaded a shotgun to kill a skunk that was raiding a poultry house, but the breech jammed and he pounded it with a rock to close it. The gun went off unexpectedly, seriously injuring his employee, H. M. West. Hospital officials said last night that West was in critical condition.

Taxpayers League to Scan Douglas Budget

The Douglas County Taxpayers League will meet Monday, July 24, at 10 a. m. in the courthouse at Roseburg, C. E. Moyer, president, announced today. The meeting is being called to conform to the public hearing on the tentative county budget for the coming year. Following the budget hearing, the league will conduct its business session and election of directors, Moyer stated.

Ouster Shuts Logging Plant VALSETZ, Ore., July 21—(AP)—Walkout of 180 men closed the Western Logging Co. plant here yesterday. Ed Morley, superintendent, said the men quit in protest of the dismissal of a girl employee for an infraction of company rules.

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BLOOD PURGE TRAILS EFFORT TO KILL HITLER

Ex-Staff Head Among Those Dealt Death

Himmler Appointed Top Executioner as Spirit Of Revolt Shakes Reich

(By the Associated Press) The Reich that Hitler built creaked today like a house in a thunder storm, haunted by the ghosts of a new blood purge.

Berlin announced the execution of a group of conspirators including a former chief of the German general staff and the colonel who was alleged to have planted a bomb which was said to have exploded near the fuhrer and his military aides yesterday.

As military setbacks piled up, Hitler made his top executioner, Heinrich Himmler, commander in chief inside Germany with life and death power to combat defeatism. A battlefield dispatch from Caen said that newly captured German prisoners in Normandy said that defeatism was rife among Nazi gun crews.

Some persons in London suggested that the attempt on Hitler's life, as reported by Berlin, might be a frame-up to give the Nazis an excuse for a purge of German officers considered unreliable.

A German broadcast today said "certain precautionary measures" were taken last night in the center of Berlin.

Nazi Troops in Revolt A German traveler who left Berlin yesterday was quoted as declaring that two German divisions revolted Wednesday in East Prussia, Moscow radio reported "uprisings and a serious panic"

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Wallace Stretches Lead in Struggle for Renomination

Big-City Delegates Swing to Support Of Vice President

CHICAGO STADIUM, July 21—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace broke into the strongholds of the big-city vote today by capturing the support of about 20 of New York's 96 votes in a furious battle in which the bulk of the Empire state's votes were proposed to Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri for the democratic vice presidential nomination.

With delegates elbowing their way into this stadium for the climactic, and possibly last, session of a meeting in which they nominated President Roosevelt last night and heard him accept by radio, the vice president showed unexpected strength in a caucus of the New York group.

At that conference, the forces of Edward J. Flynn, national committeeman who is backing Truman, delivered the support of about 76 of the delegates to the Missourian. They were unable, however, to make it unanimous as they had hoped.

At the same time, a Massachusetts caucus gave 12 votes each to Wallace and Truman, pledging 53 to Senate Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky. The remainder of the state's 36 were

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Fire-Damaged Mill to Resume Operations

The Umpqua Lumber company mill at Myrtle Creek, closed down since July 12 when fire damaged the boiler room and destroyed the boiler conveyor from the planer shed to the fuel bins, will resume operation Saturday, it was announced today by E. W. Pico, Owner-manager. The fire burned the roof off the boiler room but caused only minor damage to the power plant.

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Douglas Urged to Meet E Bond Goal; Only \$31,000 Short

"Tojo has quit! Assassins try to get Hitler! But Oregon is lagging in E bond sales. We must fight harder than ever."

Such was the message received today by H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the Douglas County War Finance staff, from state bond headquarters.

Simultaneously, the Douglas county chairman has been informed that Douglas county E bond sales so far cleared through the federal reserve bank do not equal the assigned quota. Records at county headquarters show sales by issuing agencies amounting to approximately \$544,000, but the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco has the county credited with only \$498,000. The quota is \$529,000.

Sales Clearing Urged Pargeter is urging today that every issuing agency immediately clear all sales previously unreported. In order to make sure the county gets credit for reaching its quota, the committee is pleading that everyone who can buy one or more E bonds do so immediately. Sales of \$31,000 will put the county over the top and will assure the total even though the discrepancy in figures is not cleared before the deadline July 31.

Companies operating on payroll deduction programs are asked to advance money for any bond purchases scheduled during the month of July and to buy bonds prior to July 25, in order to give time for clearance through San Francisco.

6th War Loan Quota to Be Less, Gamble Thinks

PORTLAND, July 21—(AP)—Ted R. Gamble, national director of the War Finance division, predicted here today that the quota of the sixth war loan drive would be slightly less than the \$16,000,000 of the just-completed fifth war loan campaign. He said the next drive would begin around mid-November and close about December 7th.

"Rump" Session Possible From Texans' Revolt

CHICAGO, July 21—(AP)—Texas democrats who walked out on the national convention in a huff over repeated rebuffs called a meeting of dissenting southerners today to discuss next steps in their revolt against the New Deal.

Third party talk circulated and it appeared the southerners' meeting might take on the nature of a "rump" session.

A committee named by the bolting Texans issued a formal statement charging that "the bureaucrats, the C. I. O. political action committee, and a liberal sprinkling of communists joined forces to tell Texas democrats just where they stand in national politics."

The convention, on recommendation of the credentials committee, yesterday seated both the delegations selected by the "regular" Texas democratic convention and the delegation chosen by a pro-fourth term group. Each delegation was given one-half of Texas' 48 votes.

Netted by defeats in two of their major fights yesterday and split by dissension in their own ranks, Dixie delegates directed their ire at Vice President Henry A. Wallace and headed for the convention hall determined to block his renomination.

Their opinion of Wallace, never too high, fell to the zero point yesterday when the vice president, seconding the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt, declared "the poll tax must go."

Almost 90 southern votes were cast against President Roosevelt yesterday. They went to Virginia's Senator Harry F. Byrd.

Bull Butts Man to Death

EUGENE, Ore., July 21—(AP)—George E. James of Pleasant Hill died at a local hospital last night of injuries suffered Wednesday when he was butted by a bull on a neighbor's farm in that district.

Death Claims W. C. Harding, Former Roseburg C. of C. Secretary, Prime Mover to Put Vets' Facility Here

W. C. Harding, 81, formerly secretary of the Roseburg chamber of commerce for 13 years, died at Mercy hospital early this morning following a brief illness. In ill health for the past three years, Mr. Harding suffered a slight paralytic stroke a few days ago and was removed to the hospital.

Born in Indiana, Nov. 9, 1862 he was graduated from Wabash college in 1887 and became principal of schools at Cambridge, Illinois, where he was married, Dec. 25, 1889, to Miss Ada Grant. Mrs. Harding died July 6, 1943.

After engaging for several years in the teaching profession, he became interested in the investment and securities business in Detroit, Michigan, moving later to Aberdeen, Wash., where he engaged in real estate.

He arrived in Roseburg in April 1908, and followed the real estate and land development business until 1921, when he retired from active work, although maintaining supervision over farm properties.

Aided To Get Facility When, in 1929, the Roseburg chamber of commerce was in serious financial circumstances, Mr. Harding volunteered his services as secretary-manager at a token salary. Shortly after his appointment, he became interested in the proposal to secure a federal home at Roseburg and planned an extensive campaign which proved successful and resulted in construction of the veterans facility now located near the city.

He remained in the office of secretary-manager of the chamber until the spring of 1941, bringing about a substantial growth in the

organization and restoring its financial standing. He was a member, active worker and officer in the Presbyterian church, a member of nearly all branches of Masonry, past commander of the Roseburg commandery, and a member of the Roseburg Kiwanis club. Survivors include Harding Knapp, Garden Valley, a nephew;



W. C. Harding

U. S. Should Keep Experienced Men, Roosevelt Asserts

CHICAGO, July 21—(AP)—President Roosevelt chose the dramatic setting of a bustling wartime naval base to fire his first shot in quest of a fourth term, an "obligation" he said he felt in order to bring about his plans for battle triumph, postwar prosperity and surety against another global explosion.

From a Pacific coast base his voice came by radio in acceptance of the nomination to the jam-packed Chicago stadium last night.

Mr. Roosevelt blueprinted his case, although he insisted he will not campaign "in the usual sense" because he doesn't think it is appropriate and moreover, he said, he doesn't have the time.

As in 1940, Mr. Roosevelt said he would like to retire to private life; again as in 1940 he said new hands would take over when this four years ends. His decision this time he said is based "solely on a sense of obligation to serve" if the people so decide in November.

Experience Emphasized

Between himself and Republican Thomas E. Dewey (to whom he did not refer personally) the President said the issue this time is simply:

Whether the nation will "turn over this 1944 job—this world-wide job—to inexperienced and immature hands, to those who opposed lend-lease and international cooperation against the forces of aggression and tyranny until they could read the polls of popular sentiment . . . or whether they wish to leave it to those who

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Normandy Battle Slowed by Rains

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 21—(AP)—Torrential rains and deep mud bogging the battlefields of Normandy slowed allied offensives today, but Canadian troops slopping forward a mile captured St. Martin De Fontenay, five miles due south of Caen.

British units earlier had pushed eight miles east of Caen toward Paris. In the deepest spearhead plunged through Nazi defenses. The British to the west gained 1,000 yards on a two-mile front below the Caumont-Tilly road and Americans pinched off a longer portion of the road from St. Lo to Periers, supreme headquarters said, but virtually continuous rains for 36 hours "interfered with ground operations."

Search On for Missing Riverside Girl, Aged 10

State, county and city police authorities were joining today in a search for Vera Mae Hall, 10-year old daughter of Mrs. Vera Hall, Riverside, who has been missing from her home since 1 p. m. Thursday. Officers were notified when the child failed to return home yesterday evening and radio appeals were made for general assistance in the search. The child had not been located at noon today.

She is dark complexioned with grey eyes, and brown hair cut in a short bob. When last seen she was wearing a grey jumper type skirt, dark green silk blouse with red buttons and white slippers.

Fire Damage Slight

Very minor damage resulted Thursday afternoon from a fire at the Pacific Poultry Producers egg packing plant at Short and Sykes street. A cigarette carelessly tossed on oil soaked ground between the loading platform and railroad siding was believed to have started the blaze, which burned baseboards at one corner of the building.

Killed in Action On Biak Island



Staff Sergeant Eli A. (Bob) Dumont, above, resident of Glide, was killed in action June 20 on Biak Island, according to official notification received by his mother, Mrs. John LeBonte, who resides at Glide. He had been in service since Sept. 1941, having volunteered with the Oregon National guard when it was called in to active service.

Surviving are his mother; six sisters, Mrs. E. J. Schlappe, Portland; Mrs. D. Lombay, Gresham; Mrs. G. M. Schlappe and Rosetta LeBonte, Portland; Ester and Betty, and two younger brothers, Lester and Floyd, all of Glide.

Reds Grip Baltic Front; Garrison At Lwow Doomed

MOSCOW, July 21—(AP)—The Red army seized a deadly stranglehold on the German's Baltic front deep inside Lithuania today, hurled a massive blow towards Poland's martyred capital of Warsaw and sealed the fate of the Nazi stronghold of Lwow. Pouring across the trans-Lithuanian railway, Soviet forces captured the junction of Skopishki, 50 miles west of Daugavpils (Dvinsk), 85 miles south-east of the Latvian port of Riga and 165 miles east of Memel.

Warsaw, a little more than 100 miles from the Red army vanguard, was the objective of concerted attacks west of the Nazi's broken Bug river line defenses. The Nazi garrison at Lwow was doomed, with the Russian only five miles away. It faced the same kind of disaster that overtook more than four German divisions encircled earlier in the week at Brody, 55 miles north-east, where they are now being annihilated.

Acutely endangered by the Soviet advances were the German fortresses of Brest Litovsk and Lublin, on the eastward approaches to Warsaw. Nazi rear-guards in the railroad town of Korbe Kobryn, 27 miles north-east of Brest Litovsk, have been liquidated, and at other points the Red army troops are about 10 miles away, front dispatches said.

(Soviet radio broadcasts heard in London asserted "uprisings and a serious panic" had developed in East Prussia.)

2nd Lieut. Bernard Koller Missing in War Action

The War department today gave formal notification that Second Lieutenant Bernard Koller of Roseburg is missing in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Koller, 826 S. Pine St., Roseburg. He was serving in the European theater.

Rating on Nurse Exam Fee

SALEM, Ore., July 21—(AP)—The state nurses examining board does not have authority to charge an additional \$10 fee for a second examination in case an applicant fails to pass the first state board examination, Attorney General Neuner ruled today.

Bitter Battle With Nippons Is Expected

Landing on Vital Island Follows 17-Day Assault By Naval, Air Armadas

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 21—(AP)—United States marines and infantry are pouring ashore on Guam, first American territory seized by the Japanese, and fighting their way inland under cover of a pulverizing aerial and warship bombardment. Adm. Nimitz announced today.

The landings, a quick follow-up to the great victory on Saipan, started yesterday morning, and "are continuing against moderate ground opposition," Nimitz communique said.

United States marines and army assault troops established beachheads on Guam island on July 20 (west longitude—U. S. time) with the support of carrier aircraft and surface combat units of the Fifth fleet. The easy-morning communique continued, "Enemy Japanese are being heavily bombed and shelled at close range."

New Menace To Tokyo Guam is the southernmost and largest of the Marianas group of islands. Its capture would strengthen Saipan's position as a base from which Japan can be cordally assaulted. Guam is 130 miles southwest of Saipan and both islands are within easy Suiperformance range of Tokyo and the whole of Japan.

The Philippines, lying some 1,500 miles west of Guam and Saipan, likewise are vulnerable to the mighty forces Nimitz is hurling across the Pacific.

The Guam landings came after 17 days of the most terrific war-ship-blasting given any invaded Pacific island, with battleships adding their heavy shells to the torrent of explosives poured from cruisers, destroyers and planes.

Bitter Resistance Ahead

Guam, seized Dec. 10, 1941—two days after Pearl Harbor (Dec. 8)—presumably will offer the same bitter, bloody resistance the marines and army troops encountered on Saipan in 25 days

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2-Way Air Raids Lash Nazi Centers

LONDON, July 21—(AP)—Around 2,500 American planes bombed the heart of Germany today, with 2,000 flying above a howling channel storm for attacks on Regensburg and Schweinfurt and another 500 from Italy penetrating within 125 miles of Berlin.

It was the fourth consecutive day of massive, coordinated American attacks on Germany from the west and south. Targets of the Italy-based bombers were at Brux in Sude-teland, the mountainous border province which Germany stole from Czechoslovakia in the Munich conference which preface the war.

During the squally night, a force of around 1,000 bombers pummeled objectives in Germany, France and Belgium, losing 31 planes. The major rail yards of Courtrai bottlenecking three trunk lines leading to the Normandy battlefields were targets, along with German oil plants at Homberg and Bottrop-Welheim in the Ruhr, the port of Hamburg, robot bomb platforms in northern France and road convoys north and south of Paris. Italy-based planes struck around the river Po and in Yugoslavia.

Brig. Gen. Nelson Walker Killed in Normandy

Pittsfield, Mass., July 21—(AP)—A letter from their soldier son to his mother last night disclosed the death of Brig. Gen. Nelson M. Walker in Normandy. In the first word Mrs. Doris Wyke Walker had received of the general's death, First Lt. Perrin Walker wrote that his father, attached to the army's general staff corps, was killed in action.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein The bomb that failed to smash to smithereens the anatomy of tyrannical, sadistic Adolf Hitler reminds that—"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, 'The saddest are these, it might have been.'"