

4 DROWN IN DOUGLAS COUNTY ACCIDENTS

Vera Hall's Body Found in River Here; 2 Other Children, Boatman Perish in Tumble

Tragedy strode the breadth of Douglas county over the weekend, leaving four deaths from drowning accidents.

At Roseburg, the body of 10-year old Vera May Hall was found Saturday evening in the South Umpqua river, following a search which had revealed no trace of her movements since 1 p. m. Thursday.

Betty Jean Gardner, 14, was drowned Saturday at Tiller, when she was thrown from a horse into the river and knocked unconscious as her head struck a rock.

Richard Leonard Stephenson, 8, was drowned Friday evening in a fall from a log boom at Mill creek.

Alec McLeod, Reedsport, was drowned in the lower Umpqua Friday, when he fell overboard while making adjustments to an outboard motor. His body had not been recovered Sunday.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is trouble in Germany. We don't know as this is written how extensive it is. We don't know who started it—or why. But this much is certain:

With grim and determined and numerically superior, BETTER-ARMED ENEMIES pounding at all their gates and from the roof, GERMANS ARE SHOOTING GERMANS.

That can't be pooh-poohed off.

THE air is full of rumors.

Swedes assert they have heard the "Atlantic" (supposed underground, inside-Germany) radio say: "Revolution has burst forth in Germany. Part of the eastern army is deserting and returning to Germany." (Moscow dispatches say: "Uprisings and serious panic are developing in East Prussia.")

A traveler reaching Sweden from Germany, via Denmark, says: "Two divisions revolted Wednesday in Prussia, touching off whatever it was that resulted in the alleged Hitler bombing."

A Swedish newspaper quotes an unconfirmed report from private sources in Germany to the effect that SS (Hitler naz) units are marching to Berlin to MAINTAIN ORDER.

And so on.

GESTAPO CHIEF HIMMLER (the Butcher) has been given full power by Hitler—the power of life and death, the power to KILL AND KILL at his own discretion.

MAYBE there was a bombing. Maybe NOT. Hitler and his naz crew may have dreamed up the bombing tale as an excuse to KILL OFF the disgruntled German generals of whom we've been hearing rumors for days.

It may be a scheme to martyrize the fuhrer in the hope that the people will rally around him to the death in his hour of (alleged) extremity.

SILL, the fact remains based on fairly dependable evidence—that Germans are shooting Germans — HELPING US to kill off Germans, which is what will end the war.

THERE is this note of caution: Whatever has happened, Hitler and his crew are still in control of the radio. We're hearing copiously from them, but NOTHING from the alleged revolters.

SO far as the Russians are concerned, they aren't pulling their punches while the rumors fly.

In the north, they are only 85

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Woman Snatched From Death in Burning Auto

ALBANY, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Herman Harnisch, 47, of Albany, was recovering today from minor injuries suffered in an accident Saturday night that wrecked and burned her automobile and threatened to ignite a 5000-gallon gasoline tank.

Her car was in collision with a truck driven by George M. Higgins, Springfield, then plunged into an oil plant retaining wall and burst into flames eight feet from the tank. Passersby pulled her from the wreckage before she was burned. Firemen put out the flames which were being blown against the tank. Higgins escaped injury.

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BLOOD PURGE TO STEM GERMAN REVOLUTION SPREADS; GERMAN ARMY FLEES BEFORE RUSSIAN JUGGERNAUT

Reds Within Fifty Miles Of Warsaw

Nazis Being Driven From Lublin, Polish Avenue to Direct Attack on Reich

MOSCOW, July 24.—(AP)—The German army fled in disorder through central Poland today as the Russians advanced within 50 miles of Warsaw and drove the enemy through the streets of Lublin only 25 miles from the Wisla (Vistula) river line Hitler must hold to stage off a direct assault on the Reich.

In Stalin's juggernaut offensive, entering its second month with increasing momentum, the Red army has captured 23 German generals and knocked out possibly 50 of the Germans' 250 divisions in the east (perhaps 500,000 or more men).

The battle of Poland, already assuming catastrophic consequences for Hitler's eastern front, was shaping into a struggle in the near future for Prussia itself.

The Red army moved deeply into the Baltic republics and in the south struck close to the Carpathian defenses of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, but it was over the wide, rolling Polish plains that Stalin's war of movement hourly gained new decisions.

Brest Litovsk was by-passed in a pocket 40 miles deep. Soviet troops mounted a frontal attack which battered into that Bug

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Prepare Postwar Plans Now, Oregon Communities Told

SALEM, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—All communities and private industry must make their postwar plans immediately because of the prospects of an early end of the war, the state postwar commission said today in a report to Governor Snell.

The commission said that military authorities predict the surrender of Germany within five months, and that Japan will be defeated next year.

Oregon, the commission said, will be "immediately stripped" of most of its military installations. It said Camp White is practically deserted and is being used for prisoners of war.

Camp Adair, the commission said, has been abandoned for training, and its soldier population of 35,000 to 40,000 has been sent away.

About 45,000 acres of the Camp Adair reservation will be sold, leaving only 11,000 acres left.

The commission estimated that 120,000 Oregon men who will have entered the armed forces by the end of this year will receive \$162,489,560 in benefits from the GI bill of rights. This includes \$30,943,500 in discharge pay, \$103,084,000 for the estimated 60,000 who will get loans for farm, home or business purposes, \$7,735,000 for the 15,000 who want funds for school, and \$10,726,560 for the estimated 12,000 men who will draw unemployment benefits.

Government war insurance policies on the Oregon men will range between \$500,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

Two Bombers Collide at Show; Four Pilots Die

SPOKANE, July 24.—(AP)—A crowd of 100,000, too stunned to make outcry, watched yesterday as two attack bombers collided in diving into a natural amphitheater and fell in flames during a war show, killing four men.

The ships, the army counter-part of the navy's Helldivers, were part of a parade of various types before the crowd at Spokane air service command "stay-on-the-job" war show.

Killed in the planes were Capt. Ford K. Sayre, 34, Hanover, N. H.; 2nd Lt. George Chrep, 23, Hibbing, Minn.; and 2nd Lt. William R. Scott, 26, Winnetka, Ill. The name of a sergeant was withheld.

Chrep and Scott were the pilots.



WILL SUCCEED DIES—Among the democratic winners in last week's Texas primary for nominations to congressional seats (tantamount to election) was Judge J. M. Combs of Beaumont, long held by Congressman Martin Dies, chairman of the un-American activities investigation committee, who did not run for another term.

Overseas Soldiers Spark Texas Vote

DALLAS, Tex., July 24.—(AP)—Two army captains overseas are furnishing most of the excitement in the Texas democratic primary elections.

One of the captains has defeated Rep. Richard Kleberg, and the other is running Rep. Lindley Beekworth a close race.

In other races, ten Texas congressmen were renominated in Saturday's voting and at least two runoffs for congressional seats were indicated in latest returns.

Succeeding to the seat left vacant when Congressman Martin Dies, chairman of the house committee on un-American activities, decided not to run, Judge J. M. Combs of Beaumont defeated Sgt. Hugh Wilson of Port Arthur and Camp Swift by a wide margin.

Gov. Coke Stevenson had 588,165 votes in his clean sweep over eight opponents.

Boy Swimmer Drowns

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—Clifford Hart, 14, of Portland drowned in the Willamette river here late Saturday while swimming. The boy and his parents had been picking berries here.

Sutherland Marine One of Group That Erases 121 Japs in Saipan Combat

Private Howard Duiley, below, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Duiley, Sutherland, was among a group of 121 Japanese in close-range and hand-to-hand combat on Saipan.

Artillerymen ordinarily do not have an opportunity for hand-to-hand fighting, but Private Duiley's group, according to a public relations officer's report from the Marianas, had such an unusual experience.

A group of the artillerymen, led by Sergeant Bill Goldings, Glen Echo, Md., was sent to reinforce a battery under attack by the Japanese. Private Duiley became the first marine to draw enemy fire in the skirmish when a Jap bullet struck a rock in front of him and showered him with dirt.

The small marine force was sent to clean out a Jap company which had slipped through the American lines and had taken up a flanking position in a cane field. Crawling through the field in skirmish line, the Americans blasted a path ahead of them with hand grenades. The Japs, unable to locate the Americans accurately, heaved grenades wildly, hoping for hits. The Americans kept probing the field until there was no answering fire. Investigation revealed that they had killed 121 of the enemy.

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Yanks Seize Tinian Island, Near Saipan

McArthur's Planes Sink Vessel Off Philippines; Guam Casualties 1,958

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 24.—(AP)—The day-old invasion of Tinian Island, moving smoothly from firm beachheads, rushed American conquest of the strategic Marianas today while other Yank forces isolated key objectives on Guam, 130 miles southward.

Adm. Nimitz' communique last night said landings, begun at dawn Sunday by assault units of the marines, were being "continued against light opposition" on Tinian, three miles south of conquered Saipan. The invasion was made under protection of carrier and land-based planes, warship guns and land-based artillery.

American forces on Guam suffered 1,958 casualties in three days' fighting. They have isolated the island's best airbase and finest harbor in closing their grip on Port Apra. The casualties included 248 killed, 1,500 wounded and 110 missing.

The swiftly moving Pacific war spread to Philippine waters with Gen. MacArthur's announcement that his bombers sank a 100-foot Japanese vessel Saturday, 70 miles off Mindanao. He disclosed that this area had been under patrol for some time, and

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Sailors Counter Picket Line of Labor Union

PORTLAND, Ore., July 24.—(AP)—U. S. sailors came to the aid of a woman lunchroom operator and mother of two navy sons by picketing an AFL picket line over the week end.

The sailors passed through the line, ate in the cafe and then paced the pickets with a sign that read "this woman has boys in the navy. They are trying to help out—what are you doing?"

Mrs. Bertha Gribble, the proprietor, denied her shop was pro-labor and said she was paying more than the union wage scale. Union leaders available refused to comment.

Military police called to the scene merely shrugged. The sailors dispersed of their own accord later.

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GUAM INVASION LEADERS—Rear Adm. Richard L. Conolly (left), who commanded landings at Roi and Namur in the Marshalls, is in charge of amphibious operations as U. S. assault forces invade Guam. Commander of expeditionary troops is Brig. Gen. Roy S. Geiger (right), U. S. marines corps, who commanded the successful invasion of Bougainville.

Two Douglas County Soldiers Are Wounded

The war department made official announcement today of wounding of Oregon soldiers. Included were Sgt. Lowell M. Cyrus, 219 S. Pine street, Roseburg, son of Mrs. Sarah Cyrus, in action in the European theater, and Sgt. John R. Plueard, son of Mrs. Eliza Plueard, Sutherland, southwest Pacific area.

Sen. Cordon Cites Reports Service Men Ill Treated

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—Senator Cordon has demanded the army and navy give "full and frank report" to the nation on complaints that servicemen returning from combat areas have been subjected to "harsh and inconsiderate treatment" upon their arrival in the United States.

Cordon, in letters to Secretary Forrestal of the Navy, and Secretary Stimson of the War Department, said Governor Snell of Oregon, a veteran of the First World War, was deeply concerned over the reports reaching him. He said the people of the nation were entitled to know what steps were being taken to correct the practices complained of.

He told the secretaries that men who have been at the fighting fronts complained they were being refused reasonable allowances to visit relatives and friends and were reassigned immediately to further foreign duty without adequate leave, reasonable rest or complete physical examination. He said the reports had it that the men frequently without a rest period or leave were assigned to the "most menial camp duties and otherwise made to understand that the camp authorities concede them no credit whatever for the trials and danger to which they have been subjected in their country's service."

OPA Price Panel Sets Meeting at Canyonville

The OPA price panel will meet with food merchants at Canyonville Thursday night, it was announced today by L. V. Hammock, chairman. All grocers, meat dealers and others handling food at retail or wholesale, are invited to meet with the price group for a discussion of price problems, Hammock said. The meeting will be devoted to educational and informational topics, and will be followed by an open forum dealing with strictly local conditions.

Creamery Butter Upped Four Points; Gin Price to Drop

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—Housewives pay four more ration points for each pound of creamery butter today, to meet a new ration value of 16 points set by the OPA because of increased civilian consumption.

The increased ration value, effective yesterday, does not affect farm and processed butter. They continue at eight and four red points a pound, respectively.

OPA also set price ceilings under which most wartime-produced gin now on the market will retail for ten to fifteen cents a fifth lower than prevailing prices. Domestic vodka will cost about 35 cents less. The schedule will be made effective soon.

The agency said that beginning August 1, ration boards will not issue full supplemental gasoline rations for driving between home and work to motorists who fail to organize full-car clubs.

The senate committee on fuel oil shortages, meanwhile, issued a report that there can be no increase in civilian supplies of gasoline and fuel oil until requirements for military purposes are decreased. The committee said that by careful handling of oil supplies, mild weather, and higher coal production, the country will barely get through next winter without suffering.

The War Food administration issued a statement giving "assurance that shell eggs purchased this year for producer price support purposes will not be 'dumped' on the domestic market. The agency has purchased about 10,500 carloads and disposed of about 3,500 carloads for school lunch, hospital and other institutional users, to driers and freezers and for other purposes.

Reservations Open to Highway Board Dinner

Persons planning to attend the dinner to be given at the Umpqua hotel Tuesday evening, commencing the state highway department, who are touring the highways and roads of southern Oregon, are requested to make reservations at the chamber of commerce office by 11 a. m. Tuesday, Harold Hickerson, secretary, announced today. The dinner will be held at 6:45 p. m. and will be open to the public. Reservations, however, must be made in advance.

Crash Kills Flier.
EVERETT, Wash., July 24.—(AP)—Charles H. Garrett of Cowen, W. Va., a navy flier, was instantly killed Saturday when his small fighter plane crashed three miles north of Arlington.

Gestapo Claw Reaching To War Fronts

Experienced Generals, Foreseeing Defeat, Shun Loyalty Vow to Hitler

LONDON, July 24.—(AP)—Himmler's Gestapo was reported carrying forward a vast, unprecedented blood purge in Germany today to quell what Winston Churchill called a revolution.

The Germans announced grave new reverses in Poland, placing the Russian army within 50 miles of Warsaw. Foreign Secretary Eden said events inside the reich "seem to show that experienced

BERN, Switzerland, July 24.—(AP)—Journal De Geneve, in a dispatch from Germany, said today "there have been mass executions of officers of all grades" to quell the rebellion against Hitler.

Firing squads worked overtime in interior Germany and also at the front, the dispatch said, with hundreds of officers put to death in three days ended July 21.

German generals have seen the writing on the wall." By German and Russian accounts, three more generals died in action in the east and a fourth joined the swelling ranks of those in prison cages.

The German radio exhorted the home front to "mobilize to the last strength" and asserted "no one has the right to live, not even

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Allies In France Plan New Blows

(By the Associated Press.)

In Normandy today the allies massed for great new blows from the west after both winning and yielding ground over the week-end, and in Italy the Fifth army battled in the streets of ancient Pisa, and struck within 12 miles of Florence.

On the French front, an American spearhead driven across the Seves river near Periers was pushed back, but the British and Canadians to the east scored local advances. They mopped up Malot and Etavaux, strengthening their grip on both sides of the Orne river below Caen. Emileville, five miles east of Caen, was captured. Allied staff officers estimated the Germans in Normandy had lost the equivalent of 15 divisions—or 156,000 men, of whom 60,000 were made prisoners.

Newly captured German prisoners reported forces had been "bled white" in desperate attempts to check the allied onslaught. One prisoner said his company had been reduced to a single officer with no ranks to command.

Basin Survey of Umpqua River Will Be Discussed

Charles E. Stricklin, state engineer, has announced at Salem that he will confer with U. S. Senator Guy Cordon, during the senator's vacation in Oregon, relative to a stream basin survey of the Umpqua river. He will suggest, he reports, a survey of power, reclamation and irrigation possibilities.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Suggesting an 11th point for the county district recreation program: A cooperating force of flame throwers, Super-flosses and bazookas to war on the countless trillions of dagger-billed mosquitos in some areas of the national forest.