

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Robert R. Puckett, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Puckett, 837 Miller St., Roseburg, has been commissioned a second lieutenant following completion of the officer candidate course at the army infantry school, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Blood Purge to Crush German Revolt Spreads

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breathe, who does not carry arms or forge them."

Recruiting Bogs Down

The Berlin correspondent of Tidningen of Stockholm cabled the Germans had acknowledged recruiting and supply for the war fronts had bogged down because of "bureaucracy in the staff of the German home army."

While German army morale appeared badly shaken, there was no concrete evidence yet of any disaffection in the front lines. The nazis clearly were still in firm control both of the army and of Germany itself.

Reports from France pictured Adolf Hitler's purge of rebellious army officers as having spread to the fighting fronts in Germany, France and possibly Italy. These reports said eight eastern front commanders were arrested or ousted, and that Gestapo agents had arrested and possibly executed German divisional leaders in France and seized Marshal Albert Kesselring, the German army commander in Italy.

Another Uniformed Group Joins D. C. C.



Photo by Paul Jenkins. News-Review engraving. Front row: Argie Beels, Alma Coast, Augusta Darby, Edna Coen and Florence Hamilton. Back row: Frances Gerretsen, Verle H. Wells and Irma Carstens.

the order on learning the attempt on Hitler's life had failed, Blaskowitz since has been absent from his headquarters, it was added.

War's End May Be Near

Churchill, now back in Britain after a three-day tour of the Normandy front, gave the first official allied word on the crisis in Germany.

Churchill declared there were "grave signs of weakness" in Germany. He predicted the war "might come to an end earlier than we have a right to say."

Declaring the Germans were not happy on the fighting fronts, Churchill remarked: "And now, suddenly boiling up in their stomachs, has come a deadly quarrel at home. It is not a nice thing for a man to hear of a revolution going on in his own country when he is being attacked."

Churchill said with a grin: "They missed the old boomer (rough approximation) - but there's time yet."

Generals Withhold Pledges

Berlin was silent on the counter-measures taken against the German officers whom Hitler said had planned to kill him. German uneasiness was underscored in these things which were left unsaid:

1. Not a single general on the eastern front, where the German armies have been reeling back toward their own borders, has come forward personally to pledge loyalty to the Fuehrer, though the nazis claimed a blanket pledge.

2. With the exception of Col. Gen. Beck, former German general staff chief, the names of the plotters, the "mad generals" described by Reichsmarshal Goering - still have not been announced.

berls, the most effective and probably the shrewdest of all nazis orators, has not appeared once on the radio, nor has he been reported at any meetings with Hitler.

Berlin itself was reported quiet, though one Ankara report said the capital was under a curfew.

Berlin announced today that Col. Gen. Guenther Korten, chief of the German air force general staff, had died of injuries suffered in last Thursday's explosion at Hitler's headquarters.

A broadcast said Maj. Gen. Heinz Brandt, first officer in the operative section of the army general staff, also had succumbed. This brought the announced death toll to three, Berlin having announced earlier the death of "the Fuehrer collaborator," and double, whose name was carried last week by Berlin as "Berger," but was announced today as Heinrich Berger.

Vets Rap Coddling of Italian War Prisoners

BOSTON, July 24.—(AP)—The 101st Infantry Veterans association, AEF, has sent a resolution to the War department criticizing army authorities and private citizens for what it terms "pampering and coddling" Italian war prisoners.

The resolution contended that the war prisoners should receive "only such rights and courtesies as are provided under international law. Some of them killed and maimed our soldiers. Their axis partners have murdered and torpeded their prisoners of war. They have received courtesies almost equal to those rendered dignitaries of friendly nations."

While the resolution was being prepared a group of Italian war prisoners from Camp McKay near here were guests of a club in suburban Somerville which entertained them with a picnic and a ball game.

New Order Takes Frills From Collapsible Boxes

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(AP)—Taking the frills away from folding or collapsible boxes is expected to save 75,000 tons of cardboard a year, the War Production board said in issuing new restrictions today.

The new order requires that such containers be made "without unnecessary decorations and other features." Among types of containers affected are boxes for laundry, tobacco, candy, cereals, crackers, toys, games, butter, nails for ice cream and foods, and display.

Classes in Baseball and Softball to Be Resumed

Resumption of baseball and softball schools for boys was announced today by Mel Ingram, recreation supervisor, who has returned from a trip to Portland where he met with the War Services agency relative to federal appropriations to aid the Roseburg recreation program.

Baseball classes will be conducted at 3 p. m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at

6:30 p. m. each Tuesday and Thursday. All interested boys are invited to attend.

Softball practice and games will be held each afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Fire Takes Horses, Cattle, Grain, 2 Motor Vehicles

PORTLAND, July 24.—(AP)—Forty-one head of cattle, two horses, 75 tons of hay, five tons of grain, a truck, automobile and farm implements were destroyed by flames that leveled a large barn on the property of C. C. Schlessler at the outskirts of northeast Portland yesterday.

4 Persons Drown in Douglas County Streams

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evidence of foul play, and no evidence whatever of any sex crime. The sheriff's mounted posse spent Sunday morning attempting to locate the girl's missing shoes, while officers were still working on the theory of a possible attack. But, following Dr. Beeman's report, the search for the shoes was transferred to exploring the river bottom, on the presumption that she slipped and fell into the water.

Ridden Horse Stumbles

Betty Jean Gardner, only daughter of Jack Gardner, a widower employed in mill work at Tiller, was drowned Saturday afternoon. Children reported that the horse she was riding stumbled as the girl rode into the water. Her body was carried into a deep hole under the Tiller ranger station bridge, and although it was recovered immediately, resuscitation efforts proved futile.

Dr. Adams was called to the scene from Myrtle Creek, and Deputy Sheriff R. G. Baker and a first aid squad from the Roseburg fire department rushed to Tiller where the fire department's inhalator; but the girl had been pronounced dead by Dr. Adams prior to the arrival of the Roseburg party. A bruise on the fore-

head indicated her head had struck a rock. The body was brought to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors.

Falls From Log Boom

Richard Leonard Stephenson, 8 years old, was playing with a younger brother, aged five years, on a log boom at Mill creek, between Scottsburg and Reedsport, Carver H. C. Stearns reported. Richard fell into about five feet of water and disappeared from sight. The younger brother summoned the father, William Stephenson, and the body was recovered within about five minutes. Resuscitation efforts were continued over a long period of time, directed by Deputy Sheriff Harry McCabe, who was called from Reedsport, but the child could not be revived.

Boater's Tumble Fatal

Alec McLeod, employed on a dredge at Reed's island in the Umpqua river opposite Gardner, drowned Friday night, when he fell from a rowboat while adjusting an outboard motor. Two brothers Jack and Bill McLeod, owners of the Coos Bay Dredging company, were called from Marshfield and utilized their equipment in dragging several miles of the river in efforts to recover the body, which had not been found late Sunday, according to a report from Reedsport.

Yankees Seize Tinian Island, Near Sipan

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made the first mention of the Philippines in a communique since Corrigidor's fall May 6, 1942.

Tinian's Defenses Smashed

The Tinian assault, the third invasion in the Marianas, was launched four days after the Guam landings.

The majority of defense installations around Tinian's beachheads had been neutralized by bombing and artillery fire across the two and one-half mile channel separating the island from Saipan. The Tinian airfield also was decommissioned during the constant attack on the island since the Marianas campaign began June 10. Several hours after Admiral

Nimitz had announced the landing of American forces on Tinian island, the Tokyo radio today told the Japanese people that the "enemy" had attempted a landing but asserted that it had been repulsed.

The Tokyo broadcast said the Americans had become "fearful of our fearful certain-death attacks" and had "at last abandoned their plans."

The Japanese people were warned however, that "the progress of the war situation is such that it does not permit any optimism."

Worse in Store For Japs

Admiral Ernest King, returning with Nimitz from a visit to Saipan, said "You can draw a line from Saipan and see that in 1,500 miles it will strike the Philippines, Formosa or even Japan. One thousand five hundred miles is considered a fair operational radius for the fleet. That is an opportunity of which we will take full advantage."

General MacArthur's Liberators in the New Guinea theater gave strong support to the Marianas operations by hitting the Carolines strongholds of Yap, Palau and Woleai.

German Army Fleeting Before Red Juggernaut

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river city's suburbs. Nazi Losses Enormous

Field dispatches gave no indication that the nazis high command had been able to halt, or even slow down the rapid progress of the Russians, who announced advances from west of liberated Pskov, at the Estonian border, to Galacia in the south.

The manner in which the Germans were crumbling was illustrated best by official announcements of Russian accomplishments in the past 24 hours—more than 1,400 towns and villages captured and gains registered of 30 miles and more along the entire front.

In the newest disaster visited on the Germans, the Russians said they had captured 15,000 nazis and found 30,000 dead in the encirclement at Brody, north-east of Lwow.

Tax Collector's Report

(Showing the amount of Taxes collected and turned over during the fiscal year, July 1st, 1943 to June 30th, 1944, Inc.)

Table with columns for Fund Account, 1944, 1943, 1942, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, and Totals. Rows include State and County, Interest, Non-High School Tuition, etc.

GRAND TOTAL \$671,004.87 Less 2944 Rebate 13,136.84 Net Cash \$657,868.03 O. T. CARTER, SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR By: Orlena Slattery, Deputy.

Report Of The County Clerk Of Douglas County, State of Oregon, For The Year Ending June 30, 1944

Table with columns for Clerk's Bal. June 30, 1943, Taxes O. & C. Grant Lands, Land Sales, Other Receipts, Transfers, Cancelled Warrants, Credit Totals, Warrants Issued, Cash Payments, Debit Clerk's Bal. Total June 30, 1944, Warrants Unpaid June 30, 1944, and Treasurer's Bal. Rows include General County Funds, Market Road Funds, etc.

TO RECONCILE: Treasurer's cash and bank balances as shown by his report for month of June, 1944 \$378,451.97 United States Bonds Douglas County Sinking Fund 427,572.00 Registry and Indemnity 800.00 Short Term Bonds 117,000.00 Other Securities: Douglas County School Fund 16,921.18 Coles Valley Cemetery Fund 400.38 Total cash and securities, Treasurer's balance \$941,145.53 Less outstanding warrants 33,451.60 Clerk's balance \$907,693.92

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, ss:

I Roy Agee, County Clerk of the County of Douglas, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing is true and current statement of the several funds of Douglas County, State of Oregon, for the year ending June 30, 1944, as shown by the books and reports in my office, care and custody, as I verily believe.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 1944.

(Seal)

ROY AGEE, County Clerk.