

County Purchases Umpqua Park For Fair Grounds Site

Deal Involves 100 Acres For \$16,000 Price

Track Plans Drawn, But Erection of Buildings Will Come After War

The Douglas county court today announced purchase of Umpqua park, lying on the banks of the South Umpqua river opposite the south part of Roseburg, as a site for county fair grounds.

The county, Judge D. N. Busenbark reported, has acquired approximately 100 acres, and has expended \$16,000 in the purchase of land. Principal owner was the Umpqua Park company, which received \$15,000 for approximately 90 acres. Other privately owned land was bought for \$1,000. The county has submitted offers to owners having lots located within the tract, and will acquire 10 more tracts if satisfactory prices are obtained, and will spend an additional \$1,000 if negotiations are completed, making an aggregate total cost of \$17,000.

The lots on which offers have been made are not essential to the proposed development, Judge Busenbark reported, but would be desirable.

Plans have been drawn, it was stated, for a one-half mile track, and county equipment, when not required for other purposes, will be used to grade the track, which can be constructed at little expense, the court said. It also is planned to clean the grounds of undergrowth in the near future.

The Seventh Day Adventist church and school has requested use of the baseball field and the court will make an effort to scrape the surface and prepare the field for general public use as quickly as possible, Judge Busenbark said.

The Douglas County Mounted Police unit at Roseburg is expected to sponsor construction of bleachers, chutes, corals, etc., for use in conducting rodeos, exhibitions and other entertainments featuring horsemanship.

An invitation will be given the city of Roseburg to join in development of recreation facilities in

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In the Day's News

PARIS FALLS! For days (ever since we crossed the Seine above and below) it has hung on the limb, an over-ripe plum, ready to be shaken off.

It was the FRENCH who seized the limb and did the shaking.

FOR four long, bitter years the French underground has been building up its strength, biding its time and WAITING FOR THE DAY.

The day came—apparently last Saturday or Sunday.

The Paris populace arose—some 50,000 armed French Forces of the Interior, supported by hundreds of thousands of unarmed patriots, and went into action. The hard core of the uprising was provided by the Paris police, who were already on strike against the German conquerors. They seized the police station. The rising forces of the underground swarmed into the civic center (Ile de la Cite). Here they stood and beat off attacks.

It was all over soon (the Germans were already getting out as fast as they could).

It must have been a dramatic struggle—but we have no time for it here, even if its details were available. The fall of Paris is only a detail of a mighty picture that is developing before our eyes with startling swiftness.

The battle of Normandy, where the flower of German military strength in the west is wailing under a rain of hot steel from our guns and our planes, is only another detail.

The picture is the RETAKING of France.

ALL over France the probing fingers of allied armored columns are reaching for the throat of Nazi Germany.

One is thrusting eastward from

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Lt. C. E. Hughes, Formerly Of Sutherland, Killed

Lieutenant Charles E. Hughes, former resident of Sutherland, has been killed in action, according to word received by Mrs. O. T. Durr, Sutherland from Mrs. C. J. Lankford, mother of the lieutenant. Mrs. Lankford, who formerly made her home at Sutherland, is now residing at Newberry, Cal. No details of the lieutenant's death or the combat area in which he was serving were given.

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BATTLE WINNING PARIS LIBERATION

RED RIVE INTO ROMANIA IGNORES PEACE BID

Capitulation Of Bulgaria Thought Near

MOSCOW, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Two red armies, slashing deeper into Romania against an apparently tottering enemy from whom 47,000 men have been taken as prisoners in five days, today were within 35 miles of the Galati gap defenses guarding the Danube gateway to Bucharest and the Ploesti oil fields.

The armies of Gen. Malinovsky and Gen. Tolbikhin, obviously taking no chances on the outcome of Romania's peace bid through King Mihai, swept up more than 550 cities, towns and villages yesterday, including the Bessarabian capital of Chisinau (Kishinev).

In a lightning attempt to get a firm grasp on Romania before her Nazi overlords can complete plans for counter-measures, the armies took 25,000 German and Romanian prisoners in a single day, and sent spearheads to less than 100 miles from Ploesti and slightly more than that from Bucharest.

Red army political officers, carrying out the official Russian position, explained to Romanian soldiers and civilians that liquidation of German forces in the country must be achieved before military operations cease and an armistice can be concluded.

Romanians Joyous Civilian populations literally cried for joy on hearing of a second promise by the Soviet government not to annex Romanian territory, change its existing social regime or harm its independence, dispatches said.

At the other end of the extended eastern front Soviet forces plunged within sight of Tartu in Estonia and edging within striking distance of the German bastion at Lomza in Poland, near the East Prussian frontier.

The 47,000 casualties announced at midnight brought to 853,886 the number of enemy troops announced as killed or captured in the Russian summer offensives since June 23. The 28th German

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Glee Over Paris' Freedom Evokes Buenos Aires Riots

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25.—(AP)—At least 11 persons, including four policemen, nursed bruises and other injuries today as a result of clashes stemming from public celebrations which followed reports of the liberations of Paris.

One man was shot in the hip and others were clubbed with night sticks or beaten with the flats of sabers as police attempted to disperse crowds when the demonstrations took on a political tinge.

Disturbances also were reported from the Argentine city of Rosario, where 82 were arrested by police who dispersed some 5,000 persons who gathered without proper authority to celebrate the Paris liberation.

Seventeen persons were under arrest here today on charges of espionage following a series of raids which police said had smashed a highly organized spy ring in the employ of the German government.

The head of the ring was described as a German radio specialist who came here secretly from Brazil when driven out of that country by counter-espionage activities.

East Eats Western Food 24 Hours After Harvest

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(AP)—More than 75 perishables from 45 growing areas in the west and midwest, including crab meat, chicken and berries, were served at a luncheon here yesterday within 24 hours after harvesting.

The three-ton shipment, flown by United Airlines plane, reached New York 13 hours after leaving Los Angeles.

All products except the sea food came through without refrigeration. Northwest products besides the crab included: Salad ingredients from northwest Washington; boysenberries, youngberries and blueberries from Oregon and Washington.

Battered Germans Making Last Ditch Attempt to Get Out of Seine Area Pocket

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Disorganized and battered German forces made a last-ditch attempt today to flee across the last few miles of the Seine adjoining the sea in northern France, but front dispatches said this battle already was virtually over.

The Germans managed to get many of their troops beyond the Seine but left thousands of others and a great bulk of equipment behind.

There was no report on the Americans who two days ago penetrated 15 miles beyond Sens, approaching to within 150 miles of the German frontier.

The present speed of advance indicated that the lower Seine pocket, which extends from Elbeuf to Bernay then roughly to the coast at a point four miles from Honfleur, may be wiped out in another 24 hours.

Battle Rages at Elbeuf The Germans shoved the bulk of their forces remaining in the pocket against the Americans at Elbeuf and heavy fighting still was in progress on both sides of the town which the Americans reached yesterday but which the enemy still held.

A front dispatch by Associated Press War Correspondent Roger D. Greene said that if the Germans were unable to make a new stand beyond the Seine river "it seems a fair assumption there very soon will be an end to the buzzbomb terror which has weighed so heavily on the British home front."

Clearing weather today indicated that what Germans remain in the pocket are going to be heavily battered from the air.

The pattern of German move-

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Ten Reich Cities Bombed by Yanks

LONDON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—More than 1,100 American bombers escorted by strong forces of fighters and fighter bombers smashed today at ten north German objectives including the Peenemunde experimental station north of Berlin where flying and rocket bombs are developed.

Targets included four aircraft factories, three air force stations, a research center, a synthetic oil plant and the robot bomb station.

Flying Fortresses and Liberators took advantage of their second successive day of good weather to disperse over Germany and bomb such targets as these:

Wismar, a bomber assembly plant and a bomber parts plant.

Lubeck, a bomber components plant.

Rostock, a bomber assembly plant.

Pollitz, a synthetic oil plant.

West of Stettin, German air force stations at Anklam, Scherwin and Neubrandenburg.

Rechlin, a German air force research center.

RAF Mosquito bombers blasted objectives in France and Belgium, last night, continuing an allied air offensive in which 5,000 planes from Britain and Italy struck yesterday at vital oil, and industrial targets from the Baltic to the Balkans.

West Return Permit Given 2 U. S.-Born Japanese

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Two American-born Japanese have been granted permission to come here, U. S. Attorney Charles H. Carr has announced, adding that the action does not "by any means involve a general return of Japanese to southern California."

Carr said Mrs. Shizuko Shimizu and Masaru Baba have been exempted by military authorities from an order excluding Japanese from the Pacific coast defense area and particularly from Los Angeles county. Mrs. Shimizu is the widow of a Japanese American killed while fighting with the U. S. army in Italy. Baba holds an honorable discharge from the army. Both are in mid-west relocation centers.

Allies' Mapia Attack Fails, Tokyo Claims

(By the Associated Press) Allied troops have attempted a new island invasion nearer the Philippines, Tokyo radio said today without confirmation.

The same enemy source broadcast that 28 carrier planes raided western Sumatra at the other end of the Dutch East Indies, similarly without allied confirmation.

These indications of a quickening tempo in the southern Pacific coincided with two London announcements promising harder blows against Japan from southeast Asia.

Adm. Mountbatten has returned to east Asia from Britain with new plans for stepping up the war in that relatively quiescent sector.

Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser arrived in Ceylon to take command of the British far eastern fleet in succession to Adm. Somerville. Fraser is known as a doughty sea commander outstandingly successful against the Germans.

Japs Claim Repulse Allied troops landed on the Mapia (St. David) islands yesterday, Tokyo said, but the invaders were driven off in a few hours with heavy losses. There was no indication of the scope of the reported action. The Mapias lie some 300 miles east of hard-hit Palau.

Tokyo vaguely said "western Sumatra" was raided and that two allied planes were downed. This island has suffered two previous fleet raids at Sabang, Su-

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Full Postwar Production Needed, OPA Chief Says

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A postwar production level the same as existed in 1940 would mean 19,500,000 unemployed in the United States because of war-developed technological improvements, says Chester Bowles, chief of the OPA.

"I do not believe this country is willing to go back to its pre-war economy," he said yesterday. He added that full postwar production must be under way before rationing and price controls can be abandoned.

He declared that full peacetime production will be a preventive against inflation.

Salem Drive Planned to Get Cannery Workers

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Six thousand workers will be needed in Salem canneries by mid-September, cannery operators said last night at a meeting with labor leaders, army officers, school and civic officials.

The operators asked that the school year be delayed a few weeks, but school officials said it would be impossible.

The delegates to the meeting agreed to launch an intensive drive to recruit local labor.

Wilson's Place on WPB Given Naval Officer Krug; Nelson Ignores Charges, Prepares for China Jaunt

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson reportedly will gather into his own hands, when he returns from China, the vast War Production board authority vacated yesterday by the stormy resignation of executive Vice-Chairman Charles E. Wilson.

At President Roosevelt's request, 37-year old Naval Lieutenant Commander, J. A. Krug, will be acting chairman during Nelson's absence on his mission to Chungking.

The appointment of Krug, formerly TVA power manager, and more recently a ranking vice-chairman of WPB, climaxed a rapid-fire succession of events which in a few hours blew the lid off an old WPB feud and nearly left the agency leaderless for weeks to come.

"Harmony" Report Upset The fireworks started when the White House announced Wilson's resignation—in protest against alleged attacks on him inspired by members of "the personal staff of Mr. Nelson"—just at the moment that Nelson and Wilson were holding a "harmony" meeting of top WPB officials on the eve of Nelson's departure.

The senate was investigating committee, which had just taken testimony from both men, announced its conviction that "rumors of disagreement" between Nelson and Wilson on reconversion policy were "entirely unfounded and are unfair to both men."

Only a few minutes later Wilson told a press conference the same thing, but added that Nelson, by a "manana policy"—putting it off until tomorrow—had delayed the establishment of Wilson's own outback and reconversion machinery by 20 weeks.

Promises Broken, Charge The "harmony" atmosphere was further blasted by Wilson's assertion that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes had instructed Nelson in April to proceed with the reconversion recommendations of the Baruch-Hancock report of February, but

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Army Expects Germany To Capitulat by Oct. 1, Congressman Announces

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Chairman Woodrum (D-Va.) of the house postwar military policy committee said today that the army "tentatively" looks to Oct. 1, 1944, as the date for the end of the war against Germany.

Woodrum interposed the statement at a hearing at which Rear Admiral James H. Irish, inventory control officer for the navy, indicated the navy expects to be still fighting in the Pacific through 1945.

Woodrum did not amplify nor explain the source of his information.

Almost simultaneously, it was emphasized at the White House that President Roosevelt is having no part of predictions on the end of the war.

Nazi Plane Toll In Balkans Upped

ROME, Aug. 25.—(AP)—In aerial combats over four countries allied fighters and bombers shot down 53 enemy aircraft yesterday, bringing their toll in the last three days to 155, allied headquarters announced today.

The ruinous price the nazis are paying in attempts to ward off attacks against their Balkan military and rail installations includes more than 100 planes destroyed on the ground in the previous week in Yugoslavia and Hungary.

Yesterday's air victories cost the allies 19 planes.

Allied troops have made "considerable advances" in the upper Arno valley on the central sector of the Italian front, allied headquarters announced today.

Just east of Florence Eighth army forces have "made good progress toward the Gothic line and are firmly established on the western slopes of Monte Fieschi."

National Guard To Undergo Changes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The War department has begun a study looking toward re-vamping of the national guard in the postwar military organization of the United States.

No hint of the specific problems to be tackled by a special six-man committee was contained in the announcement issued yesterday, but the question of political control of appointments of high ranking officers in the peacetime national guard is known to be a matter of considerable concern to the army command.

Fears have been expressed at times in national guard circles that this concern might result in an army attempt to federalize the guard completely, removing it from its historical position under state command as a development of the old state militia.

The present army high command, however, is believed to favor retention of the guard as an agency of the states except in national emergencies, although with an extension of the War department's authority over training and over qualifications of top guard officers.

Two Buses Donated for Trip of Blind Donors

Contributions to assist the American Red Cross in cost of transporting two bus loads of blood donors to Portland Tuesday, Aug. 29 have been made by Albert Mehl as representative of the Ponderosa Bottling company, and Luther Ellison, Roseburg, it was announced today by Violet Hansen, executive secretary of the Douglas county Red Cross chapter.

The blood donors will be provided with free transportation to and from Portland. They will leave Tuesday morning and remain in Portland overnight, returning home Wednesday afternoon. Approximately 50 persons have signed for the trip, greatly exceeding expectations of the local committee, Mrs. Hannan stated.

Pope Dates Broadcast

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Pope Pius will make a world broadcast over the Vatican City radio Sept. 1, marking the fifth anniversary of the start of the war.

Yankee, French Troops Enter City, Start Mopping up Last Of Nazis in Scattered Spots

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The German commander of Paris has surrendered to Brig. Gen. Le Clerc and the commander of the French Forces of the Interior, Paris radio reported today in a broadcast.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—French and American troops entered Paris today and detachments penetrated to the center of the city. The final stages of a battle for liberation were in full swing and a joyous populace already was celebrating its freedom, allied broadcasts from the capital declared.

The liberation of Paris by French and American forces "is a fact," declared a broadcast from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters.

Gen. Charles De Gaulle was said to be at Bagneux, a suburb six miles from Paris, waiting to be conducted into the capital where the carillons of Notre Dame and church bells throughout the city already heralded the entry of one spearhead.

Allies Will Rule France Until People Choose Own Form of Government



Gen. Pierre Koenig

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Arrangements to administer liberated France until the French people choose a permanent form of government went into effect today, the State department announced.

These arrangements were set in motion through an exchange of letters between General Eisenhower, as commanding general of United States forces, and General Koenig, commander of the French Forces of the Interior.

General Koenig, personal representative of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, headed the underground force of 50,000 that aided in the battle for the liberation of Paris.

Mounted Police's Horses Taken to Rodeo Town

Thirty head of horses belonging to members of the Roseburg unit of the Douglas County Mounted Police were taken to Reedsport today to appear Saturday and Sunday in the Reedsport rodeo. The Roseburg drill team, consisting of 24 expert horsemen, will participate in the program both days. Other riders will take part in parades. The Roseburg group will be headed by Miss Dawn Skeen, who is a princess in the court of the rodeo queen, Peggy Dye, Reedsport.

No Increase of Tire Chains Assured Civilians

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Production of tire chains for civilian use can't be increased in the immediate future, the War Production board said today.

A recent order authorized manufacturers to resume civilian production as local conditions permit, but WPB reported so long as war supplies remain critically short present quotas will prevail.

Keep On Buying
The 5th war loan is over but the war isn't. Don't wait for the 6th drive. Steady, continuous buying of bonds means less on the national quota when the next call

Registration Set At Local Schools; Increase Expected

Preparatory to the opening of Roseburg schools Monday, Sept. 11, registration at Roseburg Senior high school will start Tuesday, Sept. 5, under the supervision of Omer J. Monger, principal. It was announced today by Paul S. Elliott, city superintendent of schools.

It is anticipated, Supt. Elliott reported, that all school enrollment will show a considerable increase.

All senior high school teaching positions have been filled. Registration of senior high students will be conducted daily from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. Seniors are requested to register Tuesday; juniors, Wednesday; sophomores, Thursday. Registration will be conducted Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. for all students unable to register during the earlier periods.

A meeting of faculty members will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 9, to prepare for the school opening Monday.

All school buildings, Elliott reports, have been cleaned and renovated and textbooks have been ordered for all grades.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

A London report has it that President Roosevelt will be in Paris when the allies stage their victory parade. You can just envisage the Eiffel tower and Arch de Triomphe shrinking to practical invisibility because of an inferiority complex.