

Donations Advance Plan For Civic Center, Pool

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number of firms and individuals during the past few days, explaining the civic center program and at yesterday's meeting it was reported that the sum of \$10,095 had been collected with at least as much more in prospect.

It is proposed to increase the fund through similar donations each year until a sufficient amount is on hand to start actual construction. It is hoped to have a sufficient sum on hand to complete at least one unit in the immediate postwar period, Chairman Ford said.

The joint committee is working only for donations to be specifically earmarked for a civic center and swimming pool. According to the city's ordinance, the money can be used only for the specific purpose for which it is donated.

City Adds To Fund The amount raised in the current campaign will be added to \$8,325 already on hand in the city treasury in the swimming pool reserve fund. The city's money was secured through annual budget appropriations of \$1,700, plus \$1,325 raised through private contributions in a radio campaign four years ago. The money is invested in war bonds and is available whenever needed.

Coupled with contributions now in the hands of the committee, the total sum is now \$18,420. Solicitation by the committee is being conducted only among business and professional interests.

"There may be individuals who would not be contacted but who would like to join in this project," Chairman Ford said, "and we would be glad to have their contributions."

All checks should be drawn payable to the City of Roseburg in order that credit for contributions may be taken on income tax statements. Checks, however, should be mailed to Paul Geddes, U. S. National bank building, Roseburg, or left at the office of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. The committee will deposit all money received with the city government and see that the fund is properly earmarked, it was stated.

Mukden, Dairen Raided By Superfortresses (Continued from page 1)

"substantial force" of China based B-29s, the war department announced. Washington dispatches estimated as many as 60 Superfortresses may have been in the formations.

The Japanese-controlled Hsin-ling radio said approximately 30 planes struck in waves for 50 minutes at both Mukden and Dairen, "blindly bombing from a high altitude." The broadcast claimed four attackers were shot down.

The Manchurian raid came on the heels of a Chungking radio warning that a great American aerial offensive would be launched against Japan and her continental industries and military installations.

Tokyo radio reported two pairs of Superfortresses flew over Aichi and Shizuoka prefectures, southwest of Tokyo on the main island of Japan, last night and early today. The broadcast said bombs were dropped only on the second foray, apparently made to observe weather conditions.

MacArthur Announced 1,541 more enemy dead were counted on Leyte. This runs the total estimated Japanese casualties—virtually all killed or drowned—for the two months-old Philippine campaign to nearly 127,000. The figure includes estimated 30,000 drowned in convoys sunk trying to reach Leyte and 35,000 lost in the second naval battle of the Philippines.

Liberators, clearing the way for renewed Saipan-based Superfortress raids on Tokyo, bombed Japanese fields on Iwo Jima for the twelfth consecutive day and pockmarked the airdrome on Marcus Island. Raiders from Iwo and

Marcus have been harassing the Superfort bases on the Marianas Islands.

Japs Retreat In Burma In central Burma three Japanese divisions retreated toward Mandalay, offering little resistance to British infantrymen advancing down the railway from Myitkyina. The British occupied Nankun and Wuntho, 135 miles north of Mandalay. To the east, the Chinese 30th division, trying to reopen the Burma road, captured three villages.

Chinese forces backtracking the railway through central China toward Luichow, fallen U. S. air base, threatened two enemy-held cities. They closed in on Hochih, 95 miles west of Luichow, and drove on Chingcheng-kiang 15 miles east of Hochih.

The U. S. 14th airforce supported both operations. American airmen will bomb every Japanese port on the China coast with the "maximum tonnage of bombs and the greatest number of planes" possible, said Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, U. S. chief of staff in China.

Tokyo radio reported a small force of British carrier planes raided Sabang, on northern Sumatra along the seaway to Singapore, Wednesday night.

Highway Bill for Jobs After War Signed by F. R. (Continued from Page 1)

congestion and accidents," he noted. Included were sizable authorizations for farm-to-market roads serving rural areas, the president said, adding that funds were authorized on a matching basis with the states for at least starting the huge task of replacing \*

\* roads on our federal-aid system which are being worn out by wartime traffic. The program calls for the federal government and the states to pay \$225,000,000 each for each of the three years on the regular federal-aid highway system, including farm-to-market roads, and \$125,000,000 each on federal highways entering cities.

Failure of Nazi Drive Will Cut War—Stimson (Continued from Page 1)

our advance into the Cologne plain and the Saar basin," he added. "I have the utmost confidence in the wisdom, energy, and aggressive fighting attitude of General Eisenhower and his leaders."

Like War I Situation Stimson said he based his statement concerning a possible shortening the war on his recollection

of events 25 years ago when he fought in World war I. Referring to the enemy offensives in the latter stages of that war, he said:

"I was there when they drove almost to the channel, again almost to Armentieres. Again when they rove to the Marne. I remember how we felt—as if they would never stop. And then I remember how, suddenly, on the 18th of July (1918) we bit into the German salient and it shrivelled up like a toy balloon.

"And I remember how it seemed a very short time after, the surrender came."

Germans Drive 2 Wedges Into Yankee First Army (Continued from Page 1)

might be weeks before the First army regained positions it held Sunday when the Germans plunged from 13 to 15 divisions into their bid to turn the tide of the war.

Alarm over possible return of the Germans spread as far as Brussels, where some packed their belongings for flight, although the Germans were still more than 75 miles away.

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