

City Council Tables Request Of Carpenters for License to Ban "Fly-by-Night" Builders

License Application for Proposed New Location of Beer Tavern Turned Down; Ordinance Governing Tree Plantings Introduced; A. Boyer Named City Engineer.

The City of Roseburg was requested by the carpenters trade union, at the regular meeting of the city council last night, to impose a license upon all building contractors, for the purpose of excluding irresponsible and "fly-by-night" builders.

In addition to considering this matter, the council refused a license for installation of a beer tavern on N. Main street, heard a proposed new ordinance to regulate trees along city streets and alleys, made first-of-the-year appointments and transacted routine business.

Frank Wilson, appearing as spokesman for the carpenters' union, told the council that contractors should be provided with protection against irresponsible builders and recommended city license and inspection. The council indicated a receptive attitude toward the principle of protection, but was advised by City Attorney A. N. Orcutt that it was doubtful whether the city had the right to impose license upon one classification without adopting a general ordinance which would cover all types of business, professions and occupations. The matter was tabled for further consideration.

The council received a petition from affected property owners protesting the proposed removal of Van's Place, a tavern now located immediately south of the Courthouse, to a proposed site on N. Main street directly in the rear of the Looze Gift Shop, formerly known as the Haynes Drug store. An application for change in the liquor license to the new location also was before the council.

On the home front—getting only a few news items of what is happening or has happened, and painfully aware that we know little or nothing of the vast, shadowy background of the war news—it has seemed that Russia has been unconsciously slow in getting her great winter offensive under way. Doubtless it seemed to the Russians before Normandy that we were lagging in carrying out our part of the European bargain.

We know by this time that we couldn't have got started any sooner than we did. It is probable that if this is the long-expected Russian winter push it couldn't have been organized any earlier.

Even we home front citizens are beginning to get a faint un-

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Snow, Sleet and Rain on Weather Map of Nation

(By the Associated Press)

The nation's weather map offered a variety of climatic conditions today, ranging from mild to sub-zero temperatures and snow, sleet and rain.

Two sections of the country were in the below zero cold belt. In parts of New England in an area near the Wisconsin-Minnesota border at La Crosse, Wis.

Snow and sleet fell along the eastern seaboard and in the mid-Atlantic states; rain was reported from Washington into southern regions while most of the Midwest reported mild weather.

Coldest spot over the country early today was in the Wisconsin-Minnesota area—four below at Rochester, Minn., and three below at La Crosse, Wis. In New England, Caribou, Me., reported 2.

Active Status Slated Again for Camp Adair

(By the Associated Press)

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Camp Adair, Ore., will be returned to an active status about Feb. 1 with the opening of a large warehouse section. Ninth service command headquarters said today.

The warehouses will be used for supplemental storage space by the Utah army service forces depot at Ogden.

F. R. Prepares Message On National Service Act

(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is preparing to send congress a special message favoring national service legislation.

As a preliminary, he held a White House conference today with service chiefs and legislators concerned with the subject.

Warning Given War Veterans on Buying Overpriced Farm Acreage; Banker Scores Red Tape On Loans

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—(AP)—War veterans were warned today to beware of buying overpriced farm land, tracts of inadequate size, or acreage unsuitable to profitable operation.

Paul V. Maris, head of the Farm Security administration farm ownership division, Washington, D. C., outlined to FSA and veterans' agencies the procedure for certification of G. I. loan applications beginning next month in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

"Present FSA county committees, with a war veteran added, will recommend whether or not the federal government should guarantee 50 per cent of loans up to \$2000 for purchase of farm land, stock or equipment," Maris said. Loans may be made by any private or public credit agency.

He warned veterans against investing in small tracts for part time farming. Maris said surveys indicate a good family-size Oregon, Washington or Idaho farm ranges from \$8000 to \$10,000 with \$2000 additional for stock and equipment, plus \$1000 to cover first year operating expenses.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Loans to veterans under

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Russians Inside East Prussia; Houffalize Captured by Yanks

Belgian Bulge Narrowed To Fifteen Miles

PARIS, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The Belgian road center of Houffalize, once at the heart of the vanishing Belgian bulge, was captured today without a fight by the "Hell on Wheels" Second armored division of the American First army.

The Germans apparently had abandoned the strategic town at the crossroads nine miles north-east of Bastogne and 18 south-west of St. Vith. Formal occupation was slowed by burned out wreckage of German equipment cluttering roads around the outskirts.

Behind Houffalize, the German stand on the Salm river cracked as a three-division American assault team beat slowly down the last six miles to St. Vith, a door for Nazi withdrawal to the Siegfried line forts.

The capture of Houffalize narrowed the bulge to 15 miles west of the German frontier. The penetration, started a month ago, had extended to 40 miles almost to the Meuse and overran about 2,000 square miles. Only about 4,000 remained today in Marshal von Rundstedt's grasp.

It seemed at best that the Germans would be able to hold only a buffer bump a few miles deep in front of their thick fortress line. When the Germans attacked, Hitler told his generals that the offensive might knock one of

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Corpse Found With \$260 in Its Mouth

FORSYTHE, Ga., Jan. 16.—(AP)—The FBI joined today the investigation into the death of a man found beside the Central Georgia railroad tracks near here with \$260 stuffed in his mouth.

Coroner James L. Weldon said the man, tentatively identified as Joseph Manley Brown of Miami, Fla., apparently was killed by being thrown or falling from the Dixie Flyer, which passed several hours before a Negro discovered the body.

A railroad ticket stub found on the body showed the man had started his journey at Hartford, Wash. Miami police were unable to find out anything about anyone by that name there.

The coroner said papers found on the man's body indicated he belonged to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, chauffeurs, warehousemen and helpers.

Four \$25 war bonds payable to him or Miss Juanita McCarty, and \$19.82 in cash were found in his pockets, Weldon said.

Revised Milk Subsidy to Up Butter Output Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Adjustment of subsidy payments to milk producers to encourage more butter production is under consideration by the War Food administration, Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said today.

Cordon said assistant War Food Administrator Hill wrote him that subsidy payments were purposely made more favorable to whole milk than butterfat in farm-separated cream in order to meet demands of the military for whole milk.

"There is considerable evidence to indicate that the shift has gone far enough and that the program should be adjusted to avoid encouraging shift," Hill wrote.

War on Italian Front Slowed by Heavy Snow

ROME, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Deep snow and poor visibility brought a comparative calm today to the Fifth and Eighth army fronts in the high Apennines and the eastern Po valley.

A few patrol clashes and artillery engagements were reported, as both enemy and allied forces contented themselves for the most part with clinging to positions in which a storm caught them several days ago.

Despite the poor weather the Mediterranean air force got approximately 1,800 sorties into the air yesterday. Heavy bombers attacked rail targets in Austria and northern Italy, fighters and mediums hit communications and troops in north Italy, and fighters shot up gun positions in Yugoslavia.



CHARMED LIFE — Pfc. Frederick E. Patterson, above, of Milwaukee, Wis., talked back to his German captors near Hottin, France, and was made to stand in a road under American artillery fire four different times. Most of the Nazis around him were hit, but he was unharmed. Later he escaped; was almost caught by a Nazi patrol before he waded to American lines through waist-deep, near-freezing water.

All-Out Food Call Issued To Farmers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—War Food Administrator Marvin Jones called anew on the nation's farmers for all-out food and feed production this year as he announced final agricultural production goals for 1945.

These goals represent the total of state goals recommended by farmers, farm leaders and state agricultural officials and are approximately the same as were recommended by the WFA last Nov. 15.

This year's crop acreage goal totaled 363,635,000 acres, nearly three per cent more than the 1944 planted acreage and a little more than the 353,616,000 acres which had been suggested by the WFA.

More Meat Wanted
The WFA called for a larger slaughter of cattle to meet increased military and civilian demands.

2 Boys, Soldier Nabbed In Auto-Stealing Cases

Two 15-year-old youths, driving an automobile reportedly stolen out of Portland, were arrested by the state police in Roseburg this morning. Sergeant Paul Moran of the state police reported. The boys were turned over to the juvenile court for examination.

Also in custody on an automobile theft charge was Lee Leroy Crow, 24, a soldier, who was arrested. Sgt. Moran said, while driving a car listed as stolen from Portland Saturday night. It was expected he would be surrendered today to military authorities.

Owner Recovers Ration Books Shunted Overseas

OAKFIELD, N. Y., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Six ration books which traveled to Germany in a case of canned tomatoes have been returned to Mrs. Lee Court.

Sgt. C. H. Riley, who identified himself as a mess sergeant of an infantry unit in Germany, returned the food coupons with a letter.

Norwegian Troops Seize Air Base Of Germans

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Norwegian troops, launching their first big attack against the Germans, have driven 80 miles through the snow-filled wastes of Finnmark and captured one of the two most important German air bases in northern Norway.

The advance was made on a broad front and increased the liberated area of burned and ravaged Finnmark to 8,684 square miles.

\$40 Minimum Pension Asked In Measure

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—A bill to provide minimum old age pensions of \$40 a month, which now is the pension ceiling, was introduced in the legislature today by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland. It provides no ceiling, and would allow each pensioner to earn up to \$100 a month in wages.

A proposed constitutional amendment to create the office of lieutenant governor, who would earn \$10 a day during legislative sessions, was submitted by Sen. Wallace. The civil rights bill to prevent discrimination against negroes in public places was introduced by Sens. Wallace, Mahoney and McKenna, all of Portland.

Building Program Drags

The state board of control's program to construct \$3,000,000 worth of buildings at state institutions in the next two years was in doubt today, with many legislators asserting they would support a proposal by Rep. Semon.

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Paper, Tin Salvage Newly Planned in Douglas County

Reorganization of the Douglas county salvage committee is being undertaken by Roderick Finney, executive secretary of the state committee, who spent Monday night and today in Roseburg meeting with the county court and civic leaders.

Douglas county, Mr. Finney points out, is lagging behind other counties of western Oregon in paper and tin salvage and efforts to set up an organization for continuing collections of both items, critically needed in the war effort, are being made.

Residents of the county are urged by the state secretary to save both paper and tin at their homes. As soon as arrangements for collections can be completed, the materials will be gathered for shipment.

Urgent Need Stressed
"Tin is most urgently needed," Finney said, "and no one should discard cans. The nation's stockpile of tin is becoming dangerously low and we will need all the reclaimed tin we can obtain during the next few months."

Many counties have set up machinery for collections and shipments at regular intervals, so that a continuous flow of cans from Oregon is being maintained. We hope in the near future to have Douglas county organized for operation under the same system, but in the meantime cans should be saved in all homes, flattened and packed in cartons so they may be readily available when all collection details have been completed.

14 Perish, Five Injured In Chicago Hotel Fire

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—A fast-moving, spectacular fire early today attacked the seven-story General Clark hotel in North Clark street, on the edge of the Loop, killing at least 14 persons and injuring five others.

Hours after the conflagration was discovered firemen continued to search the ruins for bodies of additional persons possibly trapped in the 40-year old stone and frame constructed building.

Scores of persons in the hotel, which contained 75 rooms, were rescued or fled to the streets on fire escapes. Several leaped to firemen's nets while others were carried down ladders by firemen.

Holdup Attempt Sends Two to State Prison

William James Scholz, 18, and Edward Edsel St. Louis, 19, both residents of Wisconsin, who recently pleaded guilty in circuit court to charges of armed assault and attempted robbery, were sentenced today to the penitentiary. Scholz, reported to have wielded a knife while threatening H. L. McHenry of Portland a Christmas eve attempted holdup in Roseburg, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, while his companion was given a sentence of one year's imprisonment.

Voluntary Rationing of Cigaretts Is Planned by Distributors of Tobacco

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Cigaretts, which since last fall have been one of the nation's wartime hard-to-get commodities, will be available at the rate of about 15 dally to civilians under a voluntary rationing system planned by the National Association of Tobacco Distributors. The association estimated the average daily civilian consumption last year was slightly more than 17 cigarettes.

The association, with a membership of 2,800 which controls distribution of cigarettes to the country's 1,250,000 retail outlets, said last night that a card system of issuing smokes will be inaugurated within two weeks.

The association's action followed a stand taken by the OPA that it would not attempt to ration cigarettes because of the uncertainty of determining the number of smokers.

Under the system numbered ration cards will be issued by retailers to consumers who will be required to sign a declaration that they have not obtained cards elsewhere. The rationing will not be attempted at outlets for transient trade—hotels, railroad and bus stations—or at chain stores. About 13 per cent of the available cigarettes are sold at these places, the association estimated.

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S. P. Box Car Robbed Of 700 Cases of Beer

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—A Southern Pacific box car was robbed at Oregon City over the weekend of 700 cases of beer, state police said today.

The theft was discovered when the car arrived here. The beer was consigned to Albany.

Dr. Harry K. Newburn, Iowa Educator, Chosen President Of the University of Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Dr. Harry K. Newburn, 39-year-old dean of the University of Iowa college of liberal arts, will take office as president of the University of Oregon July 1.

Newburn's election was announced by the Oregon state board of higher education after a year's canvassing of American educators.

The university has been under the acting presidency of Dr. Orlando J. Hollis, acting law school dean, since the death of President Donald M. Erb in December, 1943.

The new president will have a salary of \$7770 plus an annuity payment on the policy already carried in Iowa.

A graduate of Western Illinois Teachers college, Macomb, Ill., in 1928, the Oregon president-elect received his M. A. and Ph. D. degrees at the University of Iowa, taking the doctorate in 1933.

Dr. Newburn's professional career began with five years service where he served as teacher, athletic coach, township high school principal, and superintendent of schools in small Illinois cities. He went to the University of Iowa in 1931 as part-time principal of the University high school, meanwhile pursuing his graduate work.

After receiving his Ph. D. degree he was made a full-time staff member, serving first as principal and later as director of the University high school. At the same

Redwood Highway Is Closed by Huge Slide

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—The Redwood highway is temporarily closed by a slide, reported to be the worst in years, 25 miles west of Crescent City, Calif. It was stated today by Manager Daze Franklin, of the Pierce Auto freight, whose Crescent City truck has been tied up at the slide since late yesterday.

Parole Officer Quits to Head Prison Association

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Joseph R. Silver, senior state parole officer, announced today he would resign February 1 to become secretary of the Oregon Prison association. Robert Jones, now parole officer for the southern Oregon district, will succeed Silver.

Counties Get Funds

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Oregon counties today received \$240,748 as the first state apportionment of 1944 motor vehicle revenues, bringing the total 1944 allotment to \$2,340,748.

Schlossberg Falls; German Lines Gashed

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The German high command announced the fall of Schlossberg, 13 miles inside East Prussia, as Russian armies tore gaping holes today in Nazi defenses along 600 miles of front and seriously threatened one of the main rear communication lines of Warsaw.

Nazi broadcasts said "major penetrations" had been made by the Soviets in the Vistula-Bug triangle north of Warsaw and from the Narow bridgeheads south of East Prussia and declared Premier Stalin's winter offensive was intended to be the deciding battle of the war.

Marshal Konev's big First Ukrainian army, pounding toward Krakow in southern Poland, fought its way into the outer salients of defense of the Nazis' Krakow-Warsaw railway line, reputed to be one of the strongest German fortified zones in south-eastern Europe.

Railway Vital Strike
This railway, connecting the Polish capital with Silesia's coal

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Extortion Plot Lands 15-Year-Old Boy in Jail

SALEM, Jan. 16.—(AP)—A 15-year-old boy, who signed his name as "The Little Big Criminal," was in jail today after his \$5 extortion plot failed.

He stole a camera from Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Nodurft, and sent them a note saying they could have it back by leaving \$5 near a store.

When he went to pick up the money, police arrested him.

British Empire's War Casualties Exceed Million

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—British Empire casualties from the start of the war in September, 1939 to last Nov. 30 totaled 1,043,554, Prime Minister Churchill told commons today.

The United Kingdom suffered the heaviest casualties—635,107, Churchill said, listing dominion casualties as:

Canada, 78,985; Australia, 84,861; India, 152,597; New Zealand, 34,115; South Africa, 28,943, and other colonies, 28,946.

Of the total, 282,162 were killed, 386,374 were wounded, 294,438 were prisoners, and 80,580 were missing.

The total does not include service personnel dying from natural causes, civilian casualties, or losses of merchant seamen.

Grange Urges Continued Sales of 2 Types of Milk

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The grange also recommended that enforcement of state milk sanitation laws remain with the state department of agriculture and that the duties of that department and those of the board of health be clearly defined.

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A conference for the chairman of different counties of the drive will be held at the court house in Medford Jan. 29.

Remnants of Two Convoys Being Hunted

Luzon Japs Now Offer Battle; Premier Koiso Faces Home Opposition

(By the Associated Press)

Free-ranging American carrier planes, fresh from knocking out 69 Japanese ships off Indo-China, bombed and strafed 350 miles of the south China coast in quest of remnants of the Japanese fleet or troop convoys destined for the Philippines.

Hongkong, Swatow and Amoy were raided Sunday. China time. By Third fleet air forces which may have continued the attack into a second day. In announcing the strike last night, Adm. Nimitz said no details were available, but Associated Press War Correspondent Rembert James reported from the carrier flagship that pilots found a lot of "fat shipping" in the harbors.

For the first time since the disclosed full effects of the Indo-China strike two days previous—41 Japanese ships sunk, 28 damaged, 112 planes destroyed, and oil refineries and storage tanks destroyed or set afire. Enemy ships sunk or damaged included two entire convoys bound for invaded Luzon island in the Philippines.

Sixteen American planes were lost in the Indo-China raids—remarkably few for the results achieved in crippling an area from which the Japanese likely would be able to bolster their slipping Philippine holdings.

Gen. MacArthur's spearheading columns on Luzon sped southward to Camiling, 80 air miles from Manila. Their advance was slowed only by fear of exposing the left flank as blown bridges and some Japanese opposition held back the easternmost column on the main road to the Philippines capital.

MacArthur himself watched fighting in the northern sector where Japanese solidly camped on hill positions put up the only real fight of the campaign. Accurate Japanese artillery and mortar fire drove Americans from the Amoritis-Rosario road into the woods. Two days of naval gunfire silenced the Nipponese guns on the coast.

Koiso May Be Ousted
A declaration for a new government of Japan grew in Tokyo despite Premier Koiso's impassioned ti-

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Roosevelt Pledges Aid In Greek Rehabilitation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has pledged American aid in the rehabilitation of Greece "in collaboration with the allies."

A state department announcement said the pledge was contained in a message to Prime Minister Plastiras of Greece.

The message took note of promises by Plastiras that the end of hostilities in Greece "will not be followed by reprisals but will be the prelude to early decisions by means of free democratic processes on the vexed questions which led to civil strife."

Mr. Roosevelt's message was in answer to a telegram from the Greek leader, asking for American support in the reconstruction of Greece.

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Beset now on all sides, Germany's woes have been enlarged by "nuts" to nutcracker.