

Civic Center's Fund Reaches \$24,784 Total

Investment Ordered by Council; Regulation of Shade Trees in Effect

Public donations to Roseburg's civic center and swimming pool fund have reached \$24,784, Recorder A. J. Geddes told the city council last night at its regular first-of-the-month meeting, which was devoted largely to routine matters. The total fund accumulated for civic center and swimming pool construction now stands at \$24,784, the recorder said. The council authorized investment of the money in interest-bearing negotiable war bonds.

Appointments of Charles Noble, former member of the Roseburg police force, recently released from military service, as a traffic officer, and John Kerr, dog law enforcement officer, by Mayor W. F. Harris received council ratification.

Request of the state highway department and other property owners for vacation of the alleyway in the block occupied by the highway department and state police building in the south part of town was approved and preparation of legal proceedings was authorized.

Tavern Change Approved
An application for transfer of beer license issued to Van's place from 318 N. Jackson St. to 502 N. Jackson was approved. At a previous meeting the council had denied the tavern's application for permission to move to N. Main street.

Norman Hyde informed the council he has three 10-foot elm trees which he brought to Roseburg following a recent visit to his former home in the east. He requested and was granted permission to plant the trees in vacant spots in certain parking on Commercial avenue in North Roseburg.

Councilman Percy Croft urged

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Hood River Post Refuses to Alter Anti-Nisei Stand

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—The membership of Hood River American Legion post today had rejected the recommendation of the Legion's national commander that it restore the names of Japanese-American service men erased from the country's honor roll.

A terse statement said simply that the post "deems it inadvisable at this time to take any action." Post Commander J. B. Edington declined to amplify the announcement or discuss the vote.

National Commander Edward Scheiberling had asked the post reconsider its action when widespread protest against removal of the Nisei names came from church groups, the Civil Liberties union and others. Scheiberling said the erasure brought much "unfavorable publicity" to the Legion and was officially called to his attention by the War department.

The Legion also placed anti-Japanese advertising in the local press. The region is fruit country, which is popular with farmers of Japanese descent.

Girl Goes to Trial On Child Murder Charge

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(AP)—The first degree murder trial against 19-year-old Virginia Ivey proceeded today with a jury of 10 men and two women to weigh the testimony. The girl is charged with beating Virgil (Butch) Langley to death in her Tupperware apartment when the five-year-old youth was left in her care last November.

In the crowded courtroom was the girl's father, C. G. Ivey, Everett.

Canada's Conscription Policy Jolted by Defeat at Polls of McNaughton, Defense Head

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Early dissolution of parliament was in prospect for Canada today as a result of the defeat of Defense Minister Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton in yesterday's by-election and its implied rejection of Prime Minister King's compromise conscription policy.

Gen. McNaughton was defeated in his bid for a seat in the house of commons by Garfield Case, former mayor of Owen Sound, running on the ticket of the official opposition party, the progressive conservatives. Case received 7,338 votes against 6,089 for McNaughton and 3,136 for the candidate of the socialist C. C. F. (co-operative commonwealth federation).

The government arranged the by-election ostensibly simply to provide a seat in parliament for McNaughton, who had been appointed to the cabinet from civilian life last November at the height of the conscription crisis. The two opposition parties decided to contest the seat, and the government's conscription and

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Russian Swarm Over Oder; Sky Fleet Rakes Nazi Cities

Big Guns Rake Frankfurt On Way to Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The Berlin radio declared today Russian troops had thrown three bridgeheads over the Oder river east of Berlin, and the Nazi high command announced loss of Steinau, 140 miles southeast of the capital, to Soviet troops lashing out in a new offensive in Silesia.

An afternoon broadcast from Berlin said Marshal Zhukov's men had established two more bridgeheads south of Frankfurt in the frontal assault on Berlin. A crossing 35 miles northeast of Berlin in the area northwest of Kustrin was announced earlier.

"Kustrin and Frankfurt are being outflanked," said a German language broadcast from the Soviet capital. "No miracle can save Berlin. Its fall can be delayed for only a few weeks at the most."

Red army siege guns were battering the Germans across the smoke-shrouded Oder on a 73-mile front east of Berlin, and Moscow dispatches indicated "important news" might soon be announced in that sector.

Moscow has kept silent for days on activities of Marshal Konev's army in Silesia, but Berlin has told of heavy attacks.

A push from Steinau would carry flanking threats to both Berlin and Breslau.

Bin Guns at Frankfurt

The Soviets captured Zellin, 32 miles from Berlin on the Oder northwest of Kustrin, and seized Darmstadt, a suburb of Frankfurt farther south. A tremendous gun

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Cold Wave Eases In Northeast, but New One Looms

(By the Associated Press)
Moderated temperatures today aided northeastern states to emerge gradually from fuel and transport tieups caused by prolonged cold weather. Precipitation was confined mostly to light snow in the Canadian border states and rain in the southeastern states.

A new cold wave was developing, however, along the Canadian border in the Midwest. It was expected to hit Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa late tonight, the Chicago area tomorrow night or Thursday and the east by Thursday night or Friday.

In New York state the railroad yards congestion improved with cars moving from Buffalo. Numerous communities began modifying the temporary fuel-saving measures for closing of schools and non-essential business places.

Most main highways were open in New York but clogged secondary roads delayed movement of poultry, eggs and feed.

The three-day ban on the use of natural gas in amusement places failed to make an appearance yesterday at the time set for its arraignment on an indictment charging contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The court declared forfeited \$1000 cash bail which Heuvel posted when he was first arrested in December on the charge.

The former chief disappeared the day the grand jury returned an indictment against him.

Snell Urges Medicos To Enlist in Wacs

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Governor Snell appealed today for medical and surgical technicians to join the women's army corps.

Under the new medical department Wac program, platoons of 15 Wacs each will be recruited, and they will be trained in hospitals of their own choosing.

Nurse Shortage May Close Albany Hospital

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Shortage of nurses is threatening Albany general hospital with closure, Clara Fell, superintendent, said today.

Appealing for all available workers, she said the 50-bed hospital now has only three nurses and three nurses' aides.



"PENICILLIN BOY" — John Eberhardt, Jr., Chicago's "penicillin boy," is a healthy testimonial to wonder drug. It was a year ago—shortly after his birth—that Johnny was suffering from a bone marrow-depleting infection. Army-released penicillin came to his aid and today he is the chubby, happy youngster pictured above as he began his second year of life.

Siegfried Line Forts Caving Under Blows

(By the Associated Press)
American First army troops have smashed into the second concrete belt of German fortifications, closing in on Gernund and Scheiden, last bastions of the crumbling Siegfried line. The third army was seven miles inside Germany. In the south, French and Americans lashed German troops caught in the fading cross-Rhine pocket in southern Alsace.

Berlin said zero hour was near for Gen. Eisenhower's new offensive from the Roer river, with Cologne as his first major objective. The blow was expected by the Germans in the Linch-Duren sector, but Berlin also told of heavy artillery activity on the British Second army front to the north. Heavy American artillery fire on the Roer also was reported.

Both the First and Third armies now are again under the command of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley in his 12th army group. The U. S. Ninth remained under Marshal Montgomery, who took command of the First and Ninth during the Ardennes breakthrough. The arrangement indicated.

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REA Appointee Facing Contest For Confirmation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Aubrey Williams found an unexpected ally in Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) today as he went to bat to win confirmation of his appointment as REA head.

Williams, testifying before the senate agriculture committee, defended his record as former National Youth administrator against what he described as "charges that we wasted money."

He also, in response to a question, disclaimed any communist connections or associations. Outlining his service in various government capacities since 1933, the nominee drew the comment from Wheeler that the NYA had offered "the most constructive of any of the relief programs that were administered."

Republicans and some democrats, however, loaded opposition guns. Some of them clapped into the files of the old Dies committee for ammunition in an effort to block confirmation.

Senator Capper (R-Kans.) read to Williams a joint letter from the national grange, the American Farm Bureau federation and the National Cooperative Milk Producers federation opposing his confirmation on grounds he lacks agricultural experience.

"What about that?" Capper asked. Williams said he was not raised on a farm but that his work as an organization director for the National Farmers' union gave him an "opportunity to learn at first hand the farmer's problems and needs."

Canadians Accused by Spars on Tug Cruise

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 6.—(CP)—The Vancouver News-Herald in a newspaper story today says that "Canadian naval authorities here are investigating an 'unfortunate incident' Sunday afternoon which cut short a pleasure cruise of Vancouver harbor on a naval tug" arranged for the east of Tars and Spars, a United States coastguard stage show which appeared in a Vancouver theater last week.

According to the newspaper story, the Spars were put ashore after complaining that members of the tug's crew molested them after over-indulgence in whiskey.

Masher Runs Afoul of Woman Police Aide

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The man evidently was a masher, said attractive 26-year-old Helen Leahy. Several times he drove his car alongside hers and urged her to pull over to the curb.

Finally she did. And the man, also stopping, was promptly arrested by radio car policemen on suspicion of reckless driving.

Mrs. Leahy had summoned them. She's a police messenger, and her car is equipped with two-way radio.

Reich Foresees Own Doom From Big Three Huddle

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Sir Walter Citrine, British trade union leader, announced today that Prime Minister Churchill was meeting with President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin "at this very moment."

It was the first concrete disclosure from allied quarters that they were in session. He did not give any hint as to where the meeting was being held. The French telegraph agency, however, said the three leaders were conferring at Sochi, a Russian Black sea port 20 miles above the border of Stalin's home province of Georgia.

The German radio declared the meeting was being held either on a warship in the Black sea, or at a Black sea port. The German press and radio still were giving top priority to the Big Three parley.

Apart from his onslaught from the east, Berlin newspapers warned "the enemy is going to demand capitulation from us. This demand, behind which stands the whole destructive will of our enemies, should prepare us for the same fate as those of our allies which became weak."

Fines Reduced On Seven Log Haulers

Seven log haulers employed by the Evergreen Timber company, who appeared from fines of \$100 each imposed in the Roseburg justice court after pleading guilty to charges of hauling over-length loads on the North Umpqua road, escaped with fines of \$25 from the clerk's court.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly reduced the fines to \$25 each after a hearing held in his court Monday.

The men were cited in August to appear in the justice court but failed to answer the tickets and it became necessary to serve warrants of arrest. Sheriff O. T. Carter reported, Judge Thomas Hartfel of the justice court, reported that the penalties of \$100 were made severe because of the long delay of the defendants in obeying the citation for an appearance. The appeal was taken because of the severity of the penalty.

Drivers concerned in the case were Nicholas L. Lehrbach, Chas. S. Leach, Earl H. Meadows, Alvin Estes Philpot, Wayne R. Peters, Harold Norman Barrett and Jeff Hunter.

House Group Approves Senate Waterways Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The house rivers and harbors committee approved today a senate-passed bill authorizing post-war construction of navigation, irrigation and hydroelectric power works to cost nearly \$500,000,000.

Prompt approval by President Roosevelt is expected because the program is in line with his plans to build up a shelf of ostarwar public works for peacetime jobs. He signed a \$1,000,000,000 flood control bill in December.

The latter permits the interior secretary to dispose of surplus power at government dams and to build up a shelf of postwar public reservoir projects at his discretion.

Silence of U. S. on Postwar Peace Program Bars Unity, Sen. Vandenberg Declares

DETROIT, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Some of the united nations "will continue to go their way," says Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), "unless and until they know that they can depend upon America to join effectively in keeping Germany and Japan demilitarized."

In what was described as the "second chapter" of a foreign policy address in the senate last month, Vandenberg told a home state audience here last night he would continue to urge that America "sign up now with all her major allies to join in a hard and fast treaty."

Fear of future axis aggression, he said, has been responsible "for much of the resurgent movements toward alliances and toward the old power politics which has been the world's prime curse." Among the "disunifying steps" taken by allied nations he listed the partitioning of Poland, the Anglo-soviet agreement of 1942, the soviet-Czechoslovak agreement of 1943 and the Fran-

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Berlin Fires Increased By New Bombing

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Some 2,200 American planes staged one of the greatest mass raids on Germany today, attacking Leipzig, Magdeburg and Chemnitz, the latter less than 30 miles from the Czechoslovak border.

More than 1,300 Flying Fortresses and Liberators flew in the 250-mile long sky train which broke into three sections. Leipzig, 85 miles south and west of Berlin, is a possible haven for nazis fleeing Berlin. Industrial Chemnitz is 40 miles farther southeast. Magdeburg is 70 miles west and south of Berlin.

Several other towns in central Germany also apparently were hit. A preliminary announcement said the targets were industries and communications.

About 850 Mustangs and Thunderbolts flew escort. The raid on Chemnitz, 35 miles from Dresden, represented a roundtrip flight of 1,300 miles.

The day raids followed a night Mosquito attack on Berlin, where delayed action bombs planted in Saturday's huge Flying Fortress raid still were exploding.

British Mosquitos kindled new fires in Berlin last night, and hit other objectives in central and western Germany. One plane was missing.

A Stockholm dispatch said the newspaper Aftonbladet was un-

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Oregon Trooper Kills 37 Japanese in 4 Days

LEYTE, Philippine Islands (delayed)—In an exhibition of jungle marksmanship, PFC Eugene Heath, Portland, Ore., paratrooper, killed 37 Japanese—eight of them at 100-yard range—in four days of fighting over the mountain trails of central Leyte.

Heath celebrated Pearl Harbor day—his first under fire—by picking off 11 with the rifle which helped him chalk up a score of 279 out of 300 possible on the Camp Mackall, N. C., range 20 months ago.

Two Proposals Slated For Voters of Salem

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—The Salem city council voted last night against holding a special election to determine whether the city should take in new territory.

An election will be held next Friday on two propositions. They are whether the Salem Electric cooperative should be given a franchise in the city, and whether the city should spend \$175,000 to buy Bush's pasture for use as a park.

OPA Jolt Trails Theft Of Gasoline Coupons

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—(AP)—It wasn't enough that thieves entered E. W. Rasmussen's service station in Milwaukie and helped themselves to gasoline coupons.

On top of it the OPA handed Rasmussen a 30-day suspension effective February 15, for being negligent in leaving the coupons lying about.

Trapped Japs Apply Torch, Blow up Water Pumps; Yanks Free Bilibid Prison Captives

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 6.—(AP)—The business district of Manila was in flames Monday night as trapped Japanese soldiers put the torch to the Escolta district.

The Manila fire department was doing its best to halt spread of the fires but there was no water pressure and the firemen were about helpless. The Japanese blew up water pumping stations several days ago.

The Escolta, Manila's main business street, is on the north shore of the Pasig river. In pre-war days it had many imposing buildings.

The trapped Japanese "token" garrison left in the city was fighting with savage futility to break the tightening American cordon. They left fires and explosions behind them as they fell back into a steadily constricting death trap.

American doughboys, supported by armor, were bearing relentlessly down upon the enemy.

The doomed Japanese suicide units began to destroy the Escolta region Monday night. The district includes many banks and office buildings, among them the National City bank of New York.

Election Law Changes Given Senate's O. K.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—(AP)—The soldier vote bill, already house-approved, was passed 22 to 7 today by the senate.

The bill gives service men 70 days, instead of the 45 they now get, to vote in primary and general elections. It also provides that unopposed candidates can't get space in the voters' pamphlet, and restricts pictures in the pamphlet to portraits.

The bill goes back to the house for approval of a senate amendment forcing independent candidates to file at least 150 days before the general election, instead of 45 days as now is the law.

The opposition to the bill in the senate was based largely on this provision.

Two Memorials Slain

The senate reconsidered its vote by which it approved yesterday a memorial asking congress to abolish the OPA and other war agencies as soon as the war ends, but the memorial failed again, 15 to 14.

The house killed a memorial asking congress to survey Oregon farm labor, and protesting the drifting of farmers. There were 29 votes for the memorial and 25

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Divorce of RFC From Commerce Dept. Wins O. K.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The house banking committee approved unanimously today the senate-passed George bill divorcing the RFC from the commerce department.

Thus the battle over former Vice-President Wallace's nomination as secretary of commerce was thrown indirectly onto the house floor.

The vote came after committee democrats beat back 15 to 11 a republican attempt to repeal some of President Roosevelt's war powers, to make sure the president could assign no duties to Wallace except those of a trimmed-down commerce department.

Representative Wolcott (R., Mich.), ranking minority member, announced immediately the republicans would take to the house floor the fight for this and other restrictive amendments not in the bill by Senator George (D., Ga.).

The senate is withholding a vote on confirmation of Wallace's appointment to the commerce post pending completion of legislation taking the RFC and subsidiary lending agencies away from the commerce department.

Some house anti-Wallace leaders hoped that a coalition of republicans and some southern democrats could so amend the George bill that the president would not sign it and the senate would be forced to vote on Wallace as secretary of a department retaining the money agencies.

However, many southern democrats appeared to be shying away from any coalition on the advice of Senator George that his bill "goes far enough."

Adventists Contribute To Restoration Fund

A contribution amounting to \$1,300 has been made by the Roseburg congregation of the Seventh Day Adventist church to the \$15 million fund being raised by the general conference to restore and rehabilitate missionary work in war devastated countries of the world. It is planned to raise \$5 million or one-third of the fund during the current year. The sum of \$1 million was raised nationally in a simultaneous campaign throughout the nation February 3. The congregation at Sutherlin contributed more than \$400.

The church, it is reported, is especially interested in news from the Philippine Islands, where many members and missionaries of the faith have been interned.

(By the Associated Press)

MANILA, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Liberators of Manila and more than 5,000 prisoners from three years of Japanese subjugation was proclaimed today by Gen. MacArthur, who immediately took up the new war cry, "on to Tokyo!"

The knockout blow was delivered by paratroopers of the 11th airborne division, who drove into Manila from the south in a 35-mile overnight dash as first cavalry and 37th division Yanks smashed across the Pasig river barrier in the city's heart.

Destruction of the Japanese defenders "is imminent," MacArthur announced. Caught in a three-way trap, the enemy can only go toward Manila bay, which is constantly under American bombardments.

Coastguard fortress at the harbor entrance and the nearby Bataan peninsula could serve as temporary refuge. Bataan now is under American control, all its roads sealed off at the north.

MacArthur proclaimed "the fall of Manila was the end of one great phase of the Pacific struggle, and set the stage for another."

"We shall not rest until the enemy is completely overthrown... we are well on the way, but Japan itself is our final goal... our motto becomes 'on to Tokyo!'"

The wording could be interpreted as a bid for continuing command in the campaign against Japan proper and a move to put down rumors that the Philippines would be the end of the road for the five-star general.

Two of the four bridges spanning the wide Pasig river, which divides the capital city, were blown up by the Japanese in a futile attempt to block the American advance into the southern half. Two other bridges, however, were left intact.

1350 Freed From Prison

Eight hundred prisoners of war and 550 civilian internees were freed Sunday from the ancient, vermin-infested, torture-chambered Bilibid penitentiary in the center of the city, such a filthy hole it had been abandoned as a penal institution by the

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U. S. Submarine Tang Feared Lost

(By the Associated Press)
The U. S. navy announced the submarine Tang is believed to have been lost in action in the western Pacific. Among the Tang's heroic exploits was a daring dash into supposedly un navigable waters in the Japanese fortress-attoll of Truk last year to rescue 22 American fliers and shell above guns.

Japanese resistance in central Burma stiffened west of threatened Mandalay. Japanese were reported infiltrating British lines successfully. But on the north, British cleared another strong-point and Chinese drove Nipponese from the Burma road to a point 80 miles from Lashio.

Kamyung field, southwest of Kunming (Kanchow) China, has been abandoned as an air base along with Suichuan, the U. S. 14th air force disclosed today.

The 14th had maintained at Kamyung field a compact striking force not merely behind enemy lines but enclosed by the Japanese. Its hit-and-run attacks snared a bag of Japanese planes and shipping still being tabulated by headquarters.

Forest Area Combed for Lost Plane With 8 Aboard

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The mountainous sections of Angeles national forest were being searched today for a marine corps airplane which disappeared en route to Corvallis, Ore., last Friday. Seven persons were aboard.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow."—Isaiah: 1, 18. Does this promise apply to the person who steals a bottle containing money for the March of Dimes?