

Priorities Obtained for Plywood Plant at Green

Concern Will Erect Unit at \$400,000 Cost

Log Pond Already Built; Machinery to Be Moved From Puget Sound Area

The final obstacle in the path of construction of a plywood plant near Roseburg was removed Tuesday when the War Production board approved the application of the Umpqua Plywood company for construction of a \$400,000 unit proposed to be erected on property recently acquired at Green.

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, who has been devoting much time over a period of several months to assist the company in securing priorities and authorization for the project, wired Tuesday that WPA approval had been obtained, thus permitting the company to proceed with its construction program.

The Umpqua Plywood company is composed of a group of Washington operators, who for a number of years have been engaged in sawmill and plywood operations in the Puget Sound area. The company is headed by Loren Haugen, Fort Angeles, Wash. Site Under Development.

Construction plans call for the erection of buildings on a tract recently purchased between Shady Point and Green, where the present Pacific highway intersects the old road.

The Diamond Timber company, which is affiliated with the Ump-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE high spot of the news is American recapture of Manila. The emotional highlight of the taking of Manila is the liberation of thousands of war prisoners, mostly Americans, after three years in a Jap prison.

That story will be told and retold to American children down through the centuries.

WHAT a story it is!

An American tank rolled up to the gate of Santo Tomas. The captives inside didn't know what was going on. They feared some new Jap barbarity. It must have seemed reasonable to them that their captors were planning to kill them all before they could be rescued.

The tank commander, pausing before the gate, called out: "Open up." The gate didn't open. He yelled: "Open the goddam thing or I'm coming anyway." Still the gate didn't open.

The tank began to move. Its nose pushed against the gate. Its engine roared. The gate cracked and gave way. The tank rolled in.

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Great-Great-Grandma on Another Honeymoon

SCAPPOOSE, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—A great-great-grandmother was honeymooning contentedly today.

While her eight children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren wished her happiness, Mrs. Sarah R. Lonkey, 71, was married to S. Jackson Wade. Both were widowed more than a decade ago.

Nothing unusual about it in her family, pointed out the elderly bride. Her great-great-grandmother married at the age of 76 and lived happily to 95.

Nazi Vengeance Weapons Again Strafe England

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—German vengeance weapons fell on southern England between dawn yesterday to 7 o'clock this morning, causing additional damage and casualties, the British air ministry said.

Reported Reorganization of Reich Regime Looked Upon as Bait for Armistice Angling

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Stockholm newspaper Aftonbladet said today it believed that a reorganization of the German government under which Hitler would give up the title of fuhrer to become the reich's president, with Franz von Papen as chancellor, was imminent.

Its information was attributed to rumors in Berlin which reached German circles here.

Von Papen, an ace of the German diplomatic service, was ambassador to Turkey when Ankara broke relations with Berlin last Aug. 2.

The report had the earmarks of a German trial balloon designed to sound out allied reaction to whether such a revamped government would have any chance of suiting for armistice terms.

It came while President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin were reportedly in conference with war problems including Germany's fate. Aftonbladet, which in the early stages of the war had a strongly pro-German attitude, said Hitler's reason for such a change was that he "is no longer able

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Bonds and Blood

Keep on buying the former, keep on giving the latter. Both are still needed while the foe is reeling and ready for the knock-out. Enemy No. 1 is the axis; No. 2 is complacency.

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YANKES CRASING BARRICADED JAPS

Germans' Defense Line On Oder River Sagging Under Russian Smashes

Advance of Reds Matched by American Army's Invasion Of Reich at Another Point

(By the Associated Press)

German broadcasts, declaring the entire Oder river line from East Prussia to Slovakia was sagging under terrific soviet pressure, said today the red army had widened menacing bridgeheads 35 miles or less from Berlin in the Kustrin sector.

A new blow fell meanwhile on the Germans from the west as four U. S. Third army divisions invaded the reich at a new point, storming across the Sure and Our rivers on a 22-mile front.

The Germans, who have reported numerous crossings of the Oder in the Kustrin-Frankfurt area east of Berlin and at points farther south, said red tanks smashed "temporarily" into the center of Kustrin, 40 miles east of the capital, while in Silesia, the nazis reported, the Russians chalked up new gains in the drive menacing Berlin from the flank.

Marshal Konev's First Ukraine army has shattered the Germans' upper Oder line with a hard-won crossing on a 50-mile front southeast of Breslau. Outflanked and under frontal assault, Breslau was expected to fall soon. The industrial city of Brieg, 27 miles to the southeast, is in Russian hands.

Lt. Gen. Patton's Americans stormed into Germany between Eichternach and a point in northern Luxembourg, five miles northwest of Clerveaux, assaulting the Siegfried line in the face of strong small arms fire. The new invasion gave the allies virtually a continuous 120-mile front in western Germany between Holland and Saarlautern.

The U. S. First army was less than a mile from Schmidt, behind the last Siegfried defenses protecting the vital Rorer river dams southeast of Aachen.

The Americans were up to, into or through main west wall emplacements on a 35-mile front, equal to the stretch of Siegfried defense immediately north breached by U. S. Ninth and British Second army forces. Other Third army troops were a few miles from Pruem, Siegfried supply fortresses.

In Alsace, American forces have occupied Neufbrach, fortified 17th century city near the Rhine, about 35 miles south of Strasbourg, collapsing a determined last stand by the nazi de-

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Field Ambulance Fund Goal of Students Here

Students of the Pullerton grade school, who already have furnished three jeeps at a cost of \$1,165 each, through purchases of war bonds and stamps, are now working toward a fund for a field ambulance, which will bear the school name.

Since school opened in September, the 200 students have bought 47th and stamps to the total sum of \$3,899.10. The cost of a field ambulance is \$1,950 and the students expect to buy sufficient bonds and stamps before the close of the school year to furnish the equipment for army use.

Legislation Slated for Tax League Discussion

The directors of the Douglas County Taxpayers league will hold a meeting Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Roseburg chamber of commerce rooms at 2 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss legislative matters with the Douglas county delegation. Senator Parkinson, Rep. Carl Hill and Rep. Bob Gilie expect to be in Roseburg on Saturday to meet with the directors.

Members of the legislative committee, county offices committee and special committee on sales of county lands will be in attendance. President Moyer states that the meeting will be open to the public and anyone having matters to discuss relative to county affairs are welcome to present them.

Elks' Clubhouse Site Half "Dry," Half "Wet"

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Drinkers members of the Wilkesburg Elks' lodge are going to have to watch their step. The clubhouse is located on the city line, part in "wet" Pittsburgh and part in "dry" Wilkesburg. Judge L. Kenneth Hardin granted a license yesterday which permits the lodge to sell liquor only in that portion of the building which lies in Pittsburgh.

Archduke Says Nazis Plan Last Stand in Mountains

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Countries in the Danube basin want to form a Danubian confederation after the war to assure them of safety from invasion, Archduke Felix, leader in exile of the Austrian underground, said here today.

The 28-year-old grand-nephew of former Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, who will deliver an address here Thursday night, is under two Nazi death sentences and a 10-year concentration camp sentence "in absentia." Although his elder brother, Otto, heir to the throne, has five death sentences, "I'm not jealous," the archduke said. "After all, he is entitled to more recognition."

Donald G. Dahrens, Logger, Killed at Camas Valley

Donald G. Dahrens, 29, of Roseburg, a partner in the Flora Logging company, operating in the Camas Valley area, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when struck by a log which fell from a truck.

He was reportedly assisting in the loading of the truck when the load shifted and a log fell to the ground, crushing Dahrens. Born at Sandy, Oregon, May 23, 1915, he had made his home in Roseburg for the past four years. He was a graduate of Oregon State college.

Mr. Dahrens was a member of the Elks lodge.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna; his mother, Mrs. Helen Dahrens; and two brothers, Lester and Vernon Dahrens, all of Sandy.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home. Arrangements for services have not been completed.

Statehood Sought by Alaska's Legislators

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The territorial house unanimously passed a memorial to congress yesterday asking admission of Alaska as the 49th state in the union, with an amendment calling for complete control over all the territory's resources.

Another house-approved measure memorializes congress to grant Alaskans the right to elect their own governor pending statehood.

Father of Local Man Dies.

George P. Humphries, father of William Humphries, Roseburg, died Friday at his home in Portland. Funeral services are being held in Portland Thursday.



FLYING FORTS STROKE FIRES IN HEART OF BERLIN—A Flying Fortress of the Eighth air force passes over the heart of Berlin as smoke rises from raging fires in the Tempelhof area. This was one of a force of 1,000 planes which unloaded 2,500 tons of bombs on Hitler's key city while Russian forces pounded to within 40 miles of the bomb-shattered Nazi capital.

Civil Rights Bill Loses In State Senate

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The senate defeated 24 to 6 today the civil rights bill, which would have prohibited such public places as hotels, restaurants and hospitals from discriminating against Negroes.

Sen. Mahoney, Portland democrat, one of the sponsors of the bill, denied he introduced it for political purposes.

Mahoney said the question is "are we going to travel the road of prejudice and denial of human rights, or take the road of equality?"

House Passes Bills

The house passed and sent to the senate bills to increase the state labor commissioner's salary from \$4000 to \$5000 a year, let the game commission buy paths along streams for use of fishermen, let the state board of health require vitamin enrichment of flour and bread, let school districts buy buildings and land for other than school purposes by vote of the people, and let school districts take out accident insurance on school athletes.

The senate passed and sent to the house bills increasing annual nurses license fees from \$10 to \$15 a year, and the annual fees for physicians and osteopaths from \$5 to \$10.

Two bills to permit the state board of higher education to is-

Missing Groom Sought By Officers and Bride

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Avlon Eugene Blankenship, who left the bride waiting at the altar, was being sought by both police and bride today.

Judge John B. Seabrook paroled the 28-year-old man from a 60-day sentence for after-hours prowling to obtain a wedding license, after the bride pleaded that "I believe he will reform."

Blankenship didn't come back Seabrook, waiting with the bride to sign the marriage certificate, signed a bench warrant instead.

Grant Lands Mining Memorial Is Adopted

Salem, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the house today a memorial asking congress to pass a bill by U. S. Sen. Guy Gordon Roseburg, which would open the 2,000,000 acres of Coos Bay wagon road and Oregon and California grant lands to mining.

These lands were closed to mining in 1937 by the U. S. department of the interior.

Freed Prisoner Writes Unaware of Home Blow

TOWANDA, Pa., Feb. 7.—(AP) In June, 1942, The war department reported Pvt. Carlisle Bevan as missing in action in the Philippines.

The first word of him came the other day, from a Japanese prison camp.

"Keep well," he wrote his father, "So we can go fishing and hunting again when I get home."

He was unaware that both his parents have died, and his home has been sold.

Veteran of First War In Philippines Passes



Maj. Gen. F. J. Kernan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Francis Joseph Kernan, 86, who organized and commanded the army service of supply in world war one, died last Saturday at Welch convalescent hospital.

After the war, Gen. Kernan served as technical advisor to the American Commission to negotiate peace with the Germans in November, 1918.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was serving with Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur in the Philippines.

Crashed Plane, 8 Aboard, Found Near Brookings

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—(AP)—A navy patrol plane which disappeared a week ago with eight persons, crashed in rugged country 12 miles from Brookings, Ore., the western sea frontier headquarters here said today.

Brookings is just north of the California-Oregon border, on the coastline.

A ground search party left Arcata, the naval auxiliary air station near Eureka, Calif., at 4 a. m., for the scene. Comdr. H. S. Woodman, in charge, said the automobile party hoped to get a pack train at Gold Beach, Ore.

A medical officer accompanied the group, but there was no word whether the air searchers had noticed signs of life around the Catalina patrol plane.

The ship left San Francisco a week ago today on a ferry flight to Seattle.

Tillamook Darkened by Storm; Power Impaired

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Fishermen spent the night at Bay City docks to prevent boats from being torn from moorings by heavy winds.

A severe wind storm beginning late last night ripped power lines and blacked out the city of Tillamook.

Enemy's Suicide Crews Add New Fires to Manila's Ruins; Many Filipinos Die in Homes

MANILA, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Doughboys closed in on barricaded Japanese flanking the Pasig river and hunted them down in other sections of smoke-shrouded Manila today after the cornered garrison wantonly dynamited and set the torch to the most modern section of the city.

Japanese retaliated by shelling the Santo Tomas internment camp where one shell missed Gen. MacArthur by only 100 feet.

Japanese demolition crews added new explosive fires to those already kindled on both banks of the Pasig and in other sectors of the city. One appeared to center in Manila's Chinese hotel, near the Escolta. At least three other fires appeared to be burning south of the river. They were large, but not widespread.

Damage south of the river is not extensive—yet. It will become so unless the Yanks run down these demolition crews and incendiaries.

It was hard to tell whether the Japanese were destroying merely their own supplies and stores in concentrated sections of the city or trying to burn the city in retaliation for the American invasion.

Freed Captives to Return Home When Situation Permits

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur has informed the War and State departments that persons liberated in the Philippines will be permitted to come home "as soon as the military situation permits."

A joint statement of the two departments was issued by acting secretary of State Grew. He also reported that a Japanese ship, the Awa Maru, traveling under safe conduct guarantees, will leave Japan Feb. 17 with relief supplies for allied nationals in Formosa, as well as those at or near Honk Kong, Saigon, Singapore, Surabaya, Batavia and Muntok.

In discussing the status of internees liberated in the Philippines, the War-State announcement said it is expected that the names of those freed "will become available in the near future through appropriate War department channels."

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Expanding American air forces in the Philippines will have to fill the gap left by the loss of China bases. Tokyo reported 1,000 American planes are based on Luzon island. Daily sorties, reaching to islands guarding the China coast, accounted for two more small enemy freighters.

Washington dispatches indicated U. S. battleships may eventually be using 18-inch guns against Nippon. The largest naval guns are 16-inchers.

Superfortresses from India yesterday bombed targets in Thailand and Indo-China.

Bangkok in Thailand and Saigon or Camranh bay in Indo-China were the indicated objectives.

Girls' Charge Against Canadian Sailors Heard

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 7.—(CP)—A royal Canadian navy board of inquiry has completed hearing evidence in connection with allegations that women members of the U. S. coastguard show, "Tars and Spars," were "insulted and molested" by Canadian sailors, it was announced here last night.

The incidents were alleged to have occurred Sunday aboard a royal Canadian navy tug during a pleasure cruise in Vancouver harbor. The cruise, although scheduled for three hours, lasted only 40 minutes as the Spars demanded to be put ashore.

At Seattle yesterday a girl member of the travelling show company said there was drinking among Canadian seamen aboard the tug.

But she denied knowing of instances of vice being molested.

Dairy Co-Op Sales Rise \$1 Million During 1944

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Sales of the Dairy Cooperative association in the Portland-Salem-Vancouver area totaled \$8,500,000 last year—a million dollar increase over 1943.

Dr. A. L. Strand, Oregon State college president who spoke at the cooperative's annual meeting, complimented the 3000 dairymen members on their production record.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Every fishing net taken out of a coastal stream means replacement by a bigger snare of tourist dollars.