



FIRES INTO POW TENTS—Pvt. Clarence V. Bertucci, New Orleans, La., tower guard at prisoner of war camp, Salina, Utah, (right) shot and killed 8 German POWs, wounded 20 others. Shown above are group of wounded Germans as they left Kearns in ambulance under guard for Bushnell hospital.

Colonel Dutton Again On Leave; In Both Theaters

Lt. Col. Albert H. Dutton, formerly of La Grande, whose promotion to that rank at the age of 24 last October, made him the youngest lieutenant colonel in the European theater, is in Portland on leave from his second tour of overseas duty. He has some 175 points according to army discharge system. But Colonel Dutton isn't leaving the army yet.

His achievements since receiving his wings and second lieutenant's commission in July, 1941, have placed him in the essential classification. Until orders arrive he is spending his leave with his wife and 21-month-old son, Roger Alan.

He amassed a large portion of his service points early in the war when, as a fighter pilot in the southwest Pacific, he collected the distinguished flying cross, air medal, silver star and purple heart. During that tour of more than a year he shot down at least one Jap bomber and two Zero fighters and in turn was shot twice himself, first during the battle of Java and later near Guadalcanal in the Solomons.

Injuries sustained in the Pacific caused Colonel Dutton's removal from combat status, but as A-3 operations officer, he served with the eighth, ninth and first tactical air forces in England, Italy, France and Germany and managed to get in some flying on his days off.

He was later awarded the bronze star for outstanding achievement in directing operations of the first tactical air force. He also received a commendation from Gen. Paul Girardot, of the French air force, for his activities as the first American airman to serve in a liaison capacity.

His father, Col. George J. (Scotty) Dutton, retired, now resides in San Diego.

Plenty of Water But Canalage Not Enough For Trees

MEDFORD, July 11 (UP)—Efforts to keep 4,000 acres of pear and peach orchards irrigated in the Medford irrigation district were reported "proceeding fairly well" today with all canals of the district running full capacity night and day.

Manager J. M. Spencer said there is plenty of water in the reservoirs, but the district lacked sufficient canalage to meet the demands of orchardists for water during the current hot spell. No damage to the crop has yet resulted, Spencer said.

The same condition was reported prevailing in the Talent and Rogue valley districts where temperatures have soared to 100 degrees.

Sailor, 50, Claims Paternity 'Tittle'

WINONA, Minn., July 11 (UP)—A 50-year-old sailor, Roman L. Springer of Winona, today laid claim to the paternity championship among U. S. servicemen.

Springer, who has 14 children, and left a \$100-a-month carpenter's job to enlist in the navy in March, 1944, said his wife and 11 children at home, ranging in age from 8 months to 18 years, receive \$280 monthly in allotments.

Springer cannot collect however, on his three oldest children, Marion, 22, is a WAC, Pfc. James, 20, is a veteran of the European campaign now en route to the Pacific and S. C. Robert, 18, is in the south Pacific.

Veteran of world war I, Springer is now at Camp Kearney, San Diego, Calif.



Construction On New Elevator Nearly Complete

Construction is practically complete on the new 75,000 bushel capacity grain elevator at Elgin, which replaces the one destroyed by fire nearly a year ago, officials of the Union County Grain Growers, Inc., said today.

Installation of the machinery for elevating and cleaning grain is also nearly complete and it is expected the elevator will be ready for use within the next 10 days.

In addition to the elevator, the Grain Growers have erected a storage warehouse which is 50 by 120 feet with a capacity of 30,000 sacks of grain or feed. W. H. Weatherspoon of Elgin, president, said the warehouse will be ready, too, shortly. Albert, Owsley of La Grande is secretary.

The elevator burned last September, with a loss of nearly \$200,000, including grain, part of which was covered by insurance. The new building was erected at cost of \$50,000.

Donations Made To McCaw Hospital Are Announced

Organizations who have made donations to the camp and hospital unit for the refurbishing of ward 21 at McCaw hospital were announced at a recent meeting of the unit.

Those who have made cash contributions are: Eagles lodge and auxiliary, Women's Benefit association, Navy Mothers, Service Wives and Mothers and the American Legion auxiliary.

The junior chamber of commerce donated a radio and the Elks lodge are furnishing a sun room. Upon completion a delegation will go from the local lodge for the presentation.

One of the lady Elks made five chair cushions and the camp and hospital is asking the women of the Elks lodge to gather table lamps, vases, books and more chair cushions. These articles may be left at Red Cross headquarters.

The Rainbow Girls have agreed to make scrap books to send to the hospital.

It was announced that the ladies auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers furnished the birthday party for ward 21 for this month.

Requests for the hospital are the same as before, which includes current magazines, books, golf balls and other articles.

Jaycee Directors Of Two States Meet

Oregon and Washington state board of directors of the junior chamber of commerce will meet Aug. 18, and the national director's meeting of Oregon, Washington and Idaho directors will be held Aug. 19, it was announced today.

In accordance with office of defense transportation regulations, attendance at the meetings will not exceed 50 persons.

Army Hits Japs from Okinawa

By WILLIAM F. TYREE
GUAM, July 11 (UP)—Tokyo said the U. S. third fleet broke off its carrier strike on Japan today after a terrific aerial bombardment in conjunction with American army planes that wrecked at least 173 Japanese aircraft and 32 ships between dawn and dusk yesterday.

As the fleet withdrew, U. S. army raiders from Okinawa picked up the pre-invasion air assault on the battered Japanese homeland. Tokyo said a flight of about 150 American Mustang and Thunderbolt fighters lashed the Japanese suicide plane bases on eastern and southern Kyushu for about two hours today.

Out of Range
The fighter foray carried the pre-invasion bombing of Japan into its 36th straight day.

Jittery Japanese spokesmen said the American battle fleet that battered the Tokyo area with upwards of 1,000 planes yesterday and pulled back out of range during the night.

In the same broadcast, however, Domei warned the American carriers, battleships, cruisers and lesser craft of the raiding fleet are still hovering off the coast of Japan.

12 Hours
Earlier enemy broadcasts said the carrier raids could be expected to continue for "several days."

Domei said bombing yesterday lasted for 12 hours, from 5 a. m. to 5 p. m. and estimated that as many as 1,200 Yank fighters, dive bombers and torpedo bombers took part in the attack.

It added the usual claims "almost no damage" was inflicted in the target area and 26 American planes were shot down.

Nearly In Bay
But the first enemy accounts made no claim of damage to Admiral William F. Halsey's rambling third fleet, despite the fact some of the American warships steamed almost into the mouth of Tokyo bay to launch their planes.

Fleet dispatches said the stunned enemy failed to throw a single plane or warship against Halsey's task force, and offered only meager opposition.

Japanese broadcasts reported small groups of American planes ranging over the homeland during the day, in addition to the fighter sweep against the Kyushu suicide bases.

A dozen or so planes flew over northern Miyazaki prefecture on Kyushu and down the east coast of the island soon after noon.

Sportsmen's Club Will Meet Thursday

Sportsmen's club of Union county will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday at the city hall to select a delegate to the meeting of the state game commission July 14, it was announced today.

The delegates from the sportsmen's clubs over the state will help the commission to fix dates for open seasons on deer, elk, upland game birds and possibly other game.

Other subjects will also likely be discussed Thursday night, including proposed membership work. The club now has 300 members, and before many young men went to service the membership was as high as 500.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 97
Minimum 64
Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; scattered thunder showers in the east portion.

Temperature Climbs To 97 Degrees Here

Temperature of 97 degrees was registered for yesterday for the hottest July 10 in 19 years. July 10, 1926 had a temperature of 103 degrees, smashing the record of 93 degrees then established. Low yesterday was 64.

Short Corn Crop Hurts Meat Hopes

By RUTH GMEINER
WASHINGTON, July 11 (UP)—Government hopes for increased meat production slumped today after the agriculture department forecast a disappointingly small 1945 crop of corn, a major livestock feed.

The department warned production of important feed grains this year may be the smallest since the United States entered the war. It forecast a prospective corn crop of 2,085,000,000 bushels, or more than 500,000,000 bushels less than in 1944.



DIES IN ACTION—Pfc. Gene Garrett, marine, was killed in action on Okinawa June 23, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Garrett, formerly of Pleasant Grove, now of Portland. Private Garrett had taken part in the invasions of the Marshall and Gilbert islands and had helped to take Guam in the Marianas. Besides his parents, he leaves a grandfather, W. H. Miller of Pendleton and aunts and uncles. He was a graduate of Imbler high school in 1942 and worked at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation before enlisting in the marines. He was in the marine signal corps.

Ratio Of Assessed Valuation to Cash Values Off Here

Ratio of assessed valuation on real property to cash valuation changed in 20 of Oregon's 36 counties, the last year, according to the state tax commission.

Change in Union county was a decrease in the percentage from 54 to 53 and in Willows from 51 to 50 percent.

Of the changes, 13 were increases in the assessed valuation percentage, and six were decreases. Biggest change recorded was in Gilliam county, where the assessed valuation rose from 69 percent of cash valuation last year, to 100 percent this year.

Other counties where the percentage rose were Clatsop, 47 to 50 percent; Coos, 57 to 61; Curry, 56 to 60; Josephine, 53 to 55; Linn, 45 to 49.

Counties where the percentage decreased were:

Columbia, 51 to 50 percent; Crook, 52 to 51; Grant, 56 to 55; Harney, 68 to 67; Hood River, 58 to 57; Jefferson, 72 to 71; Klamath, 41 to 40; Lincoln, 62 to 55; Polk, 39 to 38; Sherman, 66 to 65; Union, 54 to 53; Wallowa, 51 to 50; and Wasco, 54 to 53.

In other counties the ratio remained unchanged.

Peterson, Long Take Offices

Chester Peterson and Aldon Long were installed in their new offices of president and vice-president, respectively, at a dutch lunch meeting of the junior chamber of commerce last night in the Neighborhood club.

Price Schroeder, who recently resigned his position as president, installed and presented his president's pin to Peterson.

After the meeting, which was attended by 27 members, the group went to the carnival now playing at the fairgrounds.

Disabled Veterans To Organize Here; Meet Saturday

Lile Dailey, national service officer for Disabled American Veterans will be in La Grande Saturday to organize a new chapter of the organization.

OREGONIAN KILLED

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 11 (UP)—George Washington Yeager, 31, of Eugene, Ore., was instantly killed today when the car he was driving sideswiped a heavy truck-trailer. The accident occurred 30 miles east of here on the Coast highway. The body was taken to Encinitas, Calif.

TO OPEN LAKE ROAD

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Spread in Strikes Truman Aims: Speedy End To War, Durable Peace

WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN ABOARD USS AUGUSTA, July 11 (UP)—President Truman conferred with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy for several hours today in preparation for the big three meeting which will begin at Potsdam next week.

This veteran warship turned northeast during the night as it sped toward the northern European port where the president will disembark. He will complete the journey to the site of the conference by plane.

Wears Cap
The temperature dropped steadily after four days of summery weather and this morning Truman appeared on deck in a brown full suit and his now familiar tweed cap.

The president, Byrnes and Leahy were spending long hours discussing the position the United States will take at the conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Generalissimo Joseph Stalin.

Sitting in the spacious flag admiral's quarters where the president is living, they went over the details of Truman's two simple aims for the conference: A speedy end to the Pacific war and a foundation for durable peace.

Two Ships
Traveling with the Augusta as the second half of a special two-ship task force is the light cruiser Philadelphia, another war veteran.

The Augusta was the flag ship of Rear Adm. Alan G. Kirk when he commanded the western task force in the D-day invasion of Normandy. She served later in the invasion of southern France, Sicily, and Normandy campaigns.

On his fifth day out of Newport News, Va., where he embarked on June 7, Mr. Truman was experiencing his first real sea weather. During the first four days, the trip was like a cruise on Chesapeake Bay. But today, the 14-year-old Augusta bucked a northeast wind, with a mild roll and pitch.

Child Unharmd By Two Days In Kidnaper's Care

MARION, O., July 11 (UP)—Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Creviston, estranged wife of an army sergeant, today cuddled her nine-day-old daughter in her arms and sobbingly thanked police for finding the kidnapped infant.

Tiny Jean Eileen Creviston apparently had no ill effects from her two-day stay with a war worker's young wife who told police she stole the child from a hospital crib because she was unable to have a baby of her own.

Mrs. Phyllis Lanman, 29, held for arraignment on a charge of abduction, said she stole the Creviston baby on the spur of the moment. She said she just couldn't resist picking her up and running off with her.

Mrs. Lanman, whose abduction of the infant was traced through a stop she made at a stranger's house to change a diaper, said she had given Jean the best of care. Police said Mrs. Lanman had a miscarriage three months ago—her second—and had decided she would never bear a child of her own.

She was arrested after she tried to tell Dr. Maude Bull the child was her own. She called Dr. Bull to look after the child, and told her the baby had been born to her unattended.

Sgt. John Craviston, stationed at the Lockbourne army air base at Columbus, could not be reached for comment.

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Long Drouth

Some farming areas have not recovered so well, however. "Conditions in some localities have become so discouraging many farmers have given up hope of making any kind of crop," the department said.

The drouth in the southwest still persists with damaging effects, the department said. In New Mexico and west Texas, range feed for livestock is "exceptionally short" and crops have been "damaged beyond recovery."



TOKYO-BOUND—Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, above, who directed the strategic air attack that destroyed German resources, will play a similar role in the Pacific war. He will have overall command of the 59th air force, now being redeployed from Europe to the Pacific. His new command will be known as the U. S. strategic air forces in the Pacific, with headquarters probably on Guam, possibly on Okinawa.

Two Forest Fires In State Nearly Out of Control

PORTLAND, July 11 (UP)—Forest rangers today prepared for trouble in Oregon forests as two forest fires were reported burning out of control in the coast range mountains near Forest Grove and Astoria.

In the northwest section of Washington county a threatening blaze was burning out of control across cut-over and old burn sections in the holdings of the Oregon-American Lumber company. The fire is along the boundary of Tillamook and Washington counties on the north fork of the Salmonberry river, only 27 miles northwest of Forest Grove.

The blaze, which is near a sizeable stand of second-growth Douglas fir and being carried by a brisk wind, left a heavy smoke pall over Forest Grove and Portland. More than 300 acres have been burnt.

In Clatsop county, the first major forest fire of the season was reported with flames of unknown origin burning through an 80-acre tract of Oregon-American timber land 50 miles southeast of Astoria.

The blaze evidently started on a steep side hill where no fishermen or hunters could have been. The same area was burned over last year. Oregon Forest Protective association officials said both fires are still under reasonable control, but could develop into something serious due to the present dry weather.

Lumsden Receives Past President's Pin From Rotary

Treve Lumsden, U. S. National bank manager, today relinquished the gavel as president of the La Grande Rotary club following a presentation of gifts and expression of appreciation of the organization for his work during the past year.

Gifts which included a past president's pin were presented by H. E. Dixon, program chairman. New officers were installed by H. A. Zurbrugg. In the absence of Dr. Roben Maaske, president of Eastern Oregon college and president-elect of the club, Frank Schiro was installed as vice-president and president pro-tem.

Dr. Maaske is in Chicago on a teaching assignment for several weeks.

Special Agent Marshall Barnes, resident agent of the FBI at Pendleton, spoke briefly to the assembled Rotarians about the work of the La Grande police department during the FBI school, which is now underway. Barnes introduced Chief of Police Clyde Lund, with whose cooperation the school was made possible, and Special Agents Howard Patterson and Max Taylor. He described the various themes of study and lectures being given.

FBI Man Outlines Report Writing, Investigations

Special Agent Howard B. Patterson lecturing on interviews and report writing, opened the FBI police school yesterday. Agent Patterson discussed interviews with suspects and criminals arrested for felonies, methods of taking notes while conducting investigations, the advantages of having a reporting system in investigations, and the validity of signed confessions.

Special Agent Max E. Taylor lectured on defense tactics, and conducted a practice session in the subject.

Session today was opened by Agent Patterson, who lectured on the taking of fingerprint and palm-print impression, followed by practical latent fingerprint work.

Hold Back Output of Warships

By United Press
Almost 50,000 workers were idle today as labor disputes struck war industries and civilian production.

Biggest stoppage was in the Akron, O., plant of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. where 16,500 members of the United Rubber Workers-CIO were in their 11th day of striking. The union called a meeting for Friday to discuss a war labor board order to go back to work.

A flareup in the New York shipbuilding corporation yard in Camden, N. J., was settled after a walkout of 3,000 welders had paralyzed ship construction. Another 15,000 were idle for a few hours as the yard's activities virtually ceased.

Detroit Too
Detroit, scene of spreading labor troubles a few weeks ago, again had its labor disputes. Already 14,200 workers had quit their jobs in various plants.

Domestic service to seven states by the United Fuel Gas Co., Charleston, W. Va., was at a minimum as the result of a strike over waves by the CIO International Oil Workers union.

In Pennsylvania, all four Jones & Laughlin Steel corporation coal mines were closed by a strike over the rehiring of war veterans.

Nearly 500 United Mine Workers struck at the Cambria Mining company's Webb mine, Bellaire, O., allegedly because fines were levied against employes who missed work.

A dispute over employment of three union cashiers left at least 130,000 families in Detroit without milk for the third day. Other strikes in the Detroit area hampered production at the Graham-Paige Motor Corp., the Dodge truck plant of Chrysler corporation, the Gorham Tool company and American Metal Products company.

Hold Up Ships Construction of warships at the New York Shipbuilding corporation, Camden, N. J., was virtually at a standstill as nearly 3,000 welders stayed off the job for the second day.

Other strikes are in progress at the Spicer Manufacturing corporation, Toledo; the new division of the Phelps Dodge Copper Products corporation, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Northern Indiana Brass company, Elkhart, Ind.; Continental Baking, General Baking and National Biscuit companies, Albany, N. Y., and four war construction projects in Washington, D. C., areas.

Mrs. Nina Hampton Dies; Pioneer of Umatilla County

Mrs. Nina L. Hampton, 67, well known Umatilla county pioneer, died yesterday morning in St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, after an illness of four months.

In 1895 she married Thomas R. Hampton, who died in 1937. They resided on a ranch north of Pendleton until 1906, when they moved to Pendleton.

Mrs. Hampton is survived by a son and seven daughters. Mrs. L. W. Owen, Mrs. W. F. Snyder, Eugene Hampton, Mrs. W. L. O'Donel, Mrs. Telford Bissinger, Pendleton; Mrs. Tom Stanton, Mrs. Jack Rugg and Mrs. Henry Mueller, Pilot Rock; her sisters and brothers, Mrs. W. A. Baker and Mrs. Albert Shaw, Portland; Mrs. George Norton, Milton; Eugene McCulley and H. G. McCulley, Hermiston.

The date of the funeral has not been announced.

Dawson Finds Way To Avoid Yamhill Housing Shortage

COVE, July 11 (Special)—Harry Dawson, a resourceful fellow and doesn't purpose to permit the current housing shortage in Yamhill to get the better of him.

Dawson has been superintendent of schools and principal here for two years and has taken the school position in Yamhill. Unable to find a place to live there, he will go over about the first of August—and build a house.