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he knew very little about baseball.

Sports often tripped him up and soon every American unit was instructed to ask each new face something of America's "favorite pastime."

A week after the "bulge," the situation was all but hopeless. The German salient had widened and dug deep into the First Army.

Had this fine old workhorse army been cut and sliced Von Rundstedt fashion, the entire situation could have been lost, historians pointed out.

Despite it pulling back and some units "going to pieces," many brave companies and regiments stood fast and fought off four and five to one odds to the bitter end. "Live cowards" became "dead heroes."

Tide of Battle

For the first two to three weeks of the campaign's fury the tide of battle ebbed and flowed in some scattered sections of the Ardennes Forest. On the northern shoulder of the "bulge" my division at Elsenborn stood stubborn and fast for four days until the main German pincer had driven even deeper. The orders came through to fight our way back to the rear. This one engagement by the Second earned the division the Belgium Fourragere, but the decimated companies were too tired and weary to take heed of the high honor.

The third week of action saw the fighting slowing, and when leaden clouds floated away the Air Force took charge upstairs. For the advancing German lines the handwriting was showing on the wall. Entire Panzer columns, dozens of tanks almost bumper to bumper, were bombed by Yank aircraft who had cut off the two wheels of non-flying weather.

Wolfgang also had strained his supply lines a bit too far. He was running low on gas, his ammunition was not getting through and he was beginning to feel like hungry Americans when his rations slacked off.

Spearhead Blunted

The fourth week of the breakthrough was the beginning of the end for the Wehrmacht. Its deepest spearhead had been blunted and its thrusts all along the salient were weaker. In desperation, Rundstedt ordered his Panzers and Volksgrenadiers to pull back and regroup.

The entire Ardennes resembled a spring thaw, for not only was the snow beginning to melt from the sun's rays, but also the once disheartened Yanks took heart up and down the lines and began counterattacks.

Patton, to the south, was on the move. Montgomery, to the north, broke through. And for the first time there were possible smiles on the faces of Eisenhower and Gen. Bradley.

The American route had been reversed and the shoe was on Wolfgang's other foot.

(Tomorrow—Some La Grande men who were there.)

Market Quotations

By United Press International

PORTLAND DAIRY
PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market:
 Eggs—To retailers: Grade AA extra large, 49-51c; AA large, 48-50c; A large, 47-49c; AA medium, 46-48c; AA small, 45-47c; carton 1-3c additional.
 Butter—To retailers: AA and grade A prints, 72c lb.; carton, 1c higher; B prints, 70c.
 Cheese (medium cured)—To retailers: A grade cheddar single fatness, 43-51c; processing American cheese, 5-1b, loaf, 42-43c.

NEW YORK STOCKS
NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks extended opening gains today. Support centered in some of the electric, metal, rail and tires issues.

Zenith stood out in the electronics with a gain of more than 2. Philco and General Time added 1 or better. Collins Radio, a feature in recent sessions, lost nearly 2 points in the first hour.

Steels were dull. U.S. Steel rased a bit, Republic firmed. Youngstown was unchanged. Kennecott added a fraction in the metals, where Reynolds Metals rose more than 1. Motors were mixed. General Motors and Chrysler gained fractions. American Motors held at its previous close.

PORTLAND GRAIN
Coast Delivery Basis
 White wheat 1.99
 Soft white hard applicable 1.99
 White club 1.99
 Hard red winter, ordinary 2.06
 Hard white hard, ordinary 2.05

Portland Livestock
PORTLAND (UPI)—USDA—Livestock:
 Cattle 200, supply mostly odd and ends; active, steady; no good or choice fed steers offered; few utility-standard 19-22.50; few utility-standard heifers 17.50-22; utility cows 14.50-16, individual young cows to 17; bulls scarce.
 Calves 25; not fully tested; good-choice weaners earlier this week 23-32; few head 22.50-33; culls down to 11.
 Hogs 100; 1 and 2 batches 190-215 lb. 14-25; few 216 lb. 13-25; sows scarce, salable 9.50-12.
 Sheep 50; not fully tested; few good-choice woolled lambs late Wednesday 17; good-choice feeder lambs 14-15.50 this week; culled ewes 3-5.50.

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The Dalles Is Critical Water Area

SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon state engineer today declared The Dalles a "critical ground water area," the second such area to be determined under Oregon's new ground water act.

Engineer Lewis A. Stanley said the critical ground water area included the area "in and adjacent to" The Dalles.

The first critical area declared was Cow Valley, a small community in north Malheur county.

Stanley said the two sources of ground water in The Dalles area that have been determined as being critical are The Dalles ground water reservoir and the Three-Mile ground water reservoir.

Declining For Years
 Stanley said water levels in wells developing water from the Three-Mile reservoir have been declining "for many years and the supply is approaching exhaustion." He said water levels in wells developing water from The Dalles ground water reservoir have shown a rapid decline during the past two years, with a record low measured last summer.

He said his office will make an annual review of the ground water supply for the purpose of determining "whether these control provisions are effective or whether additional control provisions are required."

Attorney For Chessman Will File Petition

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Caryl Chessman's attorney said Tuesday he would file a petition asking the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider its rejection of the convicted kidnap-rapist's appeal for a new trial.

The high court gave no reason for its rejection of Chessman's appeal Monday.

Attorney George T. Davis said he would file his request for reconsideration before the end of the year, well within the 25-day time limit set by law.

The court is expected to act on the new petition within two weeks after it is received.

Assistant Attorney General Clarence Lim estimated Tuesday that the earliest possible execution date would be in mid-March.

He said this would give Chessman's attorneys time to make one more bid in Federal District Court here, and appeal any adverse ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals. Failing there, they could then carry the case to the Supreme Court one more time, he said.

SET BLOOD DONOR RECORD

MARIETTA, Ga. (UPI)—The Georgia Division of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. said it set a national record as the largest industrial blood donor Wednesday when 693 workers gave blood to the Red Cross.

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Jaycee-ettes Plan Basket

Local Jaycee-ettes held their Christmas meeting, recently in the home of Patty Turner. A musical exchange of gifts took place.

Members made plans for a Christmas basket which will be given to a needy family in this area. The Jaycee shopping tour was explained to the new members.

Refreshments were served by hostess, Phyllis Myers and Marilyn Wylam.

The remainder of the evening was spent playing cards.

Mrs. R. Dawson Heads Nile Club

Union County Daughters of the Nile club, met Monday at the Masonic hall, for a luncheon meeting also election of officers.

Mrs. Robert Dawson, chairman of the hostess committee, was assisted by Mrs. August Stange, Mrs. Joel Richardson and Mrs. Eugene Millinger. The table was decorated in the Christmas theme.

Mrs. Nele Morrison, president, was in charge of the business meeting. The following officers for 1960 were elected: Mrs. Robert Dawson, president; Mrs. Henry Heiden, vice president; Mrs. Royal Tyler, secretary; and Mrs. Stanley Berglund, treasurer.

Neighborhood Club To Hold Art Contest

La Grande Neighborhood Club met recently, being opened in regular form by Mrs. E. P. Shrock, president. It was decided to sponsor an art contest in the high school, and offer first and second prizes of \$5 and \$3.

Mrs. Shrock reported that she had contacted many organizations about sending representatives to the City Council meetings and that the suggestion had been well received. This would be a means of knowing more about city affairs.

A letter was read from the State Welfare Commission, thanking the club for the coffee hour given at their meeting.

An annual cookie sale will be held at Sprouse Reitz on Dec. 19. Janice Wheeler sang two solos; Mrs. Lyle Riggs introduced Mrs. Louis Samson, who presented pictures of the Christmas story, characterization by the first, second and third grades of the vancouver Bible School, held at the Presbyterian Church, this summer. Mrs. Samson read the story from the Bible as the pictures were shown. The pictures were so well portrayed that they gave a feeling of Christmas.

The program concluded with the reading of another Christmas story by Mrs. Samson.

The clubroom was decorated in Christmas greens and small tree arrangements by the committee, Mrs. Ed Gettle, Mrs. Conon Eberhard, Mrs. A. J. Gower and Mrs. Lanora Beaudette.

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