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News Briefs of Local Interest Here and There

Yanks Poised for Knockout
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—American infantry patrols probed into the southern fringes of Cherbourg Wednesday, reaching points less than one mile from the waterfront as the main army massed an overpowering weight of men and metal on the surrounding ridges in preparation for the final destruction of the Germans trapped in that vital Normandy seaport.

Supreme headquarters in its midnight communiqué said "allied forces made further progress in the battle for Cherbourg, and the area held by the enemy is steadily diminishing. Our advance up the entire peninsula has been rapid." Fall of the port appeared to be but a matter of hours.

Big Sea Battle Imminent
The navy disclosed Wednesday at Washington that a battle between powerful American and Japanese Pacific fleets began at dusk Monday when carrier-based planes blasted enemy battleships and carriers 800 miles from the Philippines.

"Enemy losses and our own losses have not yet been assessed," an announcement from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said. "Additional details will be made known as they become available." The action may well be the prelude to one of the greatest sea-air battles in all history provided the Japanese fleet did not withdraw under cover of darkness.

The Pacific fleet communiqué said that planes from a speedy American carrier task force overtook the enemy midway between Saipan and the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

Reconnaissance planes from Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's 5th fleet sighted a Japanese fleet of carriers and battleships Monday afternoon.

"Aircraft of our fast carrier task force were immediately ordered to attack, and made contact with the enemy fleet before dusk," the communiqué added.

Nimitz also announced that American invasion forces on Japan's Saipan island had made advances against two enemy strong points and that "severe fighting continues."

The action off the Philippines is the first major battle between carrier task forces in the Pacific since the battle of Santa Cruz in the South Pacific in October, 1942, when the United States carrier Hornet was sunk.

Berlin Pounded
More than 1000 United States heavy bombers under fighter escort of equal size pounded Berlin with fire bombs and high explosives Wednesday in the greatest raid of the war on the German capital, losing 43 heavies and 15 fighters to heavy anti-aircraft fire and the few enemy planes which rose to meet them.

The Berlin radio, without allied confirmation, said part of this formidable striking force roared on eastward, possibly in the first shuttle raid from Britain to new United States bases in Russia. Inauguration of such a route will throw another strangling aerial noose around the beleaguered reich.

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION

The annual election for the Union High School will be held Monday the 26th, in the music room of the high school building, the polls are open from 2:00 to 7:00 p. m. Only one nomination has been filed with the clerk to serve as director for the five year term, Geo. McReynolds, who has served the board of district 14, since its inception.

TO THE LEGIONNAIRES— AUXILIARY

Calvin Funk post must come through this bond drive. You are all members of the committee of the whole. Don't Forget. To the legionnaire, a unit member producing the highest record of sales, a silver distinguished service medal and citation. To the citizen who subscribes the most money, the legion D. S. M. and citation. These will be awarded to you at the installation dinner in September. The medals are here and the citations printed. They will be displayed at the Brown Drug Store next week. Ed Gotch, commander, local chairman.

Cottage Grove Mfg. Co. to Start Work June 28th

The Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co. expects to start operations by the 28th, if nothing occurs to hinder. A. H. Brachvogel announced here Tuesday. All of the machinery to be used by the plant is in the building and will be installed and test runs made prior to the above date.

The old plant of the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Co. has been remodeled and a new roof has been added to the work shed. The plant will engage in the manufacture of pallet boards for the government and will employ about 15 to 20 men.

Easter Lilies of Oregon Becoming Profitable Crop

The Pacific northwest is now one of only two or three principal centers of production of Easter lily bulbs and has an opportunity to continue and expand this important specialized industry if the enterprise is protected against known hazards, according to information contained in the first comprehensive bulletin issued by the agricultural experiment station at O. S. C. on Easter lily production.

This mimeographed circular of information, No. 339, was prepared by Dr. Frank P. McWhorter, plant pathologist at O. S. C., and S. L. Emaweller, principal horticulturist, and Philip Bricker, pathologist, both of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Bermuda was the original source of Easter lilies used in America but the industry died because of virus diseases. Next, Japan took over the production, but by 1939 diseases threatened that source, which was soon shut off completely by the war. Keeping northwest lilies free from virus diseases will be one of the most important factors in continuing the industry in this region, the authors point out.

The Oregon coast is the chief center of northwest lily production at present although former belief that lilies had to be grown in a year-round mild climate has been proved erroneous, as the department of agriculture has grown them commercially in Maryland.

The new bulletin, which may be had free from county extension offices or from the college, contains general information and cultural methods, and a section on control of lily diseases. Under cultural methods information is given on selection of location, varieties suitable for the northwestern climate, selection of planting stock, use of fertilizer, and miscellaneous cultural and marketing methods.

County Property Valuations Up

Property valuation of Lane county has increased over one million dollars over the 1943 tax roll, it was announced at the office of Welby Stevens, tax assessor Saturday. Exclusive of the public utilities, the valuation of which has not been announced by the state tax commission, the county valuation was placed at \$41,702,120 as compared with \$40,408,155. If the public utility valuation is the same as last year, the county valuation will be in excess of \$52,000,000. Last year the total county valuation was \$49,588,281.

Higher valuations of all properties and less number of soldier exemptions accounts for the increase, it was said.

SCHOOL ELECTION RATIO 24 to 1,000

Damon Scott is alleged to have fired his campaign manager Tuesday after receiving results of the school election in district 45, in which he received 6 votes to 18 for Cecil Beck as school director. At this election a director was chosen for a term of five years. As an indication of the general interest in the school election there was a total of twenty-four votes cast out of a possible 1,000.

Fifth War Loan Campaign Lags

Local, county and state leaders in the Fifth war loan drive are becoming concerned over the public apathy in the 5th war loan campaign. Only about fifteen percent of the South Lane quota has been sold to date a check with the local selling agencies revealed this morning. Figures this morning revealed that a total of \$60,475 has been sold here by the First National Bank and post office to apply on a district quota of approximately \$430,000. Joe Bricher, chairman said returns from the large buyers had not been received, but if and when they are received will undoubtedly advance the above figure considerably. The total county sales stood yesterday at \$643,935.25 against a \$5,000,000 quota and only 16.3 percent of the state's one hundred and twenty-five million has been raised today.

Price Panel Meeting Held Here Tuesday

Six members of the Eugene price panel of the war price and ration board met with a group of grocers here Tuesday afternoon and went over some of the problems connected with the establishment of ceiling prices on grocery items. The purpose of extending the price ceiling system in all districts as explained by Norman Grimm, one of the board members, was to protect the white collar worker and others with a fixed income and to enable this class to obtain the necessities of life without any undue hardship.

Copies of published lists of Eugene and Springfield grocers' ceiling prices were submitted local merchants for study and it is probable that a published price list will be available for this area soon.

Eugene price members attending the meeting here Tuesday were: Norman Grimm, Hoke Smith, Mmes. Mary Gardner, Grace Gordon, Janet Thompson and Miss Opal Woodson, price clerk.

It was also announced that Miss Woodson will be here each Thursday and will answer questions concerning price matters.

ATTENDANCE SMALL AT "FIRE FIGHTER'S FIELD DAY"

The attendance at the "Fire Fighter's Field Day" held annually at the Rujada ranger station was disappointingly small when only about six local people responded to the call for volunteers to learn something about forest fire fighting. As a result two trucks sent down from the ranger station to supply transportation to the twenty or twenty-five men expected went back practically empty.

Disappointment was further evidenced when Art Weinkauff (Weinstein) failed to perform with pick and shovel, but those who were not disappointed when they sat down to a feed prepared for about 25 to 30 men.

Vern Harpham, of Roseburg, district supervisor of the Umpqua national forest was also a guest and in the afternoon Mr. Harpham gave some interesting facts and figures regarding the production of the Umpqua forest. Due to the war emergency the production of the district slightly exceeds the sustained yield, but the Cottage Grove working circle, is in good condition, he said.

FOUNDATIONS COMPLETED FOR 5 HOMES

Foundations have been virtually completed for five modern homes under construction at Tenth and Taylor by the Northeast Homes Inc., and foundation construction for an additional five is expected to start immediately. The ten buildings are scheduled for completion in the fall, Ted Erickson, president of the Northwest Homes is here supervising the construction work. The ten buildings are scheduled for completion in the fall. Ted Erickson, president of the Northwest Homes is here supervising the construction work.

BIRTHS

COOPER—At the Butler maternity home on Saturday, June 17, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cooper of Cottage Grove, a son, Dennis Duane.

Home Boys and Girls in the FIGHTING FORCES of Our Nation



First row, extreme left, M/Sgt. Claude Dickens, Creswell, son of Mrs. Jessie Dickens, Black Butte Route and sister of Mrs. Ray Riggs. Shown with the crew of the B-24 Liberator, Marjorie, somewhere in England. Crew and "Marjorie" has made 55 missions. It is now being used for training.



Kenneth A. Berrey Jr., S 2/C, in the service of the navy "somewhere in the South Pacific." Son of Mrs. Olive Brown. He attended the local union high school and enlisted June 26, 1943.

Lt. M. L. Geer arrived Sunday from the Army Air Base at Harvard, Nebraska to spend a leave of two weeks with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Geer of London.

Weston Allen has received word from his son Harold Allen who has been a Captain, stationed "somewhere in England," saying he has been promoted to a Major.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Elwyn Woodson of Hobbs, New Mexico are on a 21-day furlough which is being spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodson, and with her parents at Pillar Rock, Washington.

Chaplain W. A. Briggs, who has been stationed at Langley Field, Virginia, was recently transferred to Base Chapel, Hamilton Field, California.

Philip Vincent S1/C visited Sunday and Monday with his twin sister, Mrs. Loren Hibbard and other relatives. He is with the Seabees stationed in New York.

Mrs. Cecil Safley received word from her husband, Cecil Safley, aviation machinist's mate 3/C that he has been promoted to aviation machinist's mate 2/C. He is with the fleet air wing No. 2 in the South Pacific. Mr. Safley has been in the South Pacific for the past year.

Keith Wooley has received his call into service and will leave next week for Helena, Montana where he will enter Carroll College with the V-12 group as a naval aviation cadet. He will report at Carroll College July 1. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wooley and graduated from the local union high school this spring.

Frank Chapman, who is receiving boot training at the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho arrived home Sunday to spend a two weeks furlough with home folks.

Staff Sergeant Jack E. Murphy 24 of Cottage Grove, Ore., ball turret gunner with the Eighth AAF Flying Fortress group commanded by Colonel William B. David of Calhoun, Ga., has been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievement on bombing attacks over Nazi Europe. The flyer is the husband of Mrs. Mar-

jorie Murphy of 317 S. 6th Street, Cottage Grove.

Robert Blackmore S 2/C of the U. S. S. Saratoga arrived Tuesday for a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Blackmore.

Copies of the special handout for release with the air communiqué at the headquarters of the Mediterranean theatre have been received here by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strout. Of special interest is the fact that the 82nd fighter group of which Cpl. Geo. Stout is a member has been awarded two presidential citations. The 82nd leads the Mediterranean groups with over 440 aerial victories. The first citation was for leading a mass Lightning low level attack on the German air bases in the Foggia area August 23, 1943 and the second citation was for a battle September 2 with enemy fighters attempting to intercept a formation of B25 Mitchells attacking a railroad yard in the Naples area. Members of the group have been awarded 12 silver stars, 120 distinguished flying crosses plus two Oak leaf clusters, five soldier medals and over 350 air medals. The group has flown nearly 700 combat missions.

Sgt. Ralph McDole who spent a fifteen day furlough here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McDole, left Monday for Jackson, Mississippi to resume his duties with the army ordnance department.

Two Cottage Grove men, Vernon A. Doolittle and John H. Haynes left for San Diego Marine corps base June 17, immediately following their enlistment in the corps. Both men selected the leatherneck corps following acceptance in their pre-induction examinations.

Doolittle was graduated from the local high school in 1940. On entering the service he leaves a wife and son who will reside in Cottage Grove.

Haynes' wife will also reside in Cottage Grove.

Jack Beager B M 1/C arrived last week from the South Pacific to spend a 30-day leave with his mother, Mrs. William Thum. Mr. Beager has spent the past two years in service in the South Pacific.

Lt. Claude Miller has been transferred from Camp Bowie, Texas to Student Officer Armored school at Fort Knox, Kentucky for three months. His wife and son are with him. Lt. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mollie Miller.

Fred Partney, who is with the Marines stationed at San Diego, California, arrived Tuesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Partney.

Dale McGuire has completed his basic training with the Marines and is here on leave visiting his wife.

Jimmy Adkins arrived early this morning from Seattle to spend a few days with his uncle, Albert Adkins and family, and sister Mrs. Shirley Maiden, who is visiting at the Adkins home.

Pete Woodson of Lubbock, Texas, is visiting at the home of his uncle J. E. Woodson. Mr. Woodson is a veteran of World War 2.

Star Scout Rank Awarded June 13 To Jim Valentine

The award of Star Scout rank to Jim Valentine of Troop 18 of Cottage Grove was the high spot of the boy scout court of honor for the South Lane district of the Oregon Trail Boy Scout Council conducted June 13 in the community hall at Dorena. Over fifty parents and friends of the scouts witnessed the ceremonies at which time eleven Cottage Grove and Dorena boys were advanced in scout rank.

Presiding at the court was N. J. Nelson Jr., scout advancement chairman for the district assisted by H. L. Wolfard, Joe Crick, Rev. George Hardy and Kenneth Wells. Refreshments were served by the parents of the Dorena Troop following the court of honor.

A complete list of awards follows: Second class: Kenneth Cooper, Robert Warren, Richard Warren, and Robert Barta of troop 13 of Dorena.

First class: Robert Long and Wesley Thompson of Troop 18 of Cottage Grove.

Merit badges: Eddie Lovegren and Bob Naish of Troop 18.

Star Scout: Jim Valentine of Troop 18.

Chamber Accepts Lions Challenge Grudge Golf Bout

The old grudge match between the Lions club and the Chamber of Commerce will be settled again on the golf course, the date to be announced later, it was learned Tuesday when the Chamber of Commerce accepted the challenge of the Lions club. The Lions club challenge barred no holds and permits the rival organization to select from western Oregon as a field. N. J. Nelson and Larry Levens are on the committee from the Chamber of Commerce.

N. J. Nelson made a report on the progress of the airport committee, stating that all necessary information as to what will be required has been received from the Southwestern Airways.

Elmer Tohlen reported on an informal conference which several local men held with V. V. Harpham of Roseburg, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest. Mr. Harpham told the group that the forest service felt that improvements on the road from here to Bohemia and following in a southerly direction down to intersect the highway along the North Umpqua river from Roseburg to Diamond lake would be the logical post-war improvements so far as the forest service was concerned, since it would serve the mining interests if and when they are revived, and would also aid in development of new timber and would prove a scenic loop drive.

EUGENE WAR FOOD OFFICE CLOSED

The Eugene office was among the thirty war food offices scheduled to be closed June 30. Activities of the thirty offices will be transferred to eleven district offices with the Portland office slated to become a district office.

Ration Calendar

Most Plentiful Foods

Eggs.

Meats, Fats

Red stamps AS through WS good indefinitely.

Processed Fruits, Vegetables

Blue stamps AS through VS, good indefinitely.

Sugar

Sugar stamps 30, 31 and 32 good indefinitely. Sugar Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

Gasoline

A-11 coupons are good through June 21, A12 coupons good June 22 through September 21.

Tire Inspection Deadlines

Regular inspections not required after April 20.

Fuel Oil

Periods 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New period 1 coupons for the 1944-1945 heating year may be used as soon as they are received from local boards.

Shoes

A. plane Stamp 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

400 Expected In Summer Play Program Here

A total of 170 people were signed up to participate in the summer recreational program the first week. Robert Graham, director, announced yesterday. The attendance is very gratifying considering the weather, he said. A prize of \$5.00 was won by Marvin Shaffer for bringing in and signing up the most members. Graham said he hoped to have an additional 130 sign up before the close of the week and to have a total of 400 for the summer project and to maintain a group of 200 each day.

Miss Ailene Inlow, teacher last year at Jefferson school, has been employed to assist in the care of large groups playing at the Jefferson school.

The Red Cross swimming classes conducted at the Frog pond has attracted eighty five pupils each day. Attendance at the Jefferson school grounds has averaged better than 100 in the evenings with an average of 104 on the days and evenings. Saturday 45 bicyclists held a swimming party and picnic at the Cottage Grove dam.

In the first of the softball league games scheduled, Quality Market butcher boys won a trial game over the Methodists. Friday evening June 23, sponsors of the various softball teams will meet to form an organization for the summer and arrange a playing schedule.

A recreational dance has been planned at the armory for Saturday night July 8th from 9:00 till 12:00. The dance will be open to youngsters who have signed to participate in the playground activities and have paid their admission fee with an additional admission of 10 cents per couple and 25 cents for stags.

Local Minister To Commemorate 50 Year's Service

Fifty years as a local preacher. That is what the Rev. George Moxley of Silk Creek has done. In commemoration of this occasion, the Rev. Moxley will deliver the sermon at the Sunday morning service at the local Methodist Church. This is truly an unusual experience, for not many men have had the opportunity of holding a local preacher's license for this length of time.

From early boyhood, George Moxley had been interested in Africa and thus he joined the Student Volunteer Movement. Everything about Africa, that came within his reach, he read. Correspondence with a young man who had gone to Liberia brought about an opportunity for a trip to Africa, so Mr. Moxley was recommended as a supply for one of the charges in Africa. Thus it was that he took his wife and started for the African continent. He spent a few happy months there in service to the cause he so loved.

At the end of fifty years of service, he looks back and is thankful for the great opportunities that have been his. For, in his service to mankind, he has done much to bring about a better world in which to live.

125 REGISTER FOR 4-H SUMMER CAMP

A total of 125 pupils had been registered up to Tuesday to attend the 4-H summer camp at Fall Creek June 24 to July 2. South Lane county is well represented by the following schools and pupils: Cottage Grove: Phyllis Foster, Barbara Gleason, Pat Scott, Jeanette Workman, Creswell: Alice L. Denney, Dorena: Ronald Chapman, Kenneth Cooper, Betty McBee, Nick Nickson. Latham: Lois and Norma Carpenter, Lonnie Harris, Lorane: Betty Jean Harker, Elden Hudgins, Donald Jenkins, Asa Keep, Joan Peterson, Rena Reick, Jacquie Terry, Dan Warnock.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rose and daughters Gloria and Gayle spent from Sunday until Wednesday in Portland on business. While there they visited Mr. Rose's brothers, Finis and Frank and families.