

Sheffield Hit In Nazi Raids

Largest Steel Production Center Target; RAF Bombs Mannheim

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Friday)—German bombers, guided to their targets by incendiaries, inflicted damage and a number of casualties last night and early today in raids on east midlands steel and industrial areas which hitherto had escaped bombings.

(The Germans reported that Sheffield, world's largest steel producing center, was singled out for the night's heaviest raid.)

British fighter planes went up to challenge the waves of assault craft which poured across the east coast and spread out to raid scattered areas.

Additional waves came over the southeast coast, and the midlands again appeared to be getting it hard.

Pierce anti-aircraft batteries followed the path of high-flying raiders.

London's night time alert was followed by hours of intermittent gunfire.

The all clear sounded before dawn in the London area after guns had been silent for some time and a heavy mist had developed.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP)—British fighters sprayed high explosive and incendiary bombs last night on Mannheim, important German inland port and chemical manufacturing center, the air ministry reported today, and attacked French "invasion ports" and German airbases.

Listing results of the raids, the ministry's news service said a power station at Mannheim was hit, that fires broke out in the city and heavy explosions were heard as the planes turned homeward.

Mannheim's docks on the Rhine river and her railroad yards likewise were bombed. The city is a shipping center for southwest Germany with a heavy trade in grain, coal and petroleum.

Bombs were loosed on docks at Calais and Boulogne, French channel ports, and the much smaller wharves at Etaples, the air ministry said, adding that those ports were "badly knocked out" in the night.

Other German airbases in French occupied territory were attacked along with additional power stations, inland docks and railway yards in western Germany, it was said.

One raiding plane was lost, the ministry acknowledged.

Drama Will Bring One the Cash Tonight



Almost grabbing the cash prize out of the hands of Don Ewing, who is in charge of the Willamette university one-act play contest during the illness of Mrs. Genevieve Oppen, are directors of plays which will appear in the finals tonight. Left to right are Myron Pogue, Art Olson, George Gutekunst, and Ewing; Mary Head, kneeling. Absent from the picture are D. de Lancey, Frances Pickard and Barbara Minor.

Group Confers on Vehicle Financing

A committee of 12 persons, representing licensees under the motor vehicle finance act, conferred with A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, here this week, relative to proposed changes in the motor vehicle finance act.

One proposal is that the state banking department shall make an examination of all licensees at least once a year and that an examination fee of not less than \$10, or the actual cost of the examination shall be paid by the licensee.

The committee will recommend that what is known as the vendors single interest collision, conversion and embezzlement provision be eliminated from the law to be substituted by an investigation and appraisal fee.

Extension of the time for filing annual reports from January 15 to February 1 also will be recommended.

Five Short Plays On Stage Tonight At Willamette U

Student directors will tonight stage five one-act plays toward cash prizes in finals of the annual contest in Waller hall, Willamette university. The presentations will begin at 7:30.

Dramas which are offered are "The Family," directed by Myron Pogue and Mary Head; "The Living Dead," by Art Olson; "Cop Killer," by Frances Pickard, written by George Gutekunst, a student; "Nuptial Morning," by D. de Lancey, and "The Journey," by Barbara Minor.

Says US Industry Capable, Defense

Private enterprise in providing for United States defense needs received a boost yesterday at the Salem Lions club meeting in a plea voiced by Fred C. King of King Brothers company, Portland. King, a member of the National Association of Manufacturers, said that private industry is capable of meeting the requirements of an adequate national defense but that "it needs to know that it has the confidence and cooperation of the government."

Among other points stressed by King in his address were the need of experienced labor and the fact that the United States has a manufacturing capacity larger than the combined resources of Germany, Italy and Japan.

Car Is Officially "Recovered" Twice

An error in reporting recovery of a stolen car caused state police some puzzlement yesterday before the error was traced.

Bend police reported the car, for theft of which a larceny warrant had been issued against Robert O. Currie, 17, of Bend after its disappearance November 24, recovered on November 30. But when Currie was captured yesterday in a chase by state police near Roseburg he was still driving the car, owned by W. M. Simpson of Bend.

Lee Bown, deputy superintendent of state police, said the mix-up resulted when the Bend police recovered a car of similar make and mistook it for the Simpson car.

Display at Price's Wins Cash Prize

Price's window display of Selby footwear in October won a cash prize for Ed Brenner, the store's window trimmer, in a nationwide window display contest sponsored by the Selby company, O. E. Price was informed yesterday.

Hundreds of stores, large and small, from all over the country entered the competition. For the display, Brenner, using a fall motif, worked out an unusual arrangement showing all styles in the Selby line.

Indian Mission Workers Preach

Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Casberg, 20 years missionaries in India, and their son, Dr. Melvin Casberg, who has recently completed advanced medical training in the United States in order to conduct hospital work in India, will be present for an all-day missionary convention at the Free Methodist church, Winter and Market streets, Sunday.

In addition to the regular service at 11 a. m. in which the Casbergs are to speak, an afternoon service at 2:45 has been arranged in which Dr. Casberg is to bring the principal address. The night service at 7:45 will be in charge of the local Young People's Missionary society with the missionaries as guest speakers.

The entire group of missionaries is enroute to San Francisco where they expect to embark within a few days for the Orient.

Semler Has New Offices, Eugene

Opening of complete dental and optical offices in Eugene is announced by Dr. Harry Semler, credit dentist, who has practiced in Portland for more than 21 years and numbers more than 100,000 patients in his clientele.

Formal opening of the new Eugene headquarters, at the corner of Eighth and Willamette streets, was Saturday. Finest of modern scientific dental and optical equipment has been installed, and the same services available in his Portland and Salem offices will be offered.

Dr. Semler was born in Portland, educated in Portland schools and was graduated from North Pacific College of Dentistry in 1918. Convinced that care of the teeth was being neglected among the working class of people, he formulated his credit plan to enable them to obtain complete dental service in spite of small income.

In charge of the new Eugene optical department will be two registered optometrists, Dr. Fred Pageler and Dr. Arthur W. Ruhndorf. Both are graduates of well-known colleges and have had many years experience in optometry.

Usual Dr. Semler policies of free examination and credit terms, as offered in Portland and Salem, will prevail in the Eugene office, according to Dr. Semler, whose Salem dental and optical headquarters are at State and Commercial streets.

Sends Home Prisoner From Portland Meet

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Harlow Weirick, Albany district attorney, came to Portland today to attend the annual meeting of district attorneys. Today he sent a prisoner home.

Entertains Party On His Accordion

86-Year-Old Hollander Skates; Winning Songs Chosen

Dan Strickwerda, 86-year-old Hollander from Ferrydale, lent old-world color to an ice skating party Wednesday night at the ice arena, when he played his accordion while doing fancy skating. Over 150 were present at the party, of which the Rinksters and the Salem Skating club members were hosts. Fifty employees of the First National and Ladd and Bush banks were present.

Strickwerda, who celebrated his 86th wedding anniversary recently, reads only in Dutch, although he speaks English. He wore skates Wednesday night which he made by hand many years ago in his native country. His accordion was also made in Holland.

At a business meeting preceding the party, two club songs were chosen. Marianne Zwicker and Pauline Craven wrote the words of one song and Harold Douris the other. Plans were completed for the Christmas party to be held at the Mellow Moon on December 17. Each member is to bring a toy to be given to the Salem Firemen or the Elks Lodge for distribution to needy children of Salem.

Skating club members present were: Norma Heinlen, Doritha Hansen, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Sally Douris, Beverly Armstrong, Loyal Sheridan, Betty Vandark, Nadine Lewis, Jean Adams, Josephine Burk, Julia Pease, Marianne Zwicker, Pauline Craven, Ethel Craven, Ellen Book, Bernetta Smith, Pat Petrol, Bill Swelgett, Harold Douris, Don Douris, Milo Syverson, Jerry Gregson, Bob Preston, John Linthorn, Johnny Zurcher, Charles Kapla and Bud Smith.

Trollers in Move To Close Season

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—Ocean trollers threw their support for the first time today behind a move to close the fishing season in spring.

The International Fishermen and Allied Workers union adopted a resolution which would ban ocean trolling in March, April and May.

Conservationists have long urged such a measure to protect young salmon, but trollers previously opposed it.

A supplementary resolution asked Oregon and Washington to prevent landing of troll-caught salmon during the three months. The union charged the Burke-Wadsworth conservation act was "unwarranted" and said it was passed in an "undemocratic and hysterical manner." A resolution urged repeal of the act.

DAS Hear Many Taxing Proposals

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Oregon's district attorney association heard proposals today to change the dates for tax assessment and presentation of county budgets.

James G. Smith, tax commission attorney, said the state legislature would receive a bill to change the assessment date from March 1 to January 1. Another bill would shift the filing date of county budgets from November 1 to May or June 1.

He also proposed exempting from taxation non-profit cooperative telephone lines and farmers' lines.

Relatives of Local Boy Die, England

Bombing deaths in England cast their shadow in Salem yesterday when George Wilkinson, 21, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Crowder, 1948 D street, received word that his grandmother, Mrs. Prime Evans, and her two daughters, Margaret and Lois Prime, had been killed by a bomb during one of the recent German raids. Her son, Frank Prime, was not over 10 feet from the blast and was reported seriously wounded.

A son of Henry Wilkinson and Lillian Prime Wilkinson, married in England during the World War, George Wilkinson was adopted by the Crowders following the death of his mother at Dallas, where the family lived following the war.

Skates, Plays



Dan Strickwerda, 86-year-old accordionist, who appeared at a party in the ice arena Wednesday night in a dual role of musician and fancy skater. (Photo by Frederick Lau).

Christmas Buying Sets New Record

Northwest Gains 18 per Cent Over Year Ago in Retail Sales

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12 (AP)—Big crowds bent on Christmas shopping clogged the department stores of the Pacific coast cities last week. But they spent a little less money than a year ago.

Buying which set out right after Thanksgiving at a clip not seen since 1930 was not strong enough to maintain the lead over last year.

The survey made by the federal reserve bank of San Francisco of last week's sales showed a drop of 2 per cent under the 1939 spending in five principal coast cities. The survey covered 25 big stores.

The reserve bank also reported today its November survey showed a gain of 12 per cent over the 1939 month for 83 western department stores. Of the 83, 79 chalked up gains.

The inter-mountain area—Idaho and Utah—posted a gain of 18 per cent. The northwest—Oregon and Washington—gained 16 per cent.

Northwest High Gains in cities for which separate reports were available ranged from 10 per cent upward. Veteran observers could not remember a month in recent years with a comparable showing.

Total sales in the list with consumer purchases 34 per cent higher than a year ago in five department and apparel stores reporting.

Salt Lake City sales ran 22 per cent higher. Seattle 20, San Francisco 12, Los Angeles and Portland 11, and Oakland 10. Spokane figures were not complete.

Total value of the trade, while not reported in dollars, may have run around \$22,000,000. It increased about 13 per cent from the preceding month's total—a gain of more than usual amount.

Commutes Terms Of 2 Prisoners

Governor Charles A. Sprague yesterday commuted the 12-year penitentiary sentence of Claude Twigger, Multnomah county, to the time served.

Twigger was received at the penitentiary here February 24, 1932, following conviction on a charge of assault and robbery.

while armed with a dangerous weapon. He has served more than eight years of his maximum sentence.

The commutation was recommended by the state parole board. Another commutation of sentence was granted to Gordon Wayne Earl, who will be turned over to the federal officers. He was serving a five year term in the penitentiary for larceny in Klamath county.

Jason Lee Church Is Host to Boys

The congregation of the Jason Lee church will act as host to the H.Y. boys of Salem at the 11 o'clock service Sunday. "The Christ Comes as a Little Child" will be the topic of the Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. S. Raynor Smith.

The choir under the direction of Robert Klemple will provide special music. At the 7:30 p. m. will be a candle light service conducted by the young people of the church. As a musical feature Doris Anderson will be the soloist and Carol Clark will play at the console of the organ, featuring the Catherine Barker memorial hymns.

Mark Moorman of Willamette university will give the message of the night service.

FFA Father-Son Banquet Is Held

Cooperation as the key to getting things done was the theme of the principal address last night to the seventh annual father and son banquet of the Salem high school chapter, Future Farmers of America, attended by about 150. Dr. W. G. Everson, president of Linfield college, was the speaker.

Everson said the rule was proved in the recent honor given the local chapter as one of the 10 best in the nation.

The plaque in recognition of the award was presented to the chapter by Ed Spickerman, Oregon State college student who last year was national vice president.

Others on the program, in charge of President Vernon Johnson, were Wayne Lovell, Doyle and Loyce Satter, Eunice Johnson, Margaret Baker, John Jermon, David Ramseyer and Rev. A. Q. Weniger.

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