

Four-County Chief Named

H. C. Johnson, Albany Real Estate Man, Is Handed Big Job

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fic on the west side of the Willamette river, is one of the most immediate, discussion at the meeting indicated.

The council went on record, at the request of E. L. Grey, city coordinator for Independence, asking army authorities to take whatever action may be required to complete the surfacing of that community's road to Wells.

The state highway department, speakers disclosed, has been advised that army authorities want all passenger vehicles kept off the West Side Pacific highway through the military reservation and all through-freight traffic diverted to the East Side highway. The matter already has been placed before Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

Both Lebanon and Sweet Home, scenes of busy sawmill and paper-mill activity, are suffering from severe housing shortages, representatives of the two communities reported.

Acting Mayor J. C. Zembrick of Lebanon said his city was "so short of housing that it is almost impossible to keep enough mill workers." Many are living in garages, some even in converted chicken houses, he declared.

Mayor Otho J. Scott of Sweet Home said a group of eastern Linn county citizens had arranged to present their housing problem to federal officials in Portland on Wednesday.

All communities were warned by Virgil Lanktree, field representative for the League of Oregon Cities, that "for the duration" strict building codes would have to be modified to conform to emergency federal standards of plumbing and other housing features if available construction materials were to be utilized.

"It's that, or no building at all," Lanktree said.

Establishment of complaint-receiving stations was suggested by Fred Cuthbert, planning consultant for the Oregon Economic Council, as a possible means of discouraging unmerited boosts in rents. That and "publicity," he said were assisting to some extent to meet a similar problem at Medford, where the housing situation has become critical.

The newly-appointed council manager, resident of Albany for three years and formerly of Corvallis for six years, spent several years in the Albany-Corvallis territory as manager for a large oil company. In his new position, he will be provided with both an office and office equipment in the army administration building by Col. Dealstein, Mayor H. W. Hand,

'Chutists Descend on Sumatra Fields



This graphic Soundphoto depicts the dawn landing of Japanese parachute troops in the region of the rich Palembang oil fields on the island of Sumatra, Dutch East Indies. On the ground are material parachutes which floated earthward with the guns and flame-throwers and miscellaneous supplies for the horde of yellow invaders from the sky. Palembang was the first major city in the Dutch East Indies proper to fall, and from there began the invasion of the adjoining island of Java, whose comparatively small area has a population in excess of 45,000,000.

council chairman, announced. Johnson was instructed to assume his new duties "at once."

The council, to facilitate the making of quick decisions, placed emergency policy matters as well as disbursement of funds in the hands of an enlarged executive committee. County Judges Grant Murphy of Marion county and J. J. Barrett of Linn were added to the existing committee, which consisted of Mayors H. W. Hand, Corvallis, chairman; Leif Finseth, Dallas, vice-chairman, and M. J. Butler, Independence, secretary-treasurer.

The next full council meeting is to be held at Dallas on April 27.

It's 'Happy Birthday,' Colonel!

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army rank, together with a birthday anniversary of unusual significance.

"We stand with you on the threshold of a great adventure; the beginning of one of those rare chapters in the average human life, that provides what is commonly called OPPORTUNITY."

"We are proud to have a part with you in these history-making undertakings. The challenge to best use of brain-power and bodily strength is real—is unavoidable—is truly inspiring.

"We the undersigned have every confidence in your firm and friendly leadership.

"We like you better every day. We will work with you, giving the best there is in us, for a big job well done and a better world to follow.

"Your sincere friends,
"FOUR COUNTY CANTONMENT COUNCIL"

ing and ironing machines, cook stoves and ranges, retailers were instructed to take the highest net price at which each model was sold last Thursday, or if no sale was made that day, then on the next previous date. In the case of typewriters the ceiling date is March 5, the day before the war production board froze all sales.

More Rural Fire Work Is Planned

A program for the extension of fire prevention and suppression over all rural districts not now covered by some protective organization was agreed upon by various interested agencies at a meeting with State Forester Nels Rogers here Monday.

Immediate work of the organization has been assigned to the present protection agencies within their respective zones of influence, but will be confined to county lines insofar as possible. These include the state forestry department, United States forestry service, Indian service and the grazing service.

Additional cooperating agencies will include the state fire marshal's office, state defense council and the extension division, Oregon State college. The latter will work largely through county agencies.

Organization work of this nature has already been completed in some counties.

Anti-Freeze May Be Short

Motorists in Oregon were urged Monday by A. N. Weir, service manager of the Oregon State Motor association, to store their antifreeze this spring to guard against possible shortage next winter. The association has been advised by the OPA that ethylene glycol—the "permanent" anti-freeze—and alcohol mixtures which make up the others, are among the chemicals needed for war industries, explosives, and in the radiators of tanks and airplanes.

"The anti-freeze should be drained from the radiator and put into air-tight bottles or cans, and stored in a cool corner off the floor," Mr. Weir said. When cold weather comes back, you will have protected yourself against a shortage of these chemicals, thereby assisting the war effort. Remember to test the mixture before using it again."

8 Scarcities Get Ceilings

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replace stocks moving from their stores.

"Inasmuch as there has been no increase in manufacturers' prices it is obvious that wholesale and retail prices are being pushed up simply on the theory that the public should be glad to get a new refrigerator or washer or vacuum cleaner or radio at any price in these times," Hamm said.

"This is the reasoning that makes for profiteering and stimulates inflation. We have the duty of preventing these twin evils and are acting accordingly.

"Enforced scarcity will not be permitted to dictate the price of any article subject to OPA control, now or in the future."

Prior to tonight's action, OPA had moved into the retail field only to put price roofs on automobiles, new tires and tubes, and gasoline in 19 states and the District of Columbia. More than 100 commodities had been placed under price control of the producing level.

The new orders require that the retailer post conspicuously a large notice setting forth the make, model number and maximum price of the article offered for sale. In the case of vacuum cleaner, sold largely from door to door, a label must be attached to the cleaner reading, "the maximum cash price for this household vacuum cleaner, or/and attachment, as established by the OPA, is \$..."

In figuring the maximum prices on radio sets, phonographs, watches retained except by people who will give everything and do everything to keep them."

Japs Hurry With Planes

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CHINESE FIELD HEADQUARTERS IN CENTRAL BURMA, March 21.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Chinese troops dug in with machine-guns and mortars in the river-side jungles, the bare brown paddy fields, and the fire-blackened ruins of Burmese homes, Saturday to hold off a new Japanese attack in the vicinity of Fyu, which changed hands twice in less than 48 hours.

Fyu itself, 30 miles along the road south of Toungoo, is the main objective of the present Japanese offensive, but the enemy was even closer to Youngoo before the crack units of Chinese armies commanded by Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell first went into action along the trunk Mandalay highway Thursday.

Train Wreck Toll Three

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 23 (AP)—Death toll of a passenger train wreck here Sunday rose to three Monday as Fireman Homer J. Elertson, Vancouver succumbed in a hospital.

Engineers Walter H. Crosby and John F. Bear, both Portland, were killed as the locomotive into freight cars that had been switched on to the main line a few minutes before the passenger train arrived.

Three passengers were slightly injured, the Washington state patrol reported.

City Jobs Held For Employes in Armed Services

Employes of the city of Salem who enter the armed services of this country, whether they enlist or are drafted, are to return to their work with the city at the close of the war, Mayor W. W. Chadwick declared Monday. Persons hired during his administration to replace men on military leave understand that this is the policy, he said.

Other defense employment, such as shipyard work, does not provide the erstwhile city employes with the same guarantee of a job with the municipality at the end of the war, he explained.

Curfew Set For Aliens

Must Stay Home at Night; Evacuation Is Not Delayed

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area No. 1—a coastal strip through Washington, Oregon and California to southern Arizona—but also those residing in specified inland areas in these states, and in Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Utah.

"Let me warn the affected aliens and Japanese-Americans," DeWitt said, "that anything but strict compliance with this proclamation's provisions will bring immediate punishment."

President Roosevelt last week approved a law enacted by congress providing a penalty of \$5000 fine, or one year's imprisonment or both for failure to abide by any regulation or restriction applicable to military areas.

General DeWitt placed upon every citizen the responsibility for reporting any violations of the curfew.

"As a patriotic duty," he said, "each citizen is urged to report without delay any violation he may observe."

The movement of Japanese from designated areas and zones is under way, with reception centers being set up at inland points.

"This is a final warning to the Japanese and Japanese-Americans within the areas to be evacuated that they must immediately cease wishful thinking that there will be exceptions or delays of departure until fall," said the statement.

"Let me make it perfectly clear to all concerned that evacuation has started and will continue until all Japanese and Japanese-Americans are removed from the critical areas and zones, and this as quickly as possible."

DeWitt's proclamation forbids all aliens, and American-born Japanese as well, possession of firearms, war material, explosives, radios, signaling devices, codes or cameras. These heretofore had been banned from possession of alien Japanese, Germans and Italians by presidential proclamation.

Not only must aliens and Japanese-Americans be within their residence between 8 p. m. and 6 a. m., but at all other times they "shall be only at their place of residence or employment or traveling between those places or within a distance of not more than five miles from their place of residence," said the order.

Western Kentucky Upsets Creighton

NEW YORK, March 23—(AP)—Western Kentucky State continued the wave of upsets in the National Invitational Basketball tournament Monday night, defeating Creighton, 49 to 38, to enter the finals against West Virginia at Madison Square Garden.

Sayre Tells Bataan Spirit

Forces in Philippines In Grave Need of Food and Men

WASHINGTON, March 23—(AP) Francis B. Sayre, Philippine high commissioner, reported Monday that the spirit of the American and Filipino soldiers battling on Bataan peninsula was "perfectly tremendous" and that they were "fighting the Japanese at every turn whenever they get the chance."

"Fellows come in to the hospital there," he told a press conference, "and the first question they ask is 'when can I get back to the front?'"

Their eventual reinforcement or relief he viewed as "a long job," observing that to get supplies or men to Bataan "we shall have to fight them up from Australia" and pointing to the vast difficulties of the undertaking. But he promised that "Americans are going to defend the Philippines to the last ditch."

He estimated, in reply to a question, that less than half the area of the Philippines was actually in the hands of Japanese troops but emphasized that this was only a guess because in most places it was impossible to draw a line between occupied and unoccupied areas.

Sayre expressed grave concern over the food supplies of the 1500 to 2000 Americans and British he estimated were held by the Japanese in Manila since they were dependent upon imported food-stuffs and imports had been cut off.

Smelt Run in Sandy

PORTLAND, March 23—(AP) Thousands of amateur and commercial fishermen flocked to the Sandy river Sunday to catch smelt during one of the heaviest runs in many years.

Guest From Idaho

GATE—Mrs. Daisy Woodward Robertson, Wardner, Idaho, visited several days with Mrs. Ned Richards.

Italian Boats Fall Victims

Submarines Invade Lair Of Enemy to Shoot Total to 183

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sels sunk or damaged in that area:

"One 7000-ton tanker sunk.
"One 6000-ton ship sunk.
"One 5000-ton freighter sunk.
"Two 2000-ton freighters damaged.

"In addition to these merchant ships one enemy destroyer or anti-submarine vessel was attacked and probably sunk.

"The above actions have not been reported in any previous navy department communiques.

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

LONDON, March 23—(AP)—British submarines have destroyed two Italian submarines, one troopship and eight other transports within view of the Italian coast and the Adriatic, the admiralty announced Monday evening while axis forces were striking with indifferent success at a British convoy elsewhere in the Mediterranean.

The largest individual haul for the four British submarines engaged was credited to Commander J. W. Linton, who sank six large schooners—one of them flying the Nazi flag—and a motorship jammed with troops. Destroying the use of torpedoes, Linton surfaced his submarine and destroyed all seven vessels with gunfire.

(He was cited last year for sinking two Italian supply ships with his submarine Pandora.)

Another British submarine sank the brand new 1461-ton Italian submarine Ammiraglio Mollo off Salo Point, Calabria, southern Italy, under the gaze of persons gathered on shore.

"While His Majesty's submarine was engaged in picking up survivors she was subjected to ineffectual machinegun fire from land," the admiralty reported.

The second Italian submarine, of the 778-ton Argonauta class, was torpedoed and sunk in the southern approach to the Straits of Messina, which separate the Italian mainland from Sicily.

"An attempt to rescue survivors from the U-boat who were struggling in the water was interfered with by enemy aircraft and had to be abandoned," the admiralty said.

The same British submarine

ARP Supplies Sent to Oregon Communities

PORTLAND, March 23—(AP)—Helmet and arm bands for Portland air raid wardens have been shipped here, Mayor Earl Riley said Monday but he doubted that the number would be sufficient for the city's civilian defense personnel.

No notification as to shipment of ARP identification and protection supplies for Marion county had been received here Monday night according to Bryan H. Conley, county defense coordinator. However, other materials have been received this week from national headquarters and retaining courses for wardens, required before armbands and helmets can be issued, are more than 50 per cent completed here, he said.

Moresby Is Again Focus

Enemy Loses Nearly 50 Planes, but Carries Assault

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brought a burst of aerial warfare in which the soviet air force, reinforced by American-made Albatross fighters, destroyed 278 German planes since March 15, the Russians announced Monday night.

Monday night's soviet communique said 26 German craft were downed Sunday and three near Moscow Monday, while a supplement to this announcement listed 249 Nazi aircraft destroyed in the March 15-21 period. Soviet losses from March 15 through Sunday were listed at 88 craft.

Emphasis was shifted to the air fighting as both the morning and night communiques Monday reported "no substantial changes" in positions on the land front.

A stiffening German resistance was indicated all along the line but in one sector of the Leningrad front the Russians reported 1800 Germans were killed and 30 blockhouses and machinegun nests were destroyed in two days of fighting.

was credited with torpedoing and "almost certainly" sinking a large, strongly-escorted axis supply ship.

in other words
by JOHN CUNTON

"Somebody," I said, "ought to write a book on how to take care of autos in wartime. Not one of those dull volumes of stuff everybody knows already, but a lively book full of the real low-down."

"I ought to contain tricks used by taxi and truck drivers, and the things Union Oil clients don't find out in their daily servicing of almost every kind of auto under the sun. A book like that would go like hot cakes. Somebody ought to write it!"

"O.K.," said the boss, "you write it!" That ought to teach me to keep my big mouth shut. But I did write the book. And even if I do say so, it isn't bad. It's in 2 colors, 32 pages, complete with pictures and cartoons.

It's even got my picture on the cover (just to scare youngsters). And it contains every drop of information I could squeeze out of Union Oil clients. Taxi, truck and truck drivers and even racing drivers. And finally, it's written in my own simple, school-teacher English.

The book will really help you get more service and longer mileage out of your car, and it won't put you to sleep.

How do you get one? Well, you just write into any Union Oil station and say to the Union Oil man, "Give me a copy of John Cuntion's 47 Wartime 'Other Words'—and you get a copy free, without charge, for writing this book."

This is Blondie
She is a housewife

This is Mr. Potts
He is a banker

This is Archie
He is a clerk

This is Skippy
He is a schoolboy

THEY ALL READ THE NEWSPAPERS!

Mr. Potts is reading the financial news.
Blondie is finding a new recipe.
Archie is seeing who won the ball game.
Skippy is looking at the funnies.

AND THEY ALL READ THE ADS!
Right now, Mr. Potts wants a new overcoat.
He reads the clothing ads.

Blondie happens to want a new dress.
She reads the department-store ads.

Archie is worried about his dandruff.
He reads the druggists' ads for sales on hair tonic.

Skippy wants a new baseball glove.
He reads the sporting-goods ads.

tion on where they can get the best values.

When business is better in this town everybody benefits. When everybody in the town knows what's going on all over the world, each man can tell better how to vote, what to buy and how to protect himself.

Read these ads each week. Tell your friends to read them. They tell you what an important part your newspaper has in helping you to know what's going on, so you can decide what you personally are going to do about it all.

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