

Attention!
Dependency is not longer ground for draft deferment. See stories on this page and page 11 explaining status of married men with families.

Sports!
"Big Luke" Crosswhite, star pitcher of the state penitentiary "Greys," has been signed by Salem's Senators! See story on sports page.

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Family Men Face Call if Not Essential

Facing possible call to military service in 1943, every married man between 20 and 45 years of age in Oregon should ascertain now whether or not he is engaged in an essential war occupation and whether or not he is readily replaceable if he has such a job, Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state director of selective service, advised in a statement issued here late Thursday.

(Complete text of Col. Wooton's statement and the full list of 34 essential industry classifications, with subdivisions, appear on page 11 of today's Statesman.)

The government faces a fact that the supply of physically fit men of military age is not sufficient to meet the demands of the armed forces, war production industries, agriculture, and essential civilian activities, "if the present ratio of men in nonessential activities is maintained," Col. Wooton's statement explained.

Essential activities, he emphasized, are not confined to jobs building ships, airplanes or manufacturing munitions. Rather, there are 34 industrial classifications, each with many occupational subdivisions, that are considered as essential to the war effort.

"The field is much broader and includes activities supporting the war effort such as the production of foodstuffs, mining and processing of critical metals, production and fabrication of lumber products, and many others," Col. Wooton pointed out.

The colonel's statement was issued in clarification of a Portland newspaper story in which Maj. George Sandy, field inspector for selective service, was quoted as saying that "married men with children—smug in their deferred draft thus far—had better quit hiving behind the wife and kiddies and get into essential war production work."

This statement, made before the state manpower advisory committee in Portland Tuesday, raised a flurry of anxious inquiry from both employers and married employees in Salem and other communities as well as in Portland.

Pointing out that "ultimate induction of married men with children is not improvable," Col. Wooton's statement said that "at the present rate of induction, it will probably be several months before this class of registrants is called for service, possibly early in 1943," and "in the event congress sees fit to make 18 and 19-year-old registrants available for service, the call for married men with children will be further retarded."

Col. Wooton said that if a man found that he was not employed in an essential activity or could be replaced in a job of that type, "he should be able to resolve for himself the course to follow in the interest of the national welfare and this country's freedom."

Tongue Point Naval Station Said Best

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 6—(AP)—The Tongue Point naval air station was termed Thursday "just about the best equipped station I have seen" by Rep. William S. Jacobsen of Iowa.

Jacobsen and Rep. James W. Mott of Oregon, members of the house naval affairs subcommittee, concluded an investigation of west coast naval operations stations.

Service Men

George William Huffman, Jr., 2000 South Cottage street, Salem, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US marine corps reserve this week when he was graduated from the US naval air station at Corpus Christi, Tex., the 13th naval district has learned.

A former student at Oregon State college, Lieut. Huffman received preliminary flight training at the naval air base in Seattle.

For additional news about men from Salem and vicinity in the armed forces, turn to page nine of today's Statesman.

Reds Throw Back North Pincer Arm

Gandhi Pleads Again

Mass Movement Ready If Appeal Fails, Freedom

By PRESTON GROVER

BOMBAY, Aug. 6—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi declared Thursday night he would plead with the British once more for avoidance of conflict before beginning a "mass movement" to drive British rule from India.

He said he would address his plea to Viceroy Lord Linlithgow. The nationalist leader made his statement to American newsmen on the eve of the opening here of the all-India congress committee session from which he is certain to obtain authorization for any course of disobedience.

Meanwhile, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, president of the all-India congress party, was reported to be drafting letters to President Roosevelt, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and other allied leaders asking support for the congress' demand for freedom and emphasizing that the congress was prepared to offer armed resistance to aggressors.

Gandhi said he could give no assurance that he would not deal with Japan if the Indian provisional government is established—but he added:

"I should do so in the interest purely of the allied cause. It may be the effort and optimism of a visionary but it can do no harm to the war effort. It will discredit Japan if a friendly gesture on behalf of groaning humanity is repelled."

The nationalist leader said he had no thought of waiting for independence after the war because "waiting is harmful."

"Attainment of independence after the war would lose its charm," he said. "India would not feel that it had made any real (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Two-Day Bond Sales Planned

Truck-Trailer Booster Outfit Slated Here August 14, 15

"Victory House," an elaborate truck-stage and trailer-booth sales promoters for US war bonds and stamps is to make a two-day stop in Salem next week, August 14 and 15, Chairman Frederick S. Lampert of the Marion county war savings staff was advised Thursday.

"Oregon is the first state to be visited by this colorful sales unit, and we want to make a big event of its stop in Salem," Lampert said. "I am asking civic groups to send representatives to a meeting at the chamber of commerce at 10 o'clock next Monday morning to discuss plans for the occasion."

Lampert indicated that Friday and Saturday of next week probably would be designated as "Victory days" and a lively celebration, centering on sale of bonds and stamps, arranged.

"Victory House" was built as a mobile unit at the request of the federal treasury department by the Standard Oil company of California, according to George H. Austin, sales development representative for the company, whose services have been loaned to the war savings campaign staff. Austin, who served as announcer at the state fair here in 1935, was accompanied on his call at Lampert's office by E. C. Grady, Salem district manager for Standard.

Oregon Tops Job Upturn

PORTLAND, Aug. 6—(AP)—Oregon led the nation in employment increase during the first six months of 1942 but had the lowest upturn in industrial accidents, the office of war information here reported Thursday.

A survey announced by Secretary of Labor Perkins put the state's increase in employment at 40.3 per cent. Injuries in industrial accidents were up only 1.7 per cent.

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DR. AUGUST L. STRAND
Scientist is president.

Strand Named College Head

Entomologist Recent Montana State President

ALBANY, Aug. 6—(AP)—Appointment of Dr. August LeRoy Strand, 48, an entomologist of national note, as president of Oregon State college was announced Thursday by Willard L. Marks, president of the Oregon board of higher education.

Dr. Strand, president of Montana State college since 1937, succeeds Frank L. Ballard, resigned. He will assume his duties at Corvallis about October 15.

Oregon State has been without a president since Dr. Ballard resigned and Dr. F. A. Gillfillan was named acting president a year ago.

Dr. Strand, nominated for the presidency by Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter, was interviewed along with other candidates by the board at its meeting in Portland last week.

The New Oregon State president moved to the presidency of Montana State from the head of that institution's department of entomology. He is listed in Who's Who in America, American men of science and the educational blue book. He is a member of the American Society for the Advancement of Science and Sigma XI, honorary scientific fraternity. He served with Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, as a member of the board of trustees of the northwest regional educational council.

He was born at Victoria, Tex., February 12, 1894, and was graduated from Montana State in 1917. He served in the navy's aviation branch in the first World war as an ensign. After the armistice, he returned to Montana to become assistant state entomologist.

In 1925 he was awarded his master's degree and in 1927 his doctorate, both from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Strand is married and has three children: James Allen, a student at the US naval academy; Patricia Marilyn in high school, and Roy Douglas, a fifth grader.

Alaska Said Offense Base

SEATTLE, Aug. 6—(AP)—Alaska is the strategic base for a potential offensive against Japan and our forces there should be under an aerial high command, Maj. Alexander de Soversky, aviation expert and World war flier, said Thursday night.

"Our military problem there is an aerial problem," he added.

To war air men Agattu and Kiska islands have long been known as the best points for direct bombardment of Japan," he said. "Japan has them now so we cannot use them."

Defendants included: Will W. Henry, Portland, secretary-manager; Lewis Minogge, Portland, president and board chairman; Arthur P. Ireland, Portland, vice-president; Directors A. Malat, Sandy; Henry Hagg, Redville; David Saucy, Salem; J. C. Ferguson, Woodlawn, Wash.; Otto Blumquist, Battleground, Wash.; and Grover C. Poe, Vancouver, Wash., field man, and Gene Keller, Vancouver representative.

3 Army Units Formed

Air Preparations Pass Germany in Air-Borne Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—(AP)—Army preparations to take the offensive advanced Thursday with disclosure of the formation of two divisions of troops to be moved into battle by planes and gliders, and creation of a new American-Canadian super-commando unit.

The air-borne infantry divisions each will include some 8000 men and thus will be about half the size of conventional triangular infantry divisions. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson said they "very likely" would be reinforced by others.

The elite American-Canadian force, composed of picked men skilled in parachute and marine landings, and in mountain and desert fighting, is training at Helena, Mont. Designated the First Special Service force, it is commanded by Col. Robert T. Frederick, and is under strict supervision of the department's deputy chief of staff, Lieut. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney.

The Canadian contingent, uniformed and paid the same as the American soldiers, is the first to serve as part of a United States army unit.

This force probably will be the pattern for others, Patterson told his press conference.

The two air-borne divisions, the 82nd and the 101st, will fight as ground troops.

"We've had air-borne units before but these are the first such entire divisions," Patterson said. "They will move all their weapons and other equipment by planes and gliders."

Their formation following months of intensive preliminary training and experiments put American air war preparations a step beyond any known to have been taken by Nazi Germany, military quarters said.

The Nazis are credited with (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Dairy Co-op Charged as Monopoly

PORTLAND, Aug. 6—(AP)—The huge Portland Dairy Cooperative association and 10 of its officers have been accused of monopolizing milk production and distribution by a federal grand jury.

Charles S. Burdell of Seattle, special assistant to the attorney general, disclosed in federal court Thursday that an indictment carrying the accusation was returned by the March grand jury. The association has 3200 producer members in the Portland, Salem, Vancouver, Wash., and adjacent areas, and sold nearly 3 1/2 million dollars worth of milk in 1941.

Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich of Los Angeles, presiding here in the absence of local judges, set arraignment for next Thursday.

The indictment accused the association of opposing measures which would repeal or modify the Oregon milk control law, of influencing the milk control board to adopt policies furthering association interests, of employing threats and coercion to induce producers to sell milk through it, and of requiring distributors to purchase all requirements from the association.

The indictment charged further that federal agencies, including the veterans' hospital at Portland, have been required by the association to "expend an arbitrary and non-competitive price for the purchase of fluid milk."

Nazi War Machine Cuts Path of Destruction



A Nazi tank unit is shown in this Soundphoto moving forward in the Donets region of the Russian battlefield. The picture was brought to New York via clipper. Its caption identified the soldiers as members of a German tank unit, stopping "in front of a church just long enough to set it afire along with the surrounding dwellings." (IIN Soundphoto).

Airport Work Contract Let

Taxiway, Drainage Construction May Be for Salem

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—(AP)—The war department announced Thursday award of the following contracts by the army engineers: Between \$100,000 and \$500,000: Natt McDeugal Co., Portland, Ore., construction of taxiways, apron, drainage and underground ducts, Marion county, Ore.; Portland engineer office. Sam Bergesen, Wick and Dahlgren, McChord field, Wash., construction of temporary frame buildings, Pierce county, Wash., Seattle engineer office.

Between \$50,000 and \$100,000: A. G. Homann, Olympia, Wash., construction of temporary frame buildings, Pierce county, Wash.; Seattle engineer office.

Whether or not the Marion county airport contract announced by the war department Thursday applied to the Salem airport, now under lease to the army, was not disclosed.

That the Salem airport was to be improved through widening and lengthening of runways and construction of small military garrison facilities was announced last May by the Portland district office of the army engineers.

An audit showing the city's investment in the airport is now in the hands of federal officials with the understanding the field may be bought by the government.

Two Sinkings Told by Navy

Educated Torpedo Gets Merchantman in Mexico Gulf

By The Associated Press

The navy disclosed Thursday the destruction of a medium-sized US merchant vessel—with the loss of 25 lives—late last month in the Gulf of Mexico boosted to 415 The Associated Press count of announced allied and neutral ship losses in western Atlantic waters since December 7.

The vessel, victim of an "educated torpedo," was approaching an American port after taking aboard 270 seamen and passengers who had lived through other U-boat attacks.

The navy also announced Thursday that a medium-sized American cargo carrier had been sunk June 6 in the Indian ocean—possibly by a Japanese submarine, the ship's skipper said.

At a gulf coast port, survivors of the Gulf of Mexico sinking said they saw a torpedo skimming along parallel to their ship and thought at first it was a fish— (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Wednesday's Weather
Wednesday's max. temp. 55, min. 38. River Wednesday -2.9. By army request, weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Gen. Cook Arrives In Salem

Brig. Gen. G. R. Cook, whom the war department in Washington, DC, has announced as the commander of the 164th division which is to be activated at Camp Adair next month, has arrived in Salem and is residing temporarily at the Marion hotel.

With the general, who is soon to be advanced to the grade of major general, are his daughters, Cecile and Patsy Cook. They are considering making Salem their residence city while the general is stationed at Adair.

All three are already veterans of the war with Japan, since they were in Hawaii at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. Gen. Cook's home city is Texarkana, Ark.

Nazi General Warns Dutch

Told Not to Aid Allied Invaders; Exiles Call On Homeland Help

LUONDON, Aug. 6—(AP)—A "most urgent warning" that those Dutch who aid landing parties or as much as show themselves on the streets in event of an allied invasion will be given a blood bath was sounded by German military authorities in the Netherlands Thursday.

The stern proclamation of Gen. Friedrich Christiansen, Nazi commander, was read over the Netherlands radio as informed British sources, deeply impressed by the gravity of the situation in southern Russia, asserted they were "working zealously" with the United States in preparations for an ultimate continental front while seeking means to increase immediate material aid to the Red army.

The German counter-preparations to the second front threat came less than 12 hours after Premier Piter S. Gerbrandy of the Dutch government here, in a broadcast to his homeland, had urged the people to wait patiently until the call came from London to take "an active part in the destruction of the tyrant."

It also came a few days after it was announced that Prince Bernhard, husband of the crown princess, was preparing to "return to the Netherlands" presumably in his capacity as an army and navy officer.

Declaring the British and Americans "count on the population's help" in event of an invasion, Gen. Christiansen's proclamation said:

"If ever an Englishman or any (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Our Senators

Lost
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Nazis Drive Wedge

Enemy Still Holds Upper Hand, South

By The Associated Press

German tanks drove a wedge into the Russian lines on the Volga plains at Kotelnikovski Thursday, forcing a fresh retreat to new positions less than 95 miles southwest of Stalingrad, a midnight communique from Moscow said early Friday.

The northern arm of the massive German pincer squeezing toward the great industrial city, however, was driven back in the Don elbow, south of Kletskaya where counter-attacking Russians captured an "advantageous defense line" and prisoners.

Other Russian reverses on the Caucasus were reported. The midnight communique said the Soviets withdrew to new positions on several sectors of the front south of Belaya Glina, 100 miles southeast of Rostov.

In that fighting, the communique added, a German attempt to land air-borne soldiers behind the red lines was frustrated and the entire force was annihilated or captured.

Eager Soviet reserves were hurled into the battle for the Caucasus and were reported hardening the lines now perilously close to the Maikop oil fields.

The Russians reported they were standing firm south of Kushchevka, 50 miles below the Don city of Rostov.

Here the Russian communique declared the red forces had penetrated enemy formations several times inflicting heavy losses. It was there that the black-robed Cossacks were standing heroically (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

FDR Appoints Rubber Board

Baruch Heads Group to Get Facts; Agency Bill Gets Veto

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—(AP)—President Roosevelt Thursday appointed a committee headed by Bernard M. Baruch to "get the facts" on the confused and much-disputed rubber situation. He instructed it to make a thorough survey and to submit, as quickly as possible, a report which is to become the basis for action on the manufacture of synthetic and the question of nation-wide gasoline rationing.

The chief executive made this announcement in a message to congress vetoing a bill, pushed through by the farm block, under which an independent rubber supply agency would have been created and directed to provide an adequate supply of rubber, using synthetics made with alcohol produced from farm and forestry products.

Establishing such an agency, the president said, would have infringed the principle of unified control of the war production program, and would have used up critical materials in building synthetic rubber plants, regardless of the needs of the army and navy, until civilian motorists, including "toy riders," had received an adequate supply of tires.

"The approval of this bill would, in my opinion, block the progress of the war production program, and therefore the war itself," Mr. Roosevelt said.

In naming Baruch to the chairmanship of the committee, Mr. Roosevelt drafted the services of an old friend and intimate advisor, as well as of one who is versed in war time industrial problems. Baruch was chairman of the war industries board in the World war. The other members of the committee were announced as Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard university and Dr. Karl F. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of technology.

Two of the principal backers of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Fire Destroys Huge Sawmill

\$300,000 Blaze 3rd In Cottage Grove; Sabotage Suspect

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Aug. 6—(AP)—Fire virtually destroyed the J. H. Chambers & Son sawmill, one of the largest in Lane county, late Thursday and officers immediately launched a search for a firebug.

It was the third fire here within two weeks. The first destroyed the \$75,000 home of Walter Woodward, Cottage Grove lumberman. The second did \$40,000 damage to Woodward's mill. Chambers estimated the loss in Thursday's blaze at \$300,000.

Federal bureau of investigation agents, state police and the state arson squad went into action immediately, suspecting sabotage.

Charles Pray, chief of state police, said all indications pointed to a "dangerous maniac" being loose. He said the Chambers' mill blaze and the other two were considered a single case. Pray said the entire state police investigation department was working on the fires.

Thursday's fire started on the green chain and spread rapidly beyond the control of the mill's firefighting facilities.

The Chambers' mill had a daily capacity of 150,000 board feet.

Myron Perry, Cottage Grove police chief, disclosed that Chambers had received a letter which threatened that his home would be burned. Perry said Chambers received the letter July 26, the date Woodward's residence burned. The letter was turned over to the FBI, he said.

Perry disclosed also that evidence of gasoline or kerosene was discovered Thursday night in the vicinity of the Chambers' mill green chain. The mill's fire hoses had been cut, he said.

Perry reported that the fire damaged some box cars on a siding beside the mill and that flames jumped the Pacific highway, which passed by the mill. Traffic was detoured for a time.

The fire swept the mill, dry kiln, planing mill and destroyed 5,000,000 feet of lumber. Oil tanks a block distant were threatened.

Allied Planes Bomb Japs

GENERAL MScARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Friday, Aug. 7—(AP)—Allied planes bombed Japanese airdromes and dispersal areas at Lae and Salamaua, New Guinea, Thursday, allied headquarters announced in its daily communique Friday.

The situation at the Gona-Buna area of New Guinea's Papuan peninsula, where the Japanese have landed a small but compact jungle-trained fighting force, remained static, the command said.