

Bombers Strike Heavy Blow at Jap Base

M'Kay Not To Have Opponent

Wallace Backed By AFL; Snell Commended

Political activities foreshadowing the November general election pushed their way through the war news Saturday to bring attention to new developments in the Marion county, first congressional district and state fields.

The principal Marion county news was that this senatorial district's popular senior member in the upper house of the legislature, Douglas McKay, is to have no opposition from the democratic party.

In the congressional field there came the announcement that for the first time in many years an active district committee is to be organized to carry the torch for Rep. James W. Mott, who has to return to his duties in Washington, DC, today, leaving his campaigning to others.

Attention also was focused on the governorship by announcement of the executive board of the Oregon state federation of labor commending both nominees, Republican Earl Snell and Democrat Lew Wallace, but recommending the latter to union locals.

The executive committee of the Marion county democratic central committee has decided not to nominate a candidate in opposition to Sen. McKay, republican, Chairman Carl T. Pope disclosed Saturday. No reason for the decision was given, but it was to be assumed the committee felt both that Sen. McKay was the best man for the position and that, anyway, he would be virtually impossible to defeat.

The democrats have a nominee for the other senatorship from this county, but he happens also to be the republican selection, Rep. Allan G. Carson, by virtue of votes written in on their ballot at the May primary. Now a captain in the army air corps, Carson, like Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton of Salem, also a two-party nominee, who expects soon to be in the armed service, may keep his name on the ballot, according to an opinion given by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle last week.

A visit to Salem Friday by Carl Moser, executive secretary for the state republican central committee, was followed Saturday by announcement, from County Chairman C. A. "Cliff" Lewis, that organization of a first congressional district campaign committee would be effected at a meeting at the Marion hotel next Friday. Niel Allen, state chairman, and Moser are to be present and invitations are going out to Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Secretary of State Snell, L. I. Rep. Robert S. Farrell, Jr., nominee for Snell's present position, and others. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Solon Dies



Franciscovich Career Closed

Veteran Legislator Headed Senate; Veteran of War

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—(AP) Frank M. Franciscovich of Astoria, member of the Oregon state senate and its president in 1937, died here Saturday, failing to rally after a major operation of several days ago.

The 45-year-old legislator was a native of Astoria and a graduate of Notre Dame university. He entered law practice here after the first world war in which he served in the navy.

For eight years he was deputy district attorney for Clatsop county and was Warrenton city attorney from 1928 until his death.

His legislative term started with election to the senate in 1928 as a republican, and continued to his death.

Survivors include the widow, two sons and a daughter.

Water Users Increase, August

Number of Salem water users billed during August, 1942, exceeded by 13 per cent those of the same month last year, but consumers used less water, statistics presented to the city water commission this weekend reveal.

Total of cubic feet billed dropped by almost 1,000,000 and revenue was down almost \$1000. Average consumption of water per customer dropped from 3003 to 2741, but the city's large industrial water user, the paper mill, not included in that average, used 1,000,000 more cubic feet last month than during August, 1941.

Total of customers billed last month was 8206, compared with 8100 a year ago; cubic feet billed was 30,431,070, compared with 31,204,870 in August, 1941. Revenue billed totaled \$24,897.05, while August, 1941, bills totaled \$25,822.06. Average consumption per account dropped from 3003 a year ago to 2741 cubic feet in August, 1941. A decrease from 4835 to 4393 cubic feet used by the average purchaser of water for irrigation purposes is included in that average. Accounts billed averaged \$2.94 this year as compared with \$3.11 in August a year ago. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Russians Fall Back On Southwest, Hold All Other Sectors

Reds Say 10,000 Nazis Die; Fight Near Leningrad

MOSCOW, Sunday, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Russians have fallen back from one point southwest of Stalingrad before the massed blows of German tanks and motorized troops but elsewhere the soviet legions are holding their own in bitter-end fighting which has cost the Germans at least 10,000 men killed before the city in the last few days.

Another 5000 German soldiers have been killed or wounded in sharp fighting on the Volkov front southeast of Leningrad, where the Germans were reportedly hurled back.

The Russians revealed the first dent since Friday in their position before Stalingrad in the following stark phrases in the mid-night communique: "Southwest of Stalingrad tense fighting took place with enemy tanks and mechanized troops. Soviet forces evacuated one inhabited locality."

As the greatest and undoubtedly the bloodiest battle of this war went into its 19th day, the Russians announced they had once more stopped the Germans on the critical area west of the city, where the Germans advanced in frontal assaults last week until their war machine was halted Friday.

Wave upon wave of German soldiers—the Russians said again the invaders were numerically superior to the defenders—dashed against the Russian defenses in continuous attacks without gaining ground, the communique revealed.

The communique declared: "German fascist troops are continuously attacking our positions. "Soviet troops are repulsing attacks launched by the numerically superior enemy forces."

Southwest of Stalingrad, it was officially reported, 6,000 Germans have been "wiped out" in the last (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Four Charged With Dimout Violations

Salem's new so-called "dimout" ordinance got its first workout Saturday night when four Salem merchants were cited to appear Monday morning in municipal court to answer charges of violation of U. S. Army dimout orders here.

The new ordinance, which places on the city's statute books as laws all army, navy and other federal orders related to the war effort, was passed at last Tuesday night's council meeting. It provides maximum penalties of \$500 fine and/or six months in the city jail.

Cited to appear Monday morning at 10 o'clock are H. J. Schoen, 445 Court street, proprietors of Will's music store, 432 State street, Brown's jewelry, 184 North Liberty street, and Pomeroy and Keene, 378 State street.

School Year Plans Laid Here

By TRAVIS CROSS

Vacation days—those of "prosperity" for the older boys and girls and those of continued play for the younger ones—will come to an end one week hence when Salem public schools open their first full year since 1917-18.

Monday, September 21, has been definitely set as the official opening. "We know no other date," said Frank B. Bennett, public schools superintendent.

Students who will enter school late because of seasonal employment should register Monday forenoon, September 21. They should also confer with their principal and be sure that all arrangements are made for their year of work, thus preventing later difficulties in the schedules and conflicts in courses, according to a bulletin from the office of the superintendent.

The system is anticipating an increase in elementary and junior high school enrollment over last year. In the latter grades of senior high, however, there is expected a slight drop due to employment and residence changes.

The indicated enrollment for this year is closely compared to that of 1941 when 4630 students registered. In 1940, 4967 enrolled for the first day's activity.

Voluntary Gas Saving Asked Over Country

Unneeded Mileage Is Waste of Rubber Says Henderson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson Saturday night asked motorists in unrationed areas to place themselves voluntarily under the same gasoline and mileage rationing now in force in the 17 eastern states.

Declaring that it would be several weeks before coupon ration books could be printed to carry out the nationwide gas rationing recommended by the Baruch rubber committee, Henderson cautioned that "today and every day that passes until the cut is made we Americans are wasting one billion tire miles in unnecessary driving."

His request followed other indications from OPA that the national rationing plan, when placed in effect, would put the rest of the country on an equal footing with the east as to the amount of gasoline allowed motorists.

Easterners receive a basic ration of approximately four gallons weekly, with supplemental allowances for motoring deemed essential. The committee headed by Bernard M. Baruch which investigated the rubber situation recommended that motorists be curtailed to a general average of 5000 miles a year.

To further the tire conservation program, President Roosevelt made public Saturday a chart showing that a 30-mile speed would make tires last twice as long as those driven 50 miles an hour. The Baruch committee recommended a speed limit of 35 miles an hour.

The president is expected to announce appointment of a rubber administrator Monday and put into effect then the other steps recommended by the Baruch committee but formal imposition of gasoline rationing will necessarily be delayed until the machinery can be set up.

"I don't think we have to wait to make a really good start," Henderson declared in a statement. "We can begin to make a big dent in that pile of wasted rubber if we take this matter into our own hands for the time being."

"I am, therefore, asking that every driver in the unrationed areas immediately put himself voluntarily on the same mileage basis as his fellow Americans in the 17 rationed eastern states."

"In those states, seven out of every ten drivers have an 'A' (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Postmaster Selection Delayed

Selection of the three high candidates for the Salem postmaster is not to be made until after November 15, Carl T. Pope, chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee, was notified Saturday by the federal civil service commission.

Press of other business was given by the commission as the reason for the delay.

The postal department's appointing officer makes the choice among the three men receiving the commission's best ratings based on qualifications.

Eight men and one woman have applied for the position, which Postmaster H. R. Crawford is desirous of relinquishing after more than two terms of service.

Pope said he also had been advised that Ivan J. Smith, Scotts Mills postmaster, had asked to be relieved. No recommendation of a successor has yet been made, Pope added.

Friday's Weather

Friday's max. temp. 55, min. 42. River Saturday—3.5 ft. By army request weather forecasts are withheld and temperature data delayed.

Miss America



JO-CARROLL DENNISON

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Sept. 12.—"Miss Texas" 18-year-old Jo-Carroll Dennison of Tyler, captured the 1942 "Miss America" crown in Atlantic City's annual bathing beauty contest Saturday night. The Texas girl, with dark brown hair and greenish-brown eyes, succeeds blonde Rosemary La Plante of Los Angeles as mythical bathing beauty queen of the United States. Second place went to Miss Chicago, Hettie Brunk, 18, and third place to Miss Michigan, Patricia Ulmer Hill, 21, of Detroit, fourth to Miss New Jersey, Madeline Elizabeth Layton, 18, of Maywood, and fifth to Miss California, Lucille Lambert, 20, of Hollywood.

United Chest Drive Readied

\$65,000 Campaign To Benefit 18 Agencies

The Salem United War Chest drive will open officially October 6 and members of the executive campaign committee have plans for the campaign in a stage of final formulation, according to Jesse J. Gard, campaign chairman. The drive will close October 15.

The drive will benefit 18 agencies—those that formerly comprised the Salem Community Chest, agencies working for American fighting men abroad and in this country, agencies assisting the allies in their time of terrific stress and a miscellaneous group. This plan, it is pointed out, will save money for contributors by protecting them from repeated appeals and will save time for business men, in that they will be asked to work in only one drive during the year. Contributors will be assured that their money is used efficiently by carefully investigated agencies and a coordinated program of social welfare for the community will be guaranteed by promoting cooperation and eliminating duplication.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$65,000. Nine representatives (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Tacoman Held After Chase, 'Confession'

A 23-year-old man who had led police a chase through two mid-valley counties and when apprehended had "confessed" a murder, a car theft and a jewelry store burglary, was booked in the Marion county jail Saturday night on a charge of being drunk on a public highway.

Registered at the jail as Wallace F. Foberg, the man, operating under the name of Fred Charles Hanson, had told a man in Newberg he was fleeing the law in a stolen car. When Capt. Walter Lansing of the state police caught up with him at the E. B. Smith residence near St. Paul, the same story had been told. This time, according to the police officer, the fugitive flashed a diamond engagement and wedding ring set, explaining he had broken into a Portland jewelry store window Friday night and that this was the loot.

En route to Salem, a colorful bit was added to the "confession." Hanson had murdered Foberg, shot him twice in the back on a road near Tacoma because he was cutting in on his romance.

At the county jail, Hanson-Foberg later declared his dual identity. Lansing said the car had been reported stolen in August in Tacoma, that no such jewelry store burglary as had been described was on his records and that by Monday he hoped to have the straight of the story.

Hundreds of persons rushed to the waterfront and watched the engagement. Great columns of water rose from the sea as the torpedoes exploded. The official statement said emergency services worked smoothly.

Kokoda Sector Quiet; Japs Lose Many Planes

Enemy Trying To Dislodge Isle Forces

15 of 79 Bombers, 5 Zeros Destroyed In Solomons Fight

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(AP) Paying a high price in planes and pilots, the Japanese are still trying unsuccessfully to dislodge the American forces in the Solomons, the navy reported Saturday night, and losing better than one out of every five bombers they send over.

The Japanese sent two waves of 26 bombers and one of 27 against the Guadalcanal installations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Of these 79 bombers, 15 were destroyed, along with five of the Zero fighters supposed to protect them, bringing to 143 the number of aircraft the Japanese have lost in the Solomons fighting.

Of the latest bag of 26, American fighter planes accounted for at least 16; whether the other four also were downed by planes or by anti-aircraft fire was not specified. And if the Americans suffered any losses in these aerial combats, they were not reported.

The Japanese number losses of about 20 per cent on these raids compared with an average loss of about five per cent suffered by the British in their big bomber raids on Germany and the vastly lower losses of American Flying Fortresses. Only two of the Fortresses have been lost since the big raids began in mid-August.

While these futile air attacks were made by day, Japanese destroyers prowled off shore by night shelling the United States positions "but no damage has resulted," the communique said.

On their own account, American dive bombers made another attack Friday on enemy installations on Gizo island, in the western part of the New Georgia group of the Solomons, sinking a small ship and blasting buildings. The Americans had made a previous attack there Sept. 6.

The communique also reported that the Japanese were supplying their troops still fighting in the interior of Guadalcanal, using small boats which can sneak ashore undetected at night, but that the marines, supported by dive bombers and fighters, "continued to seek out and engage" these units.

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By The Associated Press

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GEN. JOHN J. PERSHING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(AP) The nation's military leaders turned from war duties Saturday night to honor Gen. John J. Pershing on the eve of his birthday. The commander of the American Expeditionary Force in the first world war will be 82 Sunday. Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, wrote Pershing "the example of your greatness shines like a light to guide us through troubled days ahead." From his Southwest Pacific headquarters Gen. Douglas MacArthur cabled "devoted greetings."

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Indian proposals that President Roosevelt be invited to mediate the troublesome Indian problem found echo in Britain, now that the way to direct negotiation appears. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Germany Moving Railways East

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 12.—(AP) Germans are tearing up some railway lines in occupied France and are using the materials to extend and repair railway facilities in the east, it was stated in press dispatches received here Saturday.

The newspaper Volksrecht said the Germans had bought or arbitrarily requisitioned 4000 miles of French railways and that the secondary lines were being removed.

Buna Blasted, Strafed by 3 Flights

One of Hardest Allied Blows Delivered; Ack-Ack Halted

By MURLIN SPENCER

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sunday, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Allied heavy and medium bombers, escorted by fighters, struck one of the heaviest blows yet delivered in the Pacific Saturday when they blasted the Japanese invasion base, Buna, in eastern New Guinea with 26 tons of bombs and more than 28,000 rounds of cannon and machine gun fire, a communique said Sunday.

In four bombing attacks, followed by seven strafing runs, the allied armies destroyed at least 17 Japanese planes on the ground, in dispersal bays and on the runway of an airbase from which the enemy had been operating in the drive against Port Moresby.

All anti-aircraft positions in the area were silenced, the communique said. Meanwhile, there was little action in the Owen Stanley mountains where the Japanese have advanced to little more than 40 miles from Port Moresby, the big allied base.

"Owen Stanley action was limited to patrol activity," the communique said. However, on a jungle-fighting allied unit ambushed an enemy patrol in that rough terrain and inflicted 20 casualties with only minor losses to the allies.

The attack on Buna was a continuation of a series aimed at smashing the supporting base for troops operating in the Owen Stanley range. It was from here that the Japanese pushed westward to Kokoda, the jump off place for last week's drive.

Saturday's attacks started at dawn with a Flying Fortress raid and was followed by flights of medium bombers and attack planes in a combined attraction.

The attack planes after dropping their bombs strafed the airbase at low level in conjunction with fighters.

Heavy casualties were inflicted on Japanese ground forces, the communique said, and fires which could be seen 30 miles away were started in fuel dumps and installations.

No Japanese fighters attempted to intercept the allied attackers. Only one allied plane was missing after the action.

Off the island of New Ireland, an allied offensive reconnaissance unit strafed a Japanese minelaying vessel south of Kavieng, but the results could not be observed.

342 Jap Ships Destroyed in Nine Months

Allied sea and air forces, hammering at Japanese naval and merchant shipping in the far east, have blasted at least 342 enemy vessels to the bottom since Pearl Harbor, an Associated Press review of official reports disclosed Saturday.

At least 22 ships—12 naval and 10 cargo vessels—were destroyed in United Nations offensives last month, announcements revealed, while six more Japanese craft were reported sunk during the two-week period ending September 12.

In less than five months, 25 enemy warships and transports were shelled to the bottom in allied operations embracing the Australian war zone zone, including an aircraft carrier, three cruisers and 12 transport or cargo ships were included in the Australian report. Meanwhile, US submarines recently added five more enemy ships to the graveyard of Japanese vessels at the bottom of the western Pacific, boosting their successes in operations this far to at least 60 craft sunk, 17 probably sunk and 17 damaged.