

Alean Highway Officially Open

DeWitt Calls Road Great Help in Pacific Fight

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sage, to Juneau and Skagway, and a railway from Skagway to Whitehorse.

"These are all in addition to the sea routes from the west coast of the United States and Canada to all Alaskan ports on the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering sea."

General DeWitt stated that: "Considering the question of the need for additional means of communication to and within Alaska from a military standpoint alone, the next steps should be directed toward the construction of a distribution network within Alaska—airways, highways, waterways and railways, following which there will be the need for a railroad from the United States to Canada, to supplement the Alaskan highway and to augment such capacity that this highway may develop."

The pioneer road, built by US army engineers, will facilitate movement of troops and supplies to Alaska. Completion of the permanent road is expected within a year.

Counties Ask Funds, Elect 2 Salem Men

PORTLAND, Nov. 20—(AP)—The Association of Oregon Counties Friday renewed a plea for federal payments in lieu of taxes on federal forest land in the state.

The association voted to continue its public lands committee, which is promoting a bill which would require the federal government to pay the counties 2 per cent of the value of federally owned lands.

All officers were reelected: They are Carl W. Chambers, Pendleton, president; H. D. Kerkman, Hillsboro, vice-president; Fred Gibson, Salem, secretary-treasurer; F. L. Phillips, The Dalles, executive secretary.

The association opposed any change in the state motor vehicle laws, asserting they are "flexible enough."

County clerks and recorders, in convention here concurrent with the Association of Oregon Counties Friday elected H. S. Sackett of Malheur county as president.

Other officers: Lee Ohmart, Marion county, vice-president; Nellie Watts, Jefferson, secretary.

The Association of County Treasurers elected Francis Lambert, Portland, president; Mabel Ragdale, Baker, vice-president; Hazel Guinn, Fossil, secretary-treasurer.

N. S. Rogers, state forester, said that Oregon produced 18 per cent of the nation's wood products last year, in an address to the Association of Oregon Counties.

He said some system of compensating the state for taxes lost through federal ownership of 16,580,000 acres of timber within the state should be devised.

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Poison Source Sought Here

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the institution's main supply of roach powder was kept, the superintendent declared. The powder resembled milk powder kept in another locked room across the hall.

Possibility that the poison got into the egg mix accidentally had not been discarded Friday by investigators.

Most of the more than 400 inmates ill from the poison were expected to recover. A few remained in critical condition.

Three agents of the federal surplus commodities corporation, which gave the state a large stock of frozen egg yolks several months ago, conferred with Dr. Evans and Gov. Charles A. Sprague briefly Friday afternoon. They made no independent investigation of the poisoning.

State Legislator Roy Carter Dies

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Nov. 20 (AP)—Roy E. Carter, 53, state representative for Coos and Curry counties for eight years, died here Friday of the effects of influenza.

Carter, who originated boat excursions up the wild Rogue river, was defeated for republican renomination by Stella A. Cutlip of North Bend, in the primaries. She won in the November election.

SS Doubleday Launched

PORTLAND, Nov. 20—(AP)—The Civil war officer who is credited with originating baseball—Abner Doubleday—was honored Friday when Oregon Shipbuilding corporation launched a Liberty freighter named for him.

10,000 Enemy Said Killed In Guadalcanal Fighting

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felt better after last weekend's big naval battle than anytime I was there," he said.

"They feel they've been through everything, and have taken everything the Japs could give. They're optimistic and already are talking about the next move westward."

"There was no big celebration, however. The only times they celebrate are when new planes or new reinforcements arrive. They've had so many hellish nights and it becomes a habit to look for foxholes."

"In fact, up to last night on the way up here, I found myself still looking for them."

"The first thing you learn on Guadalcanal is to dig a foxhole before you ever set up your bed. I remember I'd found a fine big hole, nice and deep, and that night when some bombing started I ran for it and jumped, but hit the dirt hard. Someone had filled up the hole."

"Ninety per cent of the action against the Jap land forces on Guadalcanal has been on the west front. There has been some very heavy fighting up there. There is a series of ridges and deep valleys, and the marines could catch bunches of Japs, 300 at a time in the valleys, and wipe them out."

"My personal estimate is that some 10,000 Japs have been killed on Guadalcanal."

"Killing a thousand in one night in one sector is not unusual. We killed a hell of a lot. I don't know how many died in the brush."

"The Japs have very poor first aid treatment."

"When you see a prisoner, it's surprising. Almost no prisoners are taken by either side."

"When the Japs rush, they'll yell in English, 'Blood for the emperor—come out, marines, you're licked.'"

"There seems to be a lot of American-educated Japanese among the snipers. They're allowed to shoot."

Zeros Enter New Guinea

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naissance had disclosed that a Japanese destroyer and one transport were beached and burning at Buin in the upper Solomons, the results of previous bomber attacks delivered by General MacArthur's airmen in support of the Guadalcanal naval battle that ended in a smashing victory for the US fleet.

Some observers had believed the Japanese in the Buna-Gona sector might surrender because of the apparent disaster facing them, but the bitterness of the enemy's resistance has dispelled that.

Jap air forces made a feeble effort on Thursday night to cover a light cruiser and two destroyers seeking to relieve the situation but the Jap fliers were driven off with a loss of three zeros, the cruiser and one destroyer were bombed and sunk and the other destroyer, damaged, fled the scene.

In Portuguese Timor, where the Japs have been reported reinforcing their bases above Australia as their hold in New Guinea weakened, allied bombers made a sweep over Manatua and Baucau.

Rabaul, in the New Britain island, a Jap base whose position becomes more endangered if Buna falls, was visited by medium allied bombers Friday night which attacked enemy installations.

Tug Destroyed

NEWBERG, Nov. 20—(AP)—Fire destroyed the river tug Lillian in the Willamette river near Champeog park Friday as it was attempting to round up a raft of logs which had broken. Cause was undetermined. The two crew members leaped into the river and reached shore safely.

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Delay Denied In Gas Ration

House Members Urge; Local Men Check Applications

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denounce the western opposition. After making his remark that it was "an organized opposition using funds furnished by people who should know better," he told reporters that the opposition came from chambers of commerce and their "well-meaning civic agencies."

His prepared speech touched upon the question of conserving tires.

"The million tons of rubber on the tires now in service in automobiles of the United States may well represent the margin of victory in this war," he said.

The developing controversy brought from Rep. Boren (D-Okla.) a statement that it was "unjust and unfair" to ration gasoline in regions where it was plentiful. Many Oklahomans, he said, were refusing to register for rationing. To this the office of price administration replied only that unless they registered they would be unable to buy gasoline or tires after December 1.

From Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass) came a different critical view of the oil situation. She said that the situation with regard to fuel oil rationing was "confused and intolerable" and said "No one should have to endure unnecessary suffering and illness due to cold."

"No gasoline should be used in a single car at the sufferance of a single family from undue cold or if it will delay the winning of the war on any of our fronts," she said in a telegram to President Roosevelt.

Two hundred Salem business and professional men who gathered in the city hall council chambers office of the city's war price and rationing board Friday were divided into three "crews" to work on a volunteer basis two nights a week from 7:30 to 9:30 checking applications for supplemental gasoline rations.

The application for the supplemental rations was explained to the group, which comprises the rationing board's advisory staff, by George Curry, state field man for the office of price administration.

Division of the group was by John Heltzel, county and city war price and rationing board chairman. Attending also were advisory panels from West Salem and some members from Stayton.

First of the applications now pouring to the board office here indicate that many will be returned to motorists for completion, Heltzel pointed out. Instructions demand that every question be given an answer he said, and many applicants have left portions of the questionnaires blank and had evidently attempted to answer without understanding the meaning of the question.

"Integrity of the men who comprise the advisory board and the willingness with which they accepted appointment should cause residents of the city to congratulate themselves," Heltzel said.

License Suspended

The license of Foreman's, downtown Salem beer dispensary, to sell beer, either draught or in bottles, was suspended for 21 days by the state liquor control commission at its meeting Thursday in Portland, Associated Press dispatches Friday revealed.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Let's go fishing! And if we don't get around to it before December first and the gasoline ration gre upon us, who's to care, with the mill stream at our back door?

Remember the fish that used to hop around beneath the bridge when we threw crumbs (and firecrackers!) from the wooden railing, now replaced by concrete? And the time when Ruth Chenoweth waded in and took one out on a pitchfork? Her children are big enough now to be fishing from the bank with bent pins.

Don't let this bent pin stuff get a laugh out of you, either, for I recall that the best crawdaddies were always caught on them—not in the millstream, either. Our parents would have balked at our eating those that dwell in those polluted waters, but they did not know about the little red fellows we gathered from the stream that ran through our pasture in the pre-Salem days.

And we (my small brother and I) cooked them in the tin buckets in which we had carried our lunches to school. They were unseasoned, unless we happened to have retained the little packets of salt that had accompanied the boiled eggs on the trip to school.

Boiled eggs without salt we scorned, but when we were in a hurry we often forgot to use the condiment. In such cases, we artistically emptied the little pieces of waxed paper in which it had been folded, lest our mother discover that our shout of "Salt, we must have salt!" were fake.

So, if there was salt left perhaps our crawfish were seasoned. I do not recall. At least, no others that I ever ate in later life were quite like those. My sisters scoffed at the idea, so I suppose that they never knew we really ate the unattractive creatures. And oh, there was never any chicken that tasted sweeter.

The spiced variety has a place among my taste treasures, but it seems always to be accompanied by gay napkins and other summer home surroundings. For sheer joy in the catch, not mountain trout nor steelhead salmon today can compete with the memory of those red crawdaddies of yesterday—caught on bent pins and

Half of Jap Force Slain; Sea Toll 28

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battleships took part in last Saturday night's phase of the big Solomons struggle, in which heavy loss was inflicted on the enemy. Although he could not give details of this engagement, in which American and Japanese battleships slugged it out for the first time, he said:

"It was a very efficient and well-handled maneuver and caught our friends by surprise."

Friday's communique related that, in the absence of any more important targets, army bombers attacked cargo vessels in the Buin area at the southeastern end of Bougainville island on November 18 and shot down 14 enemy planes during the attacks. No American losses were reported.

Meanwhile the far-flung successes of American arms in the Solomons islands and North Africa led to promotions for the admirals in charge and for Brig. Gen. James H. "Jimmie" Doolittle.

Vice Adm. William F. "Pudge" Halsey, jr., whose forces drubbed the Japanese fleet in the Solomons, was nominated to be a full admiral. Rear Adm. Henry K. Hewitt, commander of the American naval forces in the African operations, was designated for vice admiral. And Doolittle, commanding the air forces in Africa is to be made a major general.

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Plane Crashes

GEARHART, Ore., Nov. 20—(AP) One crew member was killed, two are missing and two were saved after an army bomber plunged into the Pacific ocean just offshore here Friday.

Sgt. Albert Uavadnick, whose mother, Mrs. Mary Schoemaker, lives at 3311 Merington street, Kansas City, Mo., died in the crash.

Staff Sgt. William R. Dart, Weld, Colo., was slightly injured, and the pilot, First Lt. William S. Southern, Borton, Kans., was rescued without injuries.

Missing are Second Lt. Roy Kline, whose mother, Mrs. Nora Kline, lives in Chicago, and Sgt. Robert E. Pierce, whose father, William B. Pierce, lives at Marquette, Ark.

They parachuted to the ocean after the plane developed engine trouble. Despite search, they have not been seen since.

Mrs. Henry Goodrich, who lives in a beach cottage near where the plane hit the water, said she saw it flying low over combers just offshore.

"Suddenly it just dropped into the water," she said. She saw a crew member climb out on one wing, and she notified the coast guard at Astoria.

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Allies Smash Near Bizerte And Tunis

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were army officers who would considerably strengthen the north African army commanded by the French general, Henri Honore Giraud.

It was not known whether the amnesty covers all those who favored the allies over the past two years and imprisoned by Vichy or only those who support the present allied operation.

It may be some time before it is apparent how many are affected by the decree.

The Algerian radio reported the Fighting French were striking from the Lake Chad region some 1000 miles south of Rommel's Libyan base at Tripoli. The French have stabbed northward from this area before but never at such an opportune time as now.

(Their apparent aim was to cut Marshal Rommel's coastal communications between Tripoli and El Agheila in eastern India. They also could then effect a junction with the British Eighth army driving south of Bengasi on the heels of the smashed but not obliterated axis desert legions.)

Turnin of Tires Extended Week

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP) The deadline for idle tire turnins was postponed Friday by the office of price administration until December 1, the date of the start of nationwide gasoline rationing. OPA announced it would amend its regulations to give motorists an extra nine days in which to dispose of idle tires in excess of five per passenger car. The previous deadline was November 22.

After December 1 it will be illegal for passenger car owners to use gasoline if they have more than the permitted number of tires.

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