

Salem Boy Scouts to Show Skills in Program Today

To start off national Boy Scout week, Salem Scouts will conduct Live Expos today on High street in front of the county courthouse. "Live Expos," explained Council Executive R. R. Ruddiman, "means action demonstrations, and that is what we intend to have. These will demonstrate the various phases of the Boy Scout and the Cug programs."

Eight units represented will be: troop one, Martin Mockford, scoutmaster, signaling, troop four, Alvin Potter, scoutmaster, forestry and knot tying; troop 11, Roy Elliott, scoutmaster, reflector oven cooking and war bonds and stamps; troop 13, Arthur Lamka, scoutmaster, wood carving; troop 19, Salem Heights, Harvey Peterson, scoutmaster, with a camping setup; Sea Scout Ship Willamette, Theodore C. Roake, skipper, sea scouting, with a breeches buoy demonstration every half hour. Air Scout squadron 13, Elvin Thomas, leader, will show interesting phases of the new Air Scout program for Senior Scouts. Cubbing, the program for younger boys, will be demonstrated by Cub pack one, Laverne J. Young, cubmaster.

In all these booths, which will be set up on both sides of the Victory Center platform and Scappo, there will be exhibits on action demonstrations from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m.

At the scout headquarters booth will be displayed the American flag made by Mrs. L. M. Stewart, who has presented it for a prize to the unit winning the competition for the best booth and demonstration. Harry W. Scott and a committee of judges will present it.

Boy Scout week, February 6 to 12, celebrates the 33rd anniversary of Boy Scouting in this country. Many Scouts and Cubs will recognize Scout Sunday tomorrow by attending special services in Salem churches.

Another Scout week event will be a special court of honor next Wednesday night in the Salem chamber of commerce. As well as the regular advancements to be awarded by the Salem 20-30 club, there will be a special tenderfoot investiture ceremony for all new Scouts in the various troops. Troop one will conduct the candle lighting ceremony. A special history of the flag stunt will be presented by troop 42, Middle Grove school, Robert Wagers, scoutmaster. "This court of honor is open to all Scouts and the public, and parents are especially invited," said Ruddiman.

Crockett, AP Writer, Killed

LONDON, Feb. 5-(AP)—Edward Henry "Harry" Crockett, Associated Press war correspondent who loved ships and reported events of the sea in peace and war, has died of wounds received in the torpedoing of a British warship of the Mediterranean fleet, the admiralty announced Friday.

The 31-year-old former Boston and New York reporter died on the bare and hazardous fleet assignment he eagerly sought as successor to the Pulitzer prize correspondent, Larry Allen, who was captured in a raid on Tobruk last September 13 when the British destroyer Sikh was sunk. Allen had survived numerous bombings and warship sinkings before he became a prisoner of the Italians.

The admiralty disclosed few details of Crockett's death. He was picked up from the sea after the torpedoing in which several British sailors were killed. He died on the rescue ship and was buried at sea.

Holman, Ellsworth Have Rent Plans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—Bills that would enable landlords in defense housing areas to increase rents that are shown to be less than fair and reasonable are being introduced in congress by Sen. Holman and Rep. Ellsworth of Oregon.

Landlords would be permitted to bargain with a prospective tenant and charge more rent if repairs or additional services are provided.

Mother Deaths Fewer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—Deaths of mothers from childbirth dropped to a new low rate of 3.2 per 1000 live births in 1941, the census bureau reported Friday. The rates ranged from 1.6 in Montana to 6.3 in Florida.

Taxes Worried Him

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5-(AP)—Income tax worries really got this sailor down. The merchant seaman told police who pulled him out of Baltimore harbor Friday that he'd spent \$500 in a several weeks' spree and then, worried about taxes, he went to the waterfront and jumped into the river.

Germans Examined

ISTANBUL, Feb. 2-(Delayed)—All Germans in Istanbul between the ages of 18 and 45 have been called to the German consulate for medical examination preparatory to induction into the armed forces. It was reliably reported today. About 600 would be affected.

Bombers Sweep South Pacific; Troops Gain

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possibly was a remnant of the large force which was blasted by our bombers while attempting to land in the vicinity of the Kumul river in New Guinea over a month ago was hit again by our ground troops 3½ miles from the Kumul's mouth on the night of February 4. Seventy-five Japs were killed and the remainder of the force fled into the bush.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—American troops on Guadalcanal made another important advance into enemy-held territory, the navy reported Friday as warplanes and ships slugged at each other over a wide area in the eighth day of a crucial struggle for control of the Solomon islands.

The navy maintained its silence about developments in the sea-air fighting and its communiqué said only that "sporadic encounters" were continuing. This was said to mean that American and Japanese naval and task forces, strongly supported by land-based planes, were still striking at each other in a number of separate actions. Large forces were involved. Dispatches from Guadalcanal said aerial reconnaissance had shown between 30 and 40 Jap ships, including many warships, in harbor at Shortland island Monday.

One dispatch dated Monday said that "aerial observers reported to night that a large force of Jap warships was headed for Guadalcanal" "apparently to deliver reinforcements to the weakening enemy forces on the island."

In connection with Japanese attempts to land reinforcements and supplies, the advance reported Friday assumed notable significance. It was along the north coast of the island to a position one-half mile north-west of Tassafaronga.

It was clear that the advance had reached such a point as to deny to the enemy the use of Tassafaronga beach as a landing point. The beach is about midway of the 20 miles between the American airfield and Cape Esperance, which marks the northwestern tip to which the hard-pressed Jap forces can retreat.

House Gives Dies Results

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—Rep. Dies (D-Tex) got action Friday on his demand that the house, in passing appropriation bills, bar the employment by government agencies of persons he described in such terms as "radical bureaucrats" or "crackpots."

Dies complained on the floor earlier this week that in some cases such persons, when employed by another.

To prevent this "hedge-hopping," as Rep. Hendricks (D-Fla) called it—at least on the part of the treasury department—the house wrote into the treasury appropriation bill a stipulation that the department should not use any of its funds to pay the salaries of any persons whose pay might be withheld in subsequent legislation dealing with other departments.

Santiam Highway Closed at Pass

Conditions of snow and rock in the Hog pass of the North Santiam highway have made that highway impassable and dangerous for highway workmen, County Judge Grant Murphy was notified Friday by State Highway Engineer T. H. Baldock.

Closure of the North Santiam highway at that point automatically closes the South Santiam, which has been closed, leaving no while the Mackenzie pass had pre-highway open over the mountains between the Willamette and the Wapinitia highways.

Meat Shortage Particulars Given

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5-(AP)—Full information concerning the meat shortage on the Pacific coast has been given the department of agriculture and the OPA, Frank E. Marsh, deputy regional OPA administrator, said Friday on his return from Washington.

Marsh conferred with Price Administrator Prentiss Brown. He said his office had transmitted the meat shortage information to the agriculture department through the OPA.

Until the adoption of a food rationing system, scheduled for about April 1, any relief in the situation is in the hands of the agriculture department, who get the original meat quotas for the nation, Marsh declared.

Case Now Misdemeanor

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5-(AP)—The case against Madge Bellamy, one time movie queen accused by police of firing three pistol bullets in the general vicinity of A. Stanwood Murphy, wealthy lumberman, as he left his Nob Hill club, dropped Friday from the felony class into the misdemeanor bracket.

\$75,000 Holdup Victims



Calmly setting up a shortwave radio, so they could listen to police calls while at work, three ultra-modern bandits recently stripped a swank Wilshire jewelry store in Los Angeles of money and gems valued at \$75,000 after tying up five store employees and a bystander. Photo shows one of the victims untying his fellow workers while another victim almost succeeds in loosening the binding on his feet.—IIN Photo.

Salem Defense Council Asks Cooperation in Training

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part of their departments in time of emergency and to undertake their training, using acceptable civilian defense courses.

The city's liability in case of accident has been greatly minimized by the recent passage of federal legislation insuring civilian defense personnel, County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley declared.

One of the principal factors in the previous regulations which kept training auxiliary firemen from securing actual experience with equipment was that question of liability, members of the auxiliary group had explained, although they also said the fact that some types of fire equipment are now almost irreplaceable had also been considered.

Interest in both fire and police auxiliaries dwindled as training became less interesting, it was said.

The new defense council, authorized by the federal government,

is practically all-authoritative in the field of civilian defense requirements, Hendricks pointed out to the committee as its duties and right were outlined. The defense council, appointed by the mayor in city council, represents army authorities in deciding policy within its limits, he explained.

All civilian defense officials and personnel within the city were re-appointed under blanket motion by the council at its Friday meeting.

Recognized as a civilian defense unit and assured of the council's interest in the work it has undertaken, the Oregon Women's Ambulance corps company in Salem is to receive a letter expressing that interest and recognition from the new organization.

On the council are Alderman Tom Armstrong, chairman; Kuhn, Alderman David O'Hara, Lewis, Alderman Daniel Fry, who as chairman of the police committee's instructions back to the city police department, and Dr. Henry E. Morris. Fry and Morris were absent, although at least one of them had expressed an opinion prior to the meeting in keeping with the action which was taken.

Pro, Con Heard, Milk Control

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the milk situation in Oregon over a period of many years. Henry declared that before milk control came into existence in Oregon there was a tendency for distributors to play one producer against another with the result that prices were forced below cost of production.

"It is my candid opinion," Henry continued, "that milk control has proved beneficial to both the producers and the consumers." He added that the dairy cooperative now has approximately 2900 producer members.

Operation of the law also was praised by Rex Ross of Portland, member of the board of directors of the Grade B Shippers association. Ross said the members of his association are heartily in favor of continuing milk control because the producers obtain a larger percentage of the consumer's dollar than before the law was enacted.

E. C. Potts, Portland newspaperman, charged that the law had hindered production, was class legislation and had encouraged racketeering.

Potts said the citizens of Portland particularly were against milk control under the present law.

Figures were presented by Chester Murphy, McMinnville, to show that producers, under the control law, had received higher prices for their milk than those who those who had withdrawn from operation under the act.

The control law was declared unnecessary by Gus Schlicker, a producer. He said pooling of milk continues under the law despite the present shortage.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, author of the bill to repeal the milk control law, charged at the outset that, in his opinion, the hearing was held in an effort to stall consideration of his measure.

(Additional legislative news today on page 3.)

Negro Takes Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—Truman H. Gibson, Jr., Negro attorney from Chicago, was appointed Friday acting civilian aide to the secretary of war, succeeding Judge William H. Hastie, Negro, whose resignation became effective February 1. Hastie, in resigning, protested that there had been discrimination against Negroes in the army air corps.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Sometimes success "only goes to show how far a horse can travel on the tail of a horse."—Confucius.

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You see the much misquoted ancient philosopher did say things that might be considered witty today.

And I'm wondering if Confucius did not think that even horseflies may reveal horse sense in their selection of steeds.

Truth of the matter is that most successful persons are on the right side of the page because they chose to ride the right hobby or were thrust in the saddle by circumstance.

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"Just think," said a successful professional man to me not long ago, "if it hadn't been for the last war I should have probably been a ———" and he mentioned another profession as opposite from his own as I could imagine. I have seen men like him in that profession settle down to become stale, not at all effective, buried beneath the details of the task, and I shuddered.

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And there is another who as just a little lad playing with a shovel and tin bucket at the seashore I had watched, seeing his great brown eyes grow wider as he gazed at the tiny dark objects against the horizon which we both knew only as "boats" out on the steamer lane.

As a young man he yearned for a life on the bounding main, but his family's ambitions for him were otherwise, and he added letters after his name, made a most creditable start on a profession he enjoyed.

Today he wears the blue and gold of the navy, filling a nominal office, but he is on the sea. And when he comes home again there will be no doubt as to where he will belong for he will have tried both horses and will know his own.

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Sometimes a smart fly finds that even a warhorse has a very rideable tail.—Childs.

UAL Given New Mail Rate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—The civil aeronautics board Friday applied its new general mail rate to United Air Lines and announced that it would reduce payments on mail to that company by approximately \$1,700,000 a year.

The board said at the same time that it would give early consideration to a reduction in United's passenger rates.

The new mail rate, which applies to the entire system, is 0.3 mill per pound mile and became effective as of January 1. The rate previously had been applied to Eastern Airlines, American Airlines and Pennsylvania-Central Airlines.

Harlee Branch, a board member, dissented from the majority's decision, contending that it "results in excessive mail compensation for this carrier, as in every other case in which the 0.3 mill rate has been applied."

The CAB said that United could be expected to have a profit of \$8,545,222 this year, figured before federal income taxes. It estimated that United would make a profit, before federal taxes of \$4,167,722 on passenger and express business at present rates and that annual mail revenue under the new rate would be \$4,177,500.

WAAC Recruiters In Monmouth Today

MONMOUTH, Feb. 5—Capt. D. K. MacDougall and other members of the Oregon recruiting and induction district staff of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps will be in Monmouth Saturday to acquaint the women of this sector with the work done by the WAAC and to enroll those who wish to become members. Headquarters will be at the city hall, and applicants will be interviewed between 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

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John Payne
Roy Rogers in "Heart of The Golden West"
Ruth Terry

Yank Airmen Destroy 26 Axis Planes

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muniqué itself did not mention this action, simply reporting: "There was no change in the ground situation."

It was the air on which attention was focused.

Twenty-four of the 26 axis planes shot down—this was Thursday in fights resulting from American raids on German airbases and auxiliary fields in the Gages area—were torn apart by two formations of Flying Fortresses in a 50-mile running combat which cost but a single Fortress. The 25th axis plane was downed by American Lightning fighters; the 26th was destroyed in attempting to sweep in over the allied forward area.

In the great combat over the Gages area four Lightnings were lost, aside from the single Fortress. Five other allied fighters were lost in other operations.

While this one-sided score was being run up over the axis in the Tunisian area, the allied middle east air force bombed Palermo in Italian Sicily and attacked enemy shipping off the Tunisian coast with undetermined results.

Aground, British patrols operating in the Tunisian frontier area appeared to be preparing the way for the next advance of the Eighth army in its continuing pursuit of Marshal Rommel's retreat into Tunisia.

Flynn Jury Undecided

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5-(AP)—A superior court jury trying Errol Flynn on three morals charges involving two teen-age girls was ordered locked up for the night when it had failed to reach an agreement at 9:54 p. m. (PWT) Friday night, nearly 11 hours after receiving the case.

It will resume its deliberations Saturday morning. As he awaited the jury's verdict, the actor maintained the same impassive air with which he had listened for 20 days as he was alternately branded an unscrupulous seducer of young womanhood and defended as an innocent victim of malign circumstance.

Huge Planes Planned

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 5-(AP)—With a 400-passenger plane in the wooden real-size model stage at Consolidated Aircraft Corp., Harry Woodhead, president, said Friday night that still larger craft are contemplated by the concern's design engineers.

CAPITOL TODAY

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Planes Slash Nazi Cities

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the heavy bomber, announced to the world:

"We intend to go all out in intensifying the air warfare. My first job is to increase and intensify the bombing of the enemy."

This is his third and most important command since he left the US army's general headquarters air force, which he had organized and commanded. In February, 1939, when he reverted to the rank of colonel and was sent to Texas, general opinion among army men was that he had been broken for his persistence in demanding a large air force.

When Gen. George C. Marshall became chief of staff, Andrews was recalled to Washington, elevated to brigadier general and given an over-all command. When the European war broke out he was sent to Panama as commander of the Caribbean defense area. Last year he was shifted to Cairo as commander of US forces in the middle east.

Hull Says Africa Problems Clearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5-(AP)—Belief that the north African political problems are clearing up was expressed by Secretary Hull Friday, and it was also made known that a relief program for civilians there is well under way with 50,000 tons of food and other supplies already delivered.

The secretary of state told a press conference there had been a decided improvement in the general political situation since the Casablanca conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He called the announced release of 27 French communist deputies, who had been under arrest since 1940, an example of how the situation is being clarified.

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