

# Bayonet Charges Push Desert Fox Back

## Club and Statesman Sponsor Contest For Amateur Farmers

### Appearance, Quality and Quantity Counted in Judging Plots; Size To Determine Classification

As though raising food for victory and augmenting one's own supply in the face of anticipated scarcity were not incentives enough, the Salem Men's Garden club in cooperation with The Oregon Statesman is sponsoring a Victory Garden contest.

Bare announcement of such a contest was made more than two months ago. Now it's April, "gardening month" in the Willamette valley, and time for a more detailed announcement. The Men's Garden club's primary purpose was, and is, encouragement to Victory Gardeners. Hundreds of Salem families have already started their Victory Gardens, but that in no way reduces the desirability of conducting a Victory Garden contest. For the contest objective is the development of good Victory Gardens, and that requires on the gardeners' part a great deal more than

### ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

#### Victory Garden Program and Contest

Please enroll my name as a participant in the Salem Victory Garden and Home Food Supply Program. I understand that this enrollment makes my garden eligible for prize awards offered in the Victory Garden contest sponsored by the Salem Men's Garden club and The Oregon Statesman.

Approximate area of my plot is.....square feet.

My garden is located at.....

My address is.....

Signed.....

Print or type name here.....

## 8 Oregon Men Held by Japs

The Victory Garden contest will be open to all non-professional vegetable gardeners living in Salem and its immediate environs. Russell Pratt, president of the Men's Garden club, pointed out Tuesday that since participation in the contest carries with it no obligation, every person cultivating or planning to start a Victory Garden should enroll. The entry blank is printed herewith. Gardeners should fill it out and send or bring it either to the Statesman office or to the YMCA. Other places where entry blanks may be turned in may be announced later.

Inasmuch as the city has been divided into four sections and there will be first and second prizes in each of two classes of gardens, there will be 16 prizes in all.

Class I gardens will be those of 2500 feet or less; class II gardens will be those of more than 2500 square feet. In view of this segregation, it is important that each entrant specify on his entry blank the approximate area of his garden.

Section 1 is all territory lying north of Center street and west of Summer street.

Section 2 is all territory lying north of Center street and east of Summer street.

Section 3 is all territory lying south of Center street and west of Summer street.

Section 4 is all territory lying south of Center street and east of Summer street.

Gardens will be judged 25 per cent on cultivation, 30 per cent on quantity and quality of food produced, 10 per cent on early garden crops, 10 per cent on summer and fall crops, 25 per cent on general appearance.

Meanwhile the Men's Garden club is continuing its efforts to assist Victory Gardeners in every possible way. A number of gardening classes are being conducted. At Thursday night's meeting of the club at the YMCA, open to both men and women for the reason that an informal spring flower show is being held with the blooms on display in the lobby, several men who are authorities on various phases of gardening will be present to answer gardeners' questions.

## Farm Bill To Be Tabled

WASHINGTON, April 6-(AP)—The Bankhead farm bill, vetoed by President Roosevelt on the grounds it is inflationary, Tuesday night appeared headed for an uneasy resting place with the senate agriculture committee, possibly to be brought up again at some later date.

At the end of a day of tense senate debate, Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.), author of the measure designed to raise some farm price ceilings, conceded that the two-thirds vote necessary to override the president's veto was lacking. He asked that the bill be sent to the agriculture committee, but a vote on his motion was deferred until Wednesday.

## Posse Seeks Missing Boy

CORVALLIS, ORE., April 6-(AP)—A sheriff's posse searched the coast range 35 miles west of here Tuesday for a 16-year-old boy.

The youth's parents, who live near Summit, told police the boy took a rifle and ran off into the woods Monday after an argument at home. He has not been seen since.

## RAF Smashes 30 Factories

LONDON, Wednesday, April 7-(AP)—Thirty Berlin factories, large blocks of centrally located business offices and railway repair shops in the Tempelhof freight yards were destroyed or badly damaged in the RAF raid on the German capital March 1, the air ministry announced Tuesday.

The official statement said reconnaissance photographs showed vast destruction after the raid which was regarded as one of the "most successful" ever made on Berlin. The capital was twice

pounded heavily later in the month—so heavily, in fact, that German censorship sternly stopped the seeping of news to the outside world.

RAF experts who analyzed the pictures said destruction was heaviest in the districts west and southwest of the center of Berlin.

Two big raids on factories producing roller bearings, telephone equipment, fire control apparatus and precision instruments caused heavy damage, the ministry said.

Other destruction reported included:

- A wing of the main building of a chemical plant was demolished partly by a direct hit. Two sheds were destroyed.
- One coachwork factory was ruined over an area of 85,000 square feet. Five workshops of another coach factory were destroyed by fire. Some 30,000 square feet of the top story of a large automobile engineering building were burned out.
- Suburban districts were heavily punished. Pictures disclosed that many warehouses there were destroyed.
- Inland docks in the Hafencity district were ruined.
- Although railway communications appear to have been interrupted at only one place by a direct hit on the tracks, the air ministry said platforms and railway buildings at two stations were damaged.

## Dairymen Ask Higher Prices

PORTLAND, April 6-(AP)—Oregon dairymen protested in a mass meeting here Tuesday that office of price administration ceilings on milk are too low.

"The fluid milk industry, which is closely connected with the public health and is for sometime past has been operating at a loss in a period of rapidly increasing costs.... producers have sought to maintain production at a loss out of a sense of obligation... but they cannot under present conditions carry on much longer," a resolution said. Spokesmen said it was passed by 1000 dairymen at the meeting.

## Soldiers May Pledge

WASHINGTON, April 6-(AP)—Soldier students assigned to colleges may join fraternities if they wish—and get an opportunity—the war department ruled Tuesday.

## Fires Rage in Berlin After RAF Raid



This radiophoto, received from a neutral source, is described as showing flames rising after the collapse of the dome of St. Hedwig's cathedral in Berlin, during the RAF's March 1 raid. At the right, flames are breaking out on the roof of the Dresden bank. This view is from the Kaiser Franz Josef Platz.—Associated Press Teletext.

## Senate Will Plug History

WASHINGTON, April 6-(AP)—The senate was asked Tuesday to write an educational prescription for some history-deficient students who can't tell the difference between George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Expressing shock at the results of an investigation which he said disclosed "an appalling neglect of United States history in public secondary schools," Senator Guffey (D-Pa.) submitted a resolution calling for an inquiry to promote a more thorough study of the subject.

## Albany Court Begins Trial Of Folkes

ALBANY, April 6-(AP)—Robert E. Lee Folkes, 20-year-old negro dining car cook charged with first-degree murder in the "lower 13" knife slaying of Mrs. Richard F. James, will go on trial here Wednesday.

Mrs. James, 21-year-old navy ensign's bride of four months, was killed as she lay in lower 13 of sleeping car aboard a Southern Pacific train as it roared southward through Linn county early Jan. 23. She was a member of a prominent Norfolk, Va., family.

Folkes, whose home was in Los Angeles, was arrested there as the train ended its run. Los Angeles police said Folkes made statements admitting that he slashed Mrs. James' throat and Linn County District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick said Folkes made a similar statement after he was returned here. None of the statements were signed by Folkes, however, Weinrick said.

Aiding Weinrick with the state's case will be L. Orth Sisemore of Klamath Falls. Folkes' attorney is Leroy Lomax of Portland.

Folkes' mother, Mrs. Clara Folkes, and his wife, Mrs. Jessie Folkes, arrived today for the trial. Arrangements have been completed for the return of several passengers aboard the train as witnesses. The death and the dinner in which Folkes worked have been brought here.

## Albany Soldier Believed Missing

ALBANY—Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Randall of route 2, Albany, have received word that their son, Sgt. W. Fred Randall, bomber gunner, who was credited with personally shooting down a German plane on February 8, is missing in action in North Africa. Details have not been received. Randall was graduated from the high school year with the class of 1938, and two years later joined the army. During his school life he was prominent in both 4H club work and FFA activities.

## Butter Output Up

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6-(AP)—Butter production went up 4 per cent in western states last week, but down 2 per cent nationally, the federal state market service reported. Compared with last year, western production ran 7 per cent lower, and national 3 per cent higher.

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During March, alone, it was pointed out, Marion county chapter expended in excess of \$1800 in home service. Much of this was for emergency transportation, with advances made through field offices to be repaid.

Miss Orpha Dasch, daughter of John Dasch, has taken over her duties as home service supervisor with the chapter on a full-time basis. For several years Miss Dasch was a family case worker with the welfare office.

"The extra money raised will not be wasted," declared Justice George Rossman, Marion county chapter chairman as he discussed the drive, already \$6000 over the minimum quota set for Marion county. "Our chapter is required to account" (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

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A single heavy bomber strafed the airbase at Finchhafen, on the Huon peninsula, at low altitude, starting fires.

One heavy bomber raided the airbase at Gasmata, New Britain, and strafed an enemy coastal vessel in a nearby harbor.

A single heavy bomber also strafed the waterfront area at Cape Gloucester.

A medium bomber raided enemy installations at Wokam and Kenari on the Aroe islands, which are 500 miles north of Darwin, Australia.

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The secretary's statement left no doubt that the German spring offensive in the Atlantic—an offensive designed to disrupt allied plans for heavy military pressure on Europe this year—was actually under way and probably would be stepped up as the Germans throw more and more subs into combat duty.

The nazis are still reported to be producing U-boats well in excess of their loss rate.

Knox said that up to the present the nazis attacks had developed (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

## Reds Retake Strong Point

LONDON, Wednesday, April 7-(AP)—The Russians announced Tuesday that they had driven the Germans back from one favorable position in a strong counter-attack south of Izyum on the Donets front, and late broadcasts from Berlin acknowledged that the nazis were on the defensive at one point in this sector.

The red army counterattack was launched after the Germans had frequently attacked Russian positions, finally becoming exhausted in stubborn fighting, said the Moscow midnight communication as recorded here by the soviet monitor.

The Russians also reported sharp fighting in the Chuguev area of the Donets basin, south-east of Kharkov, a consolidation of soviet positions on the Smolensk sector of the western front, and fighting in the western Caucasus in which red troops captured a populated place.

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## US Army Perils Flank

### Air Raids, Artillery Set Battle Stage for Storming Tommies

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 6-(AP)—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army, striking out after aerial preparations more crushing than those preceding the victorious attacks on the Alamein and Mareth lines, opened a new offensive at dawn Tuesday against Marshal Rommel's improvised defense at the Wadi El Akarit.

The first objectives were taken by storm and the mighty push to drive the axis finally out of Africa continued throughout the day and into the night.

The Wadi is some 60 miles south of Sfax, where Rommel may elect to make one of his last stands in Tunisia.

With clockwork precision, Montgomery's fighting men moved forward against the entrenched German machinegun and infantry positions at 4:30 a. m. after a fierce bombardment through the night by concentrated British artillery.

At Bayonet point British troops smashed into outlying enemy posts and, with veteran tank columns in support, the battle to drive Rommel into the narrow confines of the Tunis-Bizerte bridgehead in northern Tunisia continued.

Montgomery, the master of Rommel in every encounter of the last eight months, carefully set the stage for this newest drive by a one-week pause about 20 miles north of Gabes to bring up his troops and supplies.

The Wadi El Akarit, winding across the desert coastal plain from the sea to the rugged hills some 40 miles westward, was a naturally strong position, but it could not compare with the deep fortifications of the Mareth line, which Montgomery outflanked and cracked through barely nine days ago.

In growing peril were Rommel's elite infantry and panzer companies, which have been pocketed the past few days in the El Guetara area defending the angular wedge of territory which separated the American second corps of Lieutenant Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., from the British Eighth army on the coast.

Each yard that the British punched forward through the Akarit defenses outflanked that much more these forces disposed along the American sector to the southwest.

With opening of the new drive Gen. Patton's battle-hardened American infantry and armor stood on Rommel's extended right flank and the enemy obviously could expect them to exert heavy pressure as the Eighth army's assaults progressed.

The chief passes to the coast, where the Americans fought hot engagements recently, are in the areas of El Guetara, Maknassy and Fondouk.

Against German guns emplaced in concrete and commanding the dominant hills in an area belted with wide minefields, the Americans have made painfully slow advances recently. Success by Montgomery, however, would compel the enemy to abandon these defenses just as those of the Mareth line finally abandoned when the New Zealanders under Lieut. Gen. Sir Bernard C. Freyberg struck deep into the desert and around Rommel's flank at El Hamma.

## De Gaulle Asked To Delay Visit

WASHINGTON, April 6-(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower's request to General Charles De Gaulle to defer a visit to North Africa had not been reported officially to President Roosevelt Tuesday and the chief executive declined to comment on it.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had heard about it in the papers, and that something on the subject might be in a bundle of dispatches on his desk which he had not yet gone through.

De Gaulle had planned to consult with General Henri Giraud but London dispatches said Eisenhower had asked him to wait, for military reasons.