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NINETY THIRD YEAR

Farming Study Scheduled For County Schools

Students to Use Garden Booklets Designed to Arouse Interest

BY FLORENCE DANNALS (Statesman Valley Editor)

Announcement was made Saturday by Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, county superintendent of schools, and Frank Bennett, Salem city superintendent, that 5500 farm booklets will be circulated through the Marion county schools Monday to interest students in Oregon agricultural problems.

The booklets going to teachers are aids and ideas designed to help them present the course of training to be given in the schools for the next ten days or two weeks. The student's booklets contain a detailed explanation of the part Marion county plays in the production of food, and the part the children will play in the harvesting of the crop, plus crop statistics, information on preparation for doing the job, how to get a job, and other pertinent material.

The course of study was designed by Walter Snyder, curricula director of the Salem schools, with a group of educators with whom he worked as chairman. Through the course, Mrs. Booth stated, "it is hoped that we will build up an interest on the part of the pupil and a realization of his part to be played this summer, as well as the problems facing the farmer."

Working with the schools on the program is the Marion county youth coordinating committee, the executive members being Mrs. Booth; Robert Rieder, county agent; William Baillie, manager of the US employment office; Amos Bierly, 4H club leader, and the chairman, Ray J. Glat. They have assisted in an advisory capacity in presenting the course of study to the schools.

The purpose of the plan, when it was originated in the spring of 1942, was to save Oregon's \$50,000,000 farm crops. A brief outline of the present course of study was presented to the students last spring; their response was over-

Reds Destroy 18 German Airplanes

LONDON, Sunday, April 24 - Russian airmen destroyed 18 more German planes in the northwestern Caucasus and hit 18 others in a raid on the airfield at Stalino in the Donets basin, Moscow reported early today as land fighting subsided on the long front. The broadcast was heard here by the Soviet monitor.

One company of enemy infantry was reported annihilated or dispersed in the Balakleya sector southeast of Kharkov in the Ukraine by sporadic artillery duels raging along the front, and the communists disclosed the red army still was entrenched in the Sevsk salient 80 miles below Byranck.

Soviet artillerymen were said to have destroyed five enemy blockhouses and dispersed a battalion of Germans in the Sevsk sector.

Six blockhouses, one artillery piece, and two enemy batteries were knocked out on the Volkhov front southeast of Leningrad, the communique said, and 200 Germans were killed.

Soviet airmen appeared to have taken over the brunt of the fighting. The 18 planes credited to the Caucasian air force were down in air combat or destroyed on German airfields. At Stalino the communique said 18 "successful hits on enemy planes were observed."

OPA Announces Valid Coupons

WASHINGTON, April 24 - (AP) The OPA announced officially Saturday that meat ration coupons will continue on a weekly-accumulative basis at least until the end of May.

County Drive Nearing Quota

Sidney-Talbot Local Of Farmers Union Gives \$30,000

Chairman Jesse Gard of the Marion county victory loan committee Saturday reported that individual bond sales reached \$2,187,778 with but \$312,212 to go to the goal of \$2,500,000 set for this county. At the same time, Gard revealed that he is launching the slogan, "Another million by May 1," and said he feels confident that quota can be filled.

By DONALD M. NELSON (Written for the Associated Press and The Oregon Statesman) Manpower, materials and money are tools of war on which our victory depends.

We are marshalling our manpower to provide fighting forces and production workers. We must marshal our dollars and put them to work.

It is a privilege and duty of each of us to participate in the second war loan drive by investing in war bonds we are not paying for freedom, we are investing in freedom. There is no better or more sound investment on earth.

Sidney-Talbot Farmers Union, local 235, Friday night swelled the bond coffers with a \$30,000 subscription. Sales averaged \$500 per person at a meeting of the group. The committee in charge said, in view of the fact a number of members were absent, the sum may be boosted to \$80,000.

The committee also said Saturday that \$4000 of the California Packing corporation subscription had been allocated to Marion county. Percy Blundell, manager of the firm, announced the purchase.

Chairman Gard said that the (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

TNT Laden Ship Perils New York

NEW YORK, April 24 - (AP) - An explosive laden ship was sunk in the Hudson river off Bayonne, N.J. Saturday after it had caught fire and the police department broadcast a request that waterfront residents of Brooklyn, Staten island and New Jersey keep their windows open.

Acting Police Commissioner Louis Costuma requested the warnings be given after the ship had burned for some time and had been towed from its moorings at Jersey City to a point between the New Jersey and New York shores.

Fireboats and police launches meanwhile had been sent to the aid of the boat. At 9:15 p. m., Eastern War time, the New York police department announced that the ship had been sunk.

Later Rear Admiral Stanley V. Parker, US coast guard captain of the port of New York, issued the following statement:

"A vessel loaded with explosives caught fire about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. The vessel was removed to an anchorage and New York municipal fire boats, coast guard fire boats, and commercial and government tugs and small craft responded. The vessel was flooded and is now on bottom with superstructure above water and petroleum products bobbling to surface burning.

Bombers Attack Jap Base

US Airmen Raid Nip Convoy Off Wewak; Liberator Returns

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, April 25 (AP) - Far-ranging allied bombers, covering nearly 1500 miles, gave the big Japanese airplane assembly base of Kendari, in the Celebes, its first pounding since February 10, yesterday, dropping 21 tons of bombs which destroyed five planes on the ground and wrecked repair shops.

Five other planes were shot down in the air for certain, and a sixth was believed bagged.

Meanwhile another bomber spotted and attacked a large enemy convoy of unspecified size far to the northwest of Wewak, New Guinea, but was not able to observe the results. Over Wewak's harbor a third allied bomber fought off a swarm of 12 Japanese planes, shooting down five and getting home safely despite some damage dealt the bomber.

General Douglas MacArthur's raiders left a trail of flame over the sector to the northwest of Australia. In addition to starting huge fires at Kendari which could be seen for 75 miles away, they also fired the airfield at Dili on Timor, causing flames which could be seen from 25 miles at sea and staged several other raids.

Big Liberators, flown by Americans, took part in the devastating raid on Kendari. Billy Mitchell medium bombers, with Dutch pilots, delivered the blows at Dili.

Most of the explosives and incendiaries dumped on Kendari fell on the airfield and in the workshop areas.

The Liberators encountered 20 Japanese fighters over the target. None of the allied planes were lost as they netted five of the enemy for certain.

The convoy was spotted 300 miles north of Wewak about noon Saturday by a single Liberator on armed reconnaissance. Preliminary reports failed to disclose the convoy's composition.

In the Sador sector of New Guinea, southeast of Madang, B-24s bombed and strafed the villages of Singor, Gumbi and Biliau, occupied by enemy troops.

The only Japanese aerial activity reported was an ineffectual raid by a single plane under cover of darkness on Dona, northwest of Buna, New Guinea.

To the northwest of Australia, medium allied bombers struck at two small cargo ships near the Kai islands, sinking one and damaging the other.

DAR Plans Fete At Champoeg

PORTLAND, April 24 - (AP) - The Oregon DAR announced Saturday that it will hold open house at the Champoeg centennial celebration May 2.

The organization's cabin at Champoeg, hewn out of huge trees, is one of the state's landmarks.

Mrs. Seymour Jones, Salem, and Mrs. E. C. Apperson, McMinnville, will be among past presidents acting as hostesses.

Nazi Plane Downed Over West Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, April 24 - (AP) - American fighters shot down a German reconnaissance plane over western Iceland Saturday, US army headquarters announced. Reykjavik was under an air raid alert for 25 minutes.

By FLOYD LANSDON (Approved by Army Censor) ORDINANCE, Ore., April 24 - (AP) - If the army needs a two-ton aerial bomb to drop on Tokyo, or another box of pistol bullets for a soldier in the Solomons, like as not the storekeeper here will get the order.

Refuses



JOHN L. LEWIS

UMW Leader Ignores WLB

Board, Undeterred, Continues Plans For Arbitration

WASHINGTON, April 24 - (AP) - Undeterred by John L. Lewis' refusal to heed its summons, the war labor board went ahead Saturday with plans for arbitration and ordered continued operation of the bituminous mines under existing contract terms. Any wage adjustments later ordered will be retroactive to April 1.

Only the operators responded to the WLB request to attend a preliminary meeting on the soft

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 24 - (AP) - Production of coal at five major Alabama mines was halted Saturday as miners failed to report at the four principal shafts of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., and one mine of the Woodward Iron Co.

coal wage dispute to determine procedure and timing. The board said Lewis did not acknowledge its call.

A three-man panel will begin private hearings on Wednesday, the day after a scheduled meeting of the United Mine Workers policy committee in New York. The panel personnel, as yet not designated, will represent the public, industry and labor. The board notified Lewis of its decision and invited him to suggest "several names" by 9:30 a.m. Monday to help in the selection of the labor member. The panel will hear the (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Kaiser Attorney Predicts Case Headed Higher

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24 - (AP) - Harry Morton, chief counsel for Shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser predicted at the Kaiser shipyard labor hearing Saturday that the case will end up in federal court.

The hearing is on national labor relations board charges that three Kaiser shipyards of this area signed illegal closed-shop contracts with AFL unions. Morton's statement was made after Trial Examiner Robert N. Denham criticized defense attorneys for attempting to offer evidence of a kind which he previously had rejected.

Sweden Warns Nazis

Reprisals Threatened If German Attacks On Ships Continue

By JOHN COLBURN

STOCKHOLM, April 24 - (AP) - The Swedish government, announcing the discovery of German mines in Sweden's territorial waters, sent a blunt note to Berlin Saturday warning Germany about the mine-laying and expressing dissatisfaction over the German answer to a protest against the firing upon the Swedish submarine Draken by the German merchant ship Altkirch.

The government announced the Swedish navy will take measures against any German forces laying mines in this nation's territorial waters as well as against ships which fire on Swedish vessels.

While the formal note to Berlin mentioned only that "measures" would be taken, qualified observers viewed the order as meaning that officers had been instructed to open fire to protect the neutrality that has safeguarded Sweden from the war.

The note demanded assurance of the nazis that steps would be taken to prevent a repetition of such incidents as the attacks on the Draken.

"Swedish naval vessels are ordered to take measures against ships belonging to belligerent powers which, through laying mines or shooting at other ships or in other ways, are caught in the act of breaking the ban against military action with Swedish territory," the note said.

It was disclosed that during the search for the missing Swedish submarine, submerged German mines were discovered inside the three-mile territorial limit in the vicinity of Marstrand.

Union Heeds FR's Orders, Quits Strike

NEWARK, N.J., April 24 - (AP) - Howard Gill, president of local 12666, United Mine Workers, announced Saturday "at the president's request" members of the union would return to work Monday morning at the Celanese corporation where they have been on strike since April 10.

In a telegram to John L. Lewis, president of UMW, and other officers of the union, President Roosevelt earlier Saturday ordered the union to end its strike at the corporation's plastic division plant and return to work by Monday noon.

Gill said the union, in a meeting Saturday afternoon at Polish Falcon hall, "voted unanimously" to return to work.

"The president in his telegram has assured us," Gill said, "that he will see that the proper agencies give the proper hearings that are necessary. That is all we wanted in the first place."

The war labor board Friday night announced it had referred the dispute to the president. Members of the UMW had been out for two weeks in a jurisdictional difference between their union and the Textile Workers of America (CIO), which holds a collective bargaining contract with the company.

Gill said picketing of the plant "stopped as of tonight."

"The men will report for the Monday morning shift, ready to be assigned to their posts," he added.

Gill said approximately 700 members of the union attended the meeting.

In his telegram to the UMW officials, President Roosevelt had told them "if you do not comply (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Allies Close In African Battle

Generals Tour Front



American army forces under Gen. "Ike" Eisenhower (shown above, left), touring the Tunisian front with Lt. Gen. George P. Patton, Jr., were savagely attacking the axis flank late Saturday night attempting a "break through" which would trap axis forces facing Gen. Montgomery's Eighth army on the eastern anchor.—IIN Photo.

Rommel Deserts Armies as Siege Lines Shrink

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 24 - (AP) - American troops who sped secretly to battle from southern Tunisia and French forces on the northern coast were closing on Bizerte from three directions Saturday and the British were overrunning strategic Long Stop hill in their push toward Tunis against the rapidly shrinking axis siege line.

In the midst of this sudden outburst of fierce fighting for the principal remaining objectives in Africa—the great naval base and the capital—it was disclosed that the German commander, Marshal Erwin Rommel, had disappeared.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's 18th army group headquarters announced the capture of a document dated March 19 which indicated that Rommel, who led his Africa corps into Tunisia after the long retreat from El Alamein, no longer is in Africa.

The document was signed by Col.-Gen. Jurgen von Arnim as general officer, commander in chief, and not by Rommel. There have been numerous reports recently that Rommel had been spirited out of Tunisia to organize axis defenses along the southern European coast. Other reports have hinted that he had fallen into disgrace with Hitler and been removed, while still others said he was recovering in Germany from an attack of malaria.

Shifted from the south swiftly and secretly, American troops in the north have launched a full-scale attack against axis troops, front dispatches said, and after a six-mile advance are fighting their way from hill to hill within 80 miles of Bizerte.

(A French communique, recorded in London from north African broadcasts, said French forces had advanced more than 12 miles in the Cap Serrat area. This would place them at least within 23 miles (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Tire Ration Restriction Is Eased

WASHINGTON, April 24 - (AP) - The office of price administration announced Saturday that motorists whose gasoline rations permit driving more than 240 miles monthly will be eligible May 1 to buy top grade tires, provided their present casings cannot be recapped.

Most B ration book holders will be qualified to get the grade 1 tires under the new ruling. Previously, a motorist had to have sufficient rations to drive 580 miles a month to be eligible.

At the same time, it was disclosed that the manufacture of "victory" tires from reclaimed rubber was halted March 31 because performance was not up to expectations. Reclaimed rubber will now be diverted to recaps and retreads, which motorists driving less than 240 miles monthly may purchase.

Strike Over JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 24 - (AP) Striking streetcar and bus operators voted 50-49 Saturday night to end a one-day walkout which threatened to tie up transportation of a large portion of the city's 25,000 steel workers.

Valley Churches Observe Easter Sunrise Rites

As Easter dawns this year in the Willamette valley, hundreds of worshippers will join union sunrise services at each of the leading cities.

In Salem, the Ministerial association is sponsoring an hour of worship at the capitol. Dr. J. Edgar Purdy is the speaker, with the army band at the fairgrounds furnishing music and Prof. R. J. Lush, Cpl. Mackey Swan, and Hermon Burke, guest musicians.

Methodist youth at Dallas will attend sunrise services at 6 a. m. on Domaschosky hill. The Trinity and Christian churches in Silverton plan sunrise worship, as do Turner church-goers, where a union service will be held at 7 a. m. along Mill creek. Aurora Presbyterians will meet at 7 a. m. on Irvin hill.

IRA Stages Daring Raid On Theatre

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 24 - (AP) - An armed group of the Irish republican army seized a movie theatre in the nationalist section of the city Saturday night to conduct an Easter service for "men who died for Ireland" and to protest the presence of American troops in Ulster.

Hugh McAteer, IRA chief of staff who, with three other IRA prisoners, escaped from a Belfast jail in January and for whose capture a \$12,000 reward has been offered, appeared with the group. They stopped the show, ordered the lights turned on and directed the audience to remain.

They clambered to the stage and read a "proclamation," then fled back into hiding.

Japanese Launch China Offensive

CHUNGKING, April 24 - (AP) - About 40,000 Japanese have launched simultaneous offensives from northern Honan and southeastern Shansi in a converging drive against Chinese holding the Taihan mountains west of the Peiping-Hankow railway, a Chinese communique disclosed Saturday.

New Tax Bill Is Approved

WASHINGTON, April 24 - (AP) - A new pay-as-you-go tax bill, cancelling approximately 44 per cent of 1943 tax obligations, emerged from the ways and means committee Saturday as the democratic majority sought to compromise the weary house deadlock.

House democratic leader McCormack of Massachusetts promptly bid for republican support for the plan, asserting it results in "forgiveness of about \$5,000,000,000" and holding out this olive branch of conciliation.

"My republican friends need not fear that such action would be construed as a defeat for them or a victory for the democrats. It would be a powerful message to our enemies of legislative unity."

Army Tells of Oregon Ordnance Depot

By FLOYD LANSDON (Approved by Army Censor) ORDINANCE, Ore., April 24 - (AP) - If the army needs a two-ton aerial bomb to drop on Tokyo, or another box of pistol bullets for a soldier in the Solomons, like as not the storekeeper here will get the order.

The storekeeper is Col. Archie G. Buyers, who operates the Umatala ordnance depot—a sprawling domain encircled by sagebrush and sand dunes along the Columbia river. It looks like a tremendous city built by treacherous prairie dogs.

Colonel Buyers, hard-bitten veteran of the army ordnance corps, can fill such an order, and double it or triple it if necessary. He has two-ton bombs on his shelves, along with almost everything else that the army uses to blast the Japanese, Germans and Italians. His stock is being enlarged by every train that arrives from the coast and midwest.

How big a stock he carries is a military secret, but to one of the first-civilian groups ever permitted inside the closely guarded enclosure it looked like plenty.

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