

Axis Fleeing Tunis, Bizerte

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Thus collapsed the axis defenses throughout north Tunisia except for strong elements still entrenched in the hills between the plain of Tunis and Enfidaville in positions already menaced by the British Eighth army.

The two cities were conquered in the mightiest offensive of the African war, in a shattering final drive that raced through crumbling German positions.

This last-ditch defense apparently was designed to give the fleeing bulk of the enemy a chance to escape to the hills of the Cap Bon peninsula in the northeast.

Large numbers of prisoners were taken in both cities and in the fighting outside.

Gen. Henri Giraud immediately named Gen. Charles Mast as resident general of France in Tunisia.

American units plunged nine miles to Bizerte and British First army forces advanced 14 miles in the fiercest kind of fighting Friday to capture the cities.

The Americans of the Second corps encountered terrific opposition in their push to Bizerte, but after taking Ferryville at 1 p. m. Friday, the Yank columns converged upon the naval base in a tremendous drive by armor and infantry.

In the final battle before Tunis, British armor and infantry smashed the positions which the Germans had hastily erected. The Germans fought fiercely there.

Just before the break into Tunis itself the British had taken Le Bardo, home of the bey of Tunis, but it has not yet been determined whether the bey was there or was taken to the continent by the Germans, who had elevated him to "king of Tunisia."

Allied air forces were again complete masters of the skies Friday. The axis air force was almost non-existent.

American and British airmen pounded thousands of bombs upon the retreating enemy, smashing explosives along the congested roads of retreat full of men, and trucks and tanks, with vehicles often bumper to bumper.

Crack German troops were among the units that fell back before the allied onslaught.

Airmen in the Straits of Sicily saw a number of boats carrying axis troops across to Sicily, indicating that a partial evacuation was being attempted, but it was on a small scale.

A large percentage of the ships were being sunk. It now seems most probable that the axis cannot attempt a large scale evacuation.

It was the finest hour for the allied world since the beginning of the war, and something of the sense of victory was abroad in other theatres, as well.

State Fair Possibilities Being Mulled

Whether the Oregon state fair will be held this year probably will be determined definitely within the next few weeks, Leo Spitzbart, fair manager, declared here Friday.

If the fair is held it will open on September 1 and will be "rearranged" in compliance with war conditions. Races would be held in the afternoon with parades and there would be a substantial number of exhibits. The usual night horse show would be eliminated in favor of a state performance in the stadium.

"If a state fair is to be held this year it will be necessary to make our contracts early," Spitzbart said.

Spitzbart said par-mutuel returns in all parts of the United States are higher this year than ever before.

Insane Hospital Inmate Captured

Salem city police last night apprehended an escaped inmate of the Oregon state hospital for the insane.

The inmate had earlier in the evening frightened a motorist who picked him up for a hitchhiker at 19th and Center streets and took him as far as 14th and Chemeketa where he leaped from the car and fled.

Youngest, Oldest Mothers to Be Feted At Foursquare Gospel

A special Mother's day service will be held Sunday at 7:45 o'clock at the Foursquare Gospel church, Rev. T. W. Henderson, pastor.

The youngest and oldest mother present will be honored. Also there will be special music by the southern singers climaxed by a message from Evangelist Reppond.

DANCE TONIGHT

Veterans Hall
Corner Hood & Church St.
Old Time Dancing
Music by
The Oregonians

American Air Transports Carry Goods to China



NO GOOD LAND ROUTE exists at present for transportation of American supplies to the valiantly fighting Chinese army, but those supplies still are getting to Chungking—by air "over the hump" of the towering Himalayas. Cargo is loaded aboard a transport somewhere in Assam at the southern end of the route, upper left. To cross the high peaks the transports must fly at altitudes



of 15,000 feet or higher, as at upper right. Crew members like Pilot Lt. Arthur S. Welling, lower left, "must use oxygen masks. Passengers, however, do not rate masks" so they must remain as inert as possible to avoid "blanking out." That's why the US army major and colonel, lower right, are relaxing atop rifle cases.—IIN Sound-photo.

Court to Hear Mill Creek Water Right Determinations

Findings and order of determination of State Engineer Charles E. Stricklin as to the relative rights to use the waters of Mill creek and its tributaries in Marion county, signed Friday, will come to hearing in Marion county circuit court June 19 at 10 a. m.

Included in the rights determined among the 115 claimants are those of the state institutions in and adjacent to the city of Salem, and those of the Oregon

Pulp and Paper company, Thomas Kay Woolen Mill company, and the City of Salem, claims of all the latter three trace back to the activity of the Willamette Woolen Manufacturing company. That early concern built the canal about the year 1857 which diverted the North Santiam river water into Mill creek to create a year-around flow for power purposes in Salem.

The Willamette Woolen Manufacturing company built the first woolen mill in the Pacific northwest. Important figures in Oregon's territorial and early statehood period participated in the company's creation and activities. Some notable events in Oregon history will be reviewed in the adjudication proceedings. The state of Oregon acquired an interest in the Mill creek water rights in the early 1860's in connection with establishment of the prison and state hospital at Salem.

Adjudication is sought for the reason that property owners in the general vicinity of Aumsville and Turner have been using water from Mill creek for irrigation. The claimants to water rights based upon the Willamette Woolen Manufacturing company's activity allege that these irrigators are in some cases taking water to which they are not entitled, and to the detriment of the flow utilized for power in Salem.

Pending the filing of the Mill creek findings and determination, hearings on appeals from the Santiam findings had been continued by Judge E. M. Page. Now any appeals from the Mill creek findings are scheduled for their first hearing June 19 and probably the continued appeals from the Santiam determinations will be continued simultaneously.

Johnstons Report Second Measles Case

FOX VALLEY—A second case of measles is reported at the Paul Johnston home. Shirley Johnston is the second of the three Johnston children to break out. No other families seem to be taking them, since one case in Lyons last week. The Johnston girl who hasn't had them cannot go to school for a week if she doesn't take them.

Legal Notice

CALL FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Education of School District No. 24, Marion County, Oregon, up to 5:00 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, May 11, 1943, for furnishing 600 cords of slab wood at the various schools of the District.

Specification blanks and bid forms may be obtained from, and bids shall be filed with the District Clerk at 400 North High street, Salem, Oregon.

C. C. WARD, District Clerk
M-4-8-11

Music Program Theme Designed For Mothers

Mothers will be the inspiration for the Sunday service at the Knight Memorial Congregational church with the program built around music. Mrs. Richard Smart will direct the chorus choir. Mrs. Lewis Mitchell will accompany at the organ and Mrs. Fern Allison at the piano.

Numbers are to be: chorus, "This Festival Day," Wildermere; solo "Little Mother of Mine," Burleigh, by Howard C. Stover; trio, "Bless This House," Brahe, Mrs. Roy Harland, Mrs. William Dashway, Mrs. Richard Smart; solo, "Mother's Machine," Olcott-Ball, James P. Smart; anthem, "Light Divine," Rubenstein; solo, "The Lost Chord," Sullivan, with organ and piano accompaniment.

A Mother's day sermon on "My Mother's Home" follows the music.

Davies Carries Letter to Stalin

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—On his forthcoming trip to Russia, Joseph E. Davies will take a highly secret letter from President Roosevelt to Joseph Stalin, the American chief executive informed reporters Friday.

Mr. Roosevelt confirmed reports that the former ambassador to Russia is going to Moscow on a personal mission for him. The president said only two persons know the contents of the letter—himself and Miss Grace Tully, his personal secretary.

FR Signs Federal Overtime Pay Bill

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—President Roosevelt Friday signed the federal overtime pay bill which will continue pay increases authorized last December when the 48-hour week was established and which expired on April 30. The terms of the bill make the pay retroactive to May 1.

It is estimated that 1,500,000 federal employees not covered by other pay legislation will benefit by the measure.

McMinnville Firm Gets Order

McMINNVILLE, May 7—(AP)—A \$90,000 contract for the manufacture of 100,000 pair of navy work gloves has been awarded the McMinnville branch of the Wells-Lamont corporation, K. S. Richardson said Friday.

The plant has manufactured more than 700,000 pair of gloves for the government during the past year.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

There was salt in what she wrote, the kind of salt that seasons and heals not that which makes small cuts into raw wounds. Probably that is one of the many reasons that what she wrote lives on although most of it appeared on newspaper, a type of paper which is read today and gone tomorrow.

The day my first column appeared, a friend casually asked me if I remembered Ella McMunn. 'Twas merely the fact that I am a woman writing on The Statesman that brought out the question, of that I have no doubt, but the mention of that one who wrote with such homely wisdom, such genuine humor in the same breath with a comment on "The Home Front" was more than pleasing.

As Chester Baker, who has been an important feature of The Statesman's back shop since the days of Ella McMunn, commented Friday night, "she should have had a wider field; she was a feminine Will Rogers."

I think the following, copied from a Statesman clipping sent me by Supreme Court Clerk Arthur Benson, was a Thanksgiving day box on the front page, that it might be considered peculiarly timely as Mother's day approaches, so I give you from Ella McMunn, now deceased, this thought for the weekend:

FOR THIS I AM TRULY THANKFUL

That I haven't got the hoof and mouth disease anyway.

That I do not have to carry water to my garden any more this year.

That we got two eggs a day, whereas we used to get one.

That the barn does not leak right over the cow's back since I put a piece of carpet on the rafters.

That the poultry house leaks only on a hen that used to scratch up my flowers.

That I am satisfied with what I have and don't hanker for much else but a Victrola.

But most of all, as I look around and see the house just bulging out with prosperity and a nice cow in the barn; nice chickens on the clover; nice dog that cost a dollar, and a red geranium blooming in the window, why it is hard to put my feelings in words. But I am sure you will understand when I say that over and above all, I am thankful for my Mother.

The way has been long, and at times hard, but how cheerfully she has met her problems. In the kitchen just now she is stirring up a pumpkin pie and singing "There's a Land." Dear Mother: Why must we lose them just as we learn to fully appreciate them? And why can't we think of some way to make them happy now, instead of weeping out our hearts because of our neglect, as we place a wreath of lilacs on the sod above them?

Hassler Buys Acreage
STAYTON—Jacob Hassler has bought the old Fred Lamb property, owned by William Hardy, located at the western edge of town. It consists of five acres improved with a modern house.

School Agenda Has Art Show

The city schools' achievement program and art exhibit are scheduled for Wednesday night at 7:30 at Bush school, with the exhibit continued for a second showing at 6 o'clock Thursday night.

Other school activities calendar for the coming week in the office of Supt. Frank B. Bennett include:

Monday, meeting of secondary schools' principals, 9:30 a. m.; YMCA movies, Leslie school at 12:30 p. m. and Bush school at 1 p. m.

Tuesday, Parrish assembly, Mrs. Michael Tchenof, speaker, 10:15 a. m.; fifth grade social studies committee meeting, 2:45 p. m., and mathematics department meeting at 4 p. m., both in administration office; home economics department meeting, senior high school, 4 p. m., and school board meeting, administration office, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Leslie assembly, 9 a. m.; Garfield assembly, 1 p. m.; Richmond assembly, 1:15 p. m.; fourth grade social studies committee, administration office, 2:45 p. m.

Thursday, associated student body installation of new officers, senior high school, 9:45 a. m.; elementary principals' meeting, administration office, 10 a. m.; Grant assembly, Miss Staples room in charge, 11 a. m.; sixth grade social studies committee meeting, administration office, 2:45 p. m.

Friday, Washington school assembly, third and fourth grades in charge, 1 p. m.

C of C Offices Open to Assist Housing Hunt

The Salem chamber of commerce offices will be kept open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. today and Sunday to accommodate Camp Adair personnel seeking rooms and home owners desiring to register rooms for rent, Manager Clay C. Cochran announced Friday.

Plans for setting up a central office for registration of additional houses and apartments are being laid by the Salem Realty board with the cooperation of the chamber.

Hospital Patients Being Discharged

SILVERTON—Mrs. Ed Holden, who has been at the local hospital for the past two weeks following a major operation, was taken to her home Friday.

Mrs. Robert Riches and infant son will be removed from the hospital Saturday. She will stay at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goodknecht, for several days before going to her own home.

Garden Club Plans Miniature Display

SCIO—Mrs. Rella Shelton and Mr. Jennie Johnson were hostesses to the Scio Garden club May meeting at the former's home. Mrs. Bangs, Scio teacher, entertained with readings.

Nazis Retreat In Caucasus

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Another Moscow broadcast to the Red fleet said three transports totaling 12,000 tons, one 3000-ton tanker, three torpedo boats and two invasion barges had been sunk in the Black Sea by the fleet's air arm. This occurred during an attack on an enemy-occupied port, presumably Novorossiysk, the announcement said.

The Russians were reported to have isolated axis forces in the north from those at Novorossiysk. The midnight communiqué said one Soviet unit killed 700 Germans yesterday, while a tank unit destroyed six enemy blockhouses, six guns, 20 machine gun nests, and wiped out more than one infantry company.

Aside from the violent Caucasian struggle the communiqué disclosed an interesting development in a long dormant front—the Velikiy Luki sector 270 miles west of and slightly north of Moscow.

There the Russians were said to have seized several inhabited localities southwest of Velikiy Luki in a drive which could be another effort to permanently sever the Vitebsk-Leningrad rail line which connects axis troops in central and northern Russia.

Log Loading Limit Control Is Considered

Methods by which log haulers may be prevented from overloading their trucks will be the principal item of business for the state highway commission which meets in Portland next Tuesday and Wednesday, H. B. Glaisyer, commission secretary, reported here Friday.

Bids will be opened on \$140,000 worth of road projects. The commission also will determine whether to hold a conference with Washington and California officials in connection with highway problems, and decide whether to complete the right-of-way negotiations along the Wolf Creek highway.

How to dispose of fallen timber in state parks also will be considered.

Dual Service Ruled Illegal

District Judge Lowell Mundorff of Multnomah county cannot legally serve in his present capacity and as public panel member of the National War Labor board at the same time, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held here Friday.

FBI Finds Opium Cache

PORTLAND, May 7—(AP)—Federal narcotics agents announced the seizure of 14 pounds of smoking opium with an illicit retail value of \$30,000 and the arrest of Ho Chong Suey, 56, Chinese.

Suey was charged with concealment and transportation of illegally imported narcotics and his bond set at \$50,000.

District FBI Supervisor A. M. Bangs said the cache was found buried in a building basement.

Kaiser Hearing Is Adjourned

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7—(AP)—The Kaiser shipyard labor hearing adjourned Friday while rival attorneys conferred on admissibility of AFL records.

Trial Examiner Robert N. Den-

Richar Eisenhart Dies, Silverton

SILVERTON—Richar Eisenhart died early Friday morning in Silverton. He was born here 77 years ago. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Ekman Funeral home. Interment will be in the Bethany cemetery. The Rev. O. Leonard Jones is in charge.

Survivors include the widow, Belle; two sons, Merle of Vancouver and Carroll of Silverton; two brothers, Fred and Bill, both of Silverton, and a sister, Mrs. Julia Hutton of Silverton.

May Queen To Be Crowned

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who gave their version of the Arabian Nights.

In the annual tug-of-war between the freshmen and the sophomores yesterday afternoon, the freshmen not only pulled the ten-man sophomore team into the mill stream, but pulled them out onto the opposite bank. Larry Willis managed the sophomore team and Einar Johnson, the freshmen.

The May weekend dance last night in the Willamette gymnasium concluded the first day's activities.

Mark Hatfield of Salem is general manager of the May Weekend. Assisting him are Dorothy Ester and Barbara Diefendorf of Portland, and Bob Simmons of Silverton.

Commander Saves Ship

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lives of officers and men exposed topside. At worst the submarine itself might be fatally damaged. Decisively, he directed all hands to get below. It was an order.

They had to go. To the officer of the deck, the last man beside Gilmore remaining topside, the doomed skipper ordered:

"Take her down!"

Property Sale Rise Noted

An increase of more than \$300 in April fees above those collected during most months of the past year in his office is indicative of a definite upstep in property movement, County Recorder Herman Lanks declared Friday.

Fees received totaled \$1599.95, while during most months the total has hovered around the \$1200 mark, Lanks said.

Many of the instruments recorded involve the payment of mortgages and liens and general activity in clearing of titles while new deeds, indicating purchase of property without any unpaid obligation, have been numerous, according to the recorder.

Senate Raps Jap Centers

WASHINGTON, May 7—(AP)—Terming Japanese relocation centers "trouble breeders," a senate investigating committee Friday recommended that they be abolished, the loyal Japanese put to work or into military service, and the disloyal ones interned.

These conclusions, drafted after a six months inspection of the centers by a senate subcommittee, were approved by the full committee.

ham told the attorneys—representing the AFL and the National Labor Relations board—to report back Monday.

HOLLYWOOD Ends Today
Henry Lucie Continuous
Fonda Ball 1 to 11:30 p.m.

"The Big Street"
And
"Tenting Tonight on The Old Camp Ground"
News - Serial

COMING SUNDAY
Continuous - 1 to 11:45 P. M.

CART GRANT GINGER ROGERS
Once Upon A Honeymoon

"AT THE FRONT IN AFRICA"
In Technicolor

LIBERTY

MIDNITE SHOW TONIGHT
"Here We Go Again"
"The Devil Pays Off"
Tickets on Sale 11 P. M.
Show Begins 12 Midnight

Last Times Today
"Death Valley Outlaws"
"A Girl, A Guy & A Gob"

TOGETHER AGAIN!

EDGAR BERRER and CHARLIE MCINTY

PIDDED McREL and HOLLY

HAROLD PEARY
The Great Outdoors
GINNY SIMMS

J. Edward Bromberg
Oma Masson
"The Devil Pays Off"

US Occupies Island Base

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operation today despite eight raids by the enemy.

The islands of Amchitka, but-feted by the severe storms of the fog-bound Aleutians, is only five miles wide, yet its occupation is a logical step preparatory to any attempt to oust the enemy from much-bombed Kiska.

Only a dozen Russian Orthodox crosses mark the site of the old village and its cemetery. Today these crosses stand amid anti-aircraft installations.

The island was occupied Jan. 12. The United States troops moved in with all the precision of a war college demonstration. Guns, ammunition and food were brought ashore that first day, and these now have been augmented by supplies from ships lying in the harbor once used solely by fishing craft.

Federal Order Lowers Prices

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hold-that-line order against inflation, but that its request had nothing to do with any change in the little steel wage formula.

Without such clarification, the board said, the hold-the-line order is unworkable.

The program, Brown added, has been approved by James F. Byrnes, Economic Stabilization Director, who also was asking Jones "to take the necessary steps to carry it into effect." Jones later announced he would make the subsidy payments.

Since Byrnes had approved, there seemed no question that President Roosevelt also had given his consent.

Allied Planes Attack Babo, New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, May 8—(AP)—Allied bombers heavily raided Babo, Dutch New Guinea, and Madang, New Guinea, yesterday, the high command announced.

Babo lies deep within the 100-mile long MacCluer Gulf of Dutch New Guinea, approximately 700 miles above Darwin.

Madang, which is on the north New Guinea coast, 350 miles northwest of the allied base of Port Moresby, was twice raided, during which 21 tons of bombs were dropped.

Smoke rose thousands of feet after explosions and fires occurred in fuel dumps and dispersal areas.

The Japanese set up a heavy curtain of anti-aircraft fire but sent up no planes to intercept.

SP Station Remodeling

The Southern Pacific's passenger station at 12th and Oak streets is undergoing a face-lifting this week, according to C. A. Larson, passenger agent.

Workmen are now busy chipping away the plaster ornamentation and plaster from the walls and ceilings of the station waiting room, in preparation for streamlining the surfaces. When this task has been completed, the station will be cleaned and repainted inside and out, Larson said.

GRAND

MIDNITE SHOW TONIGHT
"IN WHICH WE SERVE"
Tickets on Sale 11 P. M.
Show Begins 12 Midnight

Last Times Today
"Frankenstein Meets Wolf Man"
"The Undying Monster"

It can't be told!

"In Which We Serve"
Starts Tomorrow.