Salem Man, Roger Miller, Tells of Air War in Sicily

"scouts" of themselves this ear-boy scouts and girl scouts, because they are doing a "good turn." Prevented from holding their annual outing in the high ountains they are taking over operation of a forest service okout station in the Cascadeshe one on Battle Axe mountain. This mountain is one of the prominent peaks of the "old" Cascades, the range with an altitude of around 4500 ft. which is far older than the snow peaks like Hood, Jefferson, the Three Sisters, which stand out east of this older range. Battle Axe rises above Elk lake. From its western base flows Battle Axe creek, chief tributary of the Little North Fork of the Santiam, and from its south side flows Humbug creek, one of the tributaries of the Breitenbush. The climb up Battle Axe has long been a favorite of parties camp-

ing at Elk lake. To get back to the Chemeketans -members will take turns manning the lookout tower on the mountaintop during the forest fire season. As is always the case with this organization the plans are carefully worked out in advance. Next Saturday night they will camp at Elk lake and next day will pack up the trail the stuffs and other supplies for the -"duration." Then teams of young women will serve as firers a week or two at a stretch; or a man and wife may take a turn. In this way the Chemeketans, or a few of them will get their taste of mountain air, and the usual thrill of camp chores-rustling wood, building fires, carrying water. This time they will not have Pop Crary to do the cooking, they'll do it themselves, for "Pop" is in the navy now, acting as chef for the apprentice seamen at Lausanne hall.

worked out with the forest servas Detroit. For some weeks the volunteer lookouts have been visting lookout stations learning now to use range-finders to de-ermine the location of fires.

woods and mountains. They will do a good job in protecting the try where they long have ranged

Giant Daily War Cost Seen

\$265,000,000 a Day Is Expectation of Capital Experts

WASHINGTON, July 12 -(AP)-Uncle Sam's war expenditures. which for the last three years have averaged about \$90,000,000 daily, are expected by the treasury department to reach the great sum of \$265,000,000 for every day dur-ing the fiscal year which started

This was disclosed Monday night by Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the house appropriations committee on the basis of a report from Daniel W. Bell, undersecretary of the treasury. Actual expenditures on the war program during the three years from July 1, 1940 to July 1, 1943, Bell disclosed, were \$104,421,000,-

From a modest beginning of \$6,301,000,000 spent during the fiscal year 1941, expenditures on the war activities program amounted (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

The Oregon Statesman

Wed. sunrise 5:34

Bomber Built

(The first detailed story of the crack new US A-36 dive bomber in action against the axis is told in the following dispatch written for the Associated Press by Captain Roger L. Miller of 186 Uorth Cottage street, Salem, Ore, whose A-36 squadron has been assigned to give air support to the allied troops fighting in Sicily. Compared to the new screaming A-36, the onco-dreaded German Stuka "sounds like an alley cat," Capt. Miller observes.)

By Capt. Roger L. Miller

(AP)-I hope our gang has as much

luck against the enemy in Sicily

in the future as it has had up

We are flying the best plane

for dive-bombing in the world

and any German or Italian in

action against us will probably

back us up. The scream of this plane when it comes down with dive brakes on would shake any

man. It's like 15 Boris Karloff

to an A-36, a Stuka sounds like

Operating in Sicily is far from

altimeter may show a few thou-sand feet from the target it to

usually much farther away

down in a canyon or gorge. We

always have one question: How about those hills?

doesn't mean we'll stop trying.

we become one of the best low-

We don't dive as fast as most

people think but actually we

have gone so fast that we have

caught up with our own bullets

ricocheted back. Not long ago

to death when he found us cut-

ting inside him. Our bullets broke him up at the top of a

Then we pull back on the stick

and start looking for fighters or

to a fighter in a few seconds.

When flying through heavy flak coming on the target and you have to look down on anti-

aircraft guns, I always close my

eyes and think "well boys this

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something to strafe. In other words we change from the best dive bombing plane in the world

altitude fighters in the world.

nows rolled into one. Com

AN ADVANCED AIR BASE

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Stuka Just Alley Cat, Says Flier

In Action



Mott to Probe The arrangement has been Oregon School

By RALPH C. CURTIS

due to federal acquisition some 217,000 acres for military and other purposes will be one of Congressman James W. Mott's tasks in the current congressional recess, he reported Monday following his return from Washing ton, DC. He introduced a bill on the subject last winter and is a member of a public lands subcommittee assigned to rewrite legislation combing the features of this and other similar measures.

Congressman Mott also, as a member of the naval affairs committee, will check on the progress being made by the Kaiser company in construction of aircraft carriers and on the imposing task of commissioning these carriers for service.

There is excellent cooperation, Mott observed, between this committee and the navy department, which has kept the committee fully advised on all naval activity.

It is probable, rather than nerely possible, that the Japanese will attempt to set Oregon forests ablaze with incendiary ombs from a submarine-based plane, the congressman declared, ading that extreme alertness against such an attack should be encouraged. As a result of efforts which he participated, provision for forest lookout service was augmented but not to the ex-

tent he proposed. On matters directly related (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Fishermen Net Deer, Honestly!

ASTORIA, July 12-(A)- The boat Kinchel'oe put out for sal-mon and came home with a deer. The deer was far out in the Columbia river, near exhaustion when crewmen threw out a net and hauled Mr. Horns ashore. Before they reached shore, the deer recovered his strength and Capt. L. R. Fletcher said they had a strenuous time keep-

ing him caught.

In the end, they didn't. The state game commission ordered the buck turned loose. And that's another big one that got away.

Bombers Roar IN NORTH AFRICA, July 12 Over Germany **During Night**

LONDON, Tuesday, July 13. (P)-German air raiders made a sharp attack on a British east coast town shortly after saidnight Monday night, causing some casualties and damage. some casualties and damage.

Later a few enemy sircraft flew in ever the southeast coast, but apparently caused no dam-

One nasi plane was reported shot down during the night.

LONDON, July 13 .- (AP)-A great force of heavy bombers was heard roaring across the channel early today in an hour-long parade and alerts in southern Switzerland a few hours later suggested the possibility that northern Italy was being bombed again.

The ships peel off to dive on the target in line dropping their Starting last night and continuing by moonlight until after midbombs. Then the leader pulls out night, Britain-based heavyweight and clears a hill if he's lucky. tinent in a steady stream which Each succeeding plane gets lower and lower. When poor rear end coastal residents, to whom the Charlie comes along he may be noise of hordes of planes has bepretty low. One of our boys didn't come familiar, said sounded like make it the other day. But that the heaviest force to go over in

Our specialty is supposed to be The last raid on Italy by British-based bombers was on May 'intruder" work. That means we range far behind the lines if 18, when the naval base at Spezia necessary smashing truck con-voys, trains, bridges, lines of communication, power lines, radio sible for bombers from England stations and a hundred other to batter Italy and land in North things. Once we drop our bombs Africa.

> Such a shuttle service was tried successfully June 20 when Friedrichshaven in Germany was

> The Vichy radio in a broadcast heard by the London Daily Herald said British and American planes flew over Bulgaria Monday night and ack-ack guns were in

we chased a Messerschmitt with a five-mile start and caught him within 35 miles. He looked up and must have been startled State Road Commission Normally we come over the target pretty high, say a small prayer and let her go straight down. The brakes hold down our **Begins Tour** speed and we keep sight on the

TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 12-(AP) The state highway commission opened a six-day tour Monday in which projects will be outlined for a post-war highway construcjust say a prayer for the Germans

The newly appointed commis-sioners told Clatsop and Tillamook county courts the progra probably would call for expendi-ture of \$19,000,000 annually in a three-year period, of which the federal government would pro-vide \$15,000,000.

Funds are yet to be voted, how

field, Portland; Merle Chess Astoria, and A. W. Schaupp, Kla-math Falls, all recently named by Governor Earl Snell, said their numerous highways, especially log-hauling routes, were deteriorating rapidly and might have to be rebuilt at the end of

Italians Use Wooden Guns

4 Jap

Cruiser, 3 Destroyers Smashed in New Kula Gulf Naval Battle

By C. YATES McDANIEL ALLIED HEADQUARTERS N THE SOUTH PACIFIC. Tuesday, July 13-(A)-Four Japanese warships-a cruiser and three destroyers - were sunk last night and early today in the second battle of the Kula gulf by United States naval units.

The battle may still be in progress, first preliminary reports announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur indicated.

The latest enemy losses rais to at least 13 the number of cruis ers and destroyers Japan has ex-pended in frantic attempts to car-ry aid to its beleaguered garrison at the Munda air base on New Georgia island 12 miles below the gulf's coastline.

Two other destroyers were reported as probably sunk in the new flaming night engagement, according to advices which made no mention of any United States losses. Enemy warships sunk might well total 17 for the two battles insumuch as the reports battles insumuch as the reports after the battle of July 5-6 placed Japanese losses as at

least nine and possibly 11 ships.
Advices received by General MacArthur from South Pacific headquarters of Admiral William F. Halsey stated that the new force of enemy cruisers and destroyers was first attacked northwest and then northeast of Kolombangara island in the Kula gulf Monday night and early today.

At sea, on land and in the air. powerful blows were struck by the (Turn to Page 2-Stery F)

FR Deplores Supply Act

Crop Insurance Plan Urged by President In Signing Bill

WASHINGTON, July 12.-(AP)-President Roosevelt Monday deabandoning federal crop insurance, and expressed hope that someday this system will be as

Signing the \$848,295,883 agriculture department supply bill Monday, Mr. Roosevelt said, "I regret exceedingly that congress failed to provide funds" for crop insurance. Suggesting that the

CORVALLIS, July 12.-(A)-The federal crop insurance program, though killed by congress, will continue in effect this year, Clyde Kiddle, state AAA crop insurance assistant, said Monday. Funds for this year were voted earlier, Kiddle said, adding that more than 4,-000 wheat farmers are participating in Oregon.

dea be revived this fall, he said work, it will, in my opinion, prove one of the greatest steps ever tak-en by the government toward making farming a sound and pro-fitable recurretion."



allied reinforcements and supplies are pouring into Sicily (arrows from Tunisia). A tenuous Swim-report stated that II, Duce's navy had salled from La Spesia, 300 miles to the north, which prompted one allied observer to say, "The Italian fleet is still beating its way through the Alps." (Ed's notes Well, Hannibal did it!)—Associated Press war Map.

Eisenhower At Battle Front As 8th Army Drives Onward

'Ike' Watches Cruisers Shell **Enemy Positions**

By JOHN GUNTHER

SOMEWHERE IN SICILY July 12-Our first sight of Sicily came near Gela just before dawn after a quick, secret voyage across the Mediterranean.

When Gen. Eisenhower stepped ashore astonished soldiers stared at him. We found an officer and Eisenhower said: "How do you do? I am General Eisenhower."

Our first stop was the scene great activity. Cruisers were firing on the invisible enemy behind the hills. Their angry guns crack ed, echoes boomed across the beaches and yellow smoke slowly

with close attention and then, assisted by his naval aide, Cominder Harry Butcher, held a Gen. George S. Pation, jr., Vice Admiral Henry E. Hewitt, com-mander of the amphibious force of the Atlantic fleet, and other

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Woods Labor Is Bottleneck

Faulty Practices Get Blame for Some of Lumber Trouble

SEATTLE, July 12-(AP)- Lack principal bottleneck that is holdgressional subcommittee on small business was told here Monday. But faulty practices in logging perations are responsible in at least some cases, E. E. Benedict executive secretary of the Inter-

ca (CIO) told the hearing. "Some operators," Benedict said without more detail, "are by-pasduction would be high, to log scrubby timber or bad hillsides. G. (Continued from Page 1) G

Beef Shortage Said Passing

CHICAGO, July 12 -(AP)- The worst phase of the nation's beef rtage may be past, at least for the summer, packers said Monday as cattle receipts at the Chicago stockyards set a new high for the

We then steamed along the heaviest for any July day since

Yanks Take Left, Canadians Center British on Right

By RICHARD MCMURRAY

General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and his British Eighth army drove with customar Monday night from captured Syracuse toward Catania and Messina straits while at the western end of the 100-m invasion beachhead, a ner Lieut, Gen. George S. Patton, ir. shattered the heaviest of sever axis counterattacks and advance

Ten major towns were car The prisoners' cage held 6000. A bridge of 2000 ships poured steady streams of reinforcements into the Italian island, Cairo reported the allies had complete air su tinued apace. The estonished ene-

LONDON, Tuesday, July 13 (A)- Three more Sicilian towns the 16 announced officially, the Daily Mail said today in a report from Alglers.

June 21. It was the largest run since last November 30 and the heaviest for any July day since 1936.

The Italian fleet was nowhere is sight. Increasing numbers of Ger(Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Russians Assert German Offensive Beginning to Drop in Driving Power

LONDON, Tuesday, July 13.—

(P)-The great week-old German day's fighting, the nazis lost 122 guard units, into the counter-tanks, bringing to 2,622 the number of tanks the reds destroyed costing the nazis "tremendous since the offensive began. The to-

year. Premiums were paid in the commodity insured and claims were likewise settled in kind.

"The reason assigned for putting an end to crop insurance is that it was too expensive," Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement. "It was to be expected that in perfecting a program of such magnitude that government would have to so to rough expected and the Russian midnight communique, recorded by the Soviet Monitor.

losses" in men and materiel, has tal of German planes destroyed begun to diminish in power, the was put at 1,126, 18 shot down Pussions approximated today.

Committee Drops \$996 target for several thousand feet. It's uncanny, You know you're in a dive because your stomach From County's Budget When we get to the bottom we just say a prayer for the Germans

rve be built up for use as a recomi stwar courthouse building fund me out of Monday's final bud-

been moved up so that the va-cancy remaining was in the place of a lesser deputy. A portion of the money thus saved was added

Salary increases approved in-cluded \$4 a month to Clifford Lewis, second deputy in the tax assessor's office, to bring his sal-was HINGTON, J

Ray Glatt, Woodburn, representage the citizens of the budget
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office of Tax Deputy Monitor.

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Allotte

Advised that legality of a sinking fund for postwar market road construction might well be ques-tioned, the committee withdrew

Net cut of \$996 from the prev-ously-approved \$722,166.90 bud-let for Marion county's 1943-44 iscal year, already underway, and a recommendation that re-

o salaries in other offices in an ary to \$150 a month; a \$5 rise president Roosevelt sent the affort to equalize payments for to one of County Clerk Henry treasury's huge stockpile of silver tenillar work.

Ray Glatt, Woodburn, represent- the machine bookkeeper in the bill which authorizes the treasury

one deputy in the tax collection purpose and placed the entire stream of least one man short since the eral road funds classification, thus winter. Others to the stream of the stream o izing taxes collected outside FDR Signs

Local Man Says A-36 Best Dive