

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Swaine
IT SEEMS TO ME that the Salem Chemeketas are making good "scouts" of themselves this year—boy scouts and girl scouts, because they are doing a "good turn."

To get back to the Chemeketas—members will take turns manning the lookout tower on the mountain top during the forest fire season. As is always the case with this organization the plans are carefully worked out in advance.

Giant Daily War Cost Seen
\$265,000,000 a Day
Is Expectation of Capital Experts

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Sicilian Island Defenses Tottering

Stuka Just Alley Cat, Says Flier

In Action



CAPT. ROGER MILLER

Mott to Probe Oregon School Tax Losses

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Investigation of Oregon counties and school districts' tax losses due to federal acquisition of 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 Washington, DC.

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Local Man Says A-36 Best Dive Bomber Built

(The first detailed story of the crash 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 the 7th Bombardment Group, 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 old-fashioned German Stuka "sounds like an alley cat," Capt. Miller observes.)

By Capt. Roger L. Miller
AN ADVANCED AIR BASE IN NORTH AFRICA, July 12 (AP)—I hope our gang has as much luck against the enemy in Sicily in the future as it has had up to now.

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 reason of this plane when it comes down with dive brakes on would shake any man. It's like 15 Boris Karloff shows rolled into one.

Operating in Sicily is far from easy. The country is mountainous and rugged and where the alliances may show a few thousand feet from the target is usually much farther away down in a canyon or gorge. We always have one question: How about these hills?

The ships peel off to dive on the target in line dropping their bombs. Then the leader pulls out and clears a hill if he's lucky. Each succeeding plane gets lower and lower. When poor rear end Charlie comes along he may be pretty low. One of our boys didn't make it the other day. But that doesn't mean we'll stop trying.

FDR Signs Silver Bill
WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed the treasury's huge stockpile of silver to war Monday by approving a bill which authorizes the treasury to make the greater portion available at 71 1/2 cents an ounce for war uses and civilian production.

Fishermen Net Deer, Honestly!

ASTORIA, July 12 (AP)—The boat Kinchel'oe put out for salmon 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.

Bombers Roar Over Germany During Night

LONDON, Tuesday, July 12. (AP)—German air raiders made a sharp attack on a British east coast town shortly after midnight Monday night, causing some casualties and damage.

The latest raid on Italy by British-based bombers was on May 18, when the naval base at Spezia was attacked. Now, with North Africa in allied hands, it is possible for bombers from England to batter Italy and land in North Africa.

FR Deplores Supply Act

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt Monday deplored the action of congress in abandoning federal crop insurance, and expressed hope that someday this system will be as popular as RFD mail service.

State Road Commission Begins Tour

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 construction program.

Italians Use Wooden Guns

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 12 (AP)—A fully authenticated statement said Monday that some Italian coastal defense guns on Sicily were found to be made of wood.

4 Jap Ships Sunk

Cruiser, 3 Destroyers Smashed in New Kula Gulf Naval Battle
By C. YATES McDANIEL
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, Tuesday, July 13 (AP)—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 raised to at least 13 the number of cruisers and destroyers Japan has expended in frantic attempts to carry aid to its beleaguered garrison at the Munda air base on New Georgia island 12 miles below the gulf's entrance.

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In the greatest amphibious operation in history, a crowning assault to the Italian fleet, wave on wave of allied reinforcements and supplies are pouring into Sicily (arrows from Tunisia). A cautious British report stated that U. S. Navy had sailed from La Spezia, 200 miles to the north, which prompted one allied observer to say, "The Italian fleet is still beating its way through the Alps." (EA'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
Representing the combined American Press (Distributed by the Associated Press)
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."

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Yanks Take Left, Canadians Center, British on Right

By RICHARD McMURRAY
Associated Press War Editor
General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and his British Eighth army drove with customary dash up the east coast of Sicily Monday night from captured Syracuse toward Catania and Messina straits while at the western end of the 100-mile invasion beachhead, a new American seventh army under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., shattered the heaviest of seven axis counterattacks and advanced north of Gela.

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