

### Italian Island Defense Said Near Tottering

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... entered battle to stiffen the Italians.

The whole defense of Sicily appeared to be tottering. The makings of a third great victory to rank along with Guadalcanal and Tunisia appeared to be shaping up swiftly.

While American, British and Canadian divisions scored victory after victory with dazzling speed on Sicily, the whole "fortress of Europe" was on the alert for a new, swift allied thrust. Tension mounted in Rome and on the Italian mainland, Swiss reports said. Berlin was fairly calm. Italy, not Germany, was immediately threatened.

For some reason, Mussolini messaged the Sicilian defenders: "I am with you in spirit in your magnificent fight for defense of the fatherland and with it, European liberty."

The ancient city of Syracuse and its 53,000 inhabitants fell to the British at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Other allied prizes of conquest were Licata, 50 miles west; Gela; Pachino on Cap Passero; Avola and Noto, midway between Syracuse and Pachino; Scoglitti, Ispica and Rosolini; and Pozzallo with its important air base. One report said Florida also had fallen; the Morocco radio said the great Catania airfield almost in the shadow of towering Mt. Etna had been seized.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, supreme allied commander, visited Sicily during the day.

Axis broadcasts admitted the allies had won a coastal strip 30 miles long between Syracuse and Cap Passero, from three to six miles deep. The allies were said to have seven divisions, two of them American, ashore, and the Berlin radio added wryly that "Gen. Eisenhower undoubtedly can if he so desires, double the forces already landed."

The stunning allied offensive proceeded with military objectives all over the island "pounded." Allied files shot down 45 planes at the cost of nine. Captured Sicilian airplanes already were being used. Catania, a prime objective 30 air miles above Syracuse, was in flames visible for 140 miles. Pilots reported the Germans apparently were evacuating whatever planes they had left. They destroyed 490 axis vehicles. The Americans were anchored on the left, the Canadians were advancing in the center and the British Eighth army was beating up the east coast over the 80 miles between Syracuse and the Messina straits. Berlin gave this version of allied strategy: to encircle axis forces in the mountains of southeast Sicily or force them to retreat beyond Catania and Palma.

Allied casualties were declared light. Some 400 wounded aboard a sunk hospital ship were saved.

### Ira Pilcher Nominated For Award

Comander Ira Pilcher of Capital Post No. 9 of Salem is the Oregon department's nominee for the national American Legion community service award, it was announced Sunday by the department community service committee. Commander Pilcher's record will be submitted in competition for the Rosenstiel award of \$1000 the winner to be selected at the national convention.

The selection was made in recognition of Pilcher's activity in arranging send-off programs for men leaving for the armed services, in directing drives to collect phonograph records for service men, raising navy relief funds and promoting navy enlistments. It was pointed out that in the past year Pilcher had devoted 1500 hours, or an average of 30 hours a week, to community service related to the war effort.

### Bethany Folk Go to Illinois

BETHANY — Mrs. Olat Ordal and two children, Olat, Jr., and Janice, left this week for Glenview, Illinois, where Mrs. Ordal will join her husband who is in the service. The three have been staying at the home of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. C. E. Jorgenson for the past few months.

Mrs. Carl Froude returned to her home at Tigard, after a visit with her parents, the Edwin Overlunds.

Mrs. Nels Nelson left Tuesday for an extended visit with her parents in Kansas.

Mrs. Elmer Erickson and two daughters of Seattle are spending several days at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Scharback. Jack Gaton of Portland is spending the summer as a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carpenter.

### Too Late to Classify

CHERRIE, Royal Annet, Lamberts, and other names were being classified as a result of the new plan. Classify only those who are classified as a result of the new plan.

### CE Summer Conference Set At Turner, August 24-29

The annual Christian Endeavor summer conference, sponsored by the Oregon Christian Endeavor union, will be held at Turner, Oregon, August 24-29, 1943. Delegates are expected from all parts of the state, officers said Monday.

Mornings will be devoted to classes in Christian Endeavor plans and methods, afternoons to recreation, and evenings to inspirational meetings. The Rev. C. P. Gates of Portland will be the speaker in the early evening platform meetings.

Following the indoor evening meeting, the delegates go to a favorite spot and there around a bonfire they sing hymns and choruses and tell of experiences and purposes in the Christian life. The Rev. Howard C. Cole, Northwest E. C. Field Secretary, and Dr. Walter L. Myers of Beaverton will conduct the bonfire meetings and Mrs. Cole will lead the singing.

Dr. Walter L. Myers of Beaverton will be dean of the conference; Mrs. Ross Guiley of Eugene, dean of girls; the Rev. H. L. Bronson of Tulelake, California, dean of boys and charge of recreation; Miss Ely Walker of Forest Grove, business manager; Miss Viola Ogden of Portland, registrar; the Rev. W. H. Lyman of Salem, speaker in the Bible study period; Mr. Howard C. Cole, of Salem, song leader; Mrs. Walter L. Myers of Beaverton, hostess; and Mrs. Martin Lee and Mrs. William Bish of Portland in charge of the kitchen.

Teachers of the morning classes include: Vernon Fishback of Roseburg; Mrs. H. L. Bronson of Tulelake, California; the Rev. James Alekn Smith of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Cole of Salem; Dr. Walter L. Myers of Beaverton; and the Rev. C. P. Gates of Portland. Mrs. Bronson will also conduct a daily children's hour for the children on the grounds.

The conference will begin Tuesday morning, August 24. Delegates may come Monday and have sleeping quarters for that night. The conference will close in the early afternoon, Sunday, August 29.

### Chaplain Really Passes Ammunition

HEADQUARTERS ALASKA DEFENSE COMMAND — (P) — It was "praise the Lord and pass along the boxes" for Chaplain Joseph M. Applegate of Los Angeles during a rainy Aleutian landing.

Applegate, just appointed chief of chaplains in Alaska and raised to rank of major, has learned there is more to his profession than listening to a soldier's troubles.

He was part of an infantry landing party on an Aleutian island where Japanese activity was suspected. While scouts looked for the enemy who happily wasn't there, all hands were recruited for hustling boxes of supplies off the boat.

Applegate juggled boxes until the cry went up "who can operate a winch?"

"The winch seemed like a better deal than the box juggling," he said, besides I had worked my way through college doing that type of work, so I volunteered. Eighteen hours later I was so exhausted, I almost regretted it, but the essential cargo had got off and at least we could pitch some pup tents in the mire, get a little 'C' ration to eat and start the bulldozers plowing through the muskies to level the new airfield."

### V-Gardeners Lose Bout To Bulldozers

PORTLAND, July 12 — (P) — Victory gardeners irately watched the fruits (i. e. vegetables) of their labors being carried off by bulldozers and trucks Saturday.

They had planted the gardens on 10 vacant lots in a residential district. The city sold the lots to a contractor, who is carting off the topsoil to a housing project. City officials expressed their regrets, but pointed out that the gardeners had signed agreements to give up the gardens if the property were sold.

### Local Librarian Takes Office in National Group

Eleanor S. Stephens, state librarian, this year becomes a member of the executive board of the American Library association. She is also vice-president of the association's library extension division. Miss Stephens has been state librarian of Oregon since 1941 and previously directed branch library service in the Los Angeles county free library.

New officers of the association were inaugurated this week at a dinner in Chicago. At the dinner, Miss Althea Warren of the Los Angeles public library, became president of the association, and Carl Vitz of Minneapolis, Minn., became vice-president.

Inauguration of officers usually takes place at the association's annual conference, which was scheduled this year for Toronto, Canada, but cancelled because of wartime transportation conditions.

### ON the HOME FRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

Most newspaper folks go to dinner parties to meet lions. But Pasha II came to see us... and without any promise of dinner, either.

Just now he is running around the office, snooping under desks, snarling at closed doors, meowing now and then because he is bored in this new sort of jungle, and, when he finds himself beneath a pounding typewriter, backing off faster than he can run forward.

A black-necked African lion, he is only six weeks old, and his legs, tail and low-slung body are beginning to show what a freshly oiled floor can do to a cream-and-black fur.

Pasha II, grandson of Pasha, the 500-pound lion here in 1937 with Russell Bros, circus, is getting his rearing on the road, brought up with a wire-haired terrier as companion—and greatly loved companion, too, according to his master, Bill Antes, public relations man for Russell Bros.

Fact is, Antes says the little lion's restlessness now is because he wants the dog to trot along beside him investigating the new world of office desks, overflowing wastebasket, filing cabinets, linotypes and linotypers.

Already his head has leonine proportions and the paws on which he pads around, his legs bent almost double, are monstrous things for so small a body. And when he yawns, no one of us who so willingly petted or held the plump but sinuous little body a moment ago, would wish to put even a hand, to say nothing of a head, inside.

We thought him like a puppy when Bill brought him in, scudding into the crook of his left arm; once he was on the floor we recognized him as a cat. But his walk is that of a king.

Jungle royalty, true, but the undulating walk, waving tail, low crouch but never hanging head are beautiful to see. And Pasha's eyes are soft as any dog's.

Tonight he is learning to growl. His voice is changing, I think, for he seems astonished as we at the low rumbling which now and then comes from beneath the thick fur of his throat.

Not yet as large as a full-grown cocker spaniel, Pasha II exemplifies what part heredity may play. He bluffs and backs away, sneaks silently (when he crawls over objects rising a few inches from the floor he scrambles like a puppy still), snarls, poises himself in the dark as for a leap. Yet from the day of his birth he has been with a friendly, funny little dog and with human beings and not with lions.

### Giant Daily War Cost Seen

TO \$26,111,000,000 for 1942 and \$72,109,000,000 for 1943.

During those three years, appropriations aggregated approximately \$212,000,000,000 for war purposes, the actual spending not keeping abreast of appropriations.

The treasury department estimate that actual spending during the current fiscal year will amount to \$97,000,000,000 for war purposes, or about \$10,000,000,000 less than actual appropriations.

### R. J. Rogers Succumbs

Word was received Monday in Salem of the death of R. Jay Rogers at Ord, Nebraska, where he was on a visit. Rogers was born at Ord, 87 years ago. For the past three years he has been living with the F. T. Bishop family at 1186 Chemekeeta street.

On a visit to his old home, Ord, he was taken ill and went to the hospital at Kansas City, Mo., where he died. The funeral will be held in Ord.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Robert Hill, Gilchrist, Oregon, Mrs. Lavada Marsh, St. Joseph, Mo., and Mrs. Audrey Graybuser, Rural Avenue, Salem and four grandchildren.

### Fairview Home Kids See Circus

Spending money they had earned salvaging tin cans for wartime uses, 87 children of the Fairview home here attended the circus Monday night. "They enjoyed it tremendously," said Dr. H. G. Miller, superintendent of the state-operated institution.

TODAY Tuesday July 13 LAST TIMES Circus Grounds Leslie School RUSSELL BROS. and WILD ANIMAL MENAGERIE

### Ex-Salem Man Tells of Air War in Sicily

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In your turn now. Miss will come in a minute.

Most of us have our guns wide open way on down and seldom have to strafe afterwards because one good dive wipes out the target. We missed only three targets recently that I know of and not long ago we completely obliterated a locomotive. We came back afterwards and there was no sign of it. You can have all the high powered bomb sights in the world if you'll give me a good steep dive.

Before the war I was studying English literature at Willamette university, Salem. Now I'm flying one of the most proficient killers ever devised. I was thinking about the big difference only the other day. But it seems to boil down to one thing. They started it, didn't they?

Capt. Roger L. Miller who wrote the above account of action in the invasion of Sicily was graduated from Salem high school in 1936. He enrolled the following fall at Willamette and spent four years in the university. After leaving Willamette, Miller directed his own orchestra here up to the time of his enlistment two years ago.

His mother, Mrs. E. H. Miller lives at 780 North Cottage street. The family has made residence in Salem for the past 16 years.

### Woods Labor Is Bottleneck

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timber now and they're saving the good stuff for peace time. But they can make a profit on this production of cutting crews is sometimes halved by the practice."

However, Benedict, officials and lumbermen agreed generally that the much publicized "back to the woods" movement, which developed in the northwest this spring to lure loggers back to the industry from defense jobs, had failed.

F. A. Brundage, lumber coordinator for the war production board, and W. B. Greeley, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, both suggested that the use of prisoners of war on non-skilled woods jobs be investigated. A number of lumbermen immediately opposed the plan as inviting sabotage, however.

### Cooties Set Picnic Sunday On Santiam

Future activities planned by Carry On Pup Tent No. 6, Military Order of the Cootie, at Sunday night's meeting included a picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 25, at Cootie George Feller's cabin and reserve on the North Santiam. The Cootiesites will participate in this event. Cooties Dave Furlough, Arwin Strayer and Frank Millet were named as a committee on arrangements.

Several "atoms" were inducted into the sublime degree of "cootie."

Hungry Nit (Adjutant) Dave Furlough reported on the Cootie convention held in Portland June 25, at which the principal action was creation of a Grand Pup Tent for Oregon. Seam Squirrel Frank L. Prince of Salem was elected grand commander and several other Salem cooties were elected to offices. The full staff of officers for the Grand Pup Tent follows:

James F. Dewey, Portland No. 1, senior vice-commander; Stanley Tripp, Corvallis, junior vice-commander; William O. Rogers, Portland, quartermaster; Worthington Blackman, Portland, judge advocate; Leon Hanson, Salem, surgeon; Lloyd Martyn, Portland, sky pilot; Virgil Bolton, Salem, keeper of the lousy record; William F. Newell, Portland, adjutant; Charles Hunt, Salem, chief of staff; Ira Canfield, Medford, inspector; Earl Birchard, Bend, shirt reader; Dwight Alderman, Portland, provost marshal; Joe Baker, Eugene, jimmylegs; Lester B. Davis, Salem; Monty Walton, Portland; Allen R. Kuhns, Toledo; Robert W. Brown, Bend, and J. B. Brunson, Medford, trustees.

The meeting closed with a mock trial of Cooties Frank Bates and Joe Horneffer on charges of conduct affecting the morals, and discipline of the order in which Cooties Joe Strimman, Drew Lambrecht and Arwin Strayer served as jurors and Cooties Lester B. Davis and Charles Hunt acted as counsel for the accused.

### Nuts Double For Banned Oil Sources

NEWBERG, July 12 — (P) — Wartime sales of oils, margarines, linoleum and printers' inks are the nuts.

Literally, they are, speakers said at the annual meeting of the Oregon Nut Growers here Saturday.

Imports of coconut oil have been reduced sharply by the war, and fibert and walnut oils are finding new uses, they said, adding that nut shells are being converted now into fibers for plastics.

Speakers included W. H. Derry, national farm chemurgic council secretary for Oregon; Ernest W. Weigand, Oregon State college, and Howard Wall, Portland chemist.

### Ho, Hum! Another Sinking!

PORTLAND, July 12 — (P) — It's all very boring, this being sunk at sea, says Dean Dexter, 18-year-old survivor of six war sinkings.

Dexter, a native of Detroit who first shipped out four years ago, listed them this way for an interviewer:

1. British ship sunk by torpedo in the north Atlantic. Spent a week on a raft before rescue.

2. Torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Fishermen rescued him after several weeks.

3. Dive bomber got ship in Mediterranean, then strafed lifeboats, wounding all but one man. Hospitalized on Malta with hip wound.

4. Norwegian ship torpedoed off English coast.

5. British refrigerator ship torpedoed in Atlantic. Remembers details of this one because it "was my worst experience." Twelve of us spent 28 days in a lifeboat and nine died. I went down from 138 to 85 pounds before we were picked up. I don't like to talk about it.

6. American tanker in Caribbean. "A torpedo hit the ship and about one-fourth of the crew got away in lifeboats. We were about 100 yards away when the ship blew up with the rest of the crew."

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### Oregon Green Sub-Chairmen To Be Named

Selection of a "Keep Oregon Green" chairman in each city and town of Marion county, to assist in publicizing the campaign against preventable forest and farm fires, was decided upon Monday night at the first meeting of the county committee, recently appointed by Gov. Earl Snell.

County Judge Grant Murphy, chairman of the county committee, will make the appointments after obtaining recommendations from the various communities. A county chairman to promote the Green Guards organization also will be appointed soon.

The committee outlined a program whereby Keep Oregon Green will be publicized through the distribution of posters and through press, radio and organizational meetings.

Members of the committee in addition to Chairman Murphy are Dr. A. W. Simmons and Henry B. Fritzlaff of Silverton, Justice James T. Brand of Salem and Ralph C. Curtis of Turner.

### Dr. Kinney Succumbs In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., July 12 — (P) — Dr. Alfred C. Kinney, 92, known as the "grand old man of Oregon medicine," died here Monday.

Kinney was credited with stamping out typhoid fever in Oregon. He organized the Oregon State Medical society and was its first president in 1879. Four times he was a member of the state board of health.

He also was instrumental in establishment of the first hospital in Portland and of the state asylum for the insane at Salem.

Kinney, who also once was mayor of Astoria, obtained his first medical training to be of service to cattlemen in the early days.

### Reds Name Atrocity

LONDON, Tuesday, July 13 — (P) — The Moscow radio said today in a broadcast recorded by the Soviet monitor that a Soviet state commission investigating German atrocities had found that the Nazis had slain more than 8000 persons by poison gas in Krasnodar.

### Mott to Probe Oregon School Tax Losses

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prosecution of the war, Congressman Mott observed, there is no controversy in congress. But in dealing with domestic issues congress has become, for the first time in a decade, "a functioning legislative body."

"There is a bipartisan majority of members disposed to act independently of the executive and in the one instance of the anti-strike bill it amounted to a two-thirds majority."

"This is as it should be," Mott declared, "and I am positive that this is the way the people want it to be."

After the summer recess when select committees report on their investigations into bureau usurpation of the lawmaking function, legislation to curb this abuse will be forthcoming, he predicted.

Though partisan interests now count little in congress, jockeying for 1944 position will start early, the congressman said. As for the democratic presidential nomination, a fourth term attempt is already a "settled matter," he declared.

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HOLLYWOOD Last Times Tonight

### New Jap Task Force Repulsed

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American invasion forces bidding for Munda, key air base in the central Solomons.

At sea, in addition to the latest achievements in the Kula gulf, American warships bombarded Munda itself.

On land, a garrison of Japanese, believed to have been in considerable force, was trapped and annihilated 18 miles north-east of Munda.

In the air, American planes pounded Munda and its supply points in the northern Solomons and fought off the latest challenge of zeros to our air supremacy over New Georgia.

On the New Georgia coast, which borders on the Kula gulf, a Japanese garrison trapped on the Dragon peninsula between Enogai inlet and Balroko has been destroyed, a communique from Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported.

Over the Japanese air base of Munda, on New Georgia, five out of 20 zeros were shot down in an air battle.

United States warships made a night bombardment upon the Munda air base. They were followed in daylight by torpedo and dive bombers, escorted by fighters. The new raiders heavily bombed anti-aircraft positions and bivouac areas.

### Salem Man At Illinois U

URBANA — CHAMPAIGN, Ill., July 12 — Salem is represented in the enrollment of the special full semester wartime summer session at the University of Illinois by John S. Laughlin, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Laughlin, 1705 Court street.

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