

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

If Earl Pepper of 1040 North 16th street had carried a portable radio with him into the berry patch one day last week he might have heard a police report to the effect that three bicycles had been stolen within two hours from parking places on Salem streets, but Earl would not have been worried though his bike stood without a lock on the hot sidewalk near US employment service offices.

When, in his mind's eye, Earl pictures his black bicycle standing there, he sees also a black and white dog. Not a really large animal, Pal is faithful—a guard with black collie blood in him.

From early morning (some time before 7 a.m. we who live or work on that street assume) when his young master leaves with a truckload of other boys and girls to pick fruit until evening (Friday it was 6:15 when the truck returned), the black and white dog that is part black collie lies there.

Almost unprotected during afternoon hours, he does not move around the corner into the shade.

Nor does Pal trot into the nearby grocery store for company or even a drink of water. Some days, D. D. Dotson in the employment office thinks of him and takes Pal a little something in a pan to moisten his warm mouth and throat. But should Mr. Dotson touch that bike the dog's gratitude would be forgotten.

When Earl's father wanted the wheel the other day, he had to drive the dog away with rocks to save his trouser legs.

But, ah, when his master arrives on the scene, Pal becomes an almost thoughtful, playful pup. Black tail wagging, he chased another cyclist one night last week, and Earl administered punishment—not very heavily laid on the men at the employment office tell me, but punishment, nonetheless. And then tongue hanging out, wriggling as if from joy and tail waving proudly in the air, the dog that is part black collie set out to follow home the bicycle he had guarded all day long and the boy for whom he had waited.

Stalin Spurs Soviet Troops

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recorded by a special soviet communiqué. A number of villages, including Zmievka, 14 miles below Orel, were taken by the soviet counter-offensive.

(The German radio recorded by the Associated Press, admitted "partial withdrawals" near Orel as strong Russian reserves poured into the area "in an attempt to widen the break-through at any cost.")

The soviet midnight communiqué said that north of Orel the Russians beat back numerous German counterattacks and advanced to occupy a number of enemy positions of resistance.

Other red army columns were reported smashing at the Germans less than nine miles northeast of Orel and eight miles on the east. The communiqué emphasized the premier's statement by announcing that in the Belgorod direction, south of the Orel sector, the new five-day offensive of the Russians there had "completely restored positions which they occupied before the offensive of the German fascist troops began."

Gala Festival Slated Today

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Belief, Inc. Climax to the program is the American portion, which features the melting pot idea, with Corydon Blodgett and students of the Willamette college of music, directed by Dean Melvin Geist, in "Ballad for Americans."

Salem school children, directed by Miss Church and Mrs. Dimenstein, doing an American square dance and reel include Jo Ann Ricketts, Jane Van Dorn, Donna Lee Naden, Jodelle Lee Parker, Ruby Lynn Carey, Mildred and Marilyn Sellard, Jo Anne Washburn, Darlene Stubb and Joan Nopp with Gladys Crawford, accompanist.

County Commissioner Roy Rice will call the formations for the Virginia reel while members of the Salem grange join in the old favorite American dance, with Theodore Nelson in charge.

Singing "America the Beautiful," the assembly, accompanied by the band, will join to close the program.

Youths Ram Car

Two youths who called him a "WOP" and ceased to nag him only after he had repeatedly declared himself unaffiliated, rammed the back of his car several times late Friday night, Ray Stoddard reported to Salem city police Saturday. Officers have checked the license numbers taken by Stoddard, they said later Saturday.

Seventh Army Sweeping On To Messina

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Germans and Italians evacuating any sizeable force from the Catania area appeared slight in view of the continuous allied air offensive by land and sea which is making almost any form of axis troop movement impossible.

American troops seized Marsala in the lightning mop up of the western part of the island, headquarters announced Saturday, and it was the official estimate that 50,000 more prisoners would be added to the 80,000 already in allied hands. Americans captured 40,000 of this first 80,000.

The formidable British Eighth army still is battering at furious German resistance around Catania, while Canadian troops are stabbing at the Nazi flank by land and allied warships ranging the coast hammered the axis positions from the sea in unceasing bombardments.

American armor and motorized infantry meanwhile has cut the vital north post road at a point of official description as "well east of Palermo"—and therefore much nearer Messina—and they are obviously in position to strike vit the back door of this final axis stand in all Sicily.

(A Berlin broadcast describing a clash with the Americans at Termini on the north coast, indicated that the Seventh army had advanced at least 18 miles east of Palermo. Other clashes were reported with Americans and Canadians in the neighborhood of Leonforte, about 37 miles west of Catania.)

Thus were the remnants of the Italian and German Sicilian armies being hemmed in by land and sea.

All the splendid system of 10 major air bases on the island was either occupied by the allies or completely neutralized. Allied planes beat in wave upon wave upon the enemy.

"A rapidly diminishing portion of the island is all that remains to the axis, Saturday's allied communiqué declared.

Mighty Tank Motor Built

PHILADELPHIA, July 24—(AP)—A mighty new engine for tanks, in production for more than a year, was disclosed by the army Saturday at the opening of what army officials say is the biggest ordnance exhibit ever assembled in America.

The engine, rated at 500 horsepower, is an eight cylinder V-type liquid cooled model manufactured by the Ford Motor company. The first production model rolled off the assembly lines in April, 1942, and since then the engine has passed rigorous army tests.

Trash Fire Quelled

Salem firemen were called out at 11:50 p. m. Saturday to put out a trash fire at South Liberty and Mill streets.

Wounds Fatal



CLEVELAND, July 24—(AP)—John S. McCarren, 74-year-old general manager of the Cleveland Flats Dealer, died Saturday night at St. Vincent's Charity hospital from bullet wounds inflicted Thursday by a gunman who then killed himself. McCarren was shot last Thursday afternoon by Herbert L. Kebrak, 59, as the publisher sat in his office on the fourth floor of the Flats Dealer building at East 6th street and Superior avenue in downtown Cleveland.

RAF Bombers Over Germany

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have been the target for one of the groups.

The last RAF night raid on Germany was on the night of July 16, when swift Mosquitoes raided Munich, on the Brenner Pass railway line over which German supplies move to Italy.

The same night, heavy RAF raiders struck at northern Italy, hitting transformer and switching stations in a blow aimed at crippling rail transportation within Italy.

The RAF blow at Germany itself was launched soon after American Flying Fortresses returned from their daylight smash at Trondheim and Heroya in Norway.

The RAF thus hammered home again to the Germans proof of the growing might of the United Nations which have the axis on the defensive in all sectors of what their leaders call the "European fortress."

Navy Surgeon War Casualty

HONOLULU, July 24—(AP)—Captain E. A. M. Gendreau, 55, surgeon and medical officer of the United States Pacific fleet, was killed during a Japanese bombing raid on Rendova island in the central Solomons a few days ago.

Death of the veteran naval officer was announced Saturday by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of Pacific ocean areas.

Vatican Denies Axis Stories

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dent Roosevelt about the bombing of Rome, as well as a report that United States Charge D'Affaires Mr. Tittman had been called to the Vatican on the evening of the day the bombing took place, are both entirely unfounded.

"As the holy father's movements after the bombing of Rome have been subject to many incorrect interpretations in the foreign press it is necessary to recall what had really taken place.

"It is true that on the evening of the day of the bombing the pope had visited damaged areas accompanied by one person only."

"Reports have been published by the Stefano agency (official Italian news agency) and DNB (German news agency) according to which the pope was quoted as having stated that the Basilica di San Lorenzo was almost entirely destroyed," the broadcast said.

"This is untrue. What the pope really said was: 'The basilica was damaged per una grandissima parte (in the greatest part).'"

"The facts are that the front part of the cathedral has been destroyed but the antique crypt of the basilica, as well as the grave of Pope Pius IX are unharmed."

"The holy father wants to emphasize his readiness to believe that American pilots did not intentionally damage the basilica. He knows that it is practically impossible to bomb the holy ground upon which Rome stands without causing harm and damage to some site of saintliness or tradition."

The broadcast said that "the pope is impartial and his impartiality has been widely and generally recognized."

"He intends not to increase the hatred of the warring parties but to serve the ideal of understanding and humanity."

"But Rome is unique and both parties should recognize this."

"The pope knows that churches have been destroyed in England too."

"The pope is holy father to all."

Death Takes OSC Savant

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small seed industry in the state, was one of the organizers of the eastern Oregon wheat league and the Oregon seed league. He was chairman of the state flax and linen board and was connected at different times with virtually every Oregon farm organization.

The federal government called on Hyslop frequently for service. For many years he was consulting specialist of the bureau of agriculture economics.

A native of Ohio, Hyslop came to Oregon State college in 1908, became head of the farm crops department in 1916, and head of the division of plant industries in 1933.

Surviving are the widow in Corvallis, three sons and three daughters.

Salem Man in Prison Camp

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Mrs. Eva Myers, 500 N. Ninth St., Klamath Falls.

Sadler, Pfc. Edmund F.; mother, Mrs. Mary Manger, Jennings Lodge.

Starr, Sgt. Donald D.; father, Wallace Starr, Marcola.

Calkins, who came to Salem three years ago, was befriended by Joel Coe, who thought him an orphan. Later, when the boy wanted to volunteer for army service, Coe signed the necessary papers as guardian, and later learned that Calkins' parents lived in Hillsboro. Both the parents and the "guardian" were notified last week by the war department of the lad's death in a Japanese prison camp.

Richard Ney, Greer Garson Are Married

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 24—(AP)—Screen Star Greer Garson and Ens. Richard Ney were married Saturday night at Santa Monica Presbyterian church. Ney met her in the movie "Mrs. Miniver" for which she won an academy award for the best acting performance last year. Ney played the role of her son.

The couple obtained a marriage license several months ago but Ney has been on duty in Alaskan waters and only recently obtained leave.

It was Ney's first marriage and the second for Miss Garson. She divorced her first mate, Edward Snelson, British civil servant.

Ney's leave is up Sunday and he will return to duty immediately.

Miss Garson's age was not listed in motion picture records but she stated she was 31 when she filed the license. Ney said he was 29.

Allied Bombers Blast Nippos

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latest specific reports said the Americans were within two miles of the airbase.

Flying through bad weather which frequently limits aerial operations in the southwest Pacific, four-engine bombers dropped 80 tons of high explosives on Lae in a morning attack. The bombs set off heavy explosions and started large fires.

The Japanese struck at two allied positions—Bena Bena, 90 miles northwest of Salamaua, and Enogai Inlet, two miles northeast of Bairoko. No damage was reported in either case.

Five different Japanese positions on Timor island, 400 miles northwest of Darwin were pounded by allied bombers. Three of the attacks—against Fullero, Lautem and Dili—were made at night. Fires were started at Lautem and at Dili and the communiqué identified those at Dili as burning in ammunition dumps and near the airbase. Results of the Fullero raid was not reported but large fires were started at Koepong and in the nearby village of Tenas.

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4 Precinct Shifts Asked For Salem

Petitions for four precinct changes come up for public hearing Monday before the Marion county court, although two have been virtually settled, it is understood, and orders for the changes have been drawn.

Those orders involve precincts 2 and 18, both oversize, in the city of Salem.

Sought also by petitioners is the creation of an Auburn district, to be bounded on the north by D street, on the west by the city limits, the south by the Southern Pacific tracks and on the east by boundaries of Englewood and East Salem precincts, which would be joined into one precinct.

Still another petition would take portions of Englewood, East Salem and Macleay precincts to be joined into one Fruitland precinct.

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Thursday Blow Against Kiska Both Air, Sea

WASHINGTON, July 24—(AP)

In a communiqué containing fresh evidence that the hour of doom is rapidly nearing for 10,000 Japanese troops holding Kiska island, the navy disclosed Saturday that the Thursday assault against the invader's Aleutians outpost was a joint sea and air operation.

The latest war bulletin on the action suggested that the Japanese probably took a heavier beating on Kiska that day than ever before in the 13½ months they have held the bleak and rocky island.

The attack started with an air-raid by army four-engine Liberator bombers, Mitchell twin-engine medium bombers and swift Lightning and Warhawk fighters. These planes heavily bombed and strafed Japanese coastal batteries, anti-aircraft positions and building areas.

This first air attack was followed immediately by the naval bombardment in which heavy and light guns of the US Pacific fleet poured tons of steel and explosives upon the same targets. Then the aerial squadrons returned to the scene and mopped up.

Atlanta News Omits Ads

ATLANTA, July 24—(AP)—The Atlanta Journal Saturday night published the following notice on the front page of its Sunday editions:

The Atlanta Journal regrets the necessity of omitting 15 columns of advertising from today's issue. It does so to present adequately all the news of the day while conforming to the restrictions imposed upon the use of newsprint paper."

...and then they were married!

From the altar they go, not to their dream home, but to a tiny apartment near the army post. However, Sally, being a modern bride, is wise as well as beautiful, and she's planning now the kind of a home they'll have after the war.

Because she knows that here she'll find furnishings of distinguished character and dependable worth, Sally's planning her home with Gevurtz, taking advantage of the advice offered by their trained interior decorating counsel in designing and budgeting for the future. Of course she can't get everything now, but she's collecting a few perfect pieces already, as a start, and they add a tone of inspiring elegance to their little apartment... while the cottage-to-be is still in the dream stage.

Why not, like Sally and Bill, make plans now for the life you'll lead after the war? Gevurtz will be glad to discuss your future furnishing problems with you, and still offers varied selections of fine furniture from which you can start now, piece by piece, to fit together the pattern of the home you'll have some day.



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