

Volturno Battle Fury Mounts

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peninsula, and Vinchiatturo, six miles southwest. With the fall of these two points the allies gained control of vital inland rail and highway communications and were in a position to menace the whole flank of the German defenders in the Volturno line by a penetration deep behind the fighting front.

Several of the enemy's fiercest counterattacks were launched in the region of Caiazzo, a mile north of the Volturno, but the fifth army finally routed the Germans in grim fighting there and now has the town firmly in its possession. Amorosi, five miles east of Volturro, also fell to the fifth army, which gained control of the high ground in that important sector. The taking of Amorosi enabled the allies to straddle the Volturro along two miles of its northward bend above the confluence with the Calore.

At several other points the Germans lunged out toward the river in attempts to reduce the bridgeheads through which Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army is bringing more men, guns and tanks up to the fighting areas.

Other towns and villages which fell before the combined assaults of the fifth and eighth armies were Castel Campagnano, a mile south of Amorosi; Telesse, three miles east of Amorosi; San Giuliano, three and a half miles southeast of Vinchiatturo; Cercepicolle, four miles southeast of Vinchiatturo; Matrice, four and a half miles northeast of Campobasso; and Campoleite eight miles northeast of Campobasso.

Official reports from Clark's frontline headquarters indicated that the Germans were attempting to disengage themselves from close quarter combat, particularly near the mouth of the Volturro, where British troops are now strongly entrenched after their amphibious landing.

Special Levies Down; County, School Tax Up

Marion county's tax roll, down \$142,192.65 from that of last year, actually represents an increase in school and county levies, with the decrease in special fund levies. County Assessor R. C. "Tad" Shelton explained Saturday a collection of the \$1,656,507.88 levies was begun by Sheriff A. C. Burk's office.

Thirty-two thousand tax statements are to be in the mail by the middle of this week, if the schedule of work set by Harold Domogalia, chief tax collection deputy, is met.

Without a state levy, on a total assessed valuation of \$43,324,275, the new roll is destined to raise \$724,605.41. The general mounting out of this total, amounting to \$40,082, is assessed against only the \$26,721,445, which is the tax-valuation of property outside of Salem.

Without the special funds, which amount to \$931,902.41, and without the general road fund levy of 1.5 mills, the levy which covers the county is 15.81 mills.

The special funds, levied over the territories affected, are:

High school tuition fund	\$9,228.24
Union high school	9,228.24
Union high school No. 2	888.78
Special schools	394,828.05
Amesville fire protec. dist.	435,454.63
Special cities	425.97
Amesville fire protec. dist.	5,864.58
Brooks fire protec. dist.	301.72
Mill City fire protec. dist.	3,013.72
St. August fire protec. dist.	2,977.78
St. Paul fire protec. dist.	4,828.16
Salem Heights water dist.	308.54
Forest patrol	294.20
Salem Heights water dist.	427.30
Miller drainage dist.	294.20
Wood's-Hubbard drain. dist.	427.30
Reforestation (120,000 acres at 12¢ per acre)	1,461.96

Nazis Mount Major Front In Yugoslavia

By E. C. DANIEL
LONDON, Oct. 16—(AP)—The Germans have mounted a major front with perhaps 21 divisions against guerrillas who are threatening to overrun Yugoslavia's main east-west communications line, and have placed two top generals in command of the drive, it was reported today.

Field Marshal Gen. Baron Maximilian von Weichs arrived in Belgrade to establish headquarters under the overall command of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, and there was evidence of a determined drive by the liberation army of Tito (Josip Broz) to disrupt or seize control of the Sava river valley and its vital railway. The valley, along which runs the Zagreb-Belgrade railway connecting with western Europe's rail network, bisects Yugoslavia from east to west.

To combat Tito's effort to carve out an invasion bridgehead for American-British armies, the Germans were reported from Istanbul to have put 12 German divisions into Yugoslavia, plus nine Bulgarian.

The Istanbul dispatch was broadcast from Cairo and recorded by the Associated Press. These figures, if true, would mean that the Germans were exerting nearly 17 per cent of their effort against the Yugoslavs as against Lt. Gen.

Macleay Women Remodel Clothes, Save About \$115 on Budget

MACLEAY—That the home extension work in Marion county has proven a financial success was shown during the two day clothes remodeling school held here Thursday and Friday under the direction of the Marion county extension agent, Miss Lucy Lane and Miss Janet Taylor, specialists from Oregon State college, were instructors.

Most of the garments remodeled were of material that cannot be found on the market now and were utterly useless because of the style. Placing the value low on the work done, the estimated saving now that the garments are usable was given at about \$115. A suit not worn for 20 years, remodeled into a modern suit, could not be found in the shops and has better material than suits selling now for \$100.

Three coats, seven dresses and one skirt were remodeled. Two children's coats were made out of used garments and became attractive, warm and serviceable until outgrown.

The garment that was the greatest achievement, the seamstress believed, was a woman's suit made from a man's suit. While all garments were not completed, all were far enough along to be finished at home. Suggestions were also given for remodeling or "perking" up other garments brought for inspection.

Congressmen Seek Stronger Postwar Stand

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said they thought the term "international authority" is extremely vague in its meaning.

Senator George (D-Ga.) interpreted the proposed amendment as paving the way for establishment of an "international police force."

"I would oppose any such organization," he said.

Both houses of congress were in weekend recess but there were these developments in Washington:

Chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) of the house appropriations committee declared that the government needs more revenue to run the war, but that it should not come from a sales tax and, he said, could not be made up by economies.

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Air Offensive Setting Stage For Invasion

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production center at Schweinfurt, Germany. Widespread concern over the fact that the operation cost 60 Flying Fortress bombers evoked from official sources enough information to show that the damage done was worth the cost.

Consequently the Schweinfurt raid is down in the books as the most important single accomplishment to date of American bombing over Germany, an operation required by major strategic considerations and made possible by American ability to replace the losses which were suffered.

Ranking almost equally in importance is the raid made in the oil refineries at Ploesti, Rumania, which also proved very expensive in heavy bombers.

Rumanian fields, to which the Ploesti refineries are the bottleneck, produced 30 per cent of Germany's total oil supply, crude and synthetic. Hungarian fields, the other main natural source available to the Germans, produced about eight per cent. The long distance air raid from North Africa crippled Ploesti's output. Allied military authorities everywhere hailed it as a signal victory and one which after some months would virtually diminish nazi oil resources, especially in aviation gasoline and high-grade lubricants.

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Oregonians Urged to Buy, Store Potatoes

Oregon consumers can help growers with the marketing and storage of this year's record potato crop by obtaining liberal winter's supplies now, says R. B. Taylor, chairman of Oregon's USDA war board, in calling attention to the designation of potatoes as a victory food selection for the period ending October 2-November 6.

The family with facilities for keeping potatoes will find it a thrifty practice to buy a sack or more now, Taylor believes. Good home storage is a place where the temperature stays between 40 and 60 degrees, plus a covering to shut out the light. Detailed directions for storing potatoes and other vegetables are given in OSC extension bulletin 601.

Farmers of this state are harvesting 53,000 acres of potatoes, an increase of 47 per cent over last year's production. While ev-ery spud will be needed before next year's crop is ready, Taylor pointed out that marketing and transportation facilities can handle only a small portion of the crop at harvest time. Thus growers must keep a large part of the crop until it can be marketed later.

To meet this problem, growers have constructed more than a half million bushels of new storage facilities, the chairman said. Most of this is in the large-scale commercial areas, where facilities now appear adequate. Little storage space is available in the Willamette valley, however, and the greatly increased crop in that area will have to be marketed soon after harvest, Taylor said.

Consumers can ease the storage problem by stocking up now.

To assist in the orderly marketing of the crop and to support prices to growers at previously announced levels, government loans are available to growers who can provide safe storage for their potatoes. Loans are made on a field run basis, but the amount of the loan is based on the percentage of No. 1 and No. 2 grade potatoes in the lot. The loan rate is \$1.65 a hundred in all counties except Malheur, Baker, Wallowa and Union, where it is \$1.45. Loans are made at the full rate for No. 1 grade, and at 60 per cent of the full rate for potatoes grading No. 2 or better.

The hog price in Portland, except for short periods, has consistently been the price at the western edge of the corn belt plus freight, points out Prof. Potter. Under the present ceilings it is possible now to buy live hogs in central Nebraska and the eastern Dakotas at ceiling prices there, pay the freight to Portland, and still sell them here at substantially under the published ceiling of \$15.75. Present ceiling price relationships between live hogs and dressed pork are somewhat favorable to western slaughterers, he adds.

Quakers Notch Record, 74-6!

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16—(AP)—A mighty University of Pennsylvania football team, conquerors of Princeton, Yale and Dartmouth, rolled up the biggest score at Franklin field in 22 years today, thumping an outclassed Lakehurst naval air station eleven 74-6 before 20,000.

Kreason New Polk District Attorney

Appointment of Robert S. Kreason, Dallas, as Polk county district attorney to succeed Bruce Spaulding, who has resigned effective November 1, was announced by Gov. Earl Snel here Saturday.

Kreason is a graduate of the University of Oregon and was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1916. Spaulding, now serving his third term as district attorney, will open a law office in Salem. For several years Kreason was connected with the law office of Oscar Hayter, who died recently at Dallas.

Brother Dies

ZENA—A message was received last week by Ben and George McConnell of Zena telling of the death of a brother, A. R. McConnell of Laramie, Wyo.

Salem Men Appointed

PORTLAND, Oct. 16—(AP)—C. C. Ward and Floyd C. Bowers, both of Salem, were appointed chairman of the nominating and legislative committees of the Oregon Finance Officers association today by Will W. Gibson, president.

ON THE HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

An important feature of the Salem scene Saturday was the lineup for shotgun shells in the sporting goods section of a department store.

Laugh, if you must, but I was there and I know there was an odor of gunpowder in the air clear up on the first floor of the emporium although the shells were downstairs. I followed my nose directly to the place where a tired man was shelling out to those who would sign the statement provided.

And if one stopped to read the statement before signing, the clerk merely asked "Are you buying these for yourself?" Nine times out of 10 he was right and he was able to shoo away a would-be customer with the explanation that "The government demands that we have ample identification for the actual purchaser."

The shells, 12-gauge sixes and fours, were handled on a government quota basis (and they have, my hunter friends tell me, inferior bases—not designed for auto-matics).

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'Oregon Trail' Launched With Ceremonies

PORTLAND, Oct. 16—(AP)—Oregon's earliest horse-drawn vehicles creaked through Swan Island shipyard today to recreate pioneer days at the launching of the tanker Oregon Trail.

Descendants of men and women who crossed the original Oregon Trail paraded in pioneer costumes with a file of Indians from the Warm Springs reservation rolled the ancient Umattilla house bus which once carried US presidents to The Dalles. Behind the 104th cavalry band from Salem came the ox-drawn covered wagon of Cal Young, Eugene.

Valerie Bolton The Dalles, great-granddaughter of a pioneer, christened the Oregon Trail. Seven ex-governors of Oregon, and Maj. Gen. John Dahlgren, commander of Camp Adair's Trail Blazers, watched the tanker splash into the Willamette.

Meanwhile, Oregon Shipbuilding corporation launched its 277th Liberty and Commercial Iron Works a submarine chaser.

J. C. Savage Hurt In Fall From Tree

When J. C. Savage, 72, resident of 1055 Norway street, fell from a tree Saturday afternoon he injured his back and city first-aid men took him to Salem General hospital, where he was reported Saturday night as resting well.

Norman Hansel, 13, of 45 Park avenue, went to the east Salem fire and first-aid station Saturday to receive emergency dressing for a laceration on the point of his chin, received when he fell from a bicycle. He was given first aid and sent to a physician.

State 47.1 Per Cent Over War Bond Quota

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16—(AP)—Sales of war bonds in Oregon's third war loan drive reached \$153,070,000 today, 47.1 per cent over the \$104,000,000 quota, the state war finance committee reported. A final tabulation is expected Monday.

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2nd Stalingrad At Melitopol

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man tanks were destroyed in the southwestern part of the city alone. The Germans were reported fighting under a stand-or-die order from Adolf Hitler.

The Germans rushed up divisions from the Crimea, reaching the battlefield before Gen. Malinovsky's forces reached the area. The soviet air force was aiding the southward drive, bombing German troop trains and army stores at Nikopol, 50 miles southwest of Zaporozhe. Four trains were declared smashed by these attacks.

At Melitopol, neither side claimed advances as they fought hand-to-hand in the war-torn city.

Red Star, soviet army newspaper, describing Melitopol as the last German strong point before 90 miles of dismal mud flats that offered little chance of natural defense, said the battle had "assumed a wide scale and has tremendous significance."

A Russian victory there would open a path deep into the southern districts, cutting off the Crimea where six or seven German divisions are dug in.

The newspaper recalled the Germans had termed Melitopol their "eastern gate" and added "the gates have been closed."

The fighting was with bayonet and grenade through the skeletons of shell-wrecked buildings in the town itself.

Soviet artillery, brought up to support the infantry, which smashed into the center of the city four days ago, was now blasting German points of resistance and breaking the way for more Russian troops and tanks. The Germans were replying with mortars and anti-tank guns but were reported being forced to abandon position after position.

US National to Buy Roseburg Bank

ROSEBURG, Oct. 16—(AP)—Negotiations to sell the Douglas National bank, founded at Roseburg in 1883, to the US National Bank of Portland will probably be completed early next week, J. G. Booth, Douglas National president, said today.

The purchase would give the US National assets of more than \$10,000 in Roseburg. Six years ago the Portland company purchased Roseburg National bank from A. C. Marsters and Associates.

Bombings Halt Air Expansion Of Germans

By GLADWIN HILL

US EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN BRITAIN, Oct. 16—(AP)—The allies' aerial invasion from Britain has brought to a standstill the German air force's expansion through new production, Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, chief of the American bomber command in Britain said today, but he added that the final critical blows against Germany's war effort are still some distance off.

The attack on the German air force has been aimed at Nazi air-plant plants, notably by a long series of precision attacks by American daylight bombers dropping at one blow as much explosive as could be shot by a battery of 12,000 ten-inch guns.

"You've got to tear down the wall to get at the apple," Gen. Anderson explained in discussing the air campaign against Germany. "Our aim is to get the German air force out of the way first."

These are other highlights of an interview in which the director of America's main current assault on Germany summarized the bombing campaign:

The American air force is still greatly outnumbered by the enemy on this front. Sixty per cent of the German's single-engine fighter force and a big proportion of her anti-aircraft defenses, involving together a million men, are tied up on the western front by allied air attacks.

In recent weeks, for the first time in two years, German airplane production has not shown an increase.

The German air force still has a lot of fighter production and, despite setbacks in manufacturing, may still be drawing from reserves.

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