

Oregon Buys 115 Millions In War Bonds

(Continued from Page 1) E

The Million Dollar club program featuring Joseph Sampietro and his musicians, Red Dunning, Margaret Carroll, Bob McCoy and the double quartet as well as Master of Ceremonies Johnny Carpenter, was voted a masterpiece of harmony and precision by the applause of the capacity crowd, many of whom were participating as "studio audience" for the first time.

Among gifts offered in connection with the victory rally, the furniture ensemble donated by seven Salem furniture dealers went to Mrs. Carol Rebo of Annapolis.

It only added to the fun when most of the other gifts were awarded to seemingly unsuitable persons: a bicycle donated by Harry W. Scott was given to Miss Helen Yockey, a man's suit to Miss Peggy Van Santen who said she would give it to her father, while two of the pairs of nylon hose went to men, Jay Morris and H. L. Braden. However Mrs. Belle W. Braden received the lady's suit, Kenneth Cannoy the camellia offered by Frank Doerfler, Miss Hattie Cook the third pair of nylons, Mrs. S. J. Hinkle the candy donated by the Spa.

Appreciation of the work of some 3000 bond solicitors throughout the county was expressed by Chairman Gard, with special mention of Charles A. Sprague, Gene Vandenberg, Salem Chairman Arthur Smith; Adam Lefor, Jim Beard, Stanley Keith, Agricultural Chairman Roy J. Rice, Treasurer Rex Gibson, Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn, Salem Rural Chairman Frank Doerfler, Mrs. Carmalite Weddle, Miss Hazel Harper of the block leaders, Bill Dashney, Secretary George H. Riches, Special Events Chairman Joe Land and Retail Chairman Douglas Yeater.

Chairman George Wadsworth of Gervais and three Silverton campaign heads, Jack Spencer, M. G. Gunderson and Glenn Briedwell, were introduced, their districts having gone over the top just before the campaign's close.

Appreciation of the contribution of newspapers, radio, the Boy Scouts, service clubs, the theatres, the block leaders organization and the donors of gifts was voiced by the county chairman. The furniture was provided by Gervais Furniture company, Good Housekeeping, Inc., C. S. Hamilton Furniture company, Hogg Brothers, Sears, Roebuck company, H. L. Stiff Furniture company and Woody Furniture company.

Mending Subject For Discussion

LIBERTY — The Liberty Woman's club will meet on Thursday in the community hall. Dessert luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Miss Frances Clinton, Marion county home demonstration agent, will be present to discuss and demonstrate "Mending," which is part of the extension services effort to show women how to make clothing last as long as possible by proper repair tricks.

Return Engagement At Crystal Gardens One Night Only Thursday, Feb. 24



Tiny And His Wranglers
Modern and Old-Time
Dance Fun for All
Broadcasting KWJJ
Saturdays, 4 and 10 P. M.

Starts TODAY!

Knudsen Warns

DALLAS, Feb. 15—(P)—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, director of production for the war department, today warned against any belief that the war is about over, saying:

"Don't sell the hide until you've shot the bear."

Gen. Knudsen is in Dallas on an inspection of war plants.

P-47 Joins Yanks' Top Pursuit Planes

(Continued from Page 1) F

with superchargers. It was first believed their performance would fall off so sharply under 20,000 feet that they would be of little use for any other task except to escort bombers or as the top-level escort for other fighters.

However, in the Mediterranean theatre, playful Thunderbolt pilots, returning from escorting missions which had been dull, scooted down and started shooting up trains, trucks and transports in Italy. They found the great firepower and the heavy armament of the Thunderbolts made a formidable strafing weapon. And the tremendous power of the P-47's radial 2000-horse power engines enabled them to beat effectively with German fighters at the lower levels.

As a result, Thunderbolts now are being used to close support work both in Italy and across the English channel. Their pilots also started carrying bombs on Adriatic shipping sweeps.

Thus, partly by accident, partly by design and partly by necessity was born an all-round aircraft, a great fighter which can bomb, strafe and fight at low levels. And all of this is wrapped up in a range which can carry the fight to the enemy in the stratosphere over Germany.

It used to be said America should build all the bombers and Britain all the fighters. But the Thunderbolt, the Lightning and the Mustang have proved that America can build fighters as good as any in the world, just as the Mosquito has proved the British have their own skill in bombers. The long range of the new American fighters has produced one of the greatest by-products of the war for the allied military machine. It is an axiom of this war that no large successful amphibious invasion can be made outside of fighter air cover.

One year ago, with British and American fighters limited to just a short range, the possible points for an invasion of Europe were confined to a small area along the channel. The new long-range Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings now have extended this invasion coast hundreds of miles north and south of England, thereby greatly increasing Hitler's defensive problem.

Parton Rites Are Wednesday

ALBANY—Funeral services for James Wiley Parton, 76, will be held at 2 o'clock, Wednesday from the Fisher Funeral home. Rev. J. O. McDonald will have charge of the services. Burial will be in Riverside. Mr. Parton died February 12, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Estella McClain, following a short illness.

Born in Adams county, Illinois, February 27, 1865, James Parton spent the early years of his life in the middle west. He married Marie Jane Winn in Wallace, Neb., in 1890 and in 1902 came to Oregon with his family. Their first home here was at LaGrande later moving to Linn county where they resided since in the vicinity of Albany and Lebanon.

Mrs. Parton died in 1927. For many years Mr. Parton engaged in farming but recently had retired from active work. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Survivors are a daughter and son, Mrs. McClain of Albany, and Lester Parton, Lebanon, at present with the US marines at Hadlock, Wash.; also a brother, Ed Parton, and a sister, Mrs. Lillie Gilham, both of Salem; and another brother, Frank Parton of Nebraska; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Allies End Solomons Conquest

(Continued from Page 1) D

Shirland, Bougainville and Buka islands, allied air superiority in this sector is unquestioned.

Landing was protected by warships as big as cruisers and apparently took the Japanese by surprise. The enemy's machinegun fire did no damage to the landing craft, a naval spokesman said.

The allies' grip on these northern islands and their bases to the south will permit troops to hunt out the enemy garrisons at their leisure, or permit the Japanese to starve.

Allied naval and air forces undoubtedly would welcome any Japanese attempt to evacuate or reinforce these Solomons garrisons.

Today's announcement of the landing on the group of five islands, which form an atoll 16 miles long by 14 miles wide with an interior lagoon, explains in part the reason for the mounting aerial offensive against enemy airbases at Rabaul and at Kavieng, New Ireland. Kavieng is 230 miles northwest of the Green Islands.

The communiques today reported another of the almost daily air raids on Rabaul. Planes from the Solomon air force struck Vunakanau, Tobera and Lakunai airbases with 171 tons of bombs, and hit Kavieng and Panapa airbases on New Ireland with 115 tons.

The allied airmen shot down seven of 40 intercepting planes at Rabaul and probably five others, destroyed or damaged eight more on the ground and started many fires with smoke rising "thousands of feet," the communiques said. The attackers lost three fighters at Rabaul, but met no interception at Kavieng and Panapa.

Occupation of the Green Islands climaxed the south Pacific drive which started August 7, 1942, with marine landings on Tulagi and Guadalcanal islands and were followed by important Japanese naval setbacks at the battle of Savo island the following November 15. These attacks were under Halsey's command.

The offensive moved northward June 6, 1943, under the supreme command of Gen. MacArthur with Halsey the commander in the field.

Subsequent landings were made at Rendova and New Georgia islands, as the offensive continued its advance, and resulted in the capture of the important airfield at Munda on New Georgia.

These were followed by other thrusts on the Treasury Islands, in the Solomons archipelago and by paratroops on Choiseul island last October 27 and 28.

The Choiseul island landing was a diversionary movement preceding the marine landing at Empress Augusta bay on the southwest coast of Bougainville island November 1. The paratroopers later were withdrawn from Choiseul and the Japanese there have since been hit often by allied aircraft and naval vessels.

The Americans at Empress Augusta bay have extended their beachhead holdings and have built two airfields, which gave the 13th air force bases close to Rabaul and other New Britain enemy points.

Eligible for Pensions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—(P)—Persons injured or contracting diseases while under draft board orders to report for preinduction examinations would be eligible for the same pensions and benefits as are members of the armed forces under a bill passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

Get Same Benefits

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15—(P)—Employers may give returning service men and women all wage increases and other benefits accruing during their absence under a regional war labor board regulation announced today.

HOLLYWOOD NOW PLAYING

SWING SHIFT MAISE
"I've Been Right Off Command Since I Was Born!"
SOTHEBY CRAIG
"IS HITLER ALIVE?"
The Screen's Debut of ADOLF HITLER

CO-HIT
CHARLES STARRETT
The FIGHTING BUCKAROO
The Fighting World News

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

So they took to the old millstream! And they spread some red paint on the walks. Even the navy relaxed its regulations for a day so that men in uniform could pay and pay.

Glee bets at Willamette university, traditionally paid the first Monday after the songfest, this year were postponed for 24 hours because a naval inspection wouldn't have fitted in with midday blouses worn backward and hawkers of—(well, what can a bet loser hawk today now that we have no bananas, no candy bars, no chewing gum?)—well, hawkers of, perhaps, blue exam booklets. But they were paid with the same gusto as in years gone by.

Alumni, at work, at camp—even those who took selective service physically yesterday thought of the millstream and of days at Willamette.

I wonder if dear old Dr. Franklin, whom we and our bets especially fretted, did not arouse his semi-coma in a Deaconess hospital long enough to say in a high voice, "There will be no singing in the library this year."

Report Finns, Soviets Talk Peace Terms

(Continued from Page 1) H

on German divisions in Finland. The rumor persisted that Russia was insisting on immediate occupation of such strategic Finnish cities as Viipuri and Hangoe, site of a naval base, for the duration of the war to prevent any German attempt to make Finland another Italy.

A main question was what the Germans would do if Finland dropped out of the war.

One rumor said the Russians were ready to guarantee Finland's independence after the war, but were demanding the right to garrison the principal Finnish cities so long as there was any threat from the nazis.

The Finns were believed willing to consent to a settlement based on the 1940 boundaries set after the Russo-Finnish conflict of 1939-40, giving Russia Viipuri, and possibly even willing to surrender some of the Finnish islands, but not Hangoe. That strategic base, Finland's "Gibraltar," was leased to Russia after the end of the 1940 war.

Further, the Finns were said to be adamant against any Russian garrisoning of their cities. None of these reports was confirmed.

It is difficult to see how any settlement can be accomplished so long as the present Finnish government remains in power. Moscow all along has been represented as willing to deal with Finland only on condition that a new government were formed more favorably disposed towards the soviets.

Snowstorms Hamper Livestock Marketing

CHICAGO, Feb. 15—(P)—Snowstorms throughout the midwest hampered livestock marketings, and meat production last week in federally inspected plants continued to decline from the record high levels of January, the war meat board reported today.

The number of animals slaughtered under federal inspection last week totaled 256,000 cattle, 100,000 calves, 1,785,000 hogs and 378,000 sheep and lambs, compared with 266,000 cattle, 110,000 calves, 1,828,000 hogs and 375,000 sheep and lambs the previous week.

STATE NOW PLAYING!

HUMPHREY BOGART
and the "DEAD END" KIDS
"CRIME SCHOOL"
Sensational Co-Hit
ARE THEY THE "MARKED" WOMEN OF TOMORROW?
"GIRLS ON PROBATION"
Featuring RONALD REAGAN
FEATURETTE
CARTOON
NEWS

WILD KIDS
on a Ram-page!
Defying All Law!
Edward G. Robinson
Charles Beyer
Barbara Stanwyck
Betty Field
Robert Cummings
Robert Benchley
Thomas Mitchell
FLESH AND FANTASY
A GREAT STARR
ONE OF HIS GREATEST PERFORMANCES
ASSOCIATE HIT
MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT
RAY CLARK
RAY CLARK
RAY CLARK
RAY CLARK
Extra! "New Prisoners"
Cartoon "Corny Concerto"

US Bombers Blast Nazis In Monastery

(Continued from Page 1) A

screaming into the monastery buildings.

Many Nazi soldiers scrambling for safety from the historic religious edifice after the first crash of aerial bombs were caught squarely in the fire of allied artillery. For them, the thick-walled buildings, from which they had in past days aimed murderous fire at American infantry scrambling up Mt. Cassino's slopes, had become a death trap.

One hundred Flying Fortresses and 150 medium bombers, flying high in sunny weather, carried out the aerial attack. Explosives were followed by showers of incendiaries which seemed, from a point a few miles away, to have set afire everything on the hill.

There was no immediate indication of the fate of hundreds of Italian civilians who took shelter within the monastery in recent weeks and who were warned by the allies yesterday to get out "at once" for their lives. Once Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark decided the monastery must be shattered to save the lives of American soldiers and clear the road to Rome, he lost little time in turning loose his forces of destruction.

The Fifth army had fought for nearly two weeks to seize the town of Cassino and the rocky peaks around the monastery without damaging the religious shrine, most of whose present buildings date from the 15th century. But the slopes of Mt. Cassino were honeycombed with Nazi gun emplacements and there were machine-gun nests in the monastery itself.

Once, a week ago, American troops reached a point but 75 yards from the abbey's walls, only to be knocked back down the hill by withering fire. At last report, advanced units were within about 60 yards of the crest of the mountain. Once the monastery is cleared of Germans, the allies will look squarely down into the battered streets of Cassino and will have a superlative vantage point from which to direct future operations. Use of the main highway from Cassino to Rome then will be denied to the nazis, and the enemy's position in Cassino will rapidly become untenable.

(The German radio has in recent days steadfastly maintained that no Nazi soldiers were inside the monastery grounds. Today's German communiques said Mt. Cassino abbey was bombed "Although no German soldiers were either in the monastery or the vicinity." American infantry battling through the town of Cassino below were said unofficially to have occupied about one-third of the town after nearly two weeks of house-to-house fighting. A bloody engagement in the Mt. Castellone area north of Cassino left 240 German dead on the field.

Perhaps because of intense allied aerial bombardment of their positions for the past three days and nights, German forces ringing the beachhead south of Rome had not renewed their attacks in force. Allied planes flew about 1500 sorties yesterday, destroying 21 German planes for a loss of one of their own. Escorted Fighting Fortresses and Liberators made heavy assaults in northern Italy on six railway hubs through which the enemy must move supplies to his embattled troops on the two fronts below Rome.

Davis' Car Stolen

B. K. Davis of route 2 reported to city police that his '34 Plymouth coach was stolen from the 100 block on South Commercial street at approximately 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

ELSINORE Now Showing!

THRILLS ABOVE ALL
Edward G. Robinson
Charles Beyer
Barbara Stanwyck
Betty Field
Robert Cummings
Robert Benchley
Thomas Mitchell
FLESH AND FANTASY
A GREAT STARR
ONE OF HIS GREATEST PERFORMANCES
ASSOCIATE HIT
MOONLIGHT IN VERMONT
RAY CLARK
RAY CLARK
RAY CLARK
RAY CLARK
Extra! "New Prisoners"
Cartoon "Corny Concerto"

CO-FEATURE!
IT'S DICK'S GREATEST FIGHT
As he takes down the white renegade who sold out to the red men!
FRANKIE FARMER
DICK FORAN
"CAPTAIN MIDNITE"
NEWS

Allies Forge Blockades, Knox Reveals

(Continued from Page 1) G

able smuggling of goods from Spain by sea into France and thence to Germany.

The intensified blockade will stop this, he added, and force any movements on to already overburdened and sagging land transport facilities.

The American navy is using the same dread tactics of blockade in the Pacific, striking at Japanese blockade runners with air, sea and submarine power before they get a chance to get near the German-held ports.

Blockade is having telling effect in the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands, Knox added. Those atolls which have been cut off by the US thrusts are running out of supplies. Starvation is next.

US bombers ranging at will in the central Pacific are facing only meager Japanese fighter opposition and light anti-aircraft fire, indicating the enemy is short of planes and ammunition.

Rabaul, most heavily bombed Japanese base in the southwest Pacific, is just about useless now, the secretary said. Calling the Tokyo radio, the "honor department," he scoffed at their broadcasts that 1005 American planes have been shot down there. Actual US losses, Knox said, "are approximately 30 or 40 planes."

RAF Bomber Force Raids Berlin Again

(Continued from Page 1) B

cating a possible new RAF bomber thrust into Germany to follow up the sustained hammering given the French invasion coast.

Four-engined American Liberators pounded this northern French area for the fourth time in five days; more than 200 American bombers, making their 11th raiding trip this month, flew against it, splitting into a dozen formations for a 40-minute series of attacks that the crews described as "pulverizing."

British medium bombers and fighter-bombers dropped their own shower of missiles on the patch of land separated from England by only 28 miles of water.

Altogether, there were more than six types of bombers, around which circled hundreds of escorting Spitfires, Mustangs and other allied fighters.

Pas-de-Calais now is one of the most heavily-bombed regions in the world, and allied command of the air there is so absolute that the Luftwaffe is making hardly a pretense of defending it.

LIBERTY

OPENS 6:45 P. M.

ENDS TODAY!

Henry Fonda Joan Bennett

"Wild Geese Calling"

George Montgomery

Zane Grey's

"Last of the Duanes"

TOMORROW!

TWO BIG ACTION HITS!

The daring and romantic exploits of..

BELLE STARR

The Bandit Queen

RANDOLPH SCOTT

GENE TIERNEY

DICK ANDERSON - STEPHEN ELIZABETH PATTERSON

GAIL WELLS

LOUISE BEAVER

Directed by FRANK CRUICKSHANK

A Film Company - Fox

TECHNICOLOR!

CO-FEATURE!

IT'S DICK'S GREATEST FIGHT

As he takes down the white renegade who sold out to the red men!

FRANKIE FARMER

DICK FORAN

"CAPTAIN MIDNITE"

NEWS

Soviets Smash Pskov, Five Other Sectors

(Continued from Page 1) C

va-Pskov railway along the east shore of Lake Peipus capturing several populated places. An enemy infantry regiment was routed and many prisoners and much material taken. The Russians in this area were last reported at Pskov, 47 miles north of Pskov.

In one area of the northern front, the midnight communiques said, red army men straddled a highway, cutting off the enemy's retreat.

"The Germans began to divert columns with difficulty along smaller roads, creating a big concentration of trucks, cars and infantry. Soviet artillerymen successfully fired on the road, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

"Our airmen struck blows on the German communications and destroyed 350 trucks and 80 cars with army supplies, 11 buses and wiped out about a battalion of enemy infantry."

Moscow dispatches said the Russians were particularly eager to reach Pskov by February 23, the 26th anniversary of the red army's official birthday. At Pskov and Narva the 1918 units of the newly-formed army smashed a German force and the army has always counted its beginning from this date.

Another spearhead farther west

Gen. Clark Closes Down Anzio Radio

(Continued from Page 1) C

LONDON, Wednesday, Feb. 16

—(P)—A delayed Reuters dispatch from fifth army headquarters in Italy said today that Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's command, annoyed with some press dispatches concerning the beachhead operation, had closed down a "radio station Anzio" to ensure full censorship of copy at base headquarters.

The dispatch, dated February 13, said there was criticism of reports which called the beachhead "another Tobruk" or "Dunkerque."

It agreed by a vote of 186-159 to give him another assistant secretary of the interior at \$9000 a year.

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west

Another spearhead farther west</