

# Allies Hold Beach Points; Take Prisoners

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ned down" the allies to such a small space that the beachhead forces "have lost any possibility of the initiative and have to fight very hard to avoid disaster."

The enemy announcement admitted heavy blows from allied air forces around the beachhead. At dusk Thursday the Germans attacked American positions along the Cisterna-Montello road. They were thrown back by heavy artillery fire and lost three tanks. Around Carroceto the British smashed back two strong Nazi patrols testing their positions. Infiltration attempts in the Moletta river area were served in the same way.

Ground forces in the beachhead had enthusiastic praise today for the work of American Liberators and Fortresses which held the Nazis in check Thursday. Their accurate bombing caused heavy casualties and spread confusion among enemy troops and tank concentrations.

An allied headquarters spokesman disclosed more than 3500 prisoners have been taken by the allies since they landed on the Anzio beachhead January 22. The allies also learned that the highly touted Hermann Goering panzer division and the 715th infantry were used by the Germans in their big attack on the beachhead last week in addition to three divisions previously identified.

On the main Fifth army front continued rains deepened the mud and brought streams to new flood heights while many mountain parts of the Eighth army line remained snowbound.

On the Eighth army front Polish and Canadian patrols were active. Indian forces beat back one small enemy attack.

# Yanks Inflict 3000 Casualties

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forces finally recoiled in complete defeat after one of the fiercest encounters of the war.

"His casualties in dead and wounded are estimated at 3000.

Seven hundred of his dead were buried by our men on the western perimeter of the field alone. We lost 61 killed and 244 wounded. Our troops are preparing to resume the advance.

"During the day, our naval units had bombarded enemy shore installations at Lorengau and Seader harbor. In the air, our medium and attack units had executed close support missions. One of eight enemy fighters attempting interception was shot down."

"Few details were available concerning the most bitter fight recorded in a southwest Pacific command communiqué since the critical phases of the Buna campaign; but all reports indicated the battle was likely to prove the enemy's last major effort against Momote.

The dismounted cavalrymen of the First division fought by night and worked by day with United States navy "Seabees" to put the airfield in shape.

For the second successive day, the Japanese air force belatedly attempted to break up the allied aerial operations but only eight Nipponese planes risked battle and one was downed. Between eight and 12 out of a formation of 15 were shot down previously.

More than 100 south Pacific Warhawks, Mitchells, Liberators and Hellcats attacked Rabaul Friday morning in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire.

One hundred and sixty-two tons of explosives were dropped on Keravip Bay, Rapopo and Rabaul township. Clusters of supply barges were among heavily hit targets.

A strong formation of Australian Beauforts hit Gasmata, on New Britain's south central coast.

# Dayton Farmers Union Elects New President

DAYTON — The election of another president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. S. Coonler who moved to Independence recently was the main business of the Dayton Farmers Union meeting held at the Webfoot grange hall Thursday evening. Twenty six members attended. The Webfoot school 4H club members furnished the program, and Louis Gross, 4H county club leader explained of the summer 4H school.

# Win Coveted Oscars for Screen Performances



Here are today's brightest stars in the Hollywood firmament, selected by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as having given the best screen performances in 1943. Left to right, holding the little gold "Oscars" symbolizing their triumph, are Paul Lukas, best actor; Jennifer Jones, best actress; Kitha Faxinos, best supporting actress; Charles Colburn, best supporting actor. (AP Wirephoto)

# FDR Advisers To Urge Veto For Vote Bill

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ed on the effect of the hybrid proposal which provides federal ballots only for armed service personnel overseas, and then only after several other requirements have been met.

Most of them will agree in the cloakrooms, however, that the number of service men who cast ballots under either the existing act or the pending measure will be limited. The administration democrats don't like that because they think the majority would vote for President Roosevelt for a fourth term and would support the democrats generally.

# Rains Fail to Stop Red Army

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the official bulletin, which for the past three days has given unusually brief accounts of the war. Berlin reports, however, indicated a general slackening by both sides on the eastern front because of unseasonable thaws.

"Where operations were started with heavy forces they have at present slackened to actions of local importance," said a Berlin broadcast quoting the Transoceanic military correspondent, Walter Plato.

"The near future will reveal whether the calming down is a result of the mud period which set in early this year or whether it is merely a pause for the bringing up of new soviet divisions which is indicated by concentrations in various sectors of the front."

Other Berlin reports said the entire front was a morass as rain and thaw deteriorated roads.

The Germans, however, said Russian armies in the north had torn "several breaches" in their defenses, but claimed some had been eliminated or narrowed by counterattacks.

To the south, Russian divisions slowly but tirelessly were beating forward on the fringes of Pskov, which stands at the center of Hitler's northern line, with Ostrov below and Narva above.

From the east and the north, red army units were hammering into the outskirts of Pskov.

Below the city, soviets were nearing the Pakov-Warsaw railway, the last but one of the rail routes still left to the Nazi garrison in Pskov.

Hitler's northern line from Ostrov to Pskov to Narva is deeply essential to him politically as well as militarily, for its collapse now threatens at the head, foot and center would put upon the already wavering Finns an almost irresistible pressure of necessity to quit his cause.

# War Time Meals Topic At Central Howell

MIDDLE GROVE—The Central Howell Farmers Union auxiliary will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Earl De Sart, when a representative of home extension of Oregon State college will demonstrate the cooking of "War Time Meals."

# Cordon Ready To Carry On McNary Policy

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"The tragedy is," he observed, "that any appointment is necessary."

He had been mentioned a few years ago as a republican candidate for the house of representatives from the district now represented by Ellsworth but declined "after reasonable consideration."

Cordon said he wasn't sure he was glad to remain in Washington. "Just take a look out the window," he invited. A cold sleet storm was in progress.

The habitual twinkle in his eyes faded.

"So long as an interim appointment was necessary," he observed, "I shall do my best to justify Governor Snell's confidence."

# US Fortresses Bomb Berlin

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cause of their knowledge that the "big B" was coming up. Most of them were apprehensive of powerful resistance as they were briefed in the pre-dawn darkness. Some of them — including men making their first mission — didn't expect to be back alive.

The weather over Germany was almost unbearable. Fliers wearing two suits of heavy underwear and electrically heated outer suits nearly froze. As the clouds and snow storms thickened over Europe, a majority of the big armada cut over to hit other unidentified targets in eastern Germany in order to take advantage of more favorable weather.

The exact size of the force which smashed at Berlin remained an official secret, but when the story is told in its entirety it undoubtedly will be one of the epics of the war.

The formation which hit the capital was led by Lt. Col. Harry G. Mumford of San Jose, Calif., who marshaled his units together when the big fleet split up over Germany and formed an attacking group that determined to press on to Berlin in spite of weather or resistance.

"I figured that until I received a recall I would not abandon the effort to reach the target so long as it looked at all possible," he explained upon his return.

The fliers reached their objective and tensed for the bomb run through heavy flak as the Luftwaffe's small but dangerous fighter force swept in to give battle.

Flocks of Wulfs and Messerschmitts flipped out of the clouds in twos, threes and fives and attacked head-on in a desperate effort to break up the unprecedented daylight invasion which presaged demolition of the small islands of life in the sea of ruins below.

In scores of gun-turrets American boys set loose the lethal riveting-clatter of their 50-calibre machine guns. One German went down, victim of a fortress gunner, and another dropped seconds later in the fire of a Mustang.

Through momentary breaks in the clouds the fliers saw their bombs go crashing into the buildings of Berlin, blanketed in heavy snow.

The weather was so thick, however, that as the bombers turned away from the target they became separated from their escort and flew for more than two hours alone.

Back-slapping jubilation prevailed at the English bases as the big planes lumbered back to the ground. Many were punctured time and again by flak, but in spite of the historic and dangerous mission that had been undertaken, the losses were relatively light. There was no disclosure as to how many of the 14 missing bombers were lost in the attack on Berlin.

The German radio acknowledged that the Berlin area had been attacked — only 24 hours after

# City Growers Victory Garden School Planned

Two garden experts, S. B. Hall, county agent of Multnomah county, and C. V. Ruzek, soils expert from Oregon State college, will speak at a Victory Garden mass meeting for Salem growers Friday night at the old high school auditorium. W. G. Nibler, Marion county agent, is in general charge.

Almost every rural home in Marion county has a garden in 1943 and it is expected will also have one this year but it is desired to increase the number of city gardens, Nibler points out. Last year was a good growing year, 1944 may not be so good and market gardeners may not be able to supply the demands, those who might arrange to grow their own fresh vegetables are urged to do so.

The vocational agriculture department of the Salem schools is sponsoring a series of classes in planning, producing and processing of food for the family. These classes will be held in five Salem city schools and three district schools, directly adjoining the city limits, starting March 15. Registrations for these will be taken at the meeting Friday night.

Men and women experienced in gardening will be in charge of these classes under the sponsorship of the vocational agriculture department. Harold Elbert and Frank Neer will be leaders for the group at senior high school; Russel Pratt and Jay Cook will be in charge of the Englewood group; Jim McGilchrist and Paul Heath will be in charge at Leslie Junior high school; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith will be in charge at Richmond school; and Raynor Smith will be in charge at Highland. Frank Doerffer will be in charge at Auburn school. Syd Jary at Keizer and Jay Morris and Ernest Iufer at Salem Heights school.

Letters will be sent to all persons who made use of the community cannery last year, Nibler said, calling their attention to the garden mass meeting Friday and the garden schools to start the next week.

# Gang of Juveniles Arrested at Newberg

NEWBERG, March 4 (AP)—All but two members of an 11-man juvenile gang accused of a series of robberies and sale of gasoline coupons at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$2 were under arrest today.

Police said the boys climaxed weeks of theft by taking a gun and a barrel of gasoline and speeding down the road at such a pace they crashed off a bridge. One youth received minor injuries.

Two of the boys are still at large. One is now serving a 30-day sentence, and the others probably will be paroled after investigation by juvenile officers.

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# Governor Not to Be Candidate

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DC, where he is representing the Oregon land grant counties at a series of congressional hearings. He will serve under appointment only until his successor is elected, on November 7, and qualifies. Friends of Cordon said he might decline to seek the senatorial office at the hands of the voters because of business reasons.

In the capacity of attorney for the land grant counties Cordon now receives a salary of \$10,000 a year which is equal to that paid United States senators. He recently formed a law partnership, operating both in Roseburg and Portland, with Frank S. Sever, ex-chief civil deputy district attorney of Multnomah county.

Snell pointed out that the senator elected in November would take office before other new senators elected this year, due to filling a vacancy, and as a result would have the advantage of obtaining good committee appointments.

In a prepared statement announcing Cordon's appointment Gov. Snell said he had cherished the ambition to serve his native state in the United States senate but that long, silent meditation had brought him to the conclusion that his immediate obligation and duty to the state and nation is to carry on as governor.

"That is my decision," Snell said.

Gov. Snell added that "never before in my political experience have I received such wide-spread encouragement and expressions of confidence for which I am most grateful — profoundly grateful — yet humble."

"There will be, of course, criticism and of disagreement with my decision," Gov. Snell continued, "but my answer is, I acted with the dictates of my conscience as to the best interests of my state and nation. All other considerations were laid aside."

Gov. Snell had not arrived at a definite decision as to the appointment Friday night when he left his office after attending the funeral of Sen. McNary. Hundreds of telegrams, letters and personal calls were received at the executive department advocating that he enter the senatorial contest or in the interests of other candidates.

It is no secret that Gov. Snell conferred with members of the Oregon delegation in congress here Friday and also with some members of the congressional group attending the McNary funeral.

Whether they suggested any course in his appointment is not known outside of those attending the conferences.

Oregon's new senator has long been a personal friend of Gov. Snell and is familiar with Washington, DC, where he has spent much time in connection with being attorney for 18 land grant counties. During the 1943 legis-

ature he served as an advisor to Gov. Snell, both with relation to taxes and other matters.

Cordon is 53 years of age and was born in Cuero, Texas, April 24, 1890. When less than a year old he accompanied his parents to Roseburg. He was married to Ana Allen in Roseburg September 30, 1914, and there are three children. They are Allen, a lieutenant in the army air corps and Carolyn and Margaret Anne, students at the University of Oregon.

From 1916 to 1919 Cordon served as county assessor of Douglas county and was district attorney there from 1923 to 1926. For several years he was a member of the law firm of Wimberly and Cordon. Carl Wimberly, senior member of this firm, is now serving as circuit judge.

Cordon served in the field artillery, at Camp Zachary, Ky., in World war no. I, and was commander of the Oregon department, American Legion, in 1936. He is a director of and attorney for the Umpqua Savings and Loan association and is a member of the Elks and Masonic lodges.

It is understood that Cordon was offered the office of attorney general following the recent death of I. H. VanWinkle.

Roseburg now has two members of congress. Representative Harris Ellsworth is now serving his first term from the new 4th district.

# Postwar Dairy Task Outlined

SALEM, March 4 (AP)—Dairy-men, who have plenty of problems caused by the war, will have problems equally as great after the war, Director of Agriculture Ervin L. Peterson said today.

"When the full production of the dairy industry again must be sold to and used by consumers," he said, "then there must be rebuilt consumer preference for dairy products and the industry must expand the output of high quality dairy products if the industry is to operate profitably."

He said dairymen also are faced with much new construction to replace their buildings, which are rapidly becoming obsolete.

"While the industry has done remarkably well in continuing relatively high production under difficult conditions, it is necessary that such steps as possible be taken to place it in a position to meet the impact of change from wartime to peacetime without disorganization and chaos," he said.



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