

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In the spring a young man's fancy used to turn to thoughts of love...

But there is nothing to prevent a young woman's fancy from turning in love's direction...

The thoughts of college women, it seems, do not stop with "love," they go ahead to thoughts of marriage...

Yankees Make Two Landings In Philippines

MANILA, Thursday, March 15 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving's 24th infantry division made surprise night landings on Romblon and Samar islands...

The Yank force "seized control" of the small islands, east of American-held Mindoro...

The 24th, veterans of Leyte, Bataan and Corregidor, destroyed the small Japanese garrison on Romblon...

American losses were described as "minor."

The Japanese garrison on Romblon island was destroyed.

Dr. Youngson Hopeful for Better Race

Notwithstanding pain and suffering, the cruelties and tragedies surrounding life in wartime, with sacrifice, faith and reverence, the generations of today can be true to the ever-better race...

"Be worthy of your lineage" was Dr. Youngson's theme. He spoke before approximately 200 assembled fraternalists of western Oregon...

J. Edgar Reay, local representative of the Maccabees, served as chairman for the evening. On behalf of the city of Salem, Mayor I. M. Doughton delivered a short address of welcome...

A number of officers of the congress headed a large delegation of Portland visitors.

(More about Fraternal congress page 2.)

Albany Farmer Killed In Dynamite Explosion

ALBANY, March 14 (AP)—Farm neighbors of Robert O. Jellison said today they believed he was investigating a delay in explosion of a charge of dynamite in a tree trunk when killed by a blast.

Jellison, 30 year old father of four children, was found in the fields yesterday beside a blasted stump.

Partly Cloudy

today with occasional light scattered showers in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

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RHINE BRIDGEHEAD GROWS

Tax Plan Referred For Vote

Action Ended on Job Benefit Bill; Final Hour Near

By Wendell Webb, Managing Editor, The Statesman. Two state-wide issues will be on the June 22 special election calendar...

The house, considerable ahead of the senate in its work, adopted a resolution to adjourn at 5 p.m. today...

The greater share of the remaining so-called big issues were up today, however, and with both houses more than weary there was no telling when the gavel might fall.

The senate has before it, with "do pass" committee recommendations, such bills as those closing many coastal streams to other than sports fishing...

The house Wednesday completed legislative action on the compromise unemployment compensation plan to raise benefits from \$15 for 16 weeks to \$18 for 20 weeks...

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Gen. Eaker Honored

LONDON, March 14 (AP)—Marshal Tito has pinned the order of the partisan, first class, on Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Allied Mediterranean air force commander...

AFL Leaders Guilty

NEW YORK, March 15 (AP)—Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, AFL labor leaders, early today were found guilty on two counts charging extortion in their trial before a state supreme court jury.

Nazi Sabotage Plot Threatened Lives of Big 'Three' in 1943

TEHRAN, Iran, Feb. 10 (Delayed)—(AP)—A widespread Nazi sabotage ring with ambitious goals that threatened the lives of the "big three" was smashed before the Tehran conference in November-December, 1943...

Nazi underground workers, spies and saboteurs, flown and parachuted from Berlin, built up a master plot which might also have endangered Prime Minister Churchill as he passed through Iran in 1942 on his Moscow trip.

First Navy Nurse on Iwo



First navy flight nurse to set foot on a battlefield during the heat of action was this girl from Oberlin, Ensign Jane Kendeigh of Oberlin, O. She bends over a seriously wounded marine and renders first aid to the badly injured victim of the raid on Iwo Jima airstrip. He is lying on the edge of the airstrip. (International)

American Flag Raised Over Iwo Island But Japanese Still Resisting to Death

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Thursday, March 15 (AP)—The American flag was raised over Iwo Island—within 750 miles of Tokyo—Wednesday, signifying tactical conquest of its bloody eight square miles although Japanese still are resisting to the death.

House Won't Accept Senate Manpower Bill

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—An adamant house refused today to accept the senate's comparatively mild manpower control bill and sent the issue to a senate-house committee to be ironed out.

The 211 to 177 vote by which the house acted was a test of strength between those backing the administration's "work or jail" bill, passed by the house February 1, and forces supporting the less stringent senate measure.

The make-up of the conferees appointed by Speaker Rayburn to represent the house in the conference committee indicated that the house will refuse to budge from the major provisions of its measure.

Die in Action 3 Salem Men

Names of three army men had been added today to Salem's list of killed in action.

Lt. Dorval A. Binegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Binegar, route one, Salem, was killed February 17 on Corregidor.

S/Sgt. Fred J. Schaefer, son of Mrs. Dave Green, 2055 North Commercial st., was killed in Belgium on December 21.

PFC Richard A. Thompson, son of Martha Thompson, 1948 Kansas st., was killed March 4 in France.

(Further details on page 2)

Army Chiefs May Abandon Alaskan Road

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—The senate heard today that the army may abandon the Alaskan highway as well as its Canal oil development at Whitehorse, Canada.

After Senator Mead (D-NY) declared that the date for shutting down the Canal venture had been moved up from June 30 to April 1, Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.) said he understood the Alaskan highway would be abandoned.

The two developments followed a speech in which Senator Moore (R-Okla.) declared the war department had assumed a "bulldozed and arbitrary attitude" in spending \$134,000,000 on Canal against the advice of the senate war investigating committee...

Opening Contest Set at 3

Eight Best Prep Teams to Battle, Championship

TODAY'S SCHEDULE (Upper bracket) 3 p. m.—Washington (8) vs. Eugene (3) 4:15 p. m.—Newberg (4) vs. Baker (1) (Lower bracket) 7:30 p. m.—Medford (2) vs. Vernonia (7) 8:45 p. m. Hillsboro (5) vs. Gresham City (6).

By Al Lightner (Sports Editor, The Statesman)

Oregon 26th annual state basketball tournament, a conglomeration of colorfully clad kid hoopsters representing the eight best high school cage quintets in the state, gets under way at Willamette university today at 3 p. m.

The tournament's "B" division, comprised of the four top class "B" teams in the state, starts Friday at 3 p. m. Opening round battles in the "A" division today pit Washington high's Colonials of Portland against Eugene's Axeman at 3, Newburg's Tigertop opposite Baker's Bulldogs at 4:15, Medford's Black Tornado against Vernonia at 7:30 and Hillsboro opposite Oregon City at 8:45.

The proclamation was issued by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz as military governor. Marine Col. D. A. Stafford, Spokane, Wash., read the proclamation suspending all powers of the Japanese empire on Iwo.

While expanded bases of the island bulwarked Iwo-based air cover with planes of three services, Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's Fifth marine division on the northwest pushed toward Kitano Point in a fight which still was raging at nightfall Wednesday.

Progress was slow because of the need to clear the rough land with bulldozers so tanks and other equipment could be brought up to clean out the almost endless maze of caves.

Income Tax Returns Must Be in Tonight

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—The last-minute people, hundreds of thousands of them, are in a sweat and a rush to get their income tax returns filed by Thursday's midnight deadline.

The internal revenue department figures that by midnight of March 15, fifty million people will have filed their returns on 1944 income. Returns have been flooding in for months.

All over the land tonight people were struggling with their arithmetic or their tax forms. Others will be doing the same tomorrow.

Albany Wants It Known That She Has Grown Up

ALBANY, March 14 (AP)—This city's chamber of commerce wants everybody to know that Albany has grown up during the war years and has asked the state to increase its allowance of state funds.

War plants have boosted population from official census count of 5200 to between 10,000 and 12,000 and the city's share of state funds, divided on population basis, should be increased, insists the Albany chamber.

Prisoner of Nazis Really Appreciates Red Cross Efforts

FRANKFORT, Ind., March 14 (AP)—Apparently "sold" on the service the American Red Cross is rendering to American war prisoners, Lt. Robert L. Sullivan wrote this letter from a German prison camp to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sullivan, here: "I'm well, unwounded, well-treated and receiving my Red Cross boxes regularly. I want dad to write a check out of my savings for \$100 and give it to the Red Cross in appreciation of what they are doing for me and the rest of the boys."

Inductees Will Be Earmarked For Army Duty

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—For the next three months, all inductees between 18 and 20, inclusive, with a few exceptions, will be earmarked for the army.

A joint statement by the army and navy said the arrangement was made "to satisfy the current needs of the army for young infantry replacements."

During the three months period covered by the agreement, the navy's calls upon selective service will be filled with men 21 to 38 years old.

The only exceptions in the 18-20 bracket will be inductees who qualify and are assigned to special navy programs such as radio technicians and combat air crewmen.

11-Ton Bombs Make Earth Shaking Debut

LONDON, Thursday, March 15 (AP)—The earth-shaking debut of the world's biggest bombs, weighing 11 tons each, capped a merciless assault on the reich yesterday by more than 5000 allied planes which ripped and blasted Germany with everything from .50 caliber machine gun slugs to the new superbomb tall as a two-story house.

A rail viaduct at Bielefeld, 38 miles east of Muenster, was the target for the RAF's newest "town buster," the world's biggest package of explosive, which was used for the first time by four-engined Lancasters specially adapted for the purpose.

Other vital German communications and industrial objectives were assaulted by British and American warplanes as the great allied air offensive rolled through its 30th consecutive day. Nearly 2000 heavy bombers and fighters of the U. S. Eighth air force participated in the operations, running into violent flak at several targets and losing 12 bombers and seven fighters.

Mrs. H. L. Carl Dies at Woodburn Last Night

WOODBURN, March 14—Mrs. H. L. Carl, known to the world as the mother of a south Pacific marine flier hero and to the Willamette valley as a woman who reared a family and developed the Carl Guernsey dairy—with a smile upon her face—died in a hospital here late tonight after an illness of several months.

(Picture and additional details on page 2.)

First Within Mile Of Super-Highway After Small Gains

Nazis Claim Ludendorff Bridge Destroyed, Yanks Contradict; Crossings Reported to North

PARIS, Thursday, March 15 (AP)—Infantry and armor of the U. S. First army expanded the Remagen-Erpel bridgehead today to within a mile and a quarter of the Frankfurt-Cologne super-highway, and other American forces extended the fighting along the far-flung western front.

In the bridgehead, now 10 1/2 miles long and 5 1/2 miles deep, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' doughboys punched north, south and east for gains up to a mile through the rugged hills that border the Rhine.

Reinforcements and supplies continued to pour into the American-held area east of the river over the great Ludendorff bridge and the pontoon structure erected by U. S. engineers.

The German radio claimed Nazi bombers destroyed the big double-tracked rail bridge during the day, but the latest information available tonight at both Shaeft and 12th army group headquarters was that the huge steel structure not only was standing, but was in better condition than when it was captured.

A German broadcast also said allied reconnaissance thrusts had been launched across the Rhine "north of Duisberg and north of Leverkusen." The enemy report said "all thrusts were unsuccessful."

No confirmation There was no confirmation here of any allied activity north of the First army front, other than recent reports of the U. S. Ninth army shelling the Ruhr across the river, but such reconnaissance would be a normal procedure.

To the south, however, the American Seventh army opened a new attack against the last enemy-held salient west of the Rhine in Germany and gained four miles on a seven-mile front.

First army doughboys pushed up to a mile through the hilly, wooded country that rises east of the Rhine as they strove tenaciously to knock the Nazis back out of artillery range of the two bridges across the river in the Remagen area.

Nazi Massing Forces A week after the Remagen truce was captured, the enemy had yet mounted no full-scale counter-blow at the bridgehead, but air reconnaissance late today disclosed a large concentration of German forces east of Cologne and north of the American holding.

The Remagen bridge, a cross which the bulk of men, tanks and guns have poured into the mounting bridgehead battle, was reported to be in better condition now than when it was seized, thanks to the fast and efficient repairs made by army engineers under direct artillery fire.

Mid-Valley Men Listed As Wounded in Action

The war department today listed among men wounded in action in Europe PFC Francis A. Giroux, son of Irene Giroux, 700 South Water street, Silverton, and T/4 John D. Hildreth, whose wife, Joyce E. Hildreth, resides at 651 Seventh street, Independence.

Relatives of Salem Residents Liberated in Philippine Isles

Today's lists of civilians liberated in the Philippines include the names of Beverly E. Hardy, whose mother, Mary Helen Young, resides in Salem, and John Young Crothers, brother of Dr. J. E. Crothers of route four, Salem.

Dr. and Mrs. Crothers had received word from the Rev. Mr. Crothers that he was alive but ill, but had no information concerning his wife. Both were believed to have been at Los Banos.

Soviet Troops Speed Cleanup Of Baltic Coast

LONDON, Thursday, March 15 (AP)—Russian troops, speeding the cleanup of the Baltic coast to free powerful Red army formations for the swelling assault on Berlin, rolled the Germans back as much as four miles yesterday on a 17-mile front in the narrow pocket southwest of Koenigsberg, Moscow announced last night.

Simultaneously, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's second Ukraine army in a drive through the wooded mountains of the Carpathian front to the south captured the rail junction town of Zvolen, a powerful German stronghold on the Hron river in Slovakia 125 miles northeast of Vienna, and eight nearby towns.

German attacks toward the Danube river from positions north-east and east of Lake Balaton in Hungary were precluded by Russian units liberally employing artillery and minefields.

On the Baltic, in bitter village-by-village fighting, the Third White Russian army came within 4 1/2 miles of reaching the coast of the Frisches Haff (lagoon) and splitting the east Prussian bastions of Braunsberg and Heiligenbeil from Brandenburg, 12 miles southwest of Koenigsberg.

Solon Urges Food Supply Investigation

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—A congressional investigation to answer the question "What's happened to America's food?" was demanded in the senate today.

And a senate committee heard testimony that the meat supply seems to be so short that the army and navy—to say nothing of civilians—may not get all they need.

Senator Wherry (R-Neb.) urged the senate to set up a five-member committee to inquire into all phases of food production, distribution, processing and transportation. He urged also another committee to investigate food exports and imports.

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