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Dividing the Road Fund

Instinctively when editors and others interested in highways received the table of allocations of the highway jackpot for postwar construction they checked to see how their favorite routes fared. Some will view the distribution with supreme satisfaction; others with disappointment; some perhaps with resentment. But dividing up \$33,600,000 of the total of \$36,000,-000 expected to be available is no small job. To balance all the factors of need, of road importance, of geographical considerations calls for the wisdom of Solomon and the strength of Samson to withstand pressures.

Marion county for instance might emit a squawk when it sees that it gets only \$123,000 for a new Pudding river bridge at Aurora out of the \$21,413,000 set aside for primary federal aid highways. But we have only one primary highway in the county eligible for such aid, 99E; and there is \$1.500,000 in a federal strategic network fund set aside for completing the work on this road south to Albany. There is regret however that only \$200,000 is set up for proceeding with the Wilsonville cut-off to Portland, on the section, West Portland-Boone's Ferry.

As to secondary highways \$233,000 is set aside for the Woodburn-Sandy road, No. 211, most of which is in Clackamas county; \$305,000 is provided for the Salem-Silverton road; and \$370,-000 is allocated to the North Santiam highway above Mill City. The latter is in addition to \$305,000 previously guaranteed to federal authorities for work on the North Santiam within the national forest. On this road the federal government will spend several million dollars building a road through the gorge above the proposed dam. Of local interest is the amount for the Dallas-Coast highway, \$160,000. The Dallas-Kings Valley road is given \$16,000.

The big chunks in the primary highway projects go as follows: Front avenue, Portland, \$3,-079,000; Columbia river highway from Sundial (Troutdale) to Dodson, \$2,841,000; Johns-Wolf creek section of Pacific highway 99, \$1,710,000: Wolf creek highway Davies to Sylvan, \$2,270,-000: Beaver Marsh-Chiloquin on The Dalles-California highway, \$1,630,000; Miner creeknewport on Oregon Coast highway, \$946,0000.

In general the program is merely an extension of that which has been lined out for many years, with priorities in about the same order. The reconstruction of the Pacific highway south from Roseburg to Grants Pass is continued. Already completed is the section over Sexton mt.; ready for bids now is the section from Graves creek to Wolf creek; and the present allocation takes cares of the next section. Also given a large sum is the urgently needed new highway up the Columbia river. Then provision is made to complete the link in the Wolf creek highway west of Portland so the travel will no longer need to make the loop by Forest Grove.

For other work the allotments are for completion of jobs which the war interrupted and for continuing reconstruction, as on the Oregon coast highway which gets a total of \$3,554,000 of primary highway expenditure.

With demands reaching up to \$300,000,000 and only about a tenth of that sum in hand the commission has done a pretty good job of apportionment. This fact must be remembered: road building will never be completed. We now have a network of good year-round roads covering the state. We must be patient as the task of modernizing our highways proceeds. The commission has wisely held back over \$2,000,000 for emergency allocation; and when the present three-year program is completed more money will be in hand for road work.

We certainly can look forward to a marked improvement in our highway system when the work thus provided for is completed. A person likes a good road close at home-but he also likes to have a good road when he goes to far places on a hunting trip or is taking a vacation tour over the state. He will find good roads in these distant places as a result of past and impending expenditure.

China is catching up with the rest of the world, after having been one hour late for several years. It introduces daylight saving time on May 4 for the first time. Some Americans will call that a backward step!

Editorial Comment

SPRINGTIME IN THE VALLEY

Springtime in the Willamette valley is as near heaven as mortals can expect.

This season in this valley does something to almost all of us, but it affects some more than others. The more articulate with pen or spoken word wax rhapsodical in this Willamette valley springtime. In fact, the essence of this spring is apt to be in-

toxicating and influence scriveners to get out of hand-or they let their typers become truant and report some unseasonal matters.

Doubtless overcome by this heavenly season, an Oregon Journal editorial writer, attempting not to slight nearby neighbors in his eulogy of blossom day in the Salem vicinity last Sunday, reached out and plucked himself a bit of immortality by including the filbert orchards of Washington and Yamhill counties in his rhapsody.

He said; "In Washington and Yamhill counties, filbert and walnut trees joined the spring parade dressed in the less frivolous but charming catkins." Catkins indeed! Doesn't this fellow, addled by the season, know better?

Catkins, we are constrained to inform him, are long since gone from the filbert trees. That green lacery he sees in his mind's eye, without troubling to stop by and inspect a filbert tree in late April, is sed of leaves. The catkins, which set on while pickers were still searching under the trees for the tasty nuts, have long since gone from the trees. They hung as testimonials to the filberts' constant endeavor (it has no off season, does the filbert, being busy at something throughout all the year), were frost-nipped and, with the coming of the leaves, disappeared to allow the burgeoning nuts

their place in the filbert tree's annual span.

Historic Union

One of the great events of history occurred Thursday when the armies of Soviet Russia and of the United States made firm contact along the Elbe river near Leipzig. The union severed the German reich. It was the culmination of years of effort and of driving the battle lines from the Volga on the east and the beaches of Normandy on the west to the heart of Germany. Attended as it is by the piercing of Hitler's empire in nearly all its parts it is really the day of Germany's downfall. After this there is no possible hope even in the mouths of the masters of German propaganda.

The junction of the soldiers of the two armies was marked with high jubilation and great cordiality. Friendly greetings, salutes, singing, formal addresses and toasts: there could be no doubt of the sincerity on both sides. And well should there be warmth for these were the men who had wrought the victory, who knew the toil and cost that lay along the road behind.

The news of the union of the two armies on the fighting lines, ought to put zeal into the diplomats who are gathered at San Francisco. The infection of this event should fire their hearts to make them fuse a peace organization that will save the fruits of the victory now jubilantly hailed on the banks of the Elbe in the center of the enemy territory.

Truman Makes a Call

The other day President Truman visited the war department offices in the Pentagon building, which stirred the rumor pot immediately. During the civil war President Lincoln spent considerable time over in the war department which then was hard by the White house. The telegraph wires came in there and he could read them and get the latest war news. Having grown accustomed to infrequent trips by President Roosevelt the reporters are surprised that Truman gets out and makes calls. He probably relishes the opportunity to get out of his office and visit other departments. At any rate his trip to the Pentagon building apparently did not relate to any earth-shaking emergency, because nothing has since been announced there. We shall probably see that the new president makes a good many trips around Washington.

Experts in London figure that the gold horde captured in the Merkers salt mine is only a fifth of the German store. It was about all Germany had before the war but she stole \$48 million from Austria, \$52 million from Czecho-Slovakia and Danzig, \$440 million from France, Holland and Hungary and \$100 million from Italy. They estimate she spent \$230 millions in buying goods abroad-so there remains over \$440 million unaccounted for. This should provide a treasure hunt for all the United Nations.

Goering has resigned as commander of the luftwaffe because of heart trouble. His heart just sagged under the weight of so many breast medals. Then there may have been a neat boot in the pants by Himmler, to say nothing of a purge or a suicide.

Interpreting The War News

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr.

However portentious the final link-up of Allied and Russian armies in the heart of Germany on the Elbe seems, an even more important similar junetion farther south impends.

American Third army elements plunging down the Danube valley virtually unopposed were reported in tank-radio touch with Red army armor plowing northwestward up the same stream. That would indicate patrols were within less than 30 miles of each other when the incident was reported many

A junction on the Danube would split the Nazi Bavarian Alps last-stand citadel off from both Germany and Czechoslovakia, expose it and its Berchtesgaden nerve center to immediate attack. The mere fact that a Russian tank-radio was heard in American lines indicates that the Red forces are far beyond their last officially Moscow reported

That chaos and disillusionment are spreading fast even among the Hitlerized youth of Germany and Nazi army elements as well as German regular forces is vividly indicated in front line dispatches describing the first Russian-American contact scene at Torgau on the Elbe. To effect that touch with Red troops, American jeeps plowed their way "THE YOUNG IDEA" through hordes of German civilians in flight from the Russians, hoping for shelter within American lines. Freed Allied war prisoners, marching beside informal columns of German troops vainly seeking to surrender, added to the utterly fantastic scene as pictured by front line correspondents.

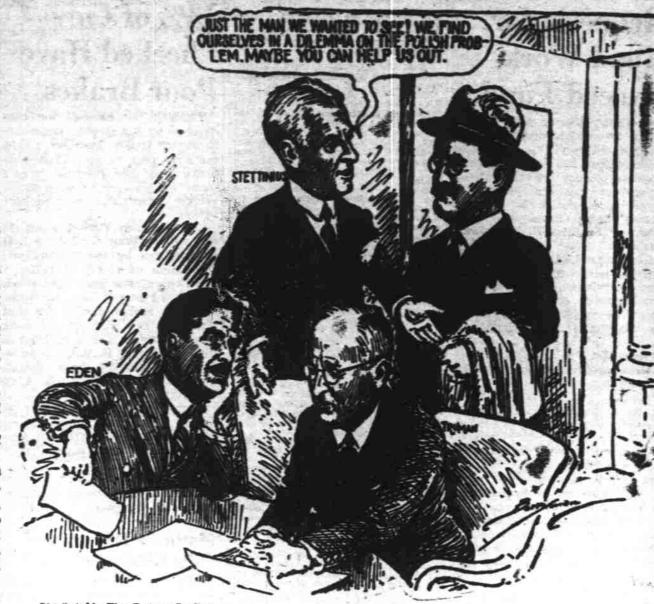
Obviously, nowhere from the lower Elbe to the Sudeten mountains is there anything approaching organized resistance.

If there is any semblance of a fight-to-the-death attitude anywhere in Germany except in Russian beset Berlin, it is around the falling North sea and Baltic ports in the fast shriveling northern pocket. Southward in Austria and Bavaria predictions that a stubborn last defense of the national redoubt would be encountered have so far gone unfulfilled. Press men at the front have dubbed it instead the 'redoubt of doubt" in token of that.

The situation in Italy no less shows military disintegration at work. American troops on General Clarke's left of line leaped into Genoa at a bound. His center in captured Verona closed the Brenner Pass escape gate on the main body of the foe fleeing before him. He had in effect split northern Italy apart to the Alps, penning up most of its Nazi garrison in the west.

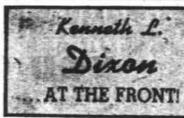
French troops are moving into Italy from the west along the Mediterranean coast with no indication of opposition. The situation lends full credence to Italian anti-Nazi radio reports that the Germans are negotiating with partisans for a general sur-

This may not be victory day for the United Na-As for the walnut catkins—they were, last Sun-day, tight green buds. Walnut trees, unless closely examined, appeared as gaunt and sere as they did a post-victory formula of cooperation probably figure more largely in first face-to-face Russian-Allied



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Mission From Moscow



By Wes Gallagher (Subbing for Kenneth L. Dixon)

WITH THE U. S. NINTH ARMY ON THE ELBE-(A)-Germany generals who have been flowing into American prison cages like commuters in the 5 o'clock subway crush, have given some interesting sidelights on life behind the scenes in Germany.

One, whose father was executed among scores of smaller fry in the Hitler bomb plot purge, said that Reichmarshal Hermann Goering knew of the attempt on the life of Adolf Hitler and, although he took no active part in it, made no attempt to halt

He said explosives was smuggled into Hitler's war room in two types of experimental knapsacks. Hitler was known to have a weakness for inspecting all new equipment and had ordered them brought in. This allowed the conspirators to get them past Hitler's watchful guards but the time device for the explosion went off just as Hitler stepped behind the door into an adjoining room.

Another general closely connected with Field Marshal von Runstedt said that von Rundstedt wanted to give up after the failure of the Ardennes offensive but was kept by doing so by the knowledge that he never would be able to complete the peace negotiations under the eye of

This officer said that Hitler called all divisional generals involved in the Ardennes attack to his headquarters December 12. All their weapons were taken from them and they were then led into a room and were harangued by Hitler. At the conclusion the fuehrer said the drive was aimed at putting von Rundstedt in Antwerp in 14 days but warned that if the offensive failed "the reich would be in a bad situation."

Another German general who erved on the staff of the late Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in the desert campaign, and escaped from Tunisia the day before the Allies took Tunis had high praise for General Eisenhower's tactics which wound up the African campaign.

Up to that time, he said, the Afrika Korps had suffered only 50,000 casualties itself, although it had lost great numbers of This general, who commended

so pummeled in the Normandy fighting that it never recovered and was never a crack fighting Recruits for unit again although it fought from France back into Germany. Radar Slump The Literary

Captured German

Interesting Stories

Generals Tell Some

the famous Lehr division, said

it was the most powerful armor-

ed force in the German army at

the time of the Normandy land-

ings with 220 tanks and 700 self-

propelled guns but that it was

Guidepost By W. G. ROGERS

the girl of 16 to the dying grand- tional enlistment ladder. mother, from the right side of the Negroes live.

But if this is about love, there pages. Love doesn't quite mateevades, and finally it is renounc-

Marian's mother has run all vocably. Bruce pays for Marian's the navy. education, and that's all he pays for and all he gets.

Marian herself is the central problem. We stay with her for some five years, out of high school and through college, or met her divorced neighbor Bruce and into New York where she finds Leo.

The problem of the girl becoming conscious of desire intrigues many writers, but few of them are adequate to handle it. We men are interested, definitely, but ignorant; you women are informed, but inclined to be reti-

Miss Hardwick has the infor-By Mossler





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Janitor, turn on the heat!—Oregon City Banner- staff talks than military strategy or tactical de- "Two hundred and forty thousand miles away, huh? Very inter-

mation and she is not reticent. Indeed, she is honest and frank. What's more, she writes subtly. She knows how to pique a reader's interest. And she doesn't let him down.

ner's; \$1). This is the gayer side, if there is one, of being a sick sailor. Gard does a good two baker's dozens of cartoons, and dedicates them to doctors, nurses, corpsmen and patients at the Norfolk Naval Training Station.

During April

A marked decrease during April in the number of aspirants for the "THE GHOSTLY LOVER," by Eliza-beth Hardwick (Harcourt, Brace; program, radar, was noted by \$2.50). Chief Specialist Mel Kennedy, reel. Miss Hardwick may pretend val facility. For the first time dur- March 7. The allies swept up to division 3 were won by Jeanne to write about Marian Coleman ing two years of recruiting actiand Bruce, or the senior Cole- vity throughout the Salem area, mans, or the inscrutable Hattle, this district has failed to fulfill or Gertrude, or Florence and Jes- radar quota obligations, it was se, but her real subject is love, said. Prior to last month's sharp love like an immense longing, an slump, the local sub-station terenormous and insatiable appe- ritory has contributed qualified tite, sometimes very proper and applicants sufficient in number to sometimes reprehensible, often maintain a firm grip on the top mysterious, always present from rung of the Oregon state, and na-

With a view toward expediting the railroad tracks, the white radar enrollment, the recruiting side, to the wrong side, where station has designated Saturday of each week as "radar day"-this for the benefit and convenience is no actual love in all the 300 of high school students, currently busy preparing for final examinarialize, it stumbles, it hides, it tions, and for men of draft age who by reason of prohibitive emed bravely, almost in the grand ployment hours would otherwise find it impossible to take the qualifying Eddy test. Those men in the selective service bracket of over the country with Marian's 18 to 37, inclusive, who successfather in the effort to keep him fully pass the Eddy aptitude test to herself. Marian's brother Al- and who are not employed in an bert gets married, much as a essential industry, can volunteer man get a cold, and there's some for induction and will be given a love in it. Gertrude yields irre- letter of directed assignment into

"Because of the fact that the navy will in all probability attain its authorized strength by June 1 and the enlistment of 17-year-old volunteers has exceeded all expectations, it would behoove all out of the yard where she first 17-year-olds who are approaching their 18th birthday, and men who anticipate early induction to investigate the possibilities offered by the radar program," Kennedy

> "Radar is practically the only remaining avenue leading to assured naval service. Eighteen, 19 and 20-year-old men continue to be automatically earmarked for infantry replacements when processed through induction chan-nels."

> The recruiter suggests that men interested in this program call at the navy office in the Postoffice building, in order that qualifying requirements may be determined.

To Be Called

PORTLAND, April 27 - (A) -Cross and Janik, Portland music publishers charged with mail fraud, announced today they will put nationally known radio stars on the witness stand if the case goes to a jury.

Among these will be Al Clauser, leader of the "Oklahoma Outlaws," who was a spectator today, defense attorneys said.

District Judge Claude McColloch will decide before Tuesday whether to submit the case to a jury, he said today. The government reported at today's trial that more than 5000 "customers" were obtained by Cross and Janik from 1941 through the first seven months of 1943.

Jerusalem is the seat of the gov ernment of Palestine under the mandate given to Great Britain in July, 1922.

Chinese is spoken by more peo-

Powerful Armies of Allies Fight Back From Extreme Edges of Two Continents

(By the Associated Press)

The meeting of Soviet and western Allied forces which doomed Nazi Germany closes the greatest military pincers in history. The most powerful armies ever put into the field fought their way to this junction from the extreme edges of two continents.

In Africa and then in Europe they staged come-backs from the east, after battling with their backs to the gates of Asia, and followed up with landings on the continental west coast for the close-in. Un- On Feb. 4, Field Marshal Gregory

precedented air power supported K. Zhukov's first white Russian the ground troops. Huge Guard in Trap

The pincers sought to compress to nothing an aggressive military Wehrmacht Overwhelmed empire guarded by at least nine | The wehrmacht managed to remillion tested troops who had establish a line along the Oder spread 2200 miles, from Britany and Neisse rivers in the east, only to the Volga, by August, 1942. In that month German forces

began to batter their way into Stalingrad, 1300 miles from Germany and the last big south Russian city before the Urals. The forces of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, "the desert fox," were lined up in the Sahara before El Alamein, with Alexandria 60 miles away. Not far beyond was the Suez isthmus to Asia, in which the Japanese were threatening an invasion of India. North and sonth, nazi power

stretched without allied interruption from Norway's North Cape to the Vichy-France puppet state's naval base at Dakar, considerably more than 4000 miles away. Picture Soon Changes

This picture of success with which Germany ended its third fateful weeks beginning Oct. 23, 1942, when Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth army, replenished with American tanks, started the last "SICK BAY," by Alex Gard (Scrib- of the great offensives that swept the African battlefront six times back and forth across the Egyptian desert and Italian Circnaica.

On Nov. 7 British and American forces under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made surprise landings on the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts of French Morocco and Algeria in the biggest venture of its kind up to that time. The half-hearted French defenses gave up in a few days. Counter-Attack Begun

Then on Nov. 22, the red army announced it had started a counterattack at Stalingrad. Encircled German remnants surrendered there Feb. 2, 1943. The great German retreat from Russia began.

Meanwhile Montgomery's Eighth army battled its way across Libya ed while their place in line reached and linked up with the American them. Cap Bon, where the last axis Darby, Victor Point; in division troops fighting in Africa surren- 4, by Bonnie Klein of Aumsville; dered May 12, clearing the way in division 5, by Martha DuRette for the landings in Sicily July 10, of Fairfield. Judging was by Helen Calabria Sept. 3 and Salerno Sept. Cowgill, state girls club leader; 9, when Italy's surrender was an- and Helen Taylor, Polk county

had been accomplished and the Klein of Aumsville placed first fulcrum was firmly in place for in the home economics judging the two arms of the future pincer team competition. Second place around Hitler's greater Germany was won by Wayne Johnston and itself. The soviet military colos- Jeanette Gilmour of Sidney; third sus, which had refound its place went to Kathryn Ulbelman strength with the help of lend- and Donna Wiederkehr of Sidney; lease equipment, rolled back the fourth place was won by Ilene wehrmacht in successive pushes until the Polish border was crossed early in 1944.

club led by Mrs. Carmalite Wed-Rome Taken June 4, 1944 In Italy the American and British forces which had met in Tun-isia pushed northward and Rome Englewood

der in the headlines. For June 6 proved to be D-day for the inva-sion of France. Eisenhower dision of France. Eisenhower directed another American-British landing which breached the Germans' vaunted Atlantic wall and established beachheads on the Normandy coast. The came the American erup-

tion from the Normany beachhead nounced. at St. Lo, followed by the sweep from Avranches across Britanny and towards Paris by the new 3rd Patton, Jr. On Aug. 15 the U.S. Seventh

army under Lt. Gen. Alexander M. | Quota. Patch, together with French forces. landed from Italy on to the French Many Capitals Yielded Under two-way fire, the Ger-

mans gave up capital after capital. Paris, Brussels, Luxembourg City, Bucharest, Sofia, Athens and Belgrade were won. Finland signan armistice with Russia. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First army entered Germany in force. German resistance momentarily stiffened on every front. Field

Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt launched the last great German effort in the west in the Ardenallied lines, and creating the in India. month-long battle of the Belgian

The Red army in renewed drives captured Warsaw Jan. 17, 1945, today,

army crossed the Oder river and knifed to within 31 miles of Berlin at one point.

to be overwhelmed once more from the west and southeast. Americans attacked from the Roer river. Cologne fell March 6, the Rhine was crossed at Remagen the next day, and the whole Rhine

valley was laid open. The Russians tok Budapest Feb. 13 and Vienna two months later. Much of greater Germany which was to rule the world, lay a mass of ruins.

Many Honors Awarded in 4-H Parade

Crawford school won first place for one room schools in the 4-H year of war was changed in four club parade. Honorable mention was won by Silver Cliff school: Middle Grove won first for two room schools, Marion receiving honorable mention; Auburn school had first for schools of more than two rooms and Liberty and Swegle each won honorable mention. Judges were Gene Vandeneynde, Loyal Warner and Mrs. Agnes Booth.

> Health was visualized by means of colorful, fancy vegetable costumes worn by club members, heaps and heaps of carrots and other health giving vegetables, and the health giving milk was visualized in every form from a pictured milk bottle to "milk ti be" in the form of six weeks old Guernsey heifer calf.

The calf was part of the exhibit of "The Two C Club" from Labish, "calf and celery club." Arriving late, the members joined the parade at Liberty and State street, waiting with the calf park-

war emergency worker.

The first east - west juncture | Louella LaFountaine and Bonnie Hewitt and Doris Lane of Liberty. The first and third place winners are members of the advanced

But the capture of the first Axis capital was to be a one-day won-

Students at Englewood grade school exceeded their \$7000 Seventh War Loan quota Friday, with the drive less than half over, Mrs. Jess Dougherty, principal, an-

She said the children have bought three ambulances and a bomb trailer, but that they would army under Lt. Gen. George S. continue their purchases of bonds and stamps. Friday's purchases put the school \$100 over their

The U.S. treasury's minute man flag, awarded when more than 90 per cent of an institution buy bonds or stamps, has flown continuously over the school since school opened last fall. The school also has a personal

letter from Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, jr., who thanked the pupils for their splendid record. In each war loan drive, the stu-

dents have exceeded their quota, but they also have been heavy purchasers at all other times.

Plastic surgery was first emnes Dec. 16, threatening to cut the ployed more than 5,000 years ago

> There are nearly 800 pulp and paper mills in the United States

