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Coast Fork Bridge June 4

Miles Of New Highway Also Planned

approaches to the bridge over the Willamette river east of Goshen, and will close to four miles of the approaches to the bridge.

State Highway 99 will be closed to traffic from the approach grade, and the bridge at the June 4 opening of the highway at Portland.

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House Committee Seeks Plan For Installment Paying Of Increased Income Tax

By DONALD A. YOUNG
WASHINGTON, May 21—(AP)—The house ways and means committee sought today to work out a system of installment payments of income taxes to soften the blow of steeply-increased rates in the new individual tax program by raising the range of surtaxes from 6-77 per cent to 12-81 per cent than it turned to Secretary Morgenthau's proposal to collect up to 10 per cent of taxable income from salaries and wages.

That plan would authorize the treasury department, perhaps in September, to make regular deductions from paychecks which would be used as a credit against the tax bill due next March 15.

The committee's new income tax proposals would add an estimated \$2,756,000,000 to the \$5,000,000,000 now collected, with heavy emphasis on incomes below \$5,000.

The program would be based on \$500 exemptions for single persons and \$1,200 for husbands and wives, a normal tax of 6 per cent instead of 4, and minimum surtax rates starting at double the present level of 6 per cent on the first \$2,000 of net income.

The committee, rejecting a treasury suggestion, decided to retain the present 10 per cent earned income credit up to \$14,000 in computing normal taxes, only and also kept the present \$400 exemption for dependents.

Dr. Willoughby Dies At Age Of 64



Dr. Claire B. Willoughby, who practiced dentistry for nearly 40 years here and held many offices in civic and community groups, died Wednesday at the age of 64 years.

Dr. Willoughby was a past president of the Oregon State Dental society, a past president of the Lane County Dental society, a member of the Eugene city council for several years, a past president of the Eugene Rotary club, a past chancellor commander of the local Knights of Pythias lodge, a past worshipful master of Eugene lodge, No. 11, A. F. and A. M. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal church and of Sigma Delta dental fraternity.

He was a native Oregonian, born Aug. 10, 1877, at Harrisburg, Ore.

Frederick K. Davis of the Sons of Union Veterans is chairman of arrangements for the observance of Memorial day in Eugene this year. The commanders' council of the veterans' organizations have charge and each commander is a member of the general committee.

Services will be held in the east park in the forenoon of May 30 and exercises will be held at the G. A. R. and Spanish-American war veterans' plots. Water services will also be held by some of the women's organizations.

SALEM, May 21.—(AP)—The McKenzie highway between Bend and Eugene, closed during the winter by snow, will be reopened at midnight, the state highway commission said. The road was to have been opened two weeks ago, but fresh snow made it impossible. All snow has been cleared at the summit.

Army Hold On Lumber Slows Defense Work

Housing Projects In 15 Cities Are Completely Stopped

By WILLIAM NEEDHAM
WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—Defense housing construction throughout the country is slowing to a standstill as a result of the army's hold on virtually all supplies of softwood construction lumber, war production board officials disclosed today.

In at least 15 cities, many with heavy concentrations of war industries, housing projects have been stopped entirely and at least 25 other cities have reported "critical" situations because of dwindling lumber stocks. Similar reports from other defense housing areas are flooding into Washington daily.

Direct cause of the threatened collapse of the housing program is a WPB order, issued a week ago at the insistence of the war department, "freezing" all sales and deliveries of softwood construction lumber by large producers for 60 days—except for deliveries to the army, navy or maritime commission.

Some officials at WPB, sharply critical of what they described as war department "shot-gun" methods, said the "freeze" affected private as well as public construction. For example, farmers who cannot ship grain to already-filled elevators will be unable, in many sections of the country, to build bins for their spring wheat crops.

It was indicated that the order was rushed through WPB's lumber branch under army instructions before high-ranking WPB officials realized its full effect.

"There certainly was no intention of stopping defense housing," James S. Knowlson, director of industry operations, declared today, "and something will be done about it."

Some amendment would be drawn, it was understood, to permit continuance of "essential" defense housing, at least. Defense housing officials now are engaged in a review of all products, planned and under way, to establish their own priority list.

FATTEST MAN DIES

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, May 21.—(AP)—Smith Potl Naive, 42, believed to be the world's heaviest man, died yesterday in a Johannesburg hospital. He weighed 736 pounds and was five feet six inches tall.

SIX SONS

from one family wearing uniforms in the service of their country is a record Lane county and Eugene are proud of. But the proudest person of all is Mrs. E. V. D. Murphy (center photo), the mother of six soldiers, although she is not one to boast or make a fuss about the matter.

"There are many mothers with boys in the service, some with one, two, or three—I happen to have six there," is her modest comment. The boys, left to right, are: First Lieutenant Ernest V. D. Murphy, Jr., infantry; First Lieutenant Arthur Murphy, infantry; Corporal James Murphy, medical detachment, infantry; Private (first class) Eugene Murphy, medical detachment, infantry; Second Lieutenant Charles Murphy, infantry; First Lieutenant Allen Murphy, coast artillery, anti-aircraft. The military life is traditional in the family, the father, the late Col. E. V. D. Murphy, having had a distinguished career in the army. He was commandant at the University of Oregon ROTC before he retired to live here. (Kennell-Ellis photos, Wiltshire engraving)



CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR BOMBER OF TOKYO—At the White House, President Roosevelt pins a Congressional Medal of Honor on Brig. Gen. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, at the same time revealed it was he who led a squadron of volunteer flyers on a "highly successful" bombing raid on Tokyo and the mainland of Japan. From left, Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold, Chief of the army air force; President Roosevelt, Mrs. Doolittle, Gen. George Marshall, chief of staff.

5 Army Training Planes Missing

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 21.—(AP)—Gunter field reported five of its U. S. army training planes missing today, and Brookley field at Mobile reported that two of them crashed near Atmore, Ala., and that one pilot was killed.

The planes disappeared on training flights last night. Brookley field did not release details.

The southeast air forces training center urged anyone finding the missing craft to report immediately to the commanding officers at either Maxwell or Gunter fields here.

The planes disappeared on a triangular flight from Montgomery to Crossville, Fla., to Mobile, Ala. The field declined to reveal the names of basic school students or others assigned to the various planes.

War In Brief

RUSSIA—Red army crashes through main German defenses on Kharkov front and fights to destroy inner ring of defenses around city; large German losses reported reducing number of tanks available to support Nazi infantry; one big tank battle still raging with issue undecided.

GERMANY—Nazi high command acknowledges continued Soviet attacks at Kharkov but says they are repulsed with grave losses.

GIBRALTAR—German news agency, in dispatch from Madrid, claims American troops, escorted by British destroyers, arrived at Gibraltar.

CHINA—Chinese fight strong Japanese offensive by 80,000 troops on 200-mile front in Chekiang province, where enemy seeks to knock out allied air and supply bases to eliminate possible threat of New Tokyo bombing.

AUSTRALIA—Allied planes start fire and destroy two Japanese planes at Kepong and Dili, on Timor island. Four of 12 Japanese bombers damaged in 53rd raid on Port Moresby.

Orders Awaited On UO, OSC Japanese

CORVALLIS, May 21.—(AP)—American-born Japanese students at Oregon State college must leave the campus today or tomorrow if they desire to join their families in evacuation.

Official orders said, however, that those not desiring to be moved from restricted zones with their parents may remain until next week although it was thought they would be required to leave before commencement May 30.

Only 15 of the 40 Japanese students on the campus at the outbreak of war still remain.

No orders on evacuation of Japanese students have come to the registrar's office on the University campus, it was announced Thursday afternoon.

At the beginning of the term, 12 Japanese students were registered, the lists showed, but three or four of this number have already left the campus.

A representative of headquarters of Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt of the western area defense command, was understood to be interviewing Japanese students on the campus Thursday.

Japs Attack East Coast Of China

CHUNGKING, May 21.—(AP)—Japanese troops have been landed near Foochow, chief port and capital of the east coast province of Fukien, and have been engaged in heavy fighting with Chinese defense forces, the Chinese high command announced today.

The invading force was carried aboard a dozen transports, which made their way up the Mia river to a point near the city.

The descent on Foochow, a city of 400,000 and largest port between Shanghai and Hongkong, was a southward extension in the series of Japanese attacks which is assuming the character of a major offensive, perhaps intended to knock China out of the war.

Foochow was blockaded and bombed by the Japanese in June, 1939. In April, 1941, they invaded the city and moved inland along the river, but met stubborn Chinese resistance and finally withdrew last September.

The new invasion was coupled with a land drive southward in Chekiang province, south of Shanghai, in a determined effort to conquer that zone in which supposed air bases are a threat to Tokyo.

\$4,300 More Needed To Fill USO Quota

The Lane county campaign for the USO war fund will be brought to a close on Memorial day, May 30, it was announced Thursday by James A. Rodman, chairman of the executive committee.

At a meeting of the campaign committee Wednesday it was decided that with the concentrated effort of all workers it would be possible to reach the county quota of \$10,500 by that time. All workers are asked to take particular notice of the closing date now set for the campaign and that all funds collected be turned in promptly to the USO headquarters with the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Rodman reported Thursday morning that a total of \$6,237.25 has already been subscribed to the war fund. This still leaves a balance of \$4,300 to be collected in the next nine days.

Fury Of Kharkov Battle Lessens; Still Undecided

Destruction Of Nazi Striking Power Thought Russian Goal

By JOE ALEX MORRIS (United Press Foreign Editor)
The Red army fought inside the inner circle of defenses around Kharkov today in a diminishing but still undecided battle to knock out Hitler's main offensive strength and seize the communications center of the Ukraine.

Both the Nazis and the Russians appeared to have lost some of their driving power in attack and counter-attack on the Kharkov front, but Moscow said the Red army still held the offensive, had crashed through or swept past the main enemy fortifications on the outer defense lines and was hammering at weakened German mechanized units. One big tank battle was still in progress and still undecided but elsewhere Nazi Field Marshal Fedor von Bock was able to muster only 10 or 15 tanks to support infantry units.

Word Lacking
There was still no specific word as to how close the Russians were to Kharkov itself or whether their main onslaught was against the city or, as appeared more likely, aimed at cutting the enemy communications and destroying his men and machines.

In any event, the Red army has advanced some 40 miles as announced in Moscow earlier this week and recaptured some 300 fortified localities, including several key towns and road junctions, in 10 days of hard fighting.

Dispatches from the front line telling of Russian success in drawing Nazi tanks into "suicide" attacks in which units of 15 or 20 vehicles were destroyed at a time by Soviet artillery and two-man anti-tank rifles indicated that the main purpose of Marshal Semyon Timoshenko was to knock out German striking power, and that he was succeeding.

Dispatches from the Russian front indicated the Russians still were in action on the Kerch peninsula of the Crimea, but the main thrust of the whole southern front depended on the outcome of the Kharkov battle.

Military experts said there was little or no possibility of the Germans attempting any thrust from the Crimea toward the Caucasus oil fields until and if they were able to break through the Ukraine front toward Rostov, where they suffered a heavy defeat last year.

Any attempt to cross the Kerch straits to the mainland on a short cut to the Caucasus at present would merely make the Nazis vulnerable to counter attacks unless a strong Axis naval force could be mustered in the Black Sea, which appears to be out of the question now.

Dispatches from Istanbul said the Russian Black Sea fleet still was strong, including modern cruisers, destroyers and submarines and at least one old battleship. Thus the Kharkov battle is expected to decide the whole trend of the campaign in southern Russia.

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