

## Engineers Set Flood Damage \$6,000,000

The Willamette valley's 1942 flood did damage estimated at more than \$6,000,000, the army engineers revealed in a partial report on the damage to hit here since 1927.

The report states that the damage to the house-to-house survey and farm-to-farm survey is now under way. The engineers said also that the Cottage Grove and Ridge dams "proved their worth during the flood."

The Cottage Grove dam held the unprecedented flood on the Coast Fork so that the flood at Cottage Grove was 10 feet less than it would otherwise have been, the report states.

The report pointed out that "although the effect of the Fern dam is not considered adequately satisfactory by engineers, the fact remains that the dam made it possible to hold the water in advance so as to prevent the Long Tom from overflowing its banks and to remove the stock, and if necessary, their belongings and themselves higher ground."

The engineers pointed out that there was no need for rescue work in the Fern Ridge area. They said they had already been started on improvements of the channel planned, however, and will be completed as soon as possible after water goes down.

The engineers' report, giving background of the flood, revealed that it came on the heels of November in which Oregon had the greatest in 87 years. As a result by December the soil was overburdened, soil saturated, and additional runoff could not be handled. The flood started early in December as an indication of the bad situation.

## Bring More Rain

A series of storms moved over western Oregon late in January, bringing heavy rainfall which melted much of the deep snow in the mountains, the already bank-full streams could not handle the accumulation and ran throughout the valley.

## Smashes New England Lottery Ring

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—U.S. Justice J. Edgar Hoover of the federal bureau of investigation today special FBI agents had broken a \$2,000,000 lottery ring which arrested 12 men in simultaneous raids in five New England states.

The ring operated a "Treasury Balance" lottery. Profits, he said, were determined by daily U. S. treasury balances as published in the newspapers.

## Profits Ranged from Nominal to a Capital Prize of \$10,000

Tickets sold for 25, 50, 75 cents.

## Yarners' Creamery Meeting Wednesday

The next Wednesday, Feb. 23, 10 a. m. Moose hall, is the meeting for the Eugene yarners' creamery. At this time the association will elect two directors, hear the operating report for the year, and transact other business of the group.

## William L. Teutsch, Assistant Director of Federal Co-operative Extension Service, Will Be a Special Representative of the Interstate Associated Yarners, and O. S. Fletcher, Agricultural Agent, also will be a representative from the security administration.

At the meeting, G. A. Anderson, manager, announces the large volume of factory milk in its program for 1942, and that 65 new members were admitted.

## Air Raid Warning Signal

Warning blasts, repeated every 30 seconds for two minutes, will be the official air raid warning signal. A long steady blast will be the all-clear signal.

## What, Where, How and Why Of Food Registration Given

WHAT: Registration for war ration Book 2, necessary to buy canned goods starting March 1.

WHEN: Feb. 22-27, Monday through Friday, 3 to 9 p. m.; Saturday only, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

HOW: Take with you (1) war ration Book 1—the sugar stamp leaflet—of each person for whom you are registering (2) a "consumer declaration" printed last Thursday in this paper, filled out and showing names and ration registration number (to be found in Book 1) of each person, and also amount of rationed food on hand on Feb. 21, 1943. Only one declaration is necessary for each family or living organization, who will be represented at the site by one member of the group.

Note on your declaration, or on a slip of paper that you can take to the schoolhouse, the following: (a) Pounds of coffee owned on Nov. 28, 1942, minus one pound for each person included in this declaration whose age as stated on Book 1 is 14 years or older; (b) Number of persons in this declaration whose age as stated on Book 1 is 14 years or older; (c) Number of cans, bottles, and jars (8-ounce size or larger) of commercially packed fruits, vegetables, juices and soups, chili sauce, and catsup owned on Feb. 21, 1943, minus five for each person included in declaration; (d) Number of persons in this declaration.

Do Not Include: Canned olives, canned meat and fish, pickles, relish, jellies, jams, preserves, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, or home-canned foods.

WHERE: The school nearest your home. The complete list of sites follows:

Roosevelt and Wilson junior high schools, and Frances Willard, all in Eugene; Willakenzie, Santa Clara; Coburg; Bethel; Dunn; McKenzie high school, Vida; Westfir; Oakridge high school; Blachly high school; Deadwood school; Lyons school, Walton; Glenwood school; Stella Magladry, Lorane highway; River Road; Pleasant Hill; Crow; Elmira; Thurston school; Mohawk; Lowell; Creswell; Junction City; Springfield high; Leaburg.

In the Florence district, schools include those of Florence, Mapleton, Herman, and Siuslaw. In the Cottage Grove district: Latham, London, Lorane high school, Culp Creek, and Cottage Grove union.

## Thermometer 'Soars' Up to 61.5 Degrees

There were strange "goings on" in Eugene the past week—the sun actually beamed forth several times, and on one day, Wednesday, the mercury "soared" to 61.5 degrees! It was the warmest day since late November. By the way home gardeners scurried about with their preliminary tasks preceding the real garden season following the first few hours of sunshine, one might believe spring is practically here.

A glance over the week's temperatures, however, shows it still can be a bit cool. Following are maximums and minimums up to and including Friday: Monday, 51.9 and 29.4 degrees; Tuesday, 46.9 and 32.1 degrees; Wednesday, 61.5 and 32.8 degrees; Thursday, 59.1 and 42.1 degrees; Friday, 56.1 and 30.9 degrees.

## Classes on Point Food Ration Planned

Explanation of the point rationing system, for grocers and consumers, will be given in rationing "classes" to be sponsored free of charge this week in Eugene by the Eugene vocational school.

The announcement from Dr. J. F. Cramer, city schools superintendent, and Mrs. Mary Miles, community service member of the war price and ration board, told of these meetings:

For grocers: Monday and Tuesday nights at 8 at Wilson junior high school. To get complete information for their use grocers must attend both nights.

For west side women consumers: Wednesday night at 8 at Wilson.

For east side women consumers: Thursday night at 8 at Roosevelt junior high.

Classes will be directed by Mrs. Catherine Lamb, EVS coordinator of distributive education, assisted by J. Ed Turnbull, district OPA head, and Harry Hearne, board executive secretary. Sound films will be shown.

## \$2,240 in Federal Funds Allocated to Nursery Here

An allotment of \$2,240 in federal funds for the war nursery of the Eugene city school district was approved Saturday in a presidential order.

The Eugene nursery received the funds with the understanding that it would care for 40 children regularly between Feb. 15 and June 30, and that \$2,052 in fees and local contributions were also available. The funds were allotted through the federal works administration. A total of 88 nurseries received federal aid.

## Capt. Holstrom Gets Another Air Medal

Capt. Everett W. Holstrom, son of Mrs. J. L. Whitwell of Jefferson street, Eugene, command pilot of a bomber squadron in China, has been awarded another air medal for meritorious service while participating in aerial flights, the war department announced recently.

Previously, Capt. Holstrom had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star. He was a member of the squadron which raided Tokyo with Gen. James Doolittle.

## BALLOT FOR SOLDIERS

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to the governor yesterday a bill to set up machinery for members of the armed forces to vote by absentee ballot.

## Dried Beans, Peas Are Added To Ration List

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard tonight directed the rationing of dry edible beans, dried peas, lentils and dehydrated and dried soups along with the processed and canned vegetables and fruits to be rationed beginning March 1.

These foods were added to the ration list, Wickard said, because of "extremely heavy demands by the American armed forces and the Russian army."

Pending start of rationing, retail stocks of these commodities were frozen tonight. They will not be available to consumers next week.

Wickard, the food administrator, said supplies of beans, peas, lentils and dried soups had dwindled considerably in recent weeks because of short supplies of meats and other high protein foods. Consumers turned to these vegetables as meat substitutes.

These commodities will be rationed under the new point-system ration books to be distributed next week. The point values will be determined by the office of price administration.

The office of price administration said that housewives would not be required to declare the amount of dried vegetables they have on hand at the time they make their declarations on the rationed canned goods.

While not forecasting quantities which might be available under rationing, the secretary said per capita civilian supplies of these foods for the marketing year ended next September 1, as compared with supplies in the previous marketing year, were about as follows:

Dried beans, 7 and 8.8 pounds; dried peas and lentils, 0.9 and 1.2 pounds; dehydrated soups 0.3 and 0.3 pounds.

Under Wickard's directive to the OPA, dried edible beans and peas of all classes and varieties will be rationed. The dehydrated and dried soups include all types such as vegetable, tomato, corn, potato, onion, cabbage, borscht, dry cheese,

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## FDR Calls Senate Proposal 'Meddling'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told congress in strong language today that the proposal to require senate confirmation of all federal employees paid \$4,500 or more a year amounts to meddling in matters reserved to the executive branch of the government.

Furthermore, he said it would hinder the war effort and he thought in that event "the American people will not fail to realize that it is the legislative branch" doing so.

But Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.), sponsor of the proposal, was not impressed, nor was Chairman Van Nuys (D-Ind.) of the senate judiciary committee before which the measure is pending.

McKellar issued a statement replying to the president's arguments and Van Nuys labelled as "boish" one of them—that, too much of the senate's time would be consumed with confirmations. Van Nuys told reporters he was "100 per cent for the bill" and hoped it could be reported to the senate next Thursday.

## 12-YEAR-OLD MOTHER

MURPHY, N. C., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Attendants at Petrie hospital here reported today that 12-year-old Mrs. R. G. Foster had given birth to a seven pound, four ounce baby girl.

## Appearance of Army Heads at Truck Hearing Ires State Legislators; Measure May Be Beaten

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following "eyewitness account" of the Battle of Salem is from The Register-Guard's special correspondent, Mr. McGurk who was "on the scene" and "had a fine view of the preliminary skirmishes at the Marion hotel and later view the main encounter from a foxhole near the water cooler in the House."

By AJAX MCGURK Behind closed and guarded doors at Salem Friday night was staged one of the most melodramatic incidents in Oregon legislative history—the Battle of the Big Truck Bill, HB 220, which would legalize trucks trains 60 feet long and carrying up to 71,000 pounds weight—permanently.

The army, the navy, the air corps and the interstate commerce commission were brought to Salem in force "by somebody" to impress Oregon's "solons" with the importance of Big Trucks.

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## Few Offices to Close Monday

Eugene will observe "business as usual" Monday, Washington's birthday, with the city council and school board both scheduling meetings.

Closed, however, will be the postoffice, offices in the courthouse except the state police, the city recorder's and engineer's office.

## Condition of Gandhi 'Grave'

POONA, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi's condition has taken a turn for the worse at the halfway mark of his 21 day fast in protest against his internment, and now is grave, an official bulletin said tonight.

The 73 year old spiritual leader of millions of Indian nationalists was reported to be falling rapidly, accentuating fear that he could not survive the self-imposed ordeal.

At the same time concern mounted over the possible repercussions if he should die. His own privy council warned that in such an event the task of reconciliation between Britain and India would be "extremely difficult."

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru sounded the warning at a New Delhi conference which adopted a resolution calling for the release of Gandhi "in the interests of the future of India and international good will."

The government stood fast, however, implicitly rejecting the new demand in a reply by the secretary of the viceroy, the marquis of Linlithgow, who said:

"The viceroy has considered the resolution. The attitude of the government of India in the matter of Gandhi's fast was set out clearly and in detail in a communication on Feb. 10. No new factor has emerged since that date. Responsibility in connection with the fast rests solely with Gandhi, with whom—but not with the government—the decision to bring it to an end must rest."

Friends of Gandhi said his condition had become "alarming," and only "faith could pull him through the crisis."

"I find him hardly able to talk," Devdas Gandhi, his youngest son, said. "It was hoping that the citrus juice which he permitted himself to take with water would pull him through, but he only takes about two ounces of lemon juice in 24 hours, that being hardly sufficient even to flavor his water."

## Body of Noti Logger Found in Fume-Filled Auto Saturday Evening

The body of George M. Harrington, about 35, Noti logger, was found in his automobile atop Badger mountain between Noti and Walton Saturday evening.

A hose, connected with the exhaust, had filled the car with fumes. The coroner took charge of the body.

Harrington was survived by a wife and two small children. Mrs. Harrington, a resident of Sacramento, Calif., was reported coming to Eugene.

## Cooking Fat Collection Falls Below Quota

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Oregon housewives must redouble their efforts to attain the goal of 2,340,000 pounds of cooking fats to be collected this year, the state salvage committee said today.

The 1943 quota is 195,000 pounds per month, while November and December collections tallied only 63,000 pounds each.

## Yanks 'Dig In' On New Central Tunisia Line

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—American forces dug firmly into a new line in central Tunisia tonight despite two stiff German thrusts to drive them out, while the British Eighth army, squeezing the enemy from the south, swung into position to flank the formidable Mareth line at either end.

Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, who planned the Eighth army's brilliant campaign in which the Afrika Korps was chased across Africa, arrived in Tunisia to assume his new duties as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's deputy in charge of land operations of allied forces.

Allied headquarters announced that the Americans had abandoned their positions in the Ousseltia valley in a line-straightening operation and had taken a new position commanding that central Tunisian area.

While the Americans took up their new positions, 200 miles to the southeast the British were softening up the outer defenses of the Mareth line with their big guns and consolidated positions at both ends of the French-built fortifications.

They were reported to have captured Djerkah island, on the line's northern flank and only five minutes' flying time from the Axis-held port of Gabes. On the southern flank, they were in firm possession of Fom Tatahouine, captured two days ago.

The middle eastern command said Eighth army forces were "in contact" with the Axis around Medinine, "Verdun of the Mareth line" guarding its outer defenses midway along the fortifications. A communique said British artillery was duelling with the Germans in that area. North of Fom Tatahouine, British patrols also had contacted the Afrika Korps, it announced.

Two German attacks, evidently designed to test the strength of the Americans after their retreat of last week, were repelled with the aid of strong British forces.

African dispatches said the Americans had completely restored their position northwest of Kasserine, less than 20 miles from the Algerian border, Thursday night after the Germans, with tanks and artillery, had achieved some infiltrations.

Allied headquarters reports said the American abandonment of the Ousseltia valley was inevitable after the loss of the semi-desert plain to the south earlier this week. The Americans now command the valley while the British hold the gap south of it.

The guardsmen intercepted a strong German patrol, equipped with motorized infantry and tanks and knocked out six tanks and six self-propelled guns.

## Many Dog Owners Fail To Obtain Licenses

Hundreds of dog owners in Lane county have not yet applied for their 1943 licenses, A. J. Flint, county dog control officer, said Saturday. Flint has a desk in the lobby at the courthouse for the collection of licenses and many were issued Saturday, but the number is far less than usual at this time of year.

Flint said that he will be at the courthouse every day this week (except Monday which is a holiday) until 5 p. m. On and after March 1 the license fee will be \$2 instead of \$1.

Saturday noon will be the deadline for city dog licenses at the recorder's office, city hall. The fee is \$1.50 for females, \$1 for males or spayed females. Those who do not meet the deadline will pay \$1 penalty. The recorder's office will not be open Monday, Washington's birthday.

## Soviets Only 39 Miles from Dnieper River; Gains Made

By SIDNEY J. WILLIAMS LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Red army, sweeping westward through the Ukraine on a 150-mile front, drove within 39 miles of the Dnieper river yesterday, capturing the key railway towns of Krasnodar, Pavlograd, Pereschepino and Gotnya.

Thus in a single triumphant day the fast moving Soviet forces toppled four vital anchor posts of the crumpled German defenses on a broad arc surging out beyond Kharkov, and apparently broke the last chance the retreating Nazis had of maintaining a foothold east of the Dnieper.

Two Soviet communiques broadcast from Moscow announced the landslide successes on the frozen plains of the Ukraine and posed new threats to a new series of German bases far to the northwest, west and southwest of Kharkov.

## More French Ships May Join

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Official London quarters maintained strict silence tonight concerning reports from authoritative French sources in New York that the fate of the French naval squadron of nine warships and other smaller craft, neutralized at Alexandria, may be decided over the weekend.

The New York sources have predicted that the French squadron at Alexandria will come over to the allies, joining the sizeable fleet of fighting ships already flying the French banner of Gen. Henri Giraud. Some reports have hinted that the ships at Alexandria, commanded by Admiral Rene Coderey, already may have left port enroute to allied naval bases for repair and refitting.

Newspaper correspondents at Alexandria have been permitted by the censorship to advise their home offices that they have not been permitted to transmit dispatches concerning the French ships there for many days.

The transfer of Godroy's squadron, including the 22,189-ton battleship Lorraine, three heavy and one light cruiser, two destroyers, two submarines and auxiliary craft, to the allies was first intimated in New York by Vice Admiral Raymond Fenard, heading Giraud's naval mission to the United States.

At a press conference at which he announced the arrival of the 35,000-ton battleship, Richelieu, one cruiser and two destroyers in U. S. Atlantic ports from Dakar, Fenard included Godroy's squadron in his summary of at least 46 ships soon to be fighting with the allies or awaiting berths in allied ports for repairs.

Fenard did not say when the ships at Alexandria would leave that port, but he left no doubt that Godroy would transfer his fleet.

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The Russian line from Pereschepino to Parlograd forms an arc, one end of which is only 39 miles from the Dnieper and the other only 40 miles away. Now they can strike at the river from either direction or both simultaneously.

In the drive westward from the Lovovaya-Kharkov railway the Russians also captured Kegichevka, 41 miles northwest of Lovovaya on the railroad to Krasnodar; and Saklinovchyna, midway of the 58-mile stretch between Lovovaya and Krasnodar.

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## Transport Plane, 20 Persons Found Safe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—An army transport plane with 20 persons aboard, missing since Feb. 4, has been located in "a Canadian wilderness area—with all passengers and crew members alive and well, the war department reported today.

The department said the pilot made a successful forced landing due to bad weather. The only damage was to one of the plane's wing-tips.

Since location of the missing ship from the air, food and equipment including ski landing gear have been dropped to the crew which plans to drag a runway and fly the ship out under its own power.

The names of the 15 passengers and five civilian crew members were not disclosed.

## United States Has 'Turned Corner of War'

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in a letter published tonight by the Post-Dispatch, said "we have now turned the corner in the war" and "there is an important job of education to be done so that the tragedy of war will not come again."

The letter commended the newspaper on the occasion of its starting a series of articles on "What are we fighting for." The articles are designed to encourage and clarify public thinking about the post-war world.

"There cannot be too much discussion of this kind, and there could not be a better time for it," Mr. Roosevelt wrote.

"This is particularly true because, after the long months of preparation, of 'holding on,' we have now turned the corner in the war."

## Additional Newprint Cut Delayed by WPB

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The second cut in newspaper allotments to newspapers, scheduled to take effect April 1, was deferred temporarily today by the WPB on the basis of new information on Canadian pulp supplies.

A 10 per cent newspaper cut already is in effect and the second cut was scheduled to have been not more than 10 per cent additional.

## GLOOMY SUNDAY?

No place to go—Joe's in Africa—radio the Solomons—all the radio says is—war—war—war.

Give yourself a little shove toward the post office—room 10 to be exact—talk over the WAAC with Aux. Betty Herring. She'll be happy to help you. Leave those dishes in the sink and phone 4831—right now—Uncle Sam needs 150,000 WAAC now—up to 44 years of age.

P.S.—Remember—to get the most for your non-essentials—Phone 1300—use the want-ads.

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