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CAN THE GERMANS STAGE A BATAAN?

Encouraging is the word for the reports from the battle of Tunisia, but the question which remains to be answered is whether Rommel and his associate Von Arnim can turn Tunisia into an equivalent of MacArthur's historic defense of Bataan. It is now an acknowledged fact that German strategy is to delay the attack in North Africa as long as possible while defenses are built up on the European mainland.

Some two weeks ago a British cabinet official mentioned June as the deadline for driving the Axis out of North Africa so that the 1943 attack on the European mainland could begin. There are many signs that this attack on the European mainland may be launched without waiting for the completion of the African campaign. Nevertheless, those who follow the war maps anxiously should give considerable thought to the many similarities between the Axis defense of Tunisia and MacArthur's Bataan epic which upset the conquest schedule of Japan.

Tunisia is somewhat similar to Bataan in that it is mountainous country extremely defensible every foot of the way. It is desert country not unlike many portions of our neighboring state of California. It lacks the jungle cover which was such an important asset to MacArthur's gallant men. Nevertheless, it is a very tough terrain ideally suited and situated so that a skillful commander can fight a war of delay.

As compared with Bataan Tunisia offers the advantage of being fairly close to source of supply from the European mainland. MacArthur's men might have been holding on yet if they could have got reinforcements and supplies. On the other hand, this advantage for the Axis is offset by Allied domination in the waters of the Mediterranean. When we fought the battle of the Philippines it was the Japanese who controlled the surrounding ocean. Also the Japanese at that time had unquestioned superiority in the air.

On the face of things it does not seem to be in the cards for Rommel and Von Arnim to hold out for any such extended period as that during which MacArthur's men held Bataan against overwhelming odds. However, it is still a long way to the last Axis stronghold at Tunisia and Bizerte. If the Germans can hang on until midsummer they may have the satisfaction of feeling that they have upset our time table for European invasion for 1943. That is why every day's advances in the North African campaign need to be measured against the calendar. The Axis is fighting for time. We are fighting delay.

WE BELIEVE THIS

About many things said by highly-placed Germans we are skeptical, but we cannot doubt the sincerity with which Grand Admiral Doenitz, new Nazi naval chief, promises intensification of "inexorable U-boat warfare."

Even in the Atlantic, notwithstanding diversion of submarines by the African campaign, there has been a stepping up of ship sinkings. There are reports of new long-range under-water raiders capable of doing great damage.

We have most fronts under apparent control, but we cannot take heart about the shipping front. There is much bad news still to come from there.

Two Michigan men were arrested for stealing bacon. That ought to be a lesson against taking sides.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

YOUR MOVE, GOVERNOR

Salem Capital Journal

Leaving behind it a record of having done little that is conspicuously harmful to the state, the forty-second legislature has passed into history, bequeathing to Governor Earl Snell the task of smoothing out the rough spots on the program it enacted through exercise of the veto power.

There are a few measures that slipped through the two houses, due to oversight or the application of organized outside pressure, which commend themselves to careful analysis and prompt execution. One of these is the bill raising state highway funds to the extent of an average of \$800,000 a year for the dubious benefit of cities and towns at a time when the highway commission is pressed for income sufficient to meet fixed needs for maintenance, overhead and bond service, and when prudent planning dictates creation of a reserve with which to match post-war federal appropriations for unemployment relief during the economic readjustment that will accompany the return to peace.

The second, a bill of doubtful constitutionality, is that which would permit 70 per cent of the barber shops in any county to fix a scale of prices for barber services binding upon all shops in that county, and which violates the theory upon which the federal supreme court declared the NRA of depression days to be invalid. It was lobbied through under pressure and trades during the closing hours of the session.

Then there is also on the governor's desk the plan to require all motorists involved in accidents to prove their financial responsibility or lose their driving permits. The fundamental idea is sound, but this particular plan is not. It establishes a virtual monopoly for liability insurance companies in the business of providing financial responsibility, and sets the secretary of state up as judge, jury and prosecutor in fixing the blame for automobile ac-

cidents. Out of his eight years of experience as secretary of state the governor should recognize the utter impossibility of successfully administering this abortive scheme, which would require a small army of investigators and agents to enforce.

It will require political courage for the governor to veto any one of these three measures and invite the wrath of such organized groups as the insurance men who sponsored the financial responsibility act, the barbers with their union affiliations and their opportunities to spread political poison by word of mouth to towel-gagged customers, or the vindictive League of Oregon Kindles with its full-time paid propagandist.

Vetoes of this kind involve the type of courage that test governors.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—WHERE did the army get its ideas for several of the innovations it is now using? From the forest service, which developed these things in Washington and Oregon. Specifically, the forest service (which has just issued its annual report) points with pride to its pioneering the way with at least five items that have been adopted by the armed forces.

Everyone has seen in the newspapers pictures of soldiers using a "walkie-talkie" in the jungles of the Pacific or the sand dunes of Africa. This is the portable radio invented in the Portland, Ore., laboratory of the forest service. Forest rangers were equipped with this device when they went out to fight fires threatening the timber. Next came the parachutes for men and for dropping supplies. Here is where the army is again a "copycat," for the "chutes" were devised by the forest service as a means of sending rangers to the scene of a fire in a national forest in jig-time and dropping them to the ground. The "chute" saved time in sending men where they were needed and avoided a long and wearisome hike over mountains and through timber. The fire fighters were delivered in a matter of minutes instead of hours.

Forest service worked out methods of disentangling rangers when their "chute" caught in a high tree. The next step was in delivering supplies to remote places. Men battling a blaze are sometimes in a place where no plane can land. The service experimented dropping food and equipment in small parachutes and tried these stunts in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, learning how to pack a crate of eggs so that it not one was cracked after falling hundreds of feet.

Today, the paratroops are an important part of the army, using specially trained men to let loose back of enemy lines and seize strategic points. The weapons, such as machineguns, required by the paratroops are dropped with parachutes. The technique is identical with what the forest service has been doing for several years in the pine and Douglas fir stands of the Pacific northwest, but the forest service did not have the trick paraphernalia used by the army for training purposes; forest service rangers had to teach themselves the hard way.

AERIAL photography now used by army and navy for taking pictures of the terrain from swiftly moving airplanes, or battle scenes "caught" from mid-air, is another development by the forest service. Aerial pictures of the national forests and surrounding country, pictures of where a fire is blazing showing extent and type of fire, were taken years ago and still are regular routine with the service. Genesis of the Midget tractor (particularly suited for transport in landing barges) and now an integral part of army equipment for amphibious forces, is the need for locomotion on narrow trails in national forests. The forest service worked out this machine and used it in the northwest effectively where it performed a first class job.

Snow removal on highways of the Mount Hood national forest both before and after the war, the inventive genius evolved the snow tractor, a different piece of mechanism from the midget tractor. Having perfected this model, the tractors were sent to Mount Rainier, Crater Lake and other points in the snowstorm area where main roads must be kept open in winter months. The army adopted the snow tractors, too, and has been using them in Alaska, on the Alcan highway and for training purposes.

WITH the exception of the snow tractor, the several inventions of the forest service have been called into being to meet the fire hazard in the woods of Oregon, Washington and Idaho—one of the principal menaces in the northwest and against which the forest service is now taking every precaution because of the possibility of an enemy air raid dropping incendiaries. (At least one incendiary raid has been reported in Siskiyou forest in southwestern Oregon.)

In Washington, in 1942 there were 69 incendiary fires; in Oregon 53. The total forest fires last year, as stated in the annual report of the forest service, was 1,451 in Washington, 1,088 in Oregon. In national forests there were 443 in Oregon, 329 in Washington. On private lands Oregon had 645 and Washington 1,142. Man caused fires numbered 885 in Washington and 481 in Oregon. The man caused fires were from carelessness.

One piece of forest equipment that, so far as known, has not been accepted by the army is the fire extinguisher carried on the backs of rangers, but the army wants something destructive to the enemy—not preventative. However, in civilian defense a modification of this contraption has been distributed.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

ONE MAN'S KINDNESS

On a certain street in our town a man has equipped a playground with swings, bars, and slides. These are open to all and any children who care to use them. It is a street always congested with traffic, and the houses bordering it are always crowded with the homeless. Yet these houses have their quota of children, and I consider this man's gift of a playground to be one of the kindest, wisest, and most public spirited acts I've ever known.

There is hardly an hour of the day, when school is out, that its various appliances are not in use, and I have no doubt it has saved some lives, for children play there who otherwise would play in the street. I know it has saved many mothers anxiety for their children's safety; has given these mothers hours of leisure they would not have had, had the playground not been there to free them from a personal supervision of their children's entertainment.

Of course the project has some drawbacks, for it is humanly impossible for a little tyke who has been sent on an errand to pass this constantly operating carnival without tarrying for just one slide, a swing, or a couple of turns on the merry-go-round. Children are not apt at measuring time, and so they frequently loiter there until a mother's call puts them once more on the path of duty.

Now the funny thing about it is that the man who established this playground takes almost intense pains to pose as a pessimist. He vows the world is going to the dogs; says that most men are liars, and not worth the saving. Yet at a sudden grind of car brakes in the street, he can't get to the door quickly enough to see if any harm has come to his small neighbors. Gruff, sharply spoken at times, professing no patience with the weaknesses of mankind, he doesn't fool anybody but himself into thinking he's a hard-boiled fellow who has set himself against the world.

Any one needs only to look at the whirling merry-go-round, the arcing swing and the small figures rocketing down the slide to see through his pretense. He has a heart as soft as mush, and it must be a terrible strain to keep up the pose of being a cantankerous person when he so plainly enjoys doing good deeds, and loves to laugh at, and with the skylarking children.

Oh, he's a stern fellow, I tell you, as he stands there in the doorway, and rails at the government, and the stupid people who run it. But all this time, I see the alert and protective eye he keeps on his self-appointed charges in the lot beside him. Yet he fools no one, as I said before except himself. You see his actions speak so much louder than his words.

Mrs. Byrne Elected As President For Phi Beta Group At Recent Meeting

By MARIAN LOWRY

NEW officers are being announced for the Phi Beta alumnae and associates group. The monthly meeting of the group was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Howard R. Taylor.

Mrs. Charles D. Byrne was elected president, succeeding Mrs. Milton V. Walker.

Officers Listed

Other officers are:

Mrs. Earl M. Pallett, first vice-president; Mrs. Walker, second vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Shumaker, secretary; Mrs. Bryant DeBar, treasurer; Mrs. C. L. Schwerling, historian; Mrs. R. Louise Fitch, reporter.

Assisting Mrs. Taylor at the meeting Tuesday were Mrs. Horace Middleton, Mrs. Thomas J. Fox, and Mrs. Hal Young.

Feature of the entertainment was the reading of Thornton Wilder's play "The Skin of Our Teeth," by Mrs. Rudolf Ernst, the program being voted by members as one of the most interesting of the year.

Phi Beta members have been asked to take charge of registration for the Northwest Music Educators' conference here next week, the group to take charge at the beginning of the conference.

DIVISION MEETS

Division No. three of the Catholic Ladies' Altar society met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joseph A. Kremmel. Rev. Francis P. Lepzig was a guest. Plans were made for further relief work and the USO activities. The group is to sponsor a baked food sale on May 8. Next meeting comes April 13 at the home of Mrs. R. Kurzeiter.

FRIDAY EVENTS

Welfare League is meeting Friday morning at the Eugene hotel. Zonta club is to hold its monthly luncheon Friday noon at McCrady cafe.

Irrigation Topic Of Victory Garden Class

Victory gardeners will receive pointers on irrigation, and the growing of fall and winter vegetables at the 9th meeting of the evening class at River Road Women's club at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, April 1. Elmo Chase, instructor will also show colored motion pictures.

The storing, drying, processing and brining of fruits and vegetables will be the topic discussed by Mrs. Marian Buchanan at the Dunn school class Friday evening at 7:30. A simple home dryer will be demonstrated at this meeting.

—Flashes of Life—

(By the Associated Press)

THE CHAMP

RATON N. M.—Everyone got into the spirit of the auction at the war bond dinner. The prize, free extraction of two teeth, offered by a local dentist, was sold to the high bidder who bought \$3100 in war bonds. And he hasn't a single tooth.

IT'S THE PRINCIPLE

LOS ANGELES—He didn't mind losing the dollar he loaned the man in army uniform, Jack Logan told police.

Neither did he mind allowing the man to use his hotel room to freshen up while Logan napped.

He could have forgiven the theft of \$25, too—but the man also took his gold-spotted upper dental plate.

FAMILY RANKS DEPLETED

CHICAGO.—The mail man rang twice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Krier and left two orders from the armed forces for their daughter and son.

Rosemary, 24, a school teacher, was summoned to duty with the marines, and her brother, Leroy, was called for active army service. Another son, Corp. Martin, Jr., 22, is in the army signal corps.

COMMANDO TRAINING

GIBSON CITY, Ill.—To earn a physical fitness certificate at Gibson high school, a boy must: Do 20 pushups; chin self 10 times; climb 15 feet of rope without using his feet; dive and roll over a leather horse; pick up and carry weight equal to own 100 yards in 35 seconds; high jump four feet; broad jump 15 feet; run a mile in less than six minutes, a half mile in two minutes, 30 seconds, and a quarter mile in less than 62 seconds.

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LOWER CAMP CREEK—At the First Baptist church in Roswell, New Mexico, on Feb. 27, Miss Paula Yvonne Faust and Aviation Cadet Albert Henry Knox, R. A. F. S., were married by Rev. A. A. DuLaney, pastor of the church, in the presence of a group of the bridegroom's classmates and officers and their wives from R. A. F. S.

Mrs. Laura Stilwell played "I Love You Truly" and the traditional wedding marches.

The bride's home is in Los Angeles, Calif. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knox of Springfield, Route 2.

Recipe

(By NEA Service)

When fresh vegetables are available and you can afford the extra time needed to prepare them, don't spend points on canned vegetables. Save those points for foods not available in the fresh form. That should be one of the basic principles of your ration arithmetic.

Here are some delicious recipes from the booklet just issued by the National Headquarters of the American Women's Voluntary Service, called "Garden For Victory." They will help you save points appetitely.

SOYBEAN CASSEROLE

(Serves 4-6)

Two cups cooked soybeans, chopped; 1/4 cup diced salt pork, 2 cups chopped celery, 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper, 2 tablespoons chopped onion, 6 tablespoons flour, 2 cups milk, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 cup buttered bread crumbs.

Brown the salt pork in a frying pan. Add the celery, onion, and green pepper and saute for about 5 minutes. Add thickening made from the flour, milk, salt, and stir until it reaches the boiling point. Stir in the cooked beans and pour the mixture into a greased baking dish. Cover with the buttered bread crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes, or until crumbs are brown.

CARROTS FRIED WITH APPLES AND ONIONS

Wash and scrape medium-sized carrots and cut lengthwise into thin slices. Slice apples in rings with the skin on. Slice onions in thin rings. Place onions and carrots in a frying pan with a little melted fat or bacon drippings. Cover tightly and cook until almost tender. Add the apples, sprinkled with salt and sugar, and brown well.

GRILLED SWEET POTATO AND CHICKEN SANDWICH

Boil, peel, and cut the potatoes in lengthwise slices 1/4 inch thick. Brush the slices with melted fat. Cover with thin slices of cold chicken. Spread with mayonnaise dressing. Cover with a slice of potato brushed with fat and put under a flame or in a hot oven until browned. Garnish with jelly and serve at once on a hot plate. Serve with cabbage and apple salad, or Watercress, chicory, or any green salad.

Sound Movies To Be Shown At U-O Friday

Two sound films, "More in Timber Than Trees," and "The Land," will be presented Friday, April 2, at 7 p. m. in Room 207, Chapman hall, under the sponsorship of the museum of natural history, University of Oregon. Dr. Luther S. Cressman, museum director and professor of anthropology, announced that the early showing of the picture will avoid interference with the Dorothy Maynor concert, set for 8:15 at McArthur court the same night.

"More in Timber Than Trees," a sound kodachrome picture, shows some present-day methods of logging and is designed to educate the public in forest conservation.

"The Land" is a documentary film and shows the value of land as a source of the nation's wealth and the proper utilization of soil. The films are free to the public.

From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

"Well," says Judge Cunningham. "I see they've got it!"

"Got what?" I says.

"Look," beams the Judge. And he pulls out an article about a special kind of lie detector—an "alcoholometer" they call it.

When a fellow gets haled into court for doing mischief, and blames it all on a "couple of beers," this scientific machine proves whether just a "couple of beers" is really the true answer.

And of course it isn't. Because a couple of beers, enjoyed with

Quota Meeting Event Wednesday

Quota club members assembled for a special session Wednesday evening as a dessert party at the Osburn hotel and to hear reports on the recent district conference held in Portland. Dr. Victory H. Morris of the Eugene club was re-elected district governor for the Quota clubs at this conference.

The conference theme "Victory the Goal, Service the Key," was presented to the local club at the Wednesday meeting, the following members giving talks about the conference: Miss Thelma Neaville, Mrs. J. F. White, Miss Mardelle Edwards, Mrs. E. A. Lundy, Mrs. Harold Jensen, Miss Wanda Wagner, Miss Nellie Lyle, Miss Thelma Schaefer, Mrs. Perry Walbridge, Mrs. J. C. Lamb, and Mrs. E. A. Danielson. Mrs. Lamb was initiated at the conference as a new member for the Eugene club and was welcomed by the local group at the Wednesday meeting.

The club is to sponsor the Victory Quintet in program here April 20. Next regular meeting for the group is announced for next Monday as a luncheon.

At the Wednesday meeting, Mrs. Harold Jensen presented the outline of activities for the service committee as planned for the new club year.

Lenten Thought

Needing No Defense

I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32. Read Matt. 9:10-13.

It is a curious comment on human nature. Jesus having thus to defend himself for trying to help those who needed most to be helped. He was disturbing the social and religious orders of His time. Getting the lost saved always does that and one must trace all the tangled roots in human nature to explain why.

The fact remains. The great pioneers for human betterment have been hailed to begin with, satirized, persecuted, even martyred. Our comforts, our securities, and above all our self-importance get tied up with established orders that we protest disturbers. And yet those thus opposed save us from ourselves, open the doors of braver, better futures and are finally acclaimed as heralds of the dawn. What care we need to take that our own short-sighted pride never hinder those who seek to open any door of hope for others.

Prayer: "O Prince of Peace, Thou bringer of good tidings, Teach us to speak the word of hope and cheer.

Rest for the soul and strength for all men's striving.

Light for the path of Life, and God brought near." Amen.

Nelson Named Acting Florence Postmaster

FLORENCE—George Nelson of this community has been sworn in as acting postmaster at Florence, assuming his duties Thursday morning. He succeeds Mrs. Erma L. Basford, who resigned recently after serving several years in the office. Later, civil service examinations are held to select a permanent postmaster. Mr. Nelson has been prominent in civic life here for some time.

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Bride-Elect Honored By Club

MISS MARTHA BOENTGEN,

bride-elect of Robert McGee Trask, was honored at a miscellaneous shower by the Young Business Women's club members, Wednesday evening, the event being at the home of Miss Lorane Mitchell. Twenty-three attended.

Miss Boentgen leaves this week-end for the east to be married.

The club party was a special one, arranged by the ways and means committee. Games were played and refreshments served, followed by the shower for Miss Boentgen.

Dunn P-T. A.

Dunn school's P-T. A. is to meet Friday afternoon, two-thirty o'clock, school building. Officers will be elected. There will be an open discussion on "Should Children Have Allowances?" The seventh and eighth grade mothers will be hostesses.

SERVE CHINESE FOOD

SPARTANBURG, S. C. (U.P.)—

Chinese food was served at the USO club here when 29 Chinese-American men, now serving in the army, gathered for a USO celebration.

Patronesses Meet For Program

Patronesses of Phi Beta held a meeting Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Wellington T. Switzer, Mrs. Maurice Springer, Mrs. V. H. Davis, Mrs. R. T. Watts, and Mrs. H. W. Aldrich being hostesses to the group at the Switzer home for dessert.

For the program, Mrs. V. A. Riasanovsky played records of old and new Russian music and talked on music of Russia.

The patronesses will meet in May at the home of Mrs. O. R. Gullion.

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