

OPA Accuses 18 Coast Fruit Shippers

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The OPA has charged 18 Oregon and Washington fruit shippers with evading federal price regulations.

The suit, filed in federal court here yesterday, declared the shippers had changed their business practices and had exceeded established OPA prices by 14 cents on each box of fruit by refusing to ship in carload lots. Shippers are entitled to higher prices on less than carload lots, OPA officials said.

The suit also charged the shippers with evading price rulings by shortweighting dealers.

Those named in the complaint are: Marley Fruit company, Stubbs Fruit and Storage company, Perham Fruit company, Yakima Fruit Growers association, Richey and Gilbert company, American Fruit Growers, inc., all of Yakima, Wash.; Winn, White and Prince company, Seattle; Smith and Nelson company, inc., Tonasket, Wash.; Wenatchee Beebe Orchard company, Wenatchee Cold Storage company, Paul W. Scen and Leslie D. Davis, doing business as H. S. Dennison company, Standard Fruits, inc., Fruit Growers Service, inc., American Fruit Growers, inc., doing business as Northwestern Fruit exchange, all of Wenatchee, Wash.; Apple Growers association, Ted Pooley, all of Hood River, Ore.; Pinnacle Packing company of Medford, Ore., and the Blue Mountain Growers cooperative, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

Man Dies From Logging Injuries

Harry Lee Barnum, 30, Walterville, died Monday at the Sacred Heart general hospital from injuries received in a logging accident last Friday. He was employed by the March Logging company. A limb from a tree struck him on the head.

Barnum was born in Lane county. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Dorothy Barnum; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnum of Pleasant Hill; his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Barnum of Pleasant Hill; two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Ramsburg of Milbrae, Calif., Mrs. Marie Fisch of Long Beach, Calif., and one brother, Erwin Barnum, army air forces.

Funeral notices will be given later from Veatch-Hollingsworth mortuary.

War In Brief

Italy—Battle for Cassino enters eighth day as Americans maintain steady pressure on beleaguered garrison; allies reported digging in with backs to sea to hold beachhead below Rome.
Russia—Red armies whittle down German troops trapped in two Dnieper pockets, capture Manganese center of Nikopol; United States advises Finland to seek peace with Russia.
Western Europe—U. S. medium bombers attack northern France after RAF night raiders renew pre-invasion offensive with night nuisance attacks on western Germany.
Pacific—Americans reported readying Roi airstrip for use in launching aerial offensive against "road to Tokyo" within a few days; Americans and Australians drive within 16 miles of a juncture on Huon peninsula; allied planes sink 34 barges, one coastal vessel at Wewak and Hansa.

What Goes on at The Statehouse

By JERRY HANNIFIN

SALEM, Ore.—February 9 is the second anniversary of establishment of war time, and Oregon far groups have revived resolutions and protests to federal and state agencies that chickens and cows tell time by the sun, not by clocks.

Oregon state departments, including the office of Gov. Snell, and the office of State Director of Agriculture Erwin L. Peterson have heard suggestions by farm groups that Oregon return to standard time.

Approximately two years ago the congressional act to save daylight and provide standard time for the U. S. became effective. The act generally was approved by factory and office workers, but was disliked by farmers.

The recent special session of the California legislature heard formal petitions from Grange groups asking a return to standard time. Gov. Warren of California said he would be unable to return his state to standard time by proclamation as the measure setting the clocks ahead was a federal enactment.

Meanwhile, however, the state of Arizona operates under two time systems, mountain standard, and mountain war time. A United Press survey showed at least one Oregon farmer operates under two time systems, too. He lives in Linn county and has two clocks in his home, one to regulate his farm affairs, and one to time his visits to the bank in Albany, and for radio programs.

Ammon Grice of Salem, president of the Oregon Farmers' union, said he did not save electricity by operating under war time.

"The state meeting of the Farmers' union will be held in Salem February 22-25 and I expect a formal resolution will be drawn recommending we return to standard time," Grice said.

The federal act says daylight saving time will cease to be effective six months after the termination of the war or at such earlier date as congress shall designate by concurrent resolution.

Theodore Nelson of Salem, master of the Marion county Pomona Grange, said the daylight saving measure forced farmers to spend much time in the dark.

"The hens don't get up until daylight. We usually get up about 7 a. m.—that's really 6 a. m. standard time—and then we sit around waiting for the chickens to get to work with the daylight."

"The state Grange will meet at Grants Pass in June, and I anticipate some sort of resolution asking a return to normal will be asked," Grice said.

I asked Grice whether cows were affected particularly by the change in hours.

"The best kind of a cow for general use is one that isn't too particular about when she's milked," Grice said.

Office workers generally expressed a wish to continue daylight saving time.

"It gives me more time after work to attend to my Victory garden," one stenographer said.

Someone asked her what she grew in her garden.

"Three tomato plants," she said.

Nine States Enact Soldier Vote Laws

By United Press

Nine states have enacted legislation to provide ballots for soldiers, a survey showed today. Georgia, on Jan. 7, claimed to be the first state to have passed special election laws to provide for voting by members of the armed forces, without payment of poll taxes, in state and national elections.

The Georgia legislature in a five-day session passed the measure to make ballots available to anyone in the armed forces. "Who if at home would have been eligible to vote." Under the law, ballots will be mailed by the soldiers' home county at the request of the soldier, a relative, or a friend.

California provided for soldier voting by lengthening the period for sending out and receiving mailed absentee ballots—from 28 to 56 days for a primary election May 16, and from 28 to 76 days for the November general election.

Illinois legislators in a special session last month advanced from Oct. 9 to July 31 the date on which absentee voters may begin to apply for ballots. The legislature also approved amendments to the primary election law, but they will not apply to the 1944 primary on April 11.

Wisconsin servicemen will receive ballots without making application for them, under a law passed by a special session of the legislature late in January. The law directs town and village clerks to compile a list of all servicemen and women from their areas and to send them ballots at their military address.

Oregon's legislature in its regular 1943 session added a chapter to the voting laws to authorize the secretary of state to coordinate the state's balloting procedure with whatever action is suggested by congress. The governor may find it necessary to call a special session for enactment of further soldier-vote legislation, however.

In Iowa the legislature provided that war ballots be ready for mailing to voters with the armed forces at least 65 days before each election.

A special session of the Connecticut general assembly provided that two clerks must send lists of candidates to servicemen by August 15, along with the ballot form.

Colorado's legislature changed the time allowed for distribution and return of absentee ballots from 22 to 46 days.

In its 1943 session, Montana special war ballots which may be counted as late as the fourth Monday in December following the general election in November.

The Michigan legislature in session to consider the soldier vote question, and a session of the Idaho legislature is scheduled.

Several states are awaiting congressional action before asking their legislatures to change the existing voting laws. Among them are Alabama, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Washington and Minnesota.

The attorney general of Texas has ruled that a special session of the legislature cannot act on the issue because it would require a change in the state constitution, which could be approved only by the regular session in 1945.

The question of ballots for servicemen has survived four wars and 80 years. It first became a national issue in 1864 when President Abraham Lincoln was running for re-election against Gen. George B. McClellan.

At that time few states had provisions for absentee balloting. However, between April 1 and the election, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Michigan, Maine, Maryland, New York, Kansas, Connecticut, California, Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin either amended their constitutions or passed enabling laws to legalize voting in the field.

DELEGATE POST SOUGHT
SALEM, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Fred H. Cockeril, Milwaukie, filed today as a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention from the first congressional district.

mond, Ind., skipper of the Cisco, was listed as missing in action. The Cisco was one of the newest type American submarines. She had a displacement of 1525 tons and carried a crew of approximately 85 men.

Lt. Cmdr. Francis E. Brown, skipper of the S-44, which had a displacement of only 850 tons. She carried a crew of about 45 men. Brown, listed as missing in action, had given his official address as Reno, Nev. His wife, Mrs. Juanita L. Brown, now lives at Long Beach, Calif.

Merit badges, representing vocational subjects as well as hobbies, earned by Boy Scouts in the Oregon Trail council totaled 844 last year.

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Pilot Who Shot Down 25 Japs Killed

GUADALCANAL, Feb. 8.—Lt. Robert N. Hanson, Newtonville, Mass., marine flying ace accredited with downing 25 Japanese planes, was killed near Rabaul, New Britain, February 3, when his Corsair fighter plane struck the water after a strafing dive, a fellow flier reported.

Lt. Hanson, seeking to get his 26th Japanese plane, went on a mission the day before his 24th birthday, but according to Lt. Creighton Chandler, West Point, Miss., "the plane's right wing struck the water, the gasoline tank burst into flames and the plane somersaulted into the water."

"I dropped down but found nothing except pieces of debris. By a process of elimination and an accounting of other pilots missing from the action proved that the plane I saw was Hanson's," Chandler said.

Hanson, who worked part of the time he was in college as a night club bouncer, previously had been reported missing. His feat of shooting down 25 enemy planes brought him within one plane of the all-time record of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, in the first world war, and Joe Foss, "ace of aces" in this war.

Hanson was born in India, son of Methodist missionaries, and had previously experienced many close brushes with death during his scourge of the Japanese air force in the south Pacific.

He downed his first Zero last August after having had only 25 hours' flying in Corsair planes. Tall and blonde, Hanson first rode in a plane when he was 14, and a barnstorming pilot landed in a field at his grandfather's farm near Breckenridge, Minn.

"He wasn't afraid of anything," the ace's flying companions related. "Hanson was religious—but not devout. He didn't smoke on the ground and drank only occasionally after flights."

Hanson was killed just a month after Maj. Gregory Boyington, 31, Okanogan, Wash., was announced as 26-plane record of Rickenbacker and Foss.

Veterans Redrafted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Men wounded in action, discharged and then fully recovered, are being drafted again, it was disclosed today, and the war department took cognizance of the situation by ordering the veterans to be given their old ranks.

Some sergeants and corporals, it was said, had found themselves back in uniform as privates, after the reasons for their original discharge no longer existed.

Selective service regulations permit re-drafting of veterans who again qualify. Some men wounded at Attu and at Faid Pass in the Tunisian campaign have been recalled by their local boards, the army said.

Reds in Nikopol—

German divisions totalling 50,000 to 75,000 men who were trapped and virtually encircled by the Dnieper river and flanking Russian forces. Entrenched in pill-boxed and immovable positions, the Germans were reported trying desperately to hold the town and its rich manganese mines, which turned out 1,000,000 tons annually in peace time.

Some 150 miles to the north another death trap containing 10 more German divisions caught between Cherkasi on the middle Dnieper, was contracted from 350 to 300 square miles by the armies of Gens. Nikolai F. Vatutin and Ivan S. Konev, which appeared about to split the doomed forces—numbering perhaps 100,000 men—with a drive through the center of the pocket.

On the far northern front Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's westward driving army reportedly had penetrated the outskirts of Narva, ancient defense outpost for the Estonian capital, Tallinn.

NAZIS WAGING BITTER FIGHT TO HOLD CASSINO
The bitter struggle for Cassino continued through the night, and front dispatches said the Germans still held most of the town while American forces had fought within a few hundred yards of the historic 1400-year-old benedictine monastery on the crest of Abbey hill just behind the German mountain bastion. Enemy reports said the Americans were hurling thousands of men and tanks and a "carpet of bombs" from the air into the attack but had failed to breach the German defenses.

Today's allied communique gave no details on fighting in the Cassino or Anzio sectors and indicated that the main battle lines had not changed during the last 24 hours. At Washington, however, a highly-placed British military source conceded that the battle for the beachhead was not going according to plan, asserting that bad weather prevented the allies from maintaining a tight aerial patrol over their supply lines in the area.

CRASH KILLS NINE
WENDOVER Utah, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Nine army airmen were killed yesterday when a heavy bomber crashed eight miles northeast of Wendover air base Lt. Col. W. G. Carter, commandant reported today. None were from the Pacific northwest.

SHIPYARD PAIR KILLED
PORTLAND Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two fatalities in the shipyards were reported here today. Martin Sheythe, Tigard was fatally injured at the Portland drydock in a fall from scaffolding. Peter G. Martin, 30, Portland, was struck by a heavy hook at Swan island.

Salem Council Criticized

SALEM, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Salem's mayor-council government is inefficient and inadequate, Alderman Daniel J. Fry told the council last night when he resigned because he had moved out of his district.

He said the unpaid mayor and councilmen do not have time to do their work. He did not say what kind of government the city should have.

Strike End Foreseen

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 8.—(AP)—An immediate ending of the strike at the Hoquiam pulp and paper plant of Rayonier, Inc., was foreseen today with unofficial reports that contesting AFL and CIO unions have reached an agreement.

The agreement, The Washingtonian said it learned on "good authority" calls for the immediate return to work of all former employees except one—John Bayha, former president of AFL pulp workers' local who later headed the CIO local.

The discharge of Bayha and two others—Eric Anderson and Vincent Gage—was one of the principal causes of the walkout and picketing which closed the plant two months ago. Anderson and Gage will be reemployed, the paper said.

The return-to-work agreement was on the understanding that the maintenance of membership clause in the contract between the AFL unions and Rayonier, under an industry-wide bargaining agreement, would not be enforced for 30 days from February 8, but at the end of that time will be binding upon all employees.

Bribe Case Enlivened As Cameraman Chased

SANTA ANA, Calif., Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Santa Ana army air base's quartermaster Col. J. J. Canella, was arraigned yesterday on a federal complaint charging bribe acceptance—the proceedings enlivened by a photographer-punching incident and a foot race through downtown streets.

Don Johnson, 190-pound cameraman for the Santa Ana Register, told police that after the arraignment he was floored outside the courtroom by a hard punch to the stomach from the colonel, a 6-foot 220-pound former football player.

Johnson said his camera was knocked from his hands but that he recovered it and took a picture of Canella. Then the colonel started chasing the photographer through the downtown district until Johnson outdistanced him.

The complaint charges that the quartermaster "did accept and receive money with intent to have his decision or action influenced" in the matter of giving a civilian job as assistant fire chief at the base.

U. S. Commissioner Arthur M. Bradley released Canella on \$2500 bail pending a preliminary hearing next Monday. Canella has been temporarily relieved of his duties.

Wallace Predicts Big Coast Trade Growth

PORTLAND Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Great post-war trade with the Orient awaits the United States, Vice President Henry A. Wallace predicted here today.

Wallace here for a Jackson day dinner speech tonight, said in an interview that China and Siberia are destined for rapid growth. In turn the United States' west coast will develop industrially and agriculturally because of trade with the Far East he said.

He warned, however that post-war rehabilitation would call for the utmost in energy and imagination. Wallace urged the Pacific northwest to develop power resources.

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Attack Charge Probed
MEDFORD, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Police and Camp White military authorities today investigated a report of a 34-year-old Portland woman that she was robbed, beaten and attacked by two soldiers.

The woman, whose name was withheld, said she stepped here briefly on her way home from California, forgot the way back to the bus terminal and asked two soldiers to direct her. They led her to a bridge instead, she said, forced her under it and then robbed her of \$18, struck her and attacked her.

State Collections Soar

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Federal tax collections more than doubled in many states last year, the bureau of internal revenue reported yesterday in a tabulation showing receipts from all states totaled \$31,924,530,310 in 1943 against \$16,774,418,219 for 1942.

Collections from all sources of federal taxes in 1943 and the 1942 receipts by states included:
California \$2,352,709,990 in 1943 and \$1,000,508,170 in 1942; Oregon \$472,403,947 and \$182,648,404.

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Two U. S. Subs Sunk

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Loss of two American submarines, the Cisco and the S-44, was announced today by the navy.

The submarines both presumably were operating in Pacific waters where American submarines have been taking a heavy toll of Japanese shipping.

Their losses bring to 19 the number of American undersea craft lost since the war started. Against those losses our submarines have sunk, probably sunk or damaged 572 Japanese vessels, including warships.

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