

# Park At Coney Island Destroyed By Flames

## Blazing Tower Crashes As Crowd Escapes

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(UP)—While thousands of pleasure seekers moved quietly to safety today, Coney island's famed Luna park was destroyed by a mass of flames that shot 400 feet in the air and, fanned by an ocean breeze, threatened the entire area.

Thrill seekers on the sky rides were brought to a sudden stop and conducted from the park as the flames sprouted. Shortly after they left, the 125 foot tower in the center of the park toppled and fell, its foundations a mass of cinders.

Children and adults, sideshow operators, and even the monkeys, ponies and dogs in the circus walked briskly from the amusement center as the flames spread from flooring in the dragon's gorge, a scenic ride, to the mile sky chaser and the shoot the chutes, one of the landmarks of the park.

Two employees of the park were unaccounted for at 5 p. m. an hour after the five alarm blaze was first reported, but they were believed to be safe.

Whipped by the offshore breeze, the blaze swept through the sun-baked, wooden structures to destroy the boomerang, the dodgem scooter ride, the circus and the aqua gal.

Damage was estimated at upwards of \$250,000 in the Lund park area—equal to about five city blocks.

Tens of thousands of bathers and pleasure seekers crowded the area. Ambulances were rushed to the scene to treat victims of smoke poisoning.

The only injured reported were a volunteer firefighter with a bruised finger and a fireman with a badly stubbed toe.

**Volume of Beans For Cannery Higher**  
Green beans, rolling in at the rate of about 160 tons a day the past week, are expected to increase decidedly in volume at the Eugene Fruit Growers association cannery this week.

This is to be "the big week" in the handling of the beans, because there will be some overlapping in the early and late plantings arriving. There is still a need for adults who can give full-time work at the cannery through the peak period, especially for men to do some of the heavier work.

**Annexation Committee To Set Boundaries**  
The committee for proposed annexation of the Chambers-West Moreland area will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. with city officials to set west-side boundaries, according to Jess Hayden, chairman of the committee.

The committee has been meeting with property owners affected by the possible annexation during the past week and reports splendid cooperation, Hayden states.

**Ellsworth to Reach Capital on Tuesday**  
ROSEBURG, Aug. 12.—(UP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth announced today that he had been recalled to Washington and would leave by plane in time to reach the capital Aug. 15.

Ellsworth, who returned here last night after participation in a tree farm dedication at Sweet Home, was scheduled to reach Portland tonight.

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**PRINCIPALS in the three-day Kiwanis district convention opening in Eugene today are these two men: Charles W. Howard (top), Walla Walla, Wash., district governor; Roy A. Elliott, below, president of the Eugene club, host group.**

## Oregon Flying Hellcats Back From Jap War

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(UP)—Ten Oregon men, members of the famous Air Group 10, which was responsible for the largest one-day bag of enemy planes during a single battle in the history of aviation, have returned to the United States after serving six months aboard a carrier in the central Pacific, the navy announced today.

The battle occurred off the eastern Philippines on June 18 and 19, during which fighting squadron 10, flying task force hellcats, shot down 19 of the 369 Japanese planes.

From January to July, the group participated in nearly every major fleet air attack in the Pacific.

During this period, they conducted 2,800 combat sorties, shot down 98 enemy planes, probably destroyed 10 others and damaged 23 in aerial combat. They destroyed 193 enemy planes on the ground; sank 16 ships including two destroyers; damaged 62 ships, including two destroyers and a cruiser. More than 900 tons of bombs were dropped.

Their losses were 12 pilots and seven air crewmen downed in action.

The three officers, six combat air crewmen, and one member of the ground personnel returned to Oregon are:

Alfred Taddeo, Lt. (jg), Portland; John Robert Shinneman, Lt. (jg), Milton; Eugene Erling Jacobsen, Lt. (jg), Portland; Thomas Truman Watts, aviation radioman, first class, USNR, Oregon City; Owen Frederick Tabrum, aviation machinist's mate, second class USNR, Portland; George Edward Hamilton, aviation machinist's mate, second class, USNR, Portland; John Henry Fields, Yeoman, second class, USN, Grants Pass; Darrell Kirkland Coffey, aviation chief radioman, USN, Portland; R. K. Bolton, aviation chief radioman, Portland, and Nick Baumgartner Jr., aviation radioman, first class, Brookings, Ore.

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Sunset: Sunday, 8:21; Monday, 8:15 a. m. Tuesday, 8:16 a. m.

## All Lane Cities Have Higher Tax Levies This Fiscal Year

By HORACE BURNETT  
Property owners in all cities of Lane county will have higher taxes to pay in the current fiscal year than in the past year, figures on levies in the different municipalities, released Saturday by County Assessor Welby Stevens, reveal.

To begin, the county levy is two mills higher than last year, due to the special levy of that amount, voted at the primary election in May, for the construction of roads and bridges. In Coburg the total levy will be nearly 30 mills higher, on account of a high special school district levy for the construction of an addition to the school building.

In Oakridge there is a higher levy for schools, making an increase of more than 16 mills for all purposes in that city. In Eugene the total levy is 3.9 mills higher than that of last year.

The assessor was unable to compute the total levy in mills in the city of Cottage Grove for the reason that the property valuation of the Douglas county portion of Cottage Grove union high school district has not yet been reported.

The county, school district and city levies and the total for each city in the county, except Cottage Grove, are as follows:

**City Levies**  
Coburg—County, 14.1 mills; school district No. 43, 49.2 mills; city of Coburg, 7.7 mills; total, 71 mills. Total levy last year, 41.9 mills.

**Cottage Grove—County, 14.1 mills; school district No. 45, 7.7 mills; union high school district No. 14, (—); city of Cottage Grove, 19.2 mills.**

**Creswell—County, 14.1 mills; school district No. 40, 4.4 mills; union high school district No. 12, 11.7 mills; city of Creswell, 8.7 mills; total 38.9 mills. Total levy last year, 36.9 mills.**

**Eugene—County, 14.1 mills; school district No. 4, 19.6 mills.**

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## Lane Wife Seeking News Of Husband With Tweed on Guam

COTTAGE GROVE—Two Cottage Grove women especially interested in hearing from George Ray Tweed, the Portland radio man who dodged the Japs on Guam island for two years before escaping, are Mrs. Irene M. Young and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Joe E. Young, because their husband and son, Joseph Robert Young, was one of the American radio men captured by the Japs on Guam.

Contact is being made with Tweed over the week-end and the younger Mrs. Young hopes to have some word about her husband next week.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Robert Young are well acquainted with Tweed. Young was a chief radio man on the island when the Japs came. The Youngs went to the island in 1939 and Mrs. Young left there for a trip to the states just before the war broke out. She arrived in this country in June of 1941.

The only word the Cottage Grove relatives have had recently on Young was out of one of the short-wave broadcasts from Tokyo last June.

Mrs. Young is living here with her son and daughter and is working here. Young and Tweed were in the radio station together at Guam.

# FDR At Bremerton, Tells Of War Journey

## 'Ghost' Army Closing Trap On Foe In France

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 13.—(UP)—An American "ghost" army and Anglo-Canadian columns today were reported within 15 miles of a junction near Argentan that would snap shut a trap around possibly 100,000 Germans reeling back in retreat under a bewildering succession of allied blows.

More than 200 American Marder and Havoic bombers, answering a direct call for aid from the converging ground forces, drenched the last few miles of the escape gap with high explosives and fragmentation bombs late Saturday, concentrating on the area just west of Argentan.

Doughboys cashing in on the Nazi withdrawal swept back into the embattled Mortain and Sourdeval, anchors of the German salient below Vire. To the east, British and Canadian columns joined forces 10 miles below Caen and wiped out another salient in the forest of Cinglais—dubbed the "forest of the dead" for its heaps of German corpses.

Late dispatches said that the Yanks in their advance rescued

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## Maj. George Falkner Wins Flying Cross

Major George E. Falkner of Eugene has been awarded the distinguished flying cross, for the part he played in the invasion of France on D-day, when he piloted a troop carrier which was one of the first to drop paratroopers in the Cherbourg area. The award was made at a ninth air force troop carrier command base in the European theater of operations.

Major Falkner, who is just 24, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Falkner of route 5, Eugene. He went overseas in May, 1943, and participated in the campaigns of north Africa, Sicily and Italy, before the invasion of the continent. He also has the air medal with two clusters, for the other invasions.



**FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD J. HOLM, son of Nels Holm of Eugene and Mrs. Lynn B. Holm of Kelso, Wash., who has been announced as killed in action March 18 over Germany, months after he was reported missing. He was a native of Eugene, a graduate of the Junction City high school, and entered service in September, 1942.**

## Reds Driving To Split Two Nazi Forces

LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 13.—(UP)—Two mighty soviet armies yesterday began hammering a great wedge between East Prussia and embattled Warsaw while other Russian troops smashed deeper into Estonia and Latvia in a drive to chop up Germany's trapped Baltic armies.

Hurling the Germans back from powerfully-fortified defense lines, the 1st and 2nd White Russian armies commanded by Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky and Gen. Matvei Zakharov linked forces astride the vital Bialystok-Warsaw railroad and smashed forward in an attempt to outflank Warsaw to the north and East Prussia to the south.

At the same time, soviet armies in Latvia and Estonia extended their breakthrough southwest of Lake Pskov, drove the grimly-fighting nazis back against the Dvina river southeast of Riga and struck out toward the Baltic port of Leipaja (Libau).

Gen. Andrei I. Yermenko's 2nd Baltic army smashed to within 52 miles southeast of Riga by the capture of Daudzeve.

Thrusting west toward the Baltic city from Jelgava in an effort to cut off German divisions in the Courland peninsula of Latvia, Gen. Ivan C. Bagramin's 1st Baltic army captured Auce, 72 miles east of the big port of Leipaja (Libau), among 150 other towns.

In the strongly-held red army bridgehead on the west bank of the Vistula river, red army troops flung back repeated German counter-attacks as the desperate nazis hurled everything at their command into a battle to halt a soviet advance to Krakow, the key to German Silesia.

Coinciding with what the German high command called "incessant soviet attacks" in Latvia, Moscow dispatches said that the Russians were preparing a mighty onslaught to bring about the final destruction of nazi Gen. George Lindemann's battered 20 to 30 divisions.

## 300 More Pickers Needed for Beans

As the peak of the bean harvest will have been reached by Monday the people of Lane county are being urged by the farm labor office more strongly than ever to turn out in large numbers to assist the growers in saving their crop.

Harry Bower, Lane county farm labor assistant, called attention Saturday to the fact that several yards will begin picking Monday and some of them have as yet received no promise of pickers, while others that have been in operation during the past week are still short of help.

At least 300 additional pickers are needed for Monday, Bower stated. The boys and girls are turning out well and are making good wages, but the adults have not as yet responded to the call in sufficient numbers to make up the full crews desired in most of the yards.

**Will Pick Sunday**  
Several yards will pick Sunday, it was announced, and they will furnish transportation the same as on any other day. Trucks will be at the Irish and Swartz park—  
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## Quarantining Of Japan Urged Following War

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 12.—(UP)—President Roosevelt, returning to home waters after a lengthy cruise to Pacific war bases, today proposed a virtual post-war quarantine of Japan until "years of proof" have shown that the Japanese will cooperate in maintaining permanent peace.

Speaking from the deck of a destroyer in the Puget sound navy yard shortly after arriving from Alaskan waters, the chief executive told a nationwide radio audience that "the word and honor of Japan cannot be trusted," thus creating the need for an elaborate network of forward bases nearer to Japan in the years to come.

Fresh from a first hand view of powerful bases at Pearl Harbor and Adak and Kodiak in the Aleutians, the president charted the need for "undisputed control" by this country of the great circle course for sea and air navigation from Puget sound to Siberia and northern China.

**Confidence Increased**  
Roosevelt came home after an absence from Washington since July 13 more confident than ever of victory, but he declined to forecast or even hint at when an end to the war either in Europe or the Pacific would come.

Roosevelt spoke over four major radio networks and to several thousand workers at the Puget sound navy yard where his destroyer docked after a voyage from Alaska waters.

He followed his reference to his inability to predict an end to the war by appealing for continued, full-strength public support of the war effort, saying the conflict would end sooner if the people maintained a continued production of "necessary supplies and ships and planes."

Roosevelt's address was largely devoted to a survey of the high points of his trip which took him to Pearl Harbor and the Aleutians, referring particularly to his conferences with "my old friend, Gen. Douglas MacArthur."

He said that his Pearl Harbor talks with MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and other key Pacific commanders, "developed complete accord" both in the understanding of the problems "confronting the allies in the Pacific,"

## Allies Occupy All of Florence

ROME, Aug. 12.—(UP)—Allied forces have occupied all of Florence, center of Italian renaissance art, and AMG officials already are taking over, it was announced today, but the allies have been forced from the village of San Colombano, five miles to the west, by massed German fire from the Gothic line.

The Germans, who for weeks took advantage of allied hesitancy to shell Florence's art and architectural treasures, withdrew at 5 a. m. yesterday, and within an hour allied military government personnel had crossed the Arno and entered the heart of the city.

Greeted enthusiastically by Italians, the AMG men found that the Germans had blown up the railway station and buildings along the water front and the ancient Via Porta Santa Maria which intersects the river at the historic Vecchio bridge.

German snipers still remained in the city. Italians told AMG officers that Italian women and children were shot by snipers as they went through the streets, seeking food and water.

The nazis, since the allied entry into southern Florence, had imposed a 24-hour curfew on all males, front reports said, and in recent days had entered and searched private homes, confiscating watches, cameras and any other valuables attracting them.

Meanwhile, sharp fighting broke out west of Florence as the Germans battled furiously to hold the three shallow pockets south of the Arno in that sector.



**BYE BABY BUNTING, MOTHER'S GONE HARVESTING—** The fact that they have young children is no obstacle to prevent Eugene mothers from enlisting in the battle to save Lane county crops this summer. They are simply turning the youngsters over to care of the nursery annex at Eugene vocational school, 751 Fourth Avenue west, where special arrangements have been made to keep them during the day, at 50 cents per day, under the supervision of a staff directed by Miss Bernice E. Stormes. Arrangements for enrollment are made through Miss Stormes, phone 796. In this nursery annex, the children are not required to have immunizing vaccinations, as in the regular Eugene nursery school. Ages 2 to 9 are received. An ample number and variety of play apparatus is available to keep the young guests entertained, and there is plenty of good, wholesome food, to satisfy the cravings of the inner tot. Conditions are similar to the regular Eugene school nursery, views of which are shown above, depicting bits of nursery activities. Let it be noted that despite the rather elaborate playground equipment at hand, some of the youngsters preferred the old-fashioned sport of sliding down the cellar door. Surely there must be a rain barrel and apple tree somewhere about. (Register-Guard photo, Willshire engraving).

**River Road Waste Paper Pickup Sunday, 9 A. M.**