

ene To Hear About Pool Merger Project

By ROCH BRADSHAW

...nd meeting will be held tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock in the Roosevelt school, to give Eugeneans a chance to hear about one of the most important school projects in the history of this area—a project which is being pushed by educators and school officials throughout the city.

-American Day Opens Mexico City

...CO CITY, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The American conference on post-war problems opens today with the job of tailoring the peace plan to the special needs of the hemisphere.

...st plenary session will be held at 8 p. m. (8 PWT) when Manuel Avila Camacho will address the delegates.

...e day has been set for organizational matters, and the chief of state, General Cárdenas, will be present.

...Secretary of State Edward Stettin, who arrived yesterday, has communicated the big three countries to the assembled delegates.

...and Ezequiel Padilla, foreign minister, are expected to share the spotlight in the afternoon session.

...United States delegation is sponsor at least two sessions, one providing for information in the afternoon and the other expected to be the pan-American union political and economic session.

...er Hideout Bombed

...E, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Allied planes bombed Adolf Hitler's main fortress at Berchtesgaden in daylight yesterday for the first time, headquarters announced today.

...of Italian-based medium bombers and fighter bombers of the Mediterranean allied tactical force carried out the surprise attack on the highland town.

...attack apparently was directed mainly against the railway station in Berchtesgaden village, reports said rocket-firing shells roared across the town.

...of anti-aircraft batteries all around the fuhrer's retreat opened up with a terrific barrage.

...Nazi elite guards fired low-flying raiders with machine guns.

...whether bomb or rocket was scored on Hitler's mountain palace itself.

...Some dispatch to the Express in London said the attack was directly by the Thunderbolts.

...The present whereabouts of the fuhrer is not known, but it was considered that he was in Berchtesgaden at the time of the attack.

...view of the red army's approach to Berlin and the heavy allied air attacks on the city.

...Gibbons in U. S.

...Donald Gibbons of Reedsport, Oregon, landed in the States Wednesday with his wife and children aboard the ship Gripsholm.

...at them seriously ill or, like the wounded prisoners of war, according to United Press.

...passengers included 463 Canadian soldiers, 78 Canadian civilians, and 653 Americans—Americans and nationals of Mexico, Canada, and Peru.

...Gripsholm, flying the new Swedish flag, arrived from France, after a 13-day voyage.

...Weather Bureau Forecast

...Cloudy western part; light rain northwestern part; heavy rain elsewhere; snow showers elsewhere.

...Statistics: Minimum temperature, Wednesday morning, 39 degrees; maximum temperature, Wednesday afternoon, 52 degrees; precipitation, 0.1 inch.

...Sunset (PWT): 5:50 p.m.; Sunrise (PWT): 7:51 a.m.

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LOSSES ON IWO EXCEED TARAWA

Marines Storm Second Airfield In Bloody Fight

ADM. NIMITZ' HEAD-QUARTERS, GUAM, Feb. 21.—(UP)—American marines stormed Iwo's second airfield today, by-passing the southern tip and driving toward its heart from the south in a general advance averaging half a mile along the blazing island front.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced on the third day of the invasion of the island spring-board to Japan that the two marine divisions had suffered 3,650 casualties—killed, wounded, or missing—up to 8 a. m. today. One hundred fifty of the casualties were officers.

The marine losses already were more than for the entire operation at bloody Tarawa, or the Marshalls and Tinian invasions, and were being incurred at a rate considerably higher than at Saipan or Guam.

Advances Made Along the Line

A communique on the Iwo battle, the toughest in the long history of the marine corps, said the two divisions were slugging forward yard by yard against heavy machine gun, mortar, small arms, and rocket fire.

Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's 5th division hammered up the west coast of Iwo beyond the lower end of the runways of the last airfield remaining in Japanese hands. The first and main base was firmly in American hands.

At the same time Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' 4th division launched a frontal assault against the field from the south and by noon was "pushing toward the center of the field," Nimitz communique said.

"The 5th amphibious corps, having secured the southern Iwo airfield, made a general advance toward the island's central airfield today," the communique said.

"Gains were made along the whole line and generally were about 500 to 1,000 yards in extent."

Push Up Slope

At the south end of Iwo, where part of the Japanese garrison was cut off by the marine drive across the island, American forces were driving slowly up the slopes of Mt. Suribachi, from which the enemy was plastering the marines.

This morning the forces pushing up Mt. Suribachi gained more than 100 yards in the face of a murderous fire sweeping the slopes.

Nimitz said that of the 3,650 casualties by 8 a. m. today, 3,063 had been evacuated.

In the dry language of the communique, "the numerous strong points which confront our forces in all areas thus far penetrated are being reduced by individual troop action."

That meant that the marines were charging the Japanese strong points and dugouts with flame throwers, small arms, and bayonets, in bloody hand-to-hand struggles.

Jap Land-Holding Curb Proposed

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—(AP)—A bill designed primarily to strengthen property owning restrictions on non-citizen Japanese will be in the hands of the senate revision of laws committee soon.

The bill incorporates suggestions made by the attorney general recently, in regard to redefining property rights of non-citizens. The measure, which has not been introduced as yet, comes from the governor's office.

According to Sen. William Walsh, Coos Bay, will be studied by the committee before being brought in.

Lane B League Hoop Tourney Opens Thursday On Campus

The 21st annual Lane county "B" high school basketball tournament, the most important athletic event for "country cousins" from the high Cascades to the shores of the Pacific, will open at McArthur court Thursday at 6 o'clock, continuing until the championships Saturday night.

The annual playoff, carrying with it the coveted county crown and two berths in the four-team district "B" tourney at Junction City next week, is the oldest event of its kind on the Pacific coast and calls for a two-day holiday in most of the 14 schools involved.

And residents and farmers in the various communities—from Oakridge to Coburg and Florence to Lorane—usually "close shop" until the following "blue" Monday.

Pleasant Hill is the defending champion and rated as the favorite in the 1945 event. Other contenders in the eight-team single-elimination playoff are Eugene, Lowell, St. Mary's of Co., Mapleton, Elmira, Crow and Oakridge. Six other quintets will engage in an invitational affair, namely, McKenzie, Mohawk, Lorane, Creswell, Triangle and



FOR OUR OWN, FOR OUR ALLIES—H. G. Black, senior clerk in the United States employment office here, models a handsome bear-skin coat, which he thinks is well over 50 years old (top picture). Black donated the coat to Russian war relief, in the hopes that some war-beaten Russian "will think he has really found something when he finds this." The coat was brought to Oregon from Montana by a friend who gave it to Black 35 years ago; the friend is now dead. It is exceptionally well-made, of brownish-black fur, with a quilted lining, leather armpit shields, "It has come in handy many a time," Black said, "particularly in weather such as we had in 1942, the year of the silver thaw. But I don't think I'll be needing it any more." With Black in the picture are Jack Olson, left, and Bob Hathaway, students at Frances Willard school, who collected clothing for the Russian relief drive. The boxes are filled with clothing donated by the USES staff. The lower picture shows a group of volunteer workers from the junior chamber of commerce, loading onto a truck paper collected in the salvage drive here Sunday. About 35 tons of paper were collected. Use of trucks was donated by Eugene businessmen, Joe Krebs and Karl Jaber, junior chamber members, were chairmen of the drive. (Wiltshire photo and engraving)

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS

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20 Eugene Places Affected By Curfew

About 20 places, theaters, pool halls and similar establishments, will be affected in Eugene by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' midnight curfew on places of amusement which goes into effect this coming Monday, says Chief of Police C. F. Bergman.

A number of places outside the city limits also will be forced to close earlier than their customary time.

The order was designed, Byrnes said, to save fuel, transportation facilities and manpower.

Red Cross War Fund Kickoff Meeting Set

"Kick-off" meeting for all workers who will be soliciting for the Red Cross war fund in all county areas outside of Eugene will be held next Monday evening, 7:15 o'clock, as a dinner and program gathering at the Eugene hotel, reports O. E. Crowe, acting sheriff, who is the county chairman in the current drive.

Chairmen and workers from each designated area in the county have been asked to attend to get their materials and instructions preliminary to going out March 1, date of the opening of the annual war fund.

Dr. Harold J. Noble, University of Oregon history faculty member, who returned a few months ago following service with the marines in the Pacific area; H. V. Johnson, chairman of the Lane county chapter, American Red Cross; William Lush, general chairman for the Red Cross war fund in Lane county; and Crowe will be on the program.

Chairmen Listed

Crowe has announced the following community chairmen, covering all areas of Lane county: No. 1—Florence, Mrs. Eleanor Brynd; No. 2—Cottage Grove, H. B. Ferrin; No. 3—areas adjoining Cottage Grove, Lloyd Griggs; No. 4—Five Rivers, Howard Peckham of Mapleton; No. 5—Jasper, Mrs. Ada Palmer; No. 6—Pleasant Hill, A. W. Brabham; No. 7—Marcola, Mrs. A. E. Rummel; No. 8—Mohawk, Mrs. Gladys Meyers; No. 9—Springfield, Robert Pirrie and Phil Bartholomew; No. 10—Lorane, Harold Foster; No. 11—Veneta, William Maddaugh; No. 12—College Crest, John L. Hollingsworth; No. 13—Westfir, Harry Anthony; No. 14—Oakridge, James M. Dugan; No. 15—Creswell, Mrs. H. E. Heaton; No. 16—Bailey Hill, Mrs. George Watson; No. 17—Junction City, Earl Reisma; No. 18—Leaburg, Miss Cecile McAllister; No. 19—Willingale, Coburg, Stuart Hurd; No. 20—Irving, Mrs. R. Woodruff; No. 21—Wendling, G. C. Summer; No. 22—Coyote, Mrs. Vera Seales.

Trapped Japs Under Siege

MANILA, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Medical siege tactics in modern guises were employed against trapped Japanese garrisons in Manila's thick-walled Intramuros and on Corregidor today as Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the past week's fighting has cost the Japanese 24,000 casualties.

Cannon and howitzers gnawed steadily at the 40-foot-thick outer wall of the Intramuros to cut an entrance way for tanks and infantry seeking to eliminate the cornered enemy and liberate an estimated 7,000 civilians.

The Yanks could pulverize the Intramuros and everybody inside with air power, but they are trying to save the civilians. Arthur Feldman of the Blue network termed this a possibly futile gesture. He was of the opinion the Japanese already have killed most of the civilians.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today that the enemy garrison in south Manila, now compressed into an area only 1,200 yards by 800, "is acting with the greatest savagery in its treatment of non-combatants and private property."

On Corregidor, both entrances of the main tunnel were blocked by explosives and Yanks swarming over the topside poked through rubble in search of the ventilation vent. When they find it the Japanese will be completely sealed off, their doom certain.

Liquid fire and explosives were killing the few Japanese who managed to dash from the few remaining crevices in banzai charges.

MacArthur, describing the fighting in Manila as still bitter, underscored its severity by announcing enemy casualties of 92,000 for the six weeks of the Luzon campaign as against American casualties of 12,929—2,676 killed, 245 missing and 10,008 wounded.

Washington's Birthday Closes Some Offices

The U. S. post office, most county offices, state offices, financial institutions and liquor stores will be closed Thursday, Feb. 22, Washington's birthday.

F. L. Armitage, postmaster, announced that there will be no mail deliveries except on star routes. All other offices in the post office building will remain open.

City offices, the employment office, and public schools will not close for the holiday.

School Consolidation Meetings Scheduled

Eugene and outlying school districts considering consolidation with Eugene have scheduled public meetings listed below at which citizens will hear facts and figures on the proposal, given by Dr. C. L. Huffaker, professor of education at Oregon university, and others.

Roosevelt school, Eugene, Feb. 21.

Bailey Hill school, Friday, Feb. 23.

Danebo school, Tuesday, Feb. 27.