

Pontoon Bridge Leads to Remagen Bridgehead

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School Districts Vote for Merger

Eugene And 6 Neighbors In Consolidation

DISTRICTS	Yes	No
Maglady	55	5
Maglady	46	19
Maglady	47	27
Maglady	87	13
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HERE'S THAT BRIDGE—Halftracks mounting anti-aircraft guns of the 1st army are shown above, standing guard over the vital Ludendorff bridge across the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, where a platoon of bold U.S. infantrymen cracked the mighty Wehrmacht defense in a sudden grab of the span. (AP wirephoto from signal corps radio photo; Willshire engraving.)

City Manager System Reduces Council Work—Local Milk Hit

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID
Voted to hold but one meeting monthly hereafter as a result of the dispatch with which meetings handle business under the city manager system.

Heard a report by City Manager Deane Seeger that the city health committee will be reactivated. Referred to the health committee a proposal for a new milk ordinance.

Decided to meet March 19 with school board to confer on closing of high street.

Hereafter Eugene's city council will meet only on the second Monday of each month unless an adjourned session is called by Mayor Earl McNutt or Council President Louis Koppe, in McNutt's absence.

The council reached this decision Monday night when, for the second consecutive time, it was able to dispose of its business in record time and adjourn before 8:30 p. m. after an hour's session.

Speedy handling of business has been a feature of council sessions since the city manager system went into operation.

City Manager Deane Seeger reported that members of the former city health committee, which has not been meeting for about a year, have been invited to gather March 20 to reactivate the committee.

Seeger pointed out that numerous matters of public health should be referred to the committee and the council should have the benefit of its recommendations.

The council Monday night referred to this group a proposal to adopt the 1939 federal public health service model ordinance on milk, which seeks to tighten up restrictions and grading.

Milk Survey Completed
In this connection the council received a report from Dr. C. R. Lindgren, city health officer, which said that a survey of the Eugene milk field had been completed Feb. 9 by C. V. Morgan, state sanitarian.

"His report," said Dr. Lindgren, "gives us an average U. S. P. H. S. rating of 73.1 as compared to 90.5 on Nov. 6, 1942. This marked decline, according to a direct statement from him, is due partly to an attitude on the part of the dairy industry as well as the milk inspector that there is a war on and allowances are justified."

The report continues, "One very important factor responsible for this decline is the fact that the Eugene milk field is now being milked by 100 cows, as compared to 75 in 1942."

STILL V-BOMBS
ABOARD FLAGSHIP OF ATLANTIC FLEET, March 13—U. S. Admiral Jonas Ingram, commander of the Atlantic fleet, said today that the danger of a V-bomb attack on the east coast was no less today than it was Jan. 8 when he warned it was both "possible and probable."

Weather
U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Oregon—Partly cloudy with a few widely scattered showers. Slightly warmer. Clear east portion to night but cloudy west portion with rain east portion Wednesday.

Local Statistics: Minimum temperature Tuesday morning, 32 degrees; maximum temperature Monday, 48 degrees; precipitation in 24-hour period ending at 11 a. m. Tuesday, .36 of an inch; stage of Willamette river in Eugene at 7 a. m. Tuesday, 1.88 feet.

Sunrise and Sunset (PWT): Wednesday, 7:28 a. m. and 7:17 p. m.; Thursday, 7:26 a. m. and 7:19 p. m.

MOON TIDES (PWT):
Wednesday
High: 1:43 a. m., 1:48 p. m.
Low: 7:48 a. m., 8:12 p. m.
Thursday
High: 2:34 a. m., 2:37 p. m.
Low: 8:35 a. m., 8:32 p. m.
Friday
High: 3:04 a. m., 3:28 p. m.
Low: 9:23 a. m., 9:25 p. m.

Nine Divisions Push On Berlin Say Germans

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
LONDON, March 13—(AP)—

German broadcasts declared today at least nine Soviet divisions had crossed the Oder river between Kuestrin and Frankfurt and were attempting to beat toward Berlin.

The Berlin radio said Red army forces were striking toward the capital from Kietz, on the Oder's west bank opposite fallen Kuestrin, from a bridgehead opposite Goerz, six miles farther south, and from a third bridgehead at Lebus, 12 miles south of Kuestrin and four north of Frankfurt.

Capture of Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin and 16 north of Frankfurt, was announced by Moscow yesterday, but the German high command said Nazis still were fighting in the southern fringes of that city, one of the three biggest fortresses guarding the path to Berlin.

The German communique declared Russians were attacking powerfully north of Frankfurt in attempts to expand their Oder bridgeheads, but insisted the attacks were held.

See Danzig
The second white Russian army to the northeast battled within sight of the sharp church spires of Danzig, where the war began. Part of the civilian population and military garrison of Danzig has been evacuated by sea, Moscow dispatches said.

Further east, the siege tightened on Koenigsberg, East Prussian capital. A large portion of the population apparently had escaped.

Field dispatches make it plain that the Germans have assembled a great concentration of fighting reserves west of the Oder. Mines stretch for miles up and down the river on the Berlin side. The big highway and railway bridges at Kuestrin have been wrecked.

A companion battle to his victory in Kuestrin still is being fought by Zhukov's army against the eastern outskirts of Stettin.

What Zhukov is doing along the Oder is viewed here as plainly preparatory to the next great stage in the Soviet offensive, but the timing of that blow, in which it is expected he will be joined by army groups commanded by Marshal Ivan S. Konev and Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, has the enemy guessing.

WENDING OVER
First Lane county community "to go over the top" in the 1945 Red Cross war fund is Wendling.

With a quota of \$1000, Wendling went past that mark Tuesday, according to G. C. Summer, chairman in the Wendling area in reporting to Acting Sheriff O. E. Crowe, who is chairman for the county drive outside of Eugene.

The sum is a good increase over our last report of Friday. If we can just keep up that rate of returns during the next few days, we shall have made our goal," said William H. Lush, general drive chairman, in encouraging the many volunteer workers soliciting to make "that little extra effort" to complete the goal.

Final big daily reports on the drive will start next Monday when four consecutive daily report luncheons will be held in conjunction with meetings of local service clubs.

Next report during this week's returns will be made Friday.

School Board Buys Land Near H. S. Site
The Eugene school board Monday night purchased from O. N. Pierce of Portland approximately 11 acres of land south of the proposed new high school site which lies south of Nineteenth street. The purchase price is \$3000.

The board received a report of the salary committee of the Eugene Teachers' association which stressed the shortage of teachers in Oregon and the need for increased salaries in order to assure Eugene of continued staffs of competent instructors.

The report suggests salary increases for teachers of approximately \$350 a year, as well as a special study of salaries for administrators. The report says teachers' salaries have not risen with the cost of living on a par with other professional groups.

The board accepted with regret the resignation of J. A. Holiday, for many years a teacher, who will be in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery.

Surviving her are a son, Cecil Bond Spencer of Salem, and a daughter, Mrs. Edwin a Stratton of Missoula, Mont., six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, S. L. Bond of Irving, and two sisters, Mrs. Dora Thomas of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Mrs. Charles Minkler of Portland.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Veatch-Hollingsworth mortuary, Rev. Francis L. Cook will officiate, and interment will be in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery.

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EUGENE HERO OF BATAAN—Major Robert Sly, of Eugene, above at the extreme left, is shown at ceremonies in San Francisco where he was decorated with the silver star and the purple heart following his liberation from the Jap prison camp at Cabanatuan, Luzon. Next to Major Sly is Lt. Col. Emil Reed, Dallas, Tex., while at the right, Lt. Mary B. B. Mendel of Lawton, Okla., is receiving the purple heart and congratulations from Brig. Gen. Charles G. Hillman. Major Sly is expected in Eugene this week. (See story on page 7) (AP wirephoto, Willshire engraving.)

B-29s Blast Osaka On Jap Home Island

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

The third heavy attack by American Superfortresses on Japanese homeland cities within four days fell on Osaka today.

The incendiary strike, similar to last Saturday's great assault on Tokyo and Monday's attack on Nagoya, was made by a very large force of B-29s. More than 300 of the sky giants participated in the Tokyo and Nagoya raids, flying from bases in the Marianas.

Today's brief announcement in Washington of the sweep over Osaka, the second of the war on that city, said fire bombs were rained on strategic industrial targets. Osaka is on Honshu island, near Kobe and about 100 miles southwest of Nagoya.

Japanese retreated before advancing allied troops on three Philippines and two China fronts today, abandoning two airfields and eight towns.

Forty-first division infantrymen on Mindanao in the southern Philippines captured Zamboanga, four villages north of that ancient fortress and nearby San Roque airdrome from which bombers can raid oil-rich Borneo. Japanese abandoned the strongest fortifications yet encountered in the southern or central Philippines, and retreated toward the hills.

Eleventh airborne division troops captured Los Banos, former prison town south of Manila, and Batangas, 10th provisional capital to be freed on Luzon island.

Counterattacking Chinese overran Suichuan, former U. S. air base in southwest China, and pursued Nipponese columns toward two other one-time American airdromes. Formosa, 400 miles away, is closer to Suichuan Philippines whence bombers daily than it is to Clark field in the raid the fortress island.

Marines entered the mopping up stage on the airbase island of Iwo, 750 miles south of Tokyo. In central Burma, Gurkhas began encircling Fort Dufferin, which has been holding up the British advance in Mandalay.

Nagoya Burns
Superforts, the big guns in the air war against Japan, damaged seven war plants in yesterday's incendiary raid on Nagoya, it was disclosed by reconnaissance photographs taken as 15 fires still blazed in the industrial area. Heaviest damage was suffered by Aichi aircraft's Etokyo plant, one of many in Nagoya, which produces nearly half of Japan's warplanes. It was about 15 per cent knocked out.

Destruction didn't compare to that done by Saturday's similar 300-plane incendiary raid on Tokyo where more than 16 square miles were burned over, compared with five in Nagoya. Two B-29s were lost over Tokyo, one at Nagoya.

NEW YORK, March 13—U. S. A cigarette counter in the lobby of the central court building, Brooklyn, displayed this sign today: "No ifs—No ands—No buts."

FORTIFY SWEDEN?
STOCKHOLM, March 13—U. S.—The Swedish radio said today that German troops in Denmark had started digging tank traps near Aarhus on the east coast of Jutland. The broadcast, reported by the FCC, also said that a "ring" of German fortifications, begun last fall near Haderslev, south of Aarhus, were "now ready."

WITH THE 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION, SEVENTH ARMY, FRANCE—(Special)—An enemy-throwing grenade, quick thinking, and fast action on the part of Corporal Robert D. Maxwell, Cottage Grove, Ore., saved the lives of four American soldiers and won for him the 19th congressional medal of honor to be awarded a member of the Third Infantry division.

Early in September, 1944, near Bosancan, France, Corporal Maxwell and four other soldiers, armed only with pistols, defended a tactical command post against an overwhelming onslaught by enemy infantrymen in approxi-

mately platoon strength, supported by 20 mm flak and machine gun fire. The enemy had infiltrated through the battalion's forward companies and were attacking the command post with machine gun, machine pistol and grenade fire at ranges as close as 10 yards.

Despite a hail of fire from automatic weapons and grenade launchers, Corporal Maxwell aggressively fought off advancing enemy elements, and, by his calmness, tenacity and fortitude, inspired his fellow soldiers to continue the unequal struggle.

When an enemy hand grenade was thrown in the midst of his

First Drive Nears Six-Lane Superhighway

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, March 13—(AP)—

The 1st army has thrown a pontoon bridge across the Rhine to its Remagen bridgehead and has driven to a point less than two miles from the six-lane autobahn linking the Ruhr with Frankfurt on the Main, a bridgehead dispatch announced tonight.

"The doughboys are slowly enlarging their bridgehead against stiff opposition and numerous counterattacks," said the dispatch from Don Whitehead of the Associated Press.

New gains widened the bridgehead to nearly six miles at points along its 11-mile breach in the German Rhine line. The Germans estimated that from 60,000 to 70,000 1st army troops were in the critical area—a maximum increase since yesterday of 30,000 Americans.

Hundreds of rocket-firing planes were reported assisting the attacking infantry. Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops captured a hill north of Hoenningen, 16 miles northwest of Coblenz, at the south end of the Cross-Rhine salient.

Border reports reaching Switzerland said Field Marshal Von Rundstedt had once more been deposed as supreme German commander in the west. These were without Berlin confirmation.

Gains eastward from the Rhine and valleys of the Westwall in the rugged hills, sheer cliffs were making their strongest stand at the north end of the bridgehead where the Americans were but 23 miles from the edge of the Ruhr basin—Germany's greatest arsenal.

Light Resistance
A 1st army officer said resistance in the center of the bridgehead salient was moderate. Defense on the south was characterized as light.

The German communique said the vast army had captured several villages and neigous east of the Rhine.

Honnef, at the north end of the bridgehead, was said to have changed hands several times in the last few days and the 1st army was placed by the foe at an unspecified position "northwest of Honnef."

A joint squeeze play by the 3rd and 1st armies has virtually eliminated the pocket of Germans in the Elfers west of the Rhine. Gains up to five miles were registered yesterday and German holdings north and west of the Moselle river were squeezed down to six miles long and four wide.

South of the Moselle, American attacks slowly were turning German chances of a river line stand. Cavalry units pushed today east of Trier and the 9th division carried its attacks across the Ruwer river southeast of that ancient city. The Nazis were unable to solidify their resistance.

Bolivian Assassins Held After Shooting

LA PAZ, March 13—U. S.—An undisclosed number of persons were held today on charges of attempting to assassinate Bolivian President Col. Gualberto Villarroel and his family Sunday night.

A communique by the Interior ministry said a group of persons fired several shots at Villarroel's automobile between La Paz heights and the city. One bullet hit the left door of the car, the communique said, but it was not revealed whether the president or members of his family were injured.

The assailants were quickly rounded up and will be tried, the ministry said.

Speediest Amphibian Skids Across Island In Unopposed Landing

MANILA, March 13—U. S.—History's speediest amphibious operation was credited today to Sgt. Melvin Richard Miller of Blackwell, Okla.

An 11th airborne division assault force invaded Saipan island at the mouth of the Maragondon river in Manila bay. Miller hit the beach with such speed that he hurtled across the island and skidded off the other side into the water.

The island is half a mile long and at places only 10 yards wide. The landing was unopposed.

TO CHECK WAGES
SALEM, March 13—U. S.—A five-member interim committee to investigate the salaries of state employees in the lower brackets was appointed by the speaker and president of the house and senate today. The committee was authorized by senate joint resolution 10.