

Bend's spring opening has been set for next week. Read the spring opening section in The Bend Bulletin Tuesday to get a line on what's new in Bend stores.

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CENTRAL OREGON'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

Foxy Won't Tell Either!



Washington, D. C., March 21—While the office of civilian defense, with Harvard law professor Dean Landis in charge, is planning to organize 20,000,000 people into bowling teams, horseshoe pitchers, plinking players, weight lifters (don't laugh), bag punchers and 54 other groups into one grand recreational, the people of the Pacific northwest are pointing out that what is most needed in that region is protection against forest fires. This is the real danger in the land of Douglas fir and pine. Demands have been and are still being made on Dean Landis to provide fire fighting apparatus.

Allocation of pumps has been made by OCD on a census basis. The smallest city considered has been one of 10,000 population. From Vancouver, B. C., to the redwoods and in the pine country there are many well established communities which have less than 10,000 population. These towns are in the target area; they are nesting in the forests and could be swept out of existence by a forest fire. (Bandon, Ore., an example.) Every county in the three states containing timber fears possible forest fires by sabotage or other origin and they have been making their wants known in the capital.

Associations of lumbermen, forestry associations and individuals have urged upon OCD and other government agencies the necessity of providing fire protection. Congress specifically provided that the CCC in those states be continued to furnish protection against forest fires which might imperil reservoirs, utilities, transmission lines, etc. Congress took this action in January but complaints are made that the CCC camps are not being recruited; the

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Gas Dealers Plan Sunday Closing Of Bend Stations

Week day hours of 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. and Sunday closing will be observed by gasoline dealers who are members of the Gasoline Retailers association of Bend. It was announced today. The Sunday closing will be effective tomorrow, and the week day closing hours on Monday.

The change in hours was made on order to comply with wartime regulations which provide that stations remain open not over 72 hours per week. With gasoline sales already down because of less travel due to tire rationing, the dealers believe the shorter hours will help further to conserve gasoline.

The plan will also provide a necessary reduction in overhead expenses and help solve a growing labor shortage, the dealers believe.

Bend Air Cadet Killed in Crash

Cadet Eugene Crites, graduate of Bend high school with the class of 1935, was killed in the crash of an army training plane, it was reported from Bakersfield, Calif., yesterday.

Eugene was the son of William Crites, who was on the staff of the Deschutes national forest while the family lived in Bend. From here the family moved to Roseburg, where Mr. Crites was with the Umpqua national forest until his death five years ago. Eugene's mother, Mrs. Alameda Gerkin, lives at Woodburn.

Eugene is remembered here as a star basketball player on Lava Bear teams and at one time held a scoring record for Central Oregon. He also starred in basketball at Southern Oregon College of Education, where he was graduated in 1941.

New Jersey Coast Dim for Duration

Atlantic City, March 21 (AP)—The entire coast of New Jersey was "dimmed out" 10 miles deep last night, and will stay dimmed for the duration, to eliminate glare that might silhouette and betray allied ships to axis submarines 300 miles at sea.

Electric signs in this famous resort city were turned off and all waterfront lights shielded. Beach front hotels had their shades drawn. Boardwalk stores reduced their illumination 50 per cent, and kept awnings down.

MacArthur Asks for Arms and Men

How MacArthur Ran Jap Blockade to Australia Told

60 Per Cent of Philippines Still in Hands Of Americans Says Staff Officer in Relating Most Stirring Adventures of War

By DON CASWELL.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, March 21 (AP)—An American officer who accompanied him told today how Gen. Douglas MacArthur broke through the Japanese blockade of the Philippines by speedboat and airplane to reach Australia.

It was one of the most stirring adventures of the war. MacArthur with his party of 20, including his wife and their four-year-old son, shot past a Japanese destroyer in their four PT-type mosquito boats to reach a secret rendezvous with the planes that brought them to Australia.

MacArthur's Capture and Escape Told

London, March 21 (AP)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Melbourne tonight reported Gen. Douglas MacArthur had escaped "a number of plots to kill him" and also had escaped from "guerrillas and Japanese snipers who captured him" in the Philippines.

The Exchange Telegraph agency claimed the MacArthur escapes were disclosed by Brig. Gen. J. H. Casey, who told reporters at Melbourne how the MacArthur party broke through the Japanese blockade in powerful mosquito boats and were carried by two U. S. flying fortresses to Australia.

United Press dispatches from Melbourne, quoting Casey's story, contained nothing regarding efforts to kill MacArthur or his alleged capture by guerrillas. The Exchange Telegraph dispatch otherwise quoted Casey along the same lines as the United Press dispatches.

Cars Missing; 2 Men Sought

A negro known only as "Charlie" and a white man yesterday took cars from George P. Gove, 1054 Harmon, and Melvin Mukres, 535 Delaware, and were to wash and polish the cars, then return them to the owners. The cars were not returned it was reported to city police last night.

The Gove car was found last night near the stockyard, with one fender badly dented. The Mukres car was still missing.

T. E. Olson, 236 1/2 Irving avenue, reported to police that his car was involved in an accident at Hill and Greenwood avenue with a car answering the description of the Gove car. That accident occurred about 10:30 a. m. The men who were to polish the car picked it up at the Brooks-Seamon office about 9 a. m.

The men picked up the Mukres car, a 1940 Chevrolet, at about 9:30.

It was believed by police that the men deserted the Gove car after it had been damaged and then fled in the Mukres car.

American Ship Sunk in Atlantic

Washington, March 21 (AP)—A large U. S. merchant vessel has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast, the navy announced today. It was the second torpedoing announced today and the eighth during the past four days.

Norfolk, Va., March 21 (AP)—Two crew members of a large American merchant ship apparently lost their lives when their vessel was torpedoed and sunk off the Atlantic coast early Wednesday morning, survivors from the ship said today.

Twenty-three survivors from the crew of 38 were landed here, while 13 others were taken to Morehead City, N. C.

The ship sunk after being struck by two torpedoes fired about 10 minutes apart, survivors said.

Harold Rew, an oiler from Weymouth, La., bemoaned the fact that the torpedoing broke up a poker game in which he was winning. He didn't even have time to pick up the money.

LUMBER CAMP FIRE
Molalla, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Damage was estimated at more than \$25,000 today in a fire which broke out during the night at the Dickey Prairie camp of the Os-trander Logging Co.

Relays in Philippines

They not only eluded the Japanese fleet and the Japanese air force which rules the skies over the south seas but made their landings on their relays through the Philippines at points held by MacArthur's own men, for it was made plain that the Philippines even outside Bataan have not been conquered.

Brig. Gen. J. H. Casey, chief of United States army engineers in the Philippines, who made the trip with MacArthur, told the story.

In the four 70-foot speed boats, the 21 veterans of the Bataan campaign, officers and men and MacArthur's wife and boy, planned to make all their stops at day and travel by night until they reached the rendezvous in which American flying fortress planes were to pick them up.

On the first night one of the motorboats disabled. It took 40 minutes to get it running again, and the time schedule for the breakthrough had been worked out almost to the second.

Travel by Day
The result was that the party, trying to make up for lost time, took the risk of traveling part of the way by daylight in Japanese controlled seas and under Japanese dominated skies.

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State to Aid in Highway Project

The state highway commission will help in the construction of the Lower Bridge road, but the road will not be made a state secondary, it was reported today by County Commissioner E. E. Varco, who returned yesterday from meeting with the highway commission.

Varco stated that the commission promised to oil and surface the Lower Bridge road. The county will be responsible for an estimated 12,000 yards of graveling, but the state will repay the county the cost of the gravel work by oiling some other county roads, the commissioner said.

The Lower Bridge road, which leads to the Diatomite mine west of Terrebonne, was started last year by Deschutes county.

Shortage of county road funds this year meant either that the construction job would have to be abandoned, or else that the state assist in the work, Varco explained.

With the promise of the state highway commission to finish the road, the county is going full steam ahead, stated Roadmaster George McAllister, and if weather conditions permit, the road should be ready for oiling and surfacing by the end of June.

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In addition, he said, they would provide for substitution of many materials normally used in its connection with the orders.

Under such a plan, it was said, stocks of heating and plumbing supplies needed for repair purposes would be kept in local communities. Surpluses would be siphoned off for defense housing or for war plant expansions.

Redmond Students Go to The Dalles
Redmond, March 21—The parliamentary team of the Redmond Future Farmers chapter participated in a demonstration of parliamentary drill at The Dalles today. The winner of the contest will enter the state competition in Corvallis next week.

Members of the Redmond team are Warren Stoffel, acting president; Neil Davis, Irving Jones, William Bodtker, Don Grubb, B. F. Beck, advisor.

They presented a demonstration of parliamentary procedure as part of the Parent Teachers association meeting Thursday evening.

Bend Airman Is Shown in Australia



If this picture looks familiar, you are right. It was run last week in The Bulletin. Today it has additional significance for the sharp eyes of a father spotted his son in far-away Australia. The blond youth in shorts at the far left is Howard Gilliland, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gilliland of Bend. When the picture first arrived in the United States by radiophoto from Australia, the identities of the airmen were not listed. It was the first picture of U. S. forces in Australia. Another picture of Gilliland featured the lead story in this week's Life magazine.

Allied Plane Attack Sinks Jap Warship

Melbourne, Australia, March 21 (AP)—American and Australian planes were reported today to have set afire and sunk a heavy Japanese cruiser and severely damaged a second cruiser in a daring raid yesterday on Rabaul, northeast of Australia.

(The Melbourne radio implied the two cruisers represented a new bag for the allies, and did not include one cruiser previously reported to have been damaged, and probably sunk, at Rabaul. This was not confirmed.)

The attack on Rabaul, in the New Britain islands northeast of Australia and New Guinea, was reported to have been made from high altitude in face of heavy gun fire.

The allied planes, raiding the Rabaul harbor shipping, concentrated on the cruisers, it was reported, and scored direct hits on them.

Private Building May Be Stopped

Washington, March 21 (AP)—All building except that directly tied into war production may be stopped within a week or 10 days with issuance of war production board orders restricting plumbing and heating equipment to specific construction, it was learned today.

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Cannibal Tribes Battle in Guinea

Headhunters in Land Of Unexplored Swamps In Inter-Tribe Fights

Port Moresby, New Guinea, March 21 (AP)—Native cannibals and headhunters in the New Guinea jungles have started a fierce inter-tribal warfare which authorities today described as an "unexpected and most serious" outcome to the Japanese invasion.

Fighting was said to have broken out principally in the Sepik river district, 275 miles west of the Huon gulf area where the Japanese concentrated their landing forces. The uprisings followed withdrawal of the civilian administration after Japanese planes bombed Madang and other north coastal points.

It was believed the Sepik valley uprising might extend to other areas under Japanese control. The Sepik area, virtually unexplored by white men, is a land of swamps and impenetrable jungles.

So far as could be learned, the native outbreaks were not directed against either the Australians or the Japanese.

GUINEA CLASH NEAR

Melbourne, March 21 (AP)—Reports received here today from Canberra said there were indications Japanese and Australian forces are expected to clash at any time on a furious battle on the plains of Markham valley, New Guinea.

There has been no specific word the forces have yet contacted each other, it was announced, but earlier reports indicated Japanese troops are moving in force from the northern shores of New Guinea in an obvious drive on Port Moresby.

40 Mile Limit Plan Refused
Portland, March 21 (AP)—The Oregon state highway commission adjourned here today after awarding several important defense highway contracts, with an advisory session set for April 2 to re-advertise for bids on the south 4.01 miles of the Medford army cantonment. Bids for the south half were rejected yesterday because in the commission's opinion they were excessively high.

The commission refused on advice of its council to set a 40 mile and hour speed limit in the state because it lacked the legal authority. However, a 35 mile speed limit was set for highways adjacent to the Corvallis and Medford cantonments.

SAN DIEGO ALERT
San Francisco, March 21 (AP)—The army said today that "suspicious objects," later identified as friendly, resulted in the 15-minute alert in the San Diego area yesterday afternoon. Radio stations were ordered off the air.

Red Guerilla Army Takes Over at Orel

Moscow, March 21 (AP)—Russian guerrillas are "taking over complete command" of the Orel region and killing Germans wherever they are found, the army newspaper Red Star said today.

Orel is the key point in the German defense system 200 miles southwest of Moscow.

Red Star said partisan forces were aiding the major Soviet push by killing German occupation forces.

"To date," Red Star said, "partisans in the Orel region have killed 257 officers and 4,070 men and, in addition, have destroyed 15 enemy columns, 29 planes, 39 tanks and armored cars and 80 bridges." Orel was described as a "plague and starvation haunted city."

London, March 21 (AP)—The early rout of the Germans from Kharkov, Russia's fourth city, was indicated today, and it was reported Soviet forces had taken Staraya Russa, around which they have been systematically annihilating the corralled German 16th army for weeks.

German admissions of heavy pressure east of Kharkov, in the rich Donets basin, were interpreted by London observers as indicative of its imminent fall to the Russians. Moreover, a dispatch from Stockholm yesterday said the Germans, realizing that their occupation of Kharkov was about over, were burning their oil supplies, and dynamiting tank, gun and munitions depots.

Probe Planned of Anti-Labor Drive

Washington, March 21 (AP)—Plans were underway in congress today for an investigation of mail and telegraphic campaigns directed at members seeking enactment of anti-strike legislation and suspension of the 40-hour week for the duration.

Chairman Harry S. Truman, D. Mo., of the special senate defense investigating committee, announced he would conduct such an inquiry if formally requested to do so by Chairman Elmer Thomas, D. Okla., of a senate subcommittee on military appropriations.

Thomas, whose group has been holding hearings on the labor-production situation, said he intends to ask for an investigation. He is convinced by four days of testimony on strikes, production and allied problems, he said, that "the way things are now, congress isn't justified even in pressing hearings" on measures proposing wartime labor legislation.

20-30 WAR GARDEN
Redmond, March 21—Motion pictures will be taken of the 20-30 war garden as it progresses. Secretary Clement Crogan announced today. The garden plot was donated by Bob Hutchins.

Bataan Army In Surprise Raid on Japs

Washington, March 21 (AP)—A sudden surprise raid by American and Filipino troops—now fighting under Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright—has inflicted heavy casualties on Japanese concentrations near Zamboanga, principal city on the Philippine island of Mindanao.

A war department communique also told of "extremely heavy shelling" of American harbor defenses of Manila by Japanese artillery located on the south shore of Manila bay.

"Very little damage of military consequence was inflicted on our installations," the communique added. "Our guns effectively returned the fire."

Jap Fleet Still Powerful Force

Whittling Tactics of Allies Have Caused Lot of Damage to Navy

Washington, March 21 (AP)—The Japanese fleet today is still a powerful force despite mounting losses, but it has been damaged considerably by whittling tactics of the United Nations since outbreak of the Pacific war.

A computation based on official announcements of the United Nations shows 86 Japanese combat ships—slightly less than one-third of the enemy's known naval strength—have been sunk, probably sunk or damaged.

Of these, however, only 31 vessels—more than half of them—destroyers and submarines—have been claimed as definitely sunk. The probable sinking of 13 is claimed, with damage said to have been inflicted on 42 others.

Military strategists here are more impressed by Japanese merchant ship losses.

It is estimated between 400,000 and 500,000 tons of non-combatant Japanese ships—including 52 transports and 27 supply vessels—have been sunk or damaged. This figure, it was pointed out, equals one whole year's capacity of Japanese shipyards. Repair and replacement of these would entail a severe drain on Japan's steel production resources, already operating at capacity to meet its naval building program and other urgent war requirements.

Aim for Perth
3. Persistent but unconfirmed axis reports circulated that Japanese fleets were approaching Australia, possibly aiming for Perth on the southwest coast.

4. Axis sources reported that the Japanese had cut across New Guinea to the south coast near Papua gulf, an advance of 110-miles through the jungle area where aborigines were reported engaged in inter-tribal warfare because of withdrawal of Australian administrators.

5. An Axis source also said Japanese warships were pressing deeper into the Solomon group, northeast of Australia, in an apparent effort to strike at the Fijian islands and the allied supply route from America.

Draft Quota Being Filled
The local selective service office was continuing today to send orders to report for induction to registrants to fill the April quota, largest yet received by the board.

The procedure of giving physical examinations locally has been discontinued and inductees will report directly to the induction center. A "screening" examination will be given by the local board physician, however.

In cases where the immediate induction following physical examination has caused a hardship to the inductee, reception center commanders are authorized to grant short furloughs, not to exceed ten days, to individuals who require time to conclude business or personal affairs. These furloughs will be granted through information filed with the local board.

Information regarding volunteer officer training for men deferred because of dependents has been received at local headquarters. Application blanks and waivers of dependency are also available. The average period of basic and officer candidate training for men accepted will be between six and nine months, during which time the candidate will receive the same pay as an inducted private, unless his pay is increased by promotion.

All expenses incident to travel to and from the induction center for the qualification examination must be born by the applicant for training, according to the order received by the board.

Annual Firemen's Dance Is Called Off This Year
The annual Volunteer Firemen's dance will not be held this year, it was decided at a meeting of members of the organization this week.

The firemen decided to leave the date open for other organizations. In past years the dance had been held the night before Easter.

General Gets Big Welcome From Aussies

Axis Reports Claim Jap Fleet Heading For Australia Coast

Melbourne, March 21 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur told cheering Australians today that more men and machines were urgently needed for the battle ranging along the southwestern Pacific front.

Formally assuming command of the United Nations forces in the southwest Pacific, he expressed his complete confidence in an allied victory but warned his success depended on the primary war resources which the allies could put at his disposal.

Has Confidence
"I have great confidence in the ultimate success of our joint forces," he said.

"But success in modern war requires more than courage—it requires careful preparation."

"This means furnishing sufficient troops and sufficient material to meet the unknown strength of the potential enemy."

"No general can make something from nothing."

"My success or failure will depend on the primary resources which the respective governments can place at my disposal."

MacArthur, wearing an old bush jacket without stars on his shoulders, in contrast to the resplendent, gold-braided uniforms of officials who welcomed him to Melbourne, appeared to be confident and in excellent health.

As if echoing the words of the allied supreme commander as he was welcomed to Melbourne, the battle on the island approaches to Australia developed as follows:

1. American and Australian bombing attacks sank or damaged a second and a third enemy cruiser off New Britain island and battered the Japanese-held base of Saumlaki on Yamenda island, 225 miles north of Australia. (This boosted the toll of enemy ships in the island sector to 25 or 26, including at least 14 warships.)

2. New Japanese raids were made on Port Moresby, where the enemy met heavily allied anti-aircraft fire, and on Broome and Derby, in northwest Australia.

Scrap Rubber Shortage Told
Portland, March 21 (AP)—Every reclaimed rubber production plant in the country may soon be forced to shut down unless new supplies of scrap rubber are obtained, the Oregon Industrial Salvage committee reported today.

Scrap rubber is urgently needed if production facilities are to continue operation, the committee was told in a wire from A. H. Richards, regional director of the industrial salvage section of the WPB's bureau of conservation.

He urged an immediate check for scrap at oil companies, docks, pump hose manufacturers and rubber belting companies.

Christmas Island Guns Bag Jap Sub
New York, March 21 (AP)—Shore batteries at the Port of Spal on Christmas Island in the Indian ocean sank a Japanese submarine after it had torpedoed a Norwegian steamer, the Australian radio reported today.

Two submarines attacked and sank the Norwegian ship before the shore batteries scored a direct hit on one of the enemy raiders, the broadcast, recorded by CBS, said. The action was said to have occurred "recently."