

# THE BEND BULLETIN

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## Weather Forecast

Showers at low elevations, otherwise snow today, tonight and Tuesday. Colder today and tonight.

**Save Your Fats**  
Save used fats. Skim it off soups. Pour it from broilers. Every drop counts. Your nation needs these fats.

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# Three Million Reds, Nazis Lock in Battle

## U. S. TROOPERS STAB ACROSS RIVER IN LUZON

### Agno Crossing Shatters Vital Nippon Barrier

Invasion Forces Now 80 Miles From Manila; Foe Mortar Fire Met

By William B. Dickinson (United Press War Correspondent)

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 15 (UP)—American invasion troops, stabbing 30 miles inland from the Lingayen gulf, poured across the Agno river and advanced to within 80 miles or less of Manila today.

The forcing of the Agno in strength shattered at one stroke probably the strongest natural defense line north of Manila and optimism grew at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters that the Philippines capital would be in American hands within a few weeks, rather months as first believed.

While the main American columns spearheaded more than a quarter of the distance from Lingayen to Manila in a frontal advance, other forces widened the six-day-old beachhead along the gulf itself to 45 miles.

### Jap Fire Encountered

A front dispatch disclosed that American troops striking east from Damortis at the northeastern tip of the bridgehead had been halted temporarily by mortar and sniper fire west of the Apangat river, three miles from the enemy air base at Rosario. "Fierce fighting" flared, the dispatch said.

A Japanese communique said today that American forces were "gradually closing in" on Japanese positions on both sides of the Pangasinan province plain. Japanese units were said to have counter-attacked American troops who landed near Damortis on the northeast side of the beachhead and to have killed or wounded 1,000 of them in fighting last Thursday and Friday.

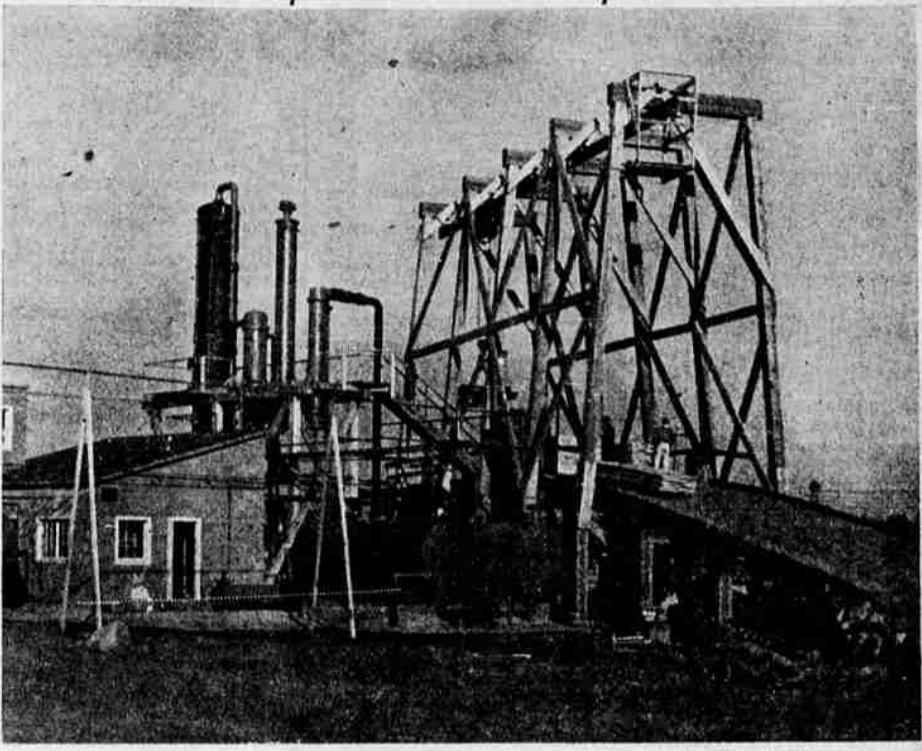
### Tokyo Makes Report

(Tokyo radio said three to four American divisions have landed in the Lingayen gulf. A Japanese military commentator said the invasion offered the Japanese a "golden opportunity for annihilating the enemy," but conceded that flexible American strategy made the "opportunity for a defensive campaign hard."

(Saburo Kurusu, Japan's special envoy to the United States at the time of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, said in another Tokyo broadcast that the war had become a campaign "for the preservation of the Japanese nation.")

(Radio Berlin quoted Japanese war dispatches from Luzon that the "entire United States fleet and a number of British naval units" were concentrated in the Philippines area. The broadcast, heard by CBS, said Japanese military circles believed the naval concentration would lead to decisive operations "of vital importance to" (Continued on Page 3)

### Pine Experiment Plant in Operation



General view of the Western Pine association experiment station on The Shevlin-Hixon Company property, where resins are being extracted from lumber in a new, quick drying process. The plant was built at a cost of \$80,000. To the left is a building housing a myriad of intricate instruments and testing laboratory; the tower in the center is the distillation section, and the crane-way to the right is for the purpose of lowering lumber into a huge steel vat containing solvent.

### USO Community Control Plan For Bend Approved By Board

Johnson Resigns and Robert E. Burleigh Is Named to Head Council; Officers Are Elected

Community controlled operation of the Bend USO was approved by the organization's council at a special meeting here Sunday afternoon, with Robert E. Burleigh elected council chairman, succeeding Carl A. Johnson, head of the unit since its organization on May 1, 1942. Action naming new officers followed Johnson's resignation.

"I am compelled to take this action due to the recent assignment of work in the Bend chamber of commerce," Johnson's letter of resignation stated, adding that his duties as president of the local chamber will make it impossible for him to devote the necessary attention to the office of chairman of the Bend USO council.

While serving with the local USO, in the period of Camp Abbot occupancy and Fourth corps army maneuvers, Johnson won recognition as the outstanding NCCS USO chairman in the entire United States.

The entire council, 22 of whom were present for Sunday's reorganization meeting, were re-elected to membership on the new council. Serving with Burleigh are two vice-chairmen, Marion Cady and Bruno Rath. Mrs. Walter E. Emard is to continue as secretary and R. E. Jewell as treasurer. Mrs. Craig Cayner, acting director over the Christmas holidays, was named director.

Under the local set up, the USO will retain quarters in the basement of the Trinity Episcopal church parish hall, but operation will be limited to week-ends, with Saturday hours to be from 4 to 11:45 p.m. and Sunday hours from 1 to 11 p.m. It was reported that approximately 500 servicemen visited the quarters over the holidays. Johnson explained that under (Continued on Page 5)

### Planes Sweep Over Jap Isle To Kindle Mid-Winter Fires

By Russell Annabel (United Press War Correspondent)

Headquarters, 11th AAF, Alaska, Jan. 11 (Delayed) (UP)—Shivering cliff dwellers of the fantastic snowshaded Japanese garrison of Toroshima Retto, a bleak rock off the northern Kuriles, warmed themselves tonight by what were certainly the hottest fires they've had since leaving Japan—fires of their burning installations.

Two echelons of heavily-gunned Mitchells which I accompanied made a surprise attack on the tiny cliff-top island which presumably served as an air warning post and shipyard, dropping 84 heavy incendiary bombs among the huddle of wooden huts. The garrison was the target of one of the most concentrated hailings of machine gun fire any Jap post has received in this theater.

The Mitchells went in through snow squalls, clearing the island at a scant 50 feet. At the conclusion of the attack, a number of buildings were burning, with black smoke pouring out of holes in the bomb-torn roofs. Although the isolated island was situated to provide warnings

### Multi-Pronged Drive Opened By Allied Units

German Resistance Is Reported Cracking as Columns Make Gains

Paris, Jan. 15 (UP)—Allied tank columns broke open the center of the Ardennes salient in a multi-pronged advance that all but encircled the Nazi pivot at Houffalize today, while American troops on the northeast drove to within seven miles of St. Vith, the last German strong-point on Belgian soil.

German resistance was cracking all around Houffalize under the relentless allied pounding, but field dispatches said the Nazis still were fighting fanatically to prevent an American breakthrough at St. Vith that would envelop most, if not all, of their covering forces to the west.

Roads jammed Marshal Karl von Rundstedt appeared to have written off the thousands of Nazi infantrymen and scores of tanks still fighting a stubborn rear guard action around Houffalize in an effort to extricate his hand-picked SS panzer divisions from the collapsing salient.

The few secondary roads leading eastward from Houffalize that had not been cut by the allies were reported jammed with German armor and motorized columns racing back toward the Siegfried line to escape destruction at the hands of the converging American and British armies.

Front and SHAEF reports did not make clear the situation west of Houffalize or whether the new junctions of the armies had cut off any German troops. The best information indicated, however, that the pressure on the side of the salient had squeezed the Germans eastward and most if not all of them had withdrawn to or beyond the lateral line through Houffalize.

May Reform Line Headquarters observers indicated the wily Rundstedt was hoping to reform on a line extending along the German border from the St. Vith area to Vlieland, 25 miles to the south.

The German withdrawal was aided early today by a heavy ground fog that shackled the allied forces and prevented a repetition of yesterday's heavy aerial assault that littered the Ardennes with the wreckage of hundreds of Nazi tanks and troop carriers.

The main weight of the American attack again fell upon the northeastern corner of the salient, where U. S. First army tanks and infantrymen battled slowly down from the Malmedy-Stavelot line toward St. Vith.

Fighting through four-foot snowdrifts that frequently bogged down their armored support, doughboys of the 30th infantry division drove into the streets of Thirimont, seven miles north of St. Vith, fell back under a heavy counter-attack, and went in again to capture half of the town late last night.

After three days of slow, costly attack, the Americans had chopped about 5,000 yards off the corner of the salient and front reports said German resistance was stiffening.

### Ardennes Losses Put at 40,000

Washington, Jan. 15 (UP)—American losses in the zone of the German breakthrough in the Ardennes totaled nearly 40,000, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today.

Of the total, 18,000 are listed as missing and the majority of these presumably were captured. In the same period in that sector approximately 40,000 Germans were captured and the German killed and wounded were estimated at 50,000 making a total of 90,000 enemy casualties.

Stimson's announcement stressed that the figures were based on preliminary reports, and that it would be some time before an accurate accounting could be made.

American casualties for the period on the entire western front, embracing the First, Third, Seventh and Ninth armies, totaled 52,594. These include 4,083 killed; 27,654 wounded; and 20,866 missing.

### MOTOR IS STOLEN

Theft of a washing machine motor from the Wall street service station, today was being investigated by Bend police.

### 200 American Planes Strike At Formosa, Jap Isle Bastion

Foe Admits 'Small Damage' to Airfield; Nips Assert Five U. S. Raiders Shot Down

Pearl Harbor, Jan. 15 (UP)—Enemy broadcasts said 200 American carrier planes—presumably from Admiral William F. Halsey's rampaging Third fleet—raked airfields and communications on the Japanese island bastion of Formosa today.

The broadcasts indicated that the Third fleet, under radio silence since it wrecked 38 enemy ships in attacks along a 250-mile stretch of the French Indo-China coast last Friday, had swung north from the South China sea for its third assault on Formosa in two weeks.

A communique issued by Japanese army headquarters said the carrier planes bombed airfields and communications facilities and also strafed and blasted Taichu, Shoka, Takao, and several other villages for four and a half hours.

The communique acknowledged "some damage" to airfields and said "small fires" were started at Takao, where 30 civilians were reported to have been killed or wounded. The raids lasted from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Tokyo time), the communique said.

### Five Shot Down

Five of the raiders were shot down and one damaged, the communique said. It was broadcast by the Domei agency, transmitted by Tokyo radio, and recorded by FCC monitors.

### Polio Campaign Leaders Chosen

The eighth annual campaign for funds to support the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis got under way here today, with the organization for the drive completed, it was announced by Mrs. J. F. Arnold, Deschutes county chairman. Committee chairman for Bend and Redmond were selected, as well as for the different granges in the county.

The drive for funds in Bend will be conducted by the Women's Junior League, headed by Mrs. Norman Gilbert. Local sponsors for the campaign are Mayor and Mrs. A. T. Niebergall, County Judge C. L. Allen and Circuit Judge R. S. Hamilton.

Camp fire girls of Redmond and Bend also will participate in the drive for \$4,000 relief dollars, it was announced, with Mrs. Chalmers Nooe heading the group in Redmond, and Mrs. Joe Elder in Bend.

### Chairmen Named

Grange chairmen are as follows: Tumalo, Mrs. Fred Shepherd; Sisters, Mrs. D. L. Farleigh; Lapine, Sara Yager; Shevlin, Maurice Lyons; Eastern Star, Mrs. Daisy Smith; Pine Forest, Mazie Smead; Alfalfa, Mrs. C. Livesley; and Terrebonne, Mrs. Bety Allen. Heading the committee in Redmond is Mrs. Jess Toheros.

Mrs. Gilbert announced that booths would be erected in the Bend banks and in other public places for the receiving of contributions. These booths will be staffed by members of the Junior League.

Mrs. Arnold said that for the convenience of those unable to visit the booths or contact the different chairmen, funds would be received by mail addressed to Mrs. J. F. Arnold, 126 Minnesota avenue, Bend.

### RAF Fliers Strike at Germany's Shrinking Oil Supply; Berlin Also Visited By Raiders

London, Jan. 15 (UP)—More than 1,100 RAF bombers took over the offensive against Germany's shrinking oil supplies last night and early today, bombing a synthetic oil plant, a fuel depot and Berlin in a sequel to yesterday's raids in which 243 enemy planes were destroyed.

Soon after dawn, American heavy bombers with an escort of fighters soared back over Germany for a new round of attacks. RAF four-engined Lancaster bombers attacked the Luena synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, 17 miles west of Leipzig. Returning crewmen reported tremendous explosions split the night sky as their bombs found vital targets.

Hundreds of direct hits also were reported in the attack on Duilmen, whose fuel depot 17 miles southwest of Munster, was one of those from which the Ger-

### Soviets Launch Berlin March On Huge Scale

Nine Engagements Are Reported on Long Front As Stalin Legions Strike

London, Jan. 15 (UP)—One of the greatest battles of the war raged today along a virtually unbroken front from Lithuania to Yugoslavia, with possibly 3,250,000 Russian and Germans locked in at least nine closely synchronized struggles.

"Bitter fighting has flared up on the entire front," the German high command reported. The Russians already were calling their great winter offensive the march to Berlin. Nazi military spokesmen warned that the red army "intends to end the war."

### BEND RESIDENTS DONATE 35,000 POUNDS PAPER

"It exceeded our wildest expectations!" That's the way members of Bend Junior chamber of commerce characterized yesterday's city wide salvage paper pickup, when they estimated that residents contributed approximately 18 tons of paper for the war effort.

In fact there was so much paper donated that the Jaycees were unable to get it all in one box car, and at least a truck load was left over and will be shipped this weekend, they reported.

The generous paper donation was so great that it exceeded the amount gathered in both of the previous pickups, according to Don Higgins and George Thompson, co-chairmen of the salvage paper drive.

At least 35,000 pounds of paper were gathered by the 13 members of the junior chamber who worked throughout the day, covering the city with three trucks, and loading the freight car.

In order to be able to devote the entire day to the paper pickup in the residential districts, the Jay- (Continued on Page 4)

### Ex-Bend Sailor Listed Missing

Wendell Eggen, 33, former Bend resident and husband of Ruth Shearer Eggen, ex-Deschutes county treasurer, has been missing since the sinking of the U.S.S. Monaghan, one of the three American destroyers lost in a Pacific typhoon that claimed the lives of 500 American sailors, it has been learned here.

Earlier news reports indicated that only six members of the Monaghan's crew were picked up after the fierce storm subsided. Mrs. Eggen, now in Grants Pass, was notified by the navy department that her husband is missing.

Son of Rev. and Mrs. Almer N. Eggen, former Bend resident who are now in Eugene, Radamar Eggen volunteered for enlistment at Grants Pass on Feb. 14, 1944. He was born on May 7, 1912, in St. Cloud, Minn.

Rev. Eggen, while living here with his family, was pastor of the First Lutheran church. Wendell was a graduate from the Kent, Wash., high school.

### 2 Convicts Die In Gas Chamber

By Ervin McNeal (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Salem, Ore., Jan. 15 (UP)—Henry William Merten, 32, and Walter Lorne Wilson, 35, died today in the first double lethal gas execution conducted in Oregon. They died for the holdup slaying of Ralph Dahlen, 27, Oak Grove, early in the morning of July 22, 1943.

Merten was the first to die, entering the gas chamber at 9 a. m. The gas hit his face at 9:03 1/2 and he was pronounced dead at 9:07 a. m. He had no comment for newsmen, walked unaided to the death chair and died bravely.

Wilson was smiling as he sat down in the chair and displayed no emotion. He told newsmen in his cell he had no belief in religion but had no objection to it for others. Neither of the men asked for a chaplain.

### Midstate Anglers Face Late Season

The general trout fishing season east of the Cascades will be opened on May 12, it was reported here today by Don H. Peoples, secretary of the chamber of commerce, who last Saturday attended a meeting of the Oregon state game commission in Portland.

The season is tentatively set to close at dawn on Oct. 31. April 28 has tentatively been set by the commission for fishing to start on the Deschutes river and its tributaries from Bend north. The Deschutes river, between Cow Camp bridge and the Deschutes bridge, will be open to fishing in August. The commission also opened South Twin lake to fishing, after it had been banned there for four years.

Peoples said that the chamber of commerce and local sportsmen probably would protest the May 12 opening date as being too late in the year. He pointed out that the season last year had opened on April 14.

Creel limits will remain virtually the same as last year, 15 fish in one day or 15 pounds of trout plus one fish.

Possession of 30 fish or 30 pounds of trout plus two fish will be legal, allowing weekend fishermen to carry their two-day "take" with them.

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