

# Momentous Easter Weekend Finds Allied Armies Circling Nazis, Japs With Steel Ring

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In a momentous Easter week-end, the most successful for allied colors since the war began, American forces snapped a steel ring about the Ruhr, source of more than half of Germany's steel, while in the Pacific Okinawa, an integral part of Japan, has been invaded with a surprising and unexplained lack of Japanese resistance in the early phase of the operation.

The whole west front was fluid today, from the North sea to Baden, as German forces in the Netherlands under Maj. Gen. Friedrich Christiansen began a flight from the lowlands which they invaded almost five years ago in the first phase of Hitler's blitzkrieg in the west. Racing to cut them off, armored columns of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st army group began an encircling movement in the direction of Oldenburg.

It is apparently making an effort to establish a defense line on the Fulda river—the last water barrier of any importance until the Elbe at Magdeburg.

## Hughes Is Named KOG Chairman

Governor Earl Sells this week announced the reappointment of Everett Hughes, of Bend, to serve during 1945 as Deschutes county chairman of Keep Oregon Green, and has asked the chairman to select at once a strong committee of citizens to work with him in the all important work of preventing farm and forest fires this year.

Charles Ogle, newly named executive secretary of KOG this week said he would very shortly start on a tour of the state to work out local fire prevention programs with each county committee.

## Two Bend Girls On Honor Roster

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 2 (Special) — Charlotte Bradford Hughes and Yvonne Zeek, both of Bend, were among 114 University of Oregon students to be listed on the winter term honor roll with grade point averages of 3.50 or better. Charlotte is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hughes, and Yvonne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zeek.

## Pine Forest

Carroll Acres, April 2 (Special) — The Pine Forest juvenile grange collected an estimated 1,000 pounds of saw salvage paper for the recent Bend drive. Mrs. Harold Gagle of Shevlin was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kramer. Mrs. Louise Gless and children, Jennie Lee and Johnny Woods are spending a couple weeks in Portland visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gray and children, Sherrill and Clifford, made a trip to Scio over the week end to visit relatives. Mrs. Gray continued on to Portland and returned home later. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berg made a trip to the valley to see their son Jimmy last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Henry of Portland recently purchased the Cox oil station and grocery from Mr. and Mrs. Othor Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Henry were here during the building of Camp Abbot. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will live on their farm which they purchased last year from Chet Middleton. Pvt. Bob Lowe is now convalescing at a non-combat hospital in the Philippines. The nature of his illness has not been ascertained by his wife Mrs. Wilma Lowe, who is a resident of Carroll Acres. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berg made a trip to the valley to see their son Jimmy last week. The ladies of the Church of Christ and their friends, with Mrs. W. M. Underwood and Mrs. Bow Lowe as hostesses, held a joint stork shower at the home of Mrs. Denton Scott honoring Mrs. Phil Hynes and Mrs. Denton Scott. The afternoon was spent in sewing. Many gifts were received. Those present were: Mrs. Cora Jeppe and son Jimmy, Mrs. Pearl Deathridge, Betty Deathridge, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Joe Altizer, Mrs. Lester Kramer, Mrs. Frank Bockman, Mrs. Phil Hynes, Mrs. W. M. Underwood, Mrs. Bob Lowe, Mrs. Denton Scott, Mrs. Harry Lowery, and Mrs. Wiley Seema. Luncheon was served. The juvenile grange met Saturday. Plans were discussed for the Mother's day tea and the organization of a baseball team. After the meeting, a birthday was celebrated by Joan McMillan.

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## Tanks Lead Way Ashore in Cebu Island Landing



American Division infantrymen wade ashore from their landing barge in wake of heavy armor to invade east coast of Cebu Island in the Philippines. The hard-hitting tanks have driven to within 2 1/2 miles of Cebu City, bomb-shattered capital of the island now being set to the north by retreating Japanese. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from Manila.

## Hitting the Beach on Cebu Island



First wave American Division infantrymen crawl along beach of Cebu Island as air bombardment softens up Jap resistance to initial invasion assault. Although the Japs were caught off guard by the landing, the shallow beaches were mined and assault troops ran into heavy mortar fire. Signal Corps radio-telephoto from Manila.

## Nielson Named C. O. Distributor

Under the cooperative merger, effective last week, of the Gilmore Oil company into General Petroleum, E. L. Nielson of Bend will act as General Petroleum distributor servicing central Oregon. It was announced today. His area consists of Deschutes, Crook and parts of Jefferson and Klamath counties embracing 19 stations. Nielson's headquarters office is located on East First street in Bend from which he will operate throughout central Oregon.

Prior to the consolidation, Nielson was employed as distributor for General Petroleum and has been on that company's payroll for 10 years. Originally from Payette, Idaho, Nielson and his family have resided in Bend for three months at 326 Congress. His wife and two children, Sally and Craig, are in Bend also.

Operators of the former Gilmore station in Bend were Virgil Lomax and Phil Hitchcock. Matches, medicine, gasoline, coal, kerosene, and charcoal (the most common home-heating fuel) are all rationed in Japan; gas and electricity are not allowed for heating.

## Okinawa Battle

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American battalion on the right flank last night. All but three were killed or committed suicide. Three women were captured. The hardest fighting raged in the "badlands" north of Naha, prime objective of this amphibious operation on the main gaudian island of the southern approaches to Japan.

There the troops under Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner collided with Japanese prepared positions and machine-gun nests. Roads were heavily mined. But when the mines were neutralized, soldiers riding cowboy style moved in on bulldozers to triple the width of the roads.

Carrier planes from the vast invasion armada lying offshore pinpointed individual enemy targets in front of advancing army and marine infantrymen. They drew anti-aircraft fire from the Japanese.

Valens saw one Dauntless dive bomber make an emergency landing on Kadema airstrip. It was the first large American plane to land there. Kadema was reported to be a Japanese defense "bluff." Under

ground gun emplacements were described as little more than wooden pigsties. The wreckage of Japanese planes lay scattered across the captured airfields, attesting to the effectiveness of the pre-invasion bombardment and carrier strikes. (Norman Paige, Blue network correspondent, reported from Okinawa that Japanese civilians have begun surrendering "in droves." "They seemed glad to give themselves up," Paige said.)

## Cow in Garage Reported Noisy

The penalty for hawling is death! At least, that's what one cow in Bend was slated to discover. Residents in the 500 block on Roanoke avenue called police on several occasions today, complaining that a cow was being confined to a garage, and that its bawling most of the night had disturbed other residents. Officers talked to the owner of the cow, and were advised that she was to be slaughtered tonight.

## Heavy Smelt Run Looms in Sandy

Portland, Ore., April 2 (AP) — The smelt run started in the Sandy river today, with state police announcing that fishing will not be allowed until after midnight tonight. Early arrivals at the Sandy river near the Troutdale area were disappointed when fishing licenses were not available but temporary measures were to be taken later in the day. The game commission issues non-commercial licenses and the fish commission commercial permits. The run looked quite heavy from the bridge. Walnuts have been found around the Swiss lake dwellings of the Neolithic age; date, 7000 B. C.

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