

NIPPON SPEARHEAD NEAR CHANGSHA IN HUNAN CAMPAIGN

Civilians Flee Capital of Province Before Advancing Troops — Chinese Hold.

Chungking, Dec. 29. — (AP) — The main spearhead of a broad central China Japanese offensive was reported in Chinese front dispatches today to have pierced to within forty miles north of Changsha, capital of Hunan province and now for the third time the objective of a major Japanese drive.

Civilians were fleeing the city as the Japanese, reinforced by several thousand fresh troops, drew near, after forcing a crossing of the Milo river under a heavy artillery barrage, the dispatches said.

It was not known whether a small American community, composed mostly of missionaries, had withdrawn. Valuable American property in Changsha includes the Yale-in-China university, a hospital and a medical school. The Japanese first tried to seize Changsha in 1939 but were beaten back short of their goal. Last summer they captured and held it for three days before withdrawing to bases further north, declaring the purposes of their thrust had been achieved.

A Chinese communique issued here, however, indicated the Chinese were holding the broad Japanese offensive on most of the sectors, which stretch across parts of four provinces.

Butte Falls Youth Graduate of Naval Metalsmith School

Lloyd Ellsworth Tungate, 18, private, U. S. marine corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tungate, Butte Falls, Ore., was graduated from the school for aviation metalsmiths at the U. S. naval air station, Alameda, Cal., on Saturday, December 27.

A graduate of the Butte Falls high school in May, 1941, Tungate began his special training at the Alameda station on May 27, 1941. He completed the 16-week course and will now be assigned to a fleet or shore station.

While in high school he played varsity basketball for three years and was also catcher on the school's baseball team for two years.

He was one of 373 young men to graduate from the school on December 27, the third class to graduate since the school was organized. Courses to train for aviation metalsmith, machinist and radioman are offered.

JOHN BLACK, 89 TAKEN BY DEATH

John Black, 89, a resident of Medford for the past 13 years, passed away Sunday at the Sacred Heart hospital where he has made his home for many years. Mr. Black was born in Michigan, Feb. 8, 1852. Although of advanced age he was active until the last.

He was a prospector before coming to Medford, and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic church.

Funeral services will be conducted from Sacred Heart Catholic church Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. Rev. Father Francis W. Black officiating. Interment will take place in the Jacksonville cemetery. Peril Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

FISH LAKE HAS 26 INCHES SNOW

A telephone report from Fish Lake, main source of irrigation water supply for the Medford district, said there was 26 inches of snow on the ground this morning. District Manager Ed N. Judd said this was the largest amount of snow at the lake in two years.

A trip will be made this week to measure the snow depth at Four Mile lake, tributary to Fish Lake. All reports indicate there has been a substantial fall the past ten days in the high Cascades.

At Hiatt Prairie, source of supply for the Talent Irrigation district, Water Master Clinton reported there was 30 inches of snow on Christmas Day.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Breaking of Philippine Morale By Frightfulness Tactics Seen Aim in Bombing of Open Manila

By DeWitt Mackenzie
Wide World War Analyst

The position of the Philippines is increasingly grim and grave, but while we shouldn't seek refuge in dim hopes we are not yet forced to final conclusions regarding the outcome, especially since the United States navy promises "positive assistance to the defense of the Philippine islands."

Of course we can accept it as certain that unless "positive assistance" does arrive, the islands will be temporarily lost. The Japs are continuing to land troops in southern Luzon, the menace to Manila increases, and in due course the invading weight will become unbearable if it isn't halted.

Obviously much depends on the nature of the aid and how quickly it arrives. The immediate burden rests on the broad shoulders of General MacArthur and his magnificent little army, that is, the problem of hanging on until help comes over the horizon of the vast Pacific. That burden is great, for the Japs are going all out in an effort to make a quick killing—and they are doing it without regard to the laws of humanity.

Goebbels Gave Civilians Notice
The deliberate slaughter of civilians in the defenseless and open city of Manila by Japanese bombers gives fresh point to a threat made just before Christmas by Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels. He declared that Germany, Italy and Japan are "going all the way" in the war and, being forced to defend their lives, "they will do it in a manner which knows no sentimental considerations."

Now the Japs have interpreted his meaning in a bloody holocaust of innocents. They have staged a studied exhibition of frightfulness, after a careful survey of Manila from the air to make sure that it was indeed without defense. The purpose of this was to shatter the morale of the civilian population and thus cause a collapse of Filipino resistance. What the ordinarily soft-spoken Secretary Hull describes as the same practices of fiendishness have been employed against the Chinese, in defiance of numerous protests by our state department.

However, it isn't surprising that this should be so, and it seems to me that we should adjust our outlook to a situation which is likely to intensify. In this connection we have the sensational statement made in Istanbul by George H. Earle, American minister to Bulgaria, who was rushed out of Bulgaria because of rumors of a Nazi plot against him.

Earle asserted that "German fortunes definitely are declining but the death throes may be unprecedentedly violent." He added that there is some evidence the Nazis are planning to destroy everything in any of the occupied countries which they are forced to leave—the "biggest vandalism in history."

STRONGARM PAIR PLY TRADE HERE

Joe Whyte of 30 North Front street reported to city police that he was strongarmed by two men and relieved of \$9 in currency in an alley back of a North Bartlett street cafe about 10:15 p. m. Sunday.

Whyte told police the men made him face the side of a building, removed a \$5 bill and four \$1 bills from his billfold, and then hurried away. The victim told police he did not see a gun.

One of the men was described as being about 5 feet 11 inches tall, and wearing a dark overcoat and a light hat. Whyte said he was unable to describe the other man.

FRED RYAN DIES AFTER LONG ILL

Fred Ryan of 622 West Fourth street, film operator at the Rialto theater for 23 years, died in a local hospital yesterday morning after a long illness.

Funeral plans and a complete obituary were being prepared today. The Conger funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

KILLED IN ISLANDS
San Francisco, Dec. 29. — (AP) — Commander George D. Cowlie, coast geodetic survey director in the Philippines, was killed by a bomb explosion in the Philippines on Christmas eve, it was announced today by Rear Admiral Leo A. Colbert, director of the coast and geodetic survey.

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WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM DRAWN BY PASTORS HERE

The Medford Ministerial Association announced today the following program for observance of the World's Week of Prayer. The committee in charge includes Dr. Sherman L. Divine, chairman, Rev. Wolford A. Dawes and Rev. Louis C. Kirby. The hour each night is 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday, January 4, in all churches, emphasis will be placed on the "place and importance of prayer in this world crisis hour."

Monday, Jan. 5, Rev. R. W. Coleman will speak in the Nazarene Church on the theme "The Church in the National Crisis."

Tuesday, Jan. 6th, Rev. Karl Broekhaus will speak in the Baptist church on "The Church in the Life of Youth."

Wednesday, Jan. 7, Rev. Fred M. Weatherford will speak in the Christian Church on "The Church in the Home Life."

Thursday, Jan. 8, Rev. Louis C. Kirby will speak in the Presbyterian church on "The Church in Individual Experience."

Friday, Jan. 9, Rev. Wolford A. Dawes will speak in the Methodist Church on "The Church and Sacrifice."

Dr. Divine will preside as chairman each evening and be assisted by other ministers who will share the platform and program. Music will be furnished by the entertaining church each night. There will be no offerings asked. All Christian citizens of the city are urged by the Ministerial association to give wholehearted attendance and prayer to the observance.

Vanderbilt Heiress, 17, Weds 32-Year-Old Son Of Italian Immigrant

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 29. — (AP) — A Vanderbilt married the son of an Italian immigrant in the 165-year-old Santa Barbara mission yesterday, and movie stars and socialites were among the wedding guests.

Today the 17-year-old former Gloria Laura Morgan Vanderbilt—granddaughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, was honeymooning with 32-year-old Pasquale (Pat) Di Cicco.

They will go to Palm Beach, Fla., and Washington, D. C., they said, and then settle down in Beverly Hills, where Di Cicco is a film actors' agent.

Di Cicco's father, arriving from Italy 55 years ago, prospered as a Long Island truck gardener. Pat went to Hollywood and, in 1932, married Actress Thelma Todd. She divorced him in 1934.

The new Mrs. Di Cicco will inherit \$4,000,000—a trust fund from her grandfather—when she becomes 21. Meanwhile she has an allowance of \$750 a month.

SKIDDING AUTOS CAUSE INJURIES

Slight injuries were suffered by two motorists in automobile accidents caused by slippery pavement on the north Pacific highway over the week-end, according to reports on file today.

Harry Wahlgren, Portland salesman, reported that his northbound car skidded and turned over in a ditch six miles north of Medford Sunday morning. He was bruised and cut slightly. He said in his report that the highway appeared to be free of ice, but that it was covered by a thin film.

Vera Florey of Grants Pass sustained minor injuries when her southbound car skidded and hit a bridge railing north of Gold Hill Saturday night, according to a report on file today.

New Year & Thank-You Cards
Start the New Year with a bit of extra thoughtfulness. Send New Year Cards.

SWEM'S GREETING CARDS

Registry Opens for Evening Courses at SOCE On January 6

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Dec. 29. — (Sp.) — The Southern Oregon College of Education is planning to offer certain evening courses during the winter quarter. Three such classes have already been scheduled.

One of the most popular classes will be first aid, taught by Jean F. Eberhart, a certified Red Cross first aid instructor. This class will carry two hours of college credit. The other two classes will be zoology and physical science. Dr. W. W. Wells will teach zoology and will cover two terms of work in one term. The class will carry six hours of credit. R. W. McNeal will handle physical science, which carries three hours of credit.

The state board of higher education has made it possible for any person interested in these courses to carry six hours credit or less for \$8.50.

Registration for the above-mentioned courses will be held on January 6 from 7 to 9 p. m. in the college offices.

EXTEND EMERGENCY
Salem, Dec. 29. — (AP) — Procurement of a defense emergency

in Oregon issued when Japan attacked Pearl harbor was explanation of a defense emergency tendered Saturday by Governor Sprague to recognize that a state of war also exists between the United States and Germany and Italy.

SIST FATALITY
Portland, Dec. 29. — (AP) — William Eivers, 87, Portland, was fatally injured by an automobile at a downtown intersection

yesterday. His death was Portland's 61st traffic fatality of the year.

SIRENS UNHEARD
Portland, Dec. 29. — (AP) — Portland's new air raid warning signals, which sounded like fog horns, were inaudible to most of the city's residents in a test yesterday. Mayor Earl Riley said he would obtain more horns to augment the 15 already installed.

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In its earliest form it was prepared by beaten eggs being mixed with honey into a sort of pudding.

Today we present it in its most delicious form—Angel Cake.

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- Wyandotte extra large Ripe Olives, No. 1 can 15¢
- Gold Bar Grapefruit Juice, No. 211 can 3 for 25¢
- Gold Bar Pineapple Juice, No. 211 can 3 for 25¢
- C. H. B. Oyster Cocktail Sauce, bottle 17¢
- Sperry Rolled Oats, 9-lb. sack 39¢
- Sperry Pancake Flour, 4-lb. sack 25¢
- Z-Mor-U Coffee, lb. 27¢; 2 lbs. 53¢
- Drifted Snow Flour, 49 lbs. \$2.09
- Flavor Loaf Flour, 49 lbs. \$1.79
- Oak Ridge Green Beans, No. 303 can 3 for 25¢
- Gold Bar Kadota Figs, No. 2 1/2 can 25¢
- Golden West Coffee, lb. can 31¢; 3 lbs. 85¢
- Gold Bar Early Garden Peas, No. 2 can 15¢
- Silver Bar Sugar Peas, No. 2 can 2 for 25¢
- C. & H. Pure Cane Sugar, 25 lbs. \$1.54
- Honey Dew Granulated Sugar, 25 lbs. \$1.52

Hors d'oeuvre For the Feast or Cocktail Party



- Little Pig Sausage Links, very tiny
- Sweet Gherkins
- Sweet Mixed Pickles
- Hormels Cervelat
- Cooked Salami
- Swiss Cheese
- Roquefort Cheese
- Nippy American Cheese
- Smoked Liver Sausage
- Sweet Pickled Onions
- Stuffed Spanish Olives—onion, almond, pimiento
- Green Olives
- Salonica Olives
- Ripe Olives
- Ripe Green Olives
- Special Thin Sweet Pickle Chips
- Tiny Tot Sardines
- Shad Roe
- Morrels Liver Loaf
- Morrels Corn Beef Loaf
- Morrels Tongue Loaf
- Morrels Veal Loaf
- Shoe String Potatoes
- Potato Chips
- Cheese Pix
- Pretzel Sticks
- Hole Rye Wafers
- Sunshine Hi-Ho Crackers
- Sunshine Wheat Toast Wafers
- Sunshine Cocktail Niblets
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- Sunshine Smacks
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