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Many Use Canteen At Medford Airport



The canteen at Medford municipal airport may be small in size but it is large in usefulness. Established by the recreation committee of the Jackson County Council of Defense for officers and men of the U. S. air corps, the self-sustaining canteen frequently feeds more than 100 a day. This photo was taken, by special permission, when three of numerous airmen passing through were at the lunch counter. The canteen also provides facilities for recreation and for writing. In this picture are, left to right, Mrs. A. Conro Fiero, Mrs. R. W. Sleeter, Lieut. J. J. Cape, Lieut. A. S. Aiken and Staff Sgt. Kenneth O. Wally, who were passing through, and Staff Sgt. Elroy Martin and Sgt. R. H. Garcia, who are stationed at the airport. Mrs. Alfred S. V. Carpenter is chairman of the recreation committee. (Photo by Brainerd).

\$56 BILLION FOR WAR EXPENSE IS BUDGET REQUEST

Washington, Jan. 7.—(P)—President Roosevelt asked an eagerly willing congress today to provide a \$56,000,000,000 war chest for the 12 months beginning next July with a \$9,000,000,000 increase in taxes that unquestionably will alter American ways of living for the duration.

But, said the chief executive, submitting his annual budget message, "we are determined to pay whatever price we must to preserve our way of life," and "until this job is done, until this war is won, we will not talk of burdens."

It was, he said, "the budget of a nation at war in a world at war," and in practical terms would meet "the challenge of the axis powers." In it and the appropriations to be made under it, are the funds which will build the clouds of airplanes that are scheduled to come off the assembly lines during the fiscal year 1943, the tens of thousands of tanks and guns and millions of tons of shipping—the weapons that will beat the axis.

For the war effort, Mr. Roosevelt listed in one bold lump sum \$52,786,186,000 from the treasury—unbroken down because the details are military secrets. This, he added, would be supplemented by expenditures of \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 by government corporations, whose transactions are not, as a matter of federal bookkeeping, a part of the budget.

Thus, where federal war spending was concerned the budget listed the \$52,786,186,000 figure only. Adding to this the cost of other government functions, interest payments on the national debt, statutory debt retirement and other usual costs—with spending for WPA and six other non-military activities reduced by \$1,058,000,000—the total budget for the year was put at \$59,027,992,200.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

United Presser Jack Gale of Portland looking fit and full of pep when he called on business friends here.

Joe Marshall and Henry Conger settling the war and the peace to follow to their mutual satisfaction and the axis powers' dissatisfaction.

Chinese Account for More Fleeing Japanese in Hunan

Chungking, China, Jan. 7.—(P)—The remnants of a Japanese army of 100,000 men, reported fleeing northward from a stunning defeat at Changsha, were said today to have suffered 7000 additional casualties while breaking through Chinese forces blocking their line of retreat.

Chinese dispatches previously estimated that the Japanese had lost 30,000 men in their abortive attempt to take Changsha, Hunan province capital which twice before had beaten off the invaders.

In addition to the heavy losses in dead and wounded inflicted upon the Japanese, the Chinese declared they had taken many prisoners—exactly how many they did not say.

An official announcement said that Chinese troops seeking to block the retreat had taken up positions on the north bank of the Laotao river northeast of Changsha and had met the Japanese with a withering fire when they attempted to cross.

A Chinese spokesman said yesterday that some 40,000 troops were trapped on the plains below the Laotao.

Heavy rains, which turned the area north of Changsha into a sea of mud, were said to have contributed to the confusion of the fleeing Japanese.

14 Deaths in County Due to Auto Mishaps Is Report for Year

During the past year there were 14 violent deaths in Jackson county and during 1940 there were nine, according to the records of the district attorney's office. All were due to automobile crashes.

There were no murders or shootings in the county during the past year, the sheriff's office reported.

Auto accidents in the county numbered 689 in 1941, seven more than in 1940, when there were 682. Injuries in auto accidents numbered 149 in 1941. In 1940 there were 136, or thirteen less.

RAF BUSY

London, Jan. 7.—(P)—British air raiders bombed the German occupied French ports of Brest and Cherbourg again last night and also attacked targets in west and northwest Germany, the British announced today.

ADVICE FROM ROME

Rome, Jan. 7.—(Andi Agency to AP)—Italian newspapers carried today a semi-official note urging South American nations to stand for a "benevolent, intelligent neutrality" when they meet Jan. 15 in the Pan American conference at Rio de Janeiro.

There's a town named Blue Moon in Kentucky.

POWER COMPANY SEEKS RENEWAL CITY CONTRACT

California Oregon Power company applied to the city council last night for a ten-year renewal of its franchise and light contract which expire next June. The franchise and contract were referred to the council as a committee of the whole so that each councilman may become familiar with the terms before the matter is taken up for action at the next meeting.

Speaking for the company, Seth Bullis, district manager of the operating department, said the franchise and light contract were the same as those in effect during the past ten years with the exception of minor changes in the franchise made by the city attorney.

Mr. Bullis said that while the franchise did not expire until next June, the company desired formal extension now "as we are faced with a lot of construction if things break as they might break." Mr. Bullis did not amplify his remarks but evidently he had in mind the construction of military establishments in this area. He agreed to furnish each councilman with a copy of the franchise and light contract so that a thorough study of them might be made before the next meeting.

With the consent of the council, Mayor H. S. Deuel reappointed all city officers and department heads. He pointed out that it was no longer necessary to reappoint the fire chief each year as he now holds the position under civil service status.

An ordinance was adopted fixing salaries in accordance with provisions of the budget approved last fall.

The recent ordinance imposing license fees on punch boards was amended so as to relieve the city recorder of the burden of determining whether the punch boards to be licensed are legal or illegal.

Mayor Deuel read a letter saying the adjutant general's office, because of war conditions was taking over the armory. It has been in charge of the city for more than a year. It will be turned over to Maj. Carl Y. Tengwald, battalion commander of the Oregon state guard.

Councilman C. H. Herman, who was reported out of town, and Councilman Harold Frye, who was reported ill with a cold were absent.

SIX SOLDIERS DROWN

London, Jan. 7.—(P)—Six Canadian soldiers drowned yesterday when a pontoon bridge in a Sussex town.

CANTONMENT GETS GREEN LIGHT FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

IMMEDIATE START IS INDICATED IN OFFICIAL REPORT

Details of Cost And Other Phases Withheld—No Mention of Corvallis Camp

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—(P)—The war department today announced that a military cantonment would be started immediately at Medford.

The department would not amplify its announcement. It withheld details on cost and construction time. Nothing was said about the proposed cantonment in the Corvallis district.

While the war department's announcement was lacking in specific information as to actual construction dates because of censorship on military information, the statement seems to leave no doubt that final authorization for the camp has been granted. The department's announcement confirms the Mail Tribune's story of about three weeks ago quoting a high ranking army officer as saying that he had received approval from Washington for the construction of three major cantonments in the west, one of them at Medford.

Advance planning of the Medford cantonment was begun early last May and all through the spring, summer and fall the army was a beehive of activity as architects and engineers put the big project on paper. Appraisal of the land needed was done by the Home Owners Loan corporation, a government agency.

A telegram received today from Congressman James W. Mott said the war department had decided to acquire the land. No time as to land acquisition, however, was mentioned, though the intimation was that it would be immediately.

JAPS ADMIT LOSS OF ANOTHER SUB; CRUISER DAMAGE

Tokyo, Jan. 7.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Imperial headquarters acknowledged in a communique today that another Japanese submarine had been sunk in the Pacific area and that a cruiser had been slightly damaged.

The cruiser was hit in an attack by allied aircraft January 4, but still is on active war service, the communique said. Japanese officials declared that "enemy air power in both Malaya and the Philippines has been crushed."

The German radio quoted the Tokyo newspaper, Yomiuri Shimbun as saying Japanese mechanized units supported by aircraft had pursued British forces along the east coast of Malaya as far as the border region of Johore, last intervening state before Singapore. This would place them about 100 miles north of Singapore.

(The dispatch said the Japanese were pressing their attack, giving the British no chance to reorganize for a stand.)

The census bureau reports that 247 sets of triplets and three sets of quadruplets were born in the United States during 1940.

Credit Due Local Officials And Former Senator Reames

Glenn L. Jackson, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, which played an important part in getting the army interested in Medford as a site for a cantonment, today issued the following statement:

"The formal announcement by the war department about construction of the Medford camp should be a relief to all concerned, although the cantonment has been a means of keeping our civic blood in circulation for the past nine months. All who have given time to this project will sorely miss the daily Main street rumors that have caused so much excitement in the past. This excess energy can now find expression in the many opportunities for participation in activities for national defense."

"The selection of Medford as a camp site was very largely due to the cooperation of city and county officials and to the splendid services performed by former Senator Evan Reames in Washington. The senator's continued efforts in behalf of the community were substantially factors in the ultimate development of this camp."

GERMANS ADMIT REDS LANDING IN SEVASTOPOL AREA

Berlin, Jan. 7.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The German high command acknowledged today that the Russians had succeeded in landing troops at Yevpatoriya on the west coast of the Crimea 40 miles above besieged Sevastopol but said they had been wiped out in house-to-house fighting.

(The high command yesterday told of Nazi bombing attacks on Russian transports off Yevpatoriya but made no mention of attempted troop landings.)

On the central and northern sectors of the eastern front, meanwhile, the Russians continued to attack at numerous points but were repulsed everywhere, the daily communique said.

It described the weather on these fronts as "less frosty."

Northeast of Kharkov, big industrial city in the Donets basin, German troops launched counter attacks after the Russians had breached their lines and succeeded in straightening out the front, wiping out two Soviet battalions in the action, the high command said.

JAP NAVY CLAIM DECLARED UNTRUE

DAYLIGHT TIME BILL

Washington, Jan. 7.—(P)—The senate passed and sent to the house today a bill authorizing President Roosevelt to order daylight saving time by time zones.

TWO NEW SIRENS ORDERED TO AID BLACKOUT ALARM

The city council last night ratified the action of its public safety committee in ordering two sirens at \$400 each for use in giving air raid alarms.

Reporting for the committee, Clarence A. Meeker, chairman, said that it was stipulated payment would be made only if the sirens prove satisfactory in covering the city in case of alarm. Thus far difficulty has been experienced in finding a whistle loud enough to be heard in all parts of the city under all conditions.

Fire Chief Roy Elliott told the Mail Tribune the sirens ordered are of the two-way type, throwing out sound in two directions in a horizontal plane rather than upward. Each, he said, is of 7½ horsepower. The sirens will be installed, he added, wherever tests prove they are most effective.

War conditions brought other action by the council last night when it was voted to participate with Jackson county and the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in establishing "an organization in connection with Jackson county civil defense and for the civil defense of the city of Medford." It was agreed that the city would assist in paying necessary bills, the city's participation not to exceed \$500 in the first six months of this year. Mayor H. S. Deuel said that all expenditures would be passed upon by him, the county judge and the president of the chamber of commerce. It was not brought out what the expenditures would be for.

Government curtailment on car and truck purchases hit the city last night when Frank J. Runtz, chairman of the building and light committee, reported on bids abstracted on three cars and two trucks to be purchased in accordance with budget provisions. On the basis of the bids, the committee decided on a half-ton Dodge truck, a 1½-ton International truck, a Ford car for the police department and two Chevrolet, one for Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent, and one for Frank Rogers, his assistant, Mr. Runtz said. But, he added, because of the government's freezing order, delivery cannot now be procured. Mr. Scheffel stated that a priority request for the trucks would have to be filed.

In view of the growing curtailment on equipment for civilian use, Mr. Runtz advised the council to buy now what might be needed later and not wait until the need actually arises.

PHOTOGRAPHIC PLANE IS REPORTED MISSING

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 7.—(P)—An army reconnaissance plane bound from Tacoma, Wash., to McClellan field here, has failed to reach Sacramento, and officers at the field said it was "out of gas somewhere."

The ship, outfitted for aerial photography, was due about noon yesterday. It was not learned whether any airmen other than the pilot, known only as Stockwell, were aboard.

CAPT. BEAN HAS ADVANCE NOTICE ORDERS COMING

Directive For Construction Expected Shortly Says Area Engineer in Charge.

When informed that the war department in Washington, D.C., had announced that a cantonment would be constructed here, the office of the area engineer at the armory issued the following statement:

"A directive for construction of the Medford cantonment is expected shortly."

"Notice has been received by Capt. Theron W. Bean, area engineer, from Col. Cecil R. Moore, district engineer, U. S. engineers' office, Portland, that the Portland office has received advance information from the chief of engineers, Washington, D. C., that the Medford cantonment had been authorized for early construction."

"Actual directive for construction has not been received. The advance information indicated that the final directive would make some modifications, such as the addition of some buildings and the deletion of others, but that the general construction plan developed during the advance planning program at Medford would be followed."

"The plans and specifications cannot be made available to bidders until final instructions from Washington as to the exact buildings to be built are received by the U. S. engineers' office in Portland. This means that no information to bidders can be supplied by the area engineer's office at Medford for the time being. It follows naturally that no construction labor of any kind can be hired until contracts are definitely awarded."

UPSTATE STRAFED BY SLEET STORM

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—(P)—A snow and sleet storm brought a heavy covering of ice for Portland streets and surrounding roads today, the highways between Portland and Eugene being heavily iced, causing many traffic accidents.

There were numerous power failures and several fires and a fuel shortage was reported in some parts of Portland.

LOSSES WORRY

London, Jan. 7.—(P)—Acute concern over repeated losses of airmen by British Empire forces—Kuantan in Malaya was the latest—was indicated by questions on air defense directed at the government today as parliament prepared to reconvene after the Christmas recess.

TO ORGANIZE FLEET

Singapore, Jan. 7.—(P)—Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, commander-in-chief of Britain's far eastern fleet, has left Singapore to organize the eastern fleet "so that the allies may gain sea supremacy in the far east as soon as possible." It was officially announced today.

WIRE TROUBLE

Wire trouble caused disruption of the Mail Tribune's Associated Press service today, no markets and very little war news being received.