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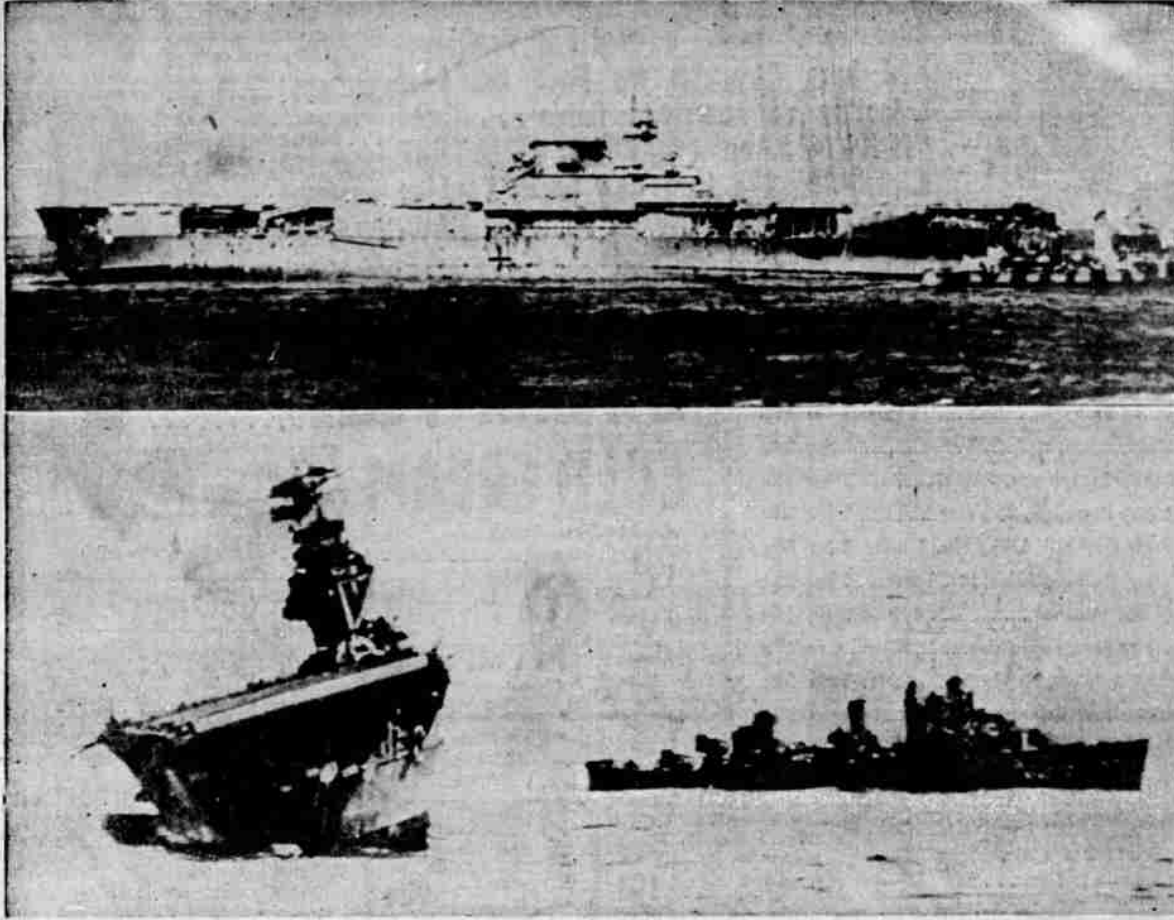
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STALINGRAD STREETS BATTLE SCENE

The Saga of the U. S. S. Yorktown Ends at Battle of Midway



A hard-hitting sea-dog that took a lot of punishment—and dished it out—before succumbing to Jap air and undersea raiders in the Battle of Midway. That was the United States aircraft carrier Yorktown, shown here in its death throes before sinking last June 7. At top, men clamber down the sides of the doomed vessel as rescue vessels stand by. Below, its guns still pointing defiantly skyward, the Yorktown lists heavily as a friendly destroyer arrives to lend aid.

JAPANESE PRESS GUINEA DEFENSE

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—Japanese forces driving through the towering Owen Stanley mountains of New Guinea are exerting heavy pressure on allied troops only 32 air miles north of Port Moresby, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Serious fighting was in progress on the south slope of the 7,000-foot range, MacArthur said in a communique.

A headquarters spokesman said the general combat zone was north of the village of Ioribaiwa, and hostilities involved parts of the main strength of both the allied and enemy forces.

"The skirmishing now involves more than patrols," he said. "The fighting is see-sawing back and forth and the patrols of both sides have been reinforced."

GOLD HILL YOUTH KILLED IN ACTION

Robert Keith Cameron, 18, of near Gold Hill, navy air corps gunner on a carrier based plane, was killed in action August 7 when American forces wrested islands in the Solomons group from the Japanese, according to word received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron of the Delta Motor lodge a few miles north of Gold Hill.

Mrs. Cameron said she and her husband received a letter Wednesday morning from a Grants Pass boy, stationed on the same carrier, telling of Robert's death in action. Young Cameron attended Rogue River and Gold Hill schools and was a graduate of Gold Hill high.

SIDE GLANCES

Bear Creek orchards employ making guesses as to when Audrey Craig will take the "fatal step."

Leith Abbott, S. P. travelling ambassador, in town with a new version of the juke box story.

Yorktown Bluejackets Saw Fatal Torpedoes Coming

Chicago, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—A bluejacket who watched the fatal torpedoes from a Jap submarine speed toward the stricken Yorktown disclosed today that anti-aircraft gun crews of the destroyer Hammann fired repeatedly in the last-ditch hope of exploding the missiles before they hit.

"But the torpedoes were too deep in the water and luck was against us I guess," related Cam Malone, first class machinist's mate from Boyce, La., who was on the Yorktown.

"From where I stood it looked like the boys on the Hammann were coming close, and if the torpedoes had been a little nearer the surface they might have hit a couple of them anyway," Malone said.

Malone had survived the Jap dive-bombing assault on the "mighty" June 4 and had volunteered to go aboard with a salvage party two days later in an attempt to right the heavily-listing aircraft carrier.

"I was standing on topside and I could see the wake of four torpedoes coming toward us," he said. "They were about 200 yards away when I spotted them. The Hammann was tied up alongside our starboard, between us and the torpedoes. There wasn't any place to run for cover, and I knew they would hit below so I held on to a stanchion and waited. It seemed like a long time. Then two of them hit the Hammann and the other two got us. The deck just seemed to rise up and knocked me down."

REGISTRATION TO CLOSE OCTOBER 3

Registration books for the November 3 election will close Saturday, October 3, the county clerk's office reported today. This is the 30 days before the election required by Oregon law.

To date only a few have registered. Citizens are urged to do so. Requirements for registration in Oregon are six months residence in the state, and over 21 years of age. There are no provisions for swearing-in a voter on election day.

Registration at the last election was 16,129 for the county. A movement has been launched in several counties of the state, including Multnomah county, to bring out a heavy registration.

OUTPUT OF ARMS NEARS MAXIMUM NELSON DECLARES

Washington, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board said today that the United States is near the maximum arms output and that the big problem now is the scheduling of materials to maintain peak production.

He told the special house committee on defense migration that "we're nearer rolling today than ever before."

"By Jan. 1 the articles we must have will be as well scheduled as possible," he said, "but that means scheduling practically everything in the United States—for the armed services, for lend-lease and for civilians."

NEW FARM PRICE PARITY FORMULA NOT F. R.'S WISH

Washington, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt told congressional leaders today that he does not want a new farm price parity formula written into pending anti-inflation legislation, as some members of the congressional farm bloc had interpreted the wishes expressed in his Labor Day message on the cost of living.

After a full-dress conference among the President and his congressional and government leaders, Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., said that the President had cleared up a "perfectly honest misunderstanding" on a phrase of his message which led to introduction in the house of legislation that would have established a new and higher parity base.

Barkley said the misunderstanding came from a line in Mr. Roosevelt's message which said that calculation of parity should include the cost of production, including "the cost of labor."

A "great many people," Barkley said, thought the President meant the "cost of farm labor," but that actually the Chief Executive "meant the cost of labor going into the things the farmer buys—which is already in the parity formula."

The misunderstanding, he said, arose in "perfectly good faith."

Chairman Henry B. Steagall, D. Ala., of the house banking committee, and author of the objectionable house bill, commented that the President "did not like the way I spelled it out—the cost of labor—in the house bill."

Senate Republican Leader Charles L. McNary, Ore., told reporters the Republicans would meet again Saturday in an attempt to reach agreement on amendments to be offered to the bill.

REDS DETERMINED TO STAND GROUND TO LAST SOLDIER

450,000 Germans Making Slow Progress in Blasting Way to Besieged Center.

By Harrison Salisbury
United Press Staff Correspondent

The battle for Stalingrad raged in the streets of the Volga city today with the Red army making plain its determination to fight for every foot of ground so long as any defender remains alive.

The great struggle had repercussions from London to Chungking with increasing Soviet pressure for second front aid and Chinese speculation that Japan may seize the opportunity to attack Siberia.

There was no indication that the urgent and forceful Soviet declarations of the necessity of allied intervention in Western Europe to relax pressure in the east had changed the secret war plans of Britain and the United States.

Arrival of Wendell L. Willkie in Kulbyshev brought the possibility that the Soviet position might be re-stated to him. Willkie is in a position to present to the Russians the American views on the critical issue.

The most dangerous Nazi penetration of Stalingrad appeared to be in the northwestern quarter of the city where Moscow conceded the Nazis were inside the city's outskirts. A force estimated at 450,000 Germans and Rumanians were blasting forward but apparently making only slow progress.

A Red Star dispatch made plain the Soviet high command's intention to defend every street and building of Stalingrad, even if the city should be isolated. Red Star advanced the military opinion that successful defense of a city such as Stalingrad could be carried out indefinitely so long as the defender's determination holds out.

The Royal Air Force aimed heavy blow at Germany's war industries, attacking the Ruhr area in strength that apparently was not far short of the 1,000 plane mark.

The air ministry described the RAF night attacks as having been carried out by a "very strong" force of planes. Estimates of the raiding squadron ranged upwards of 700. The RAF lost 39 planes, the heaviest loss sustained in a single night since the 1,000 plane attack at Bremen.

MADAGASCAR TO CONTINUE FIGHT

Vichy, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—Madagascar will be defended to the utmost against British military invasion, the ministry of colonies announced today in a communique which said that armistice negotiations had broken down.

"Governor General Armand Annet reports from Madagascar that armistice negotiations have broken down and fighting continues," the announcement said. "Madagascar will be defended to the final limit."

SURGEONS TO PROBE FOR NEEDLE IN HEART

Pittsburgh, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—A three-year-old Clinton, Pa., girl faced one of the most delicate operations known to surgery today as physicians prepared to remove a sewing needle from her heart.

The child, Eleanor Hughes, apparently fell on the needle while playing in her home last Sunday. At first, a part of the metal was visible, but efforts to remove it resulted in the needle disappearing into the body.

Auto travel through the Black Hills of South Dakota is down 25 per cent.

Jackson Co. Rent Control Ordered Effective Oct. 1

GRADE SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY WITH REGISTRY

Junior and Senior High Schools Open Sept. 28—Small Increase Expected.

Four elementary schools in the city open Monday and pupils of grades one to six are asked to report for registration at 8:50 a. m. Monday at their respective schools. E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, said today that junior and senior high schools will open September 28, giving pupils an opportunity to continue in the fruit harvest.

Supt. Hedrick said today "indications are that we may have a little larger enrollment this year than last, but so far we have not provided any increase in school facilities, and no more teachers are employed than last year. Existing school plants are believed adequate for any possible increases in sight, and any increases in enrollment, if they come, can be handled by program adoptions with some additional teachers on a temporary basis."

Elementary textbooks are furnished, according to law, to pupils of the first eight grades, and these will be distributed at the time of registration. Elementary schools open at 8:50 a. m. and dismiss at 3:45 p. m. for grades fourth to sixth; at 3:30 p. m. for grades second and third; and 3:15 p. m. for first grade.

Pupils are eligible to enter school if they are six years of age on or before November 2, 1942. Pupils who are younger, but who will be six on or before January 31, 1943, may enter if they pass a test showing them to have a mental age of six and a half years. These are given by appointment until September 20 at junior high school by telephoning Mrs. Blanche Canode, phone 4615. Entering of underage pupils is generally discouraged by school authorities.

Parents desiring special instruction for physically handicapped children or who wish other type of special instruction should make application for the service at the city school offices before the opening of school.

Districts Designated

Districts served by the schools are: Roosevelt, all territory east of the center line of the Pacific highway; Lincoln, that portion of the city west of the Pacific highway and east of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks; Jackson, west of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks and north of the center line of West Main.

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Service Dodger Lives 2 Months On Scant Fare

Mauston, Wis., Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—Sheriff's deputies today captured a half-starved former Lutheran minister who had lived for two months in the dense woods of this sparsely-settled vicinity in the hope of evading induction into the army.

The fugitive, Edward Carl Dux, 45, had subsisted on berries, apples and raw bullheads he had caught in a drainage ditch with makeshift fishing tackle.

POSTPONE HEARING OF KLEIN'S CLAIM IN CONDEMNATION

Judge James Alger Fee this morning postponed to the regular fall term of U. S. district court the condemnation suit of the U. S. versus E. J. Klein, who, through Attorney George M. Roberts, is asking \$4,600 for 10½ acres of land he formerly owned in the Camp White area, plus \$5,000 damages to the rest of his original 62-acre tract due to alleged loss of water rights.

The government, which took the 10½ acres last spring through condemnation proceedings, has offered \$600 for the property. The defendant claims the 10½ acres was worth \$4,600 and that \$5,000 damage resulted to the remaining 51½ acres.

Postponement was ordered after Judge Fee sustained Attorney Roberts in a point of law.

Although a new jury panel will be drawn for the regular fall term of court, which will convene October 6, the jury empaneled yesterday for the Klein case will be retained to hear that suit. It has viewed the premises.

The court will hear ex parte matters Friday and Saturday and then adjourn until Oct. 6.

Bernard H. Ramsey, special attorney for the department of justice, who is representing the government in the condemnation cases, said he could not make an estimate as to the number of condemnation suits remaining to be tried in October. Many of them, he explained, would be settled without trial. He predicted a rather long fall term of court, there being condemnation, civil and criminal cases on the docket.

A trial jury Tuesday evening returned a verdict upholding to the penny the government's offer of \$6,020 for two tracts of land in the Camp White area formerly owned by Esther and B. J. Dawson, and Ben Gibson, who, through Attorney Kenneth G. Denman, had asked \$12,805.60 for the property.

Army "Jawbone" Discontinued to Cut Bookeeping Burden

Washington, Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—That popular army institution known as "jawbone"—credit for officers and enlisted men at army post exchanges and other post shops—will be abandoned throughout the United States after Nov. 1, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today.

After that date, transactions at commissaries, theaters, barber shops, tailor shops and other post stores in this country will be strictly on a cash basis, he said. Outside continental United States, continuation or abandonment of "jawbone" will be up to the commanding officers of individual posts.

Hereafter purchases will be for cash or with coupons paid for in advance. The change will eliminate company collection sheets and other paper work, which was becoming increasingly complicated and burdensome with the expansion of the army and frequent shifting of men.

Stimson at the same time appealed to the public to cooperate in expediting the shipment of Christmas parcels and messages to members of the forces throughout the world. He recommended that parcels be sent during October, limited to six pounds and about the size of an ordinary shoe box.

The secretary also said that army trucks and personnel will aid in the civilian drive to collect scrap metal. Explaining that the national scrap metal drive is hampered by a trucking shortage, Stimson said he had ordered all service commands in the quartermaster's and ordnance departments to cooperate with civilian collection agencies as far as their facilities permit.

MARCH 1 LEVELS TO APPLY UNDER FREEZING PLAN

Landlords to Register as First Step After Selection of Organization Local.

Portland, Sept. 17.—(Sp.)—Rent control will be invoked in Jackson and Umatilla counties in Oregon and in Snohomish Walla Walla and Spokane counties in Washington, effective October 1, OPA announced Wednesday.

Rents in those areas will be frozen at the March 1 rental levels, evictions will be restricted and rentals of new residences or residences which were not rented in March will be set by directors in each area.

It is assumed that the Portland-Vancouver defense rental area headquarters in Portland that local directors, attorneys and staffs will be chosen in each area and the areas will report directly to the regional office in San Francisco.

First step after organization of the area staffs will be registration of all owners of rented residences, property including single family dwellings, duplexes, apartments, hotels, rooming houses, auto courts and even trailer parking space. Commercial rentals are not covered by the emergency price control act of 1942.

A representative of the OPA from the regional office in San Francisco was expected to arrive in Medford today to appoint a director for Jackson county. He was here Tuesday, it was understood, at which time he contacted several local lawyers concerning the position.

CONSTABLE YOUNG RESIGNS POSITION

Nick S. Young, constable of the Medford justice of the peace district the past five years, reported today he had resigned the post to accept a position as a guard at Camp George A. White. He will begin his duties this afternoon. Young was to file his formal resignation with the county court today.

The action means that Young's name will be removed from the November general election ballot as the Republican nominee for constable, the county clerk's office reported. Tomorrow is final day for filing a blank space will be left on the ballot for write-in candidates.

Some difficulty is anticipated in filling the place due to the tire and gas rationing situation. The county court has the power to appoint a constable to fill the vacancy.

SWITCH BLAMED

Charleston, Ill., Sept. 17.—(U.P.)—Investigators believed today that a faulty automatic switch caused the head-on collision between the Southwestern Limited, New York Central passenger train, and an oil freight yesterday afternoon in which three trainmen were killed and several passengers were injured.

BASEBALL

National	R. H. E.
Score:	
Pittsburgh	3 8 0
Brooklyn	2 6 1
Sowell and Lopez; Head, Mason and Owen, Sullivan.	
St. Louis	6 10 1
Boston	4 11 3
Beasley, Pollet, Lanier and W. Cooper; Javary, Donovan and Lombardi.	