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STEADY INCREASE IN POPULATION OF JACKSON COUNTY

Property Demand Continues Strong — Californians Want 'Place on Stream'

Figures from county, city and business sources indicate a steady increase in population in Jackson county in recent months, even though the population of Camp White has remained at a comparatively low level and demand for both city and country property continues strong in the local real estate markets, a survey of realtors today indicates.

Indicating the trend in population are figures from the city water department, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, the California-Oregon Power company, the county clerk and the Mail-Tribune circulation department. The water department reports a substantial increase in water connections and the power company an increase in meter connections during the past year. The telephone company reports not only an increase, but a large list of prospective customers who can not meet OPA requirements for an installment. Mail-Tribune circulation figures show an increase of subscribers over the early months of 1944.

Property in Demand

Realtors state that the brisk demand for Medford and county property comes not only from former Californians or residents of other localities, but from Medford and near-by residents as well who are buying larger, more comfortable homes or are purchasing income property. Many people inquire for country acreage or plots in outlying districts and places along streams are especially sought, salesmen state.

According to Carl Y. Tengwald, Medford realtor and examiner for the state realty board, about 50 licensed brokers are now doing business in the county and 75 additional salesmen are kept busy with the real estate markets.

More Recordings

Bearing this out are figures from the office of the county clerk, George R. Carter. In 1942 receipts from recording of property transfers, deeds and mortgages, amounted to \$8,873, he states. This figure increased substantially in 1943 and in 1944 the sum amounted to \$11,587. First months of this year show recordings about the same as the early months of last year, Carter stated. When real estate deals began to increase, staff members were unable to keep up with the recordings, the clerk said, but additional clerks now for the most part are never more than three or four days behind in filings. Records show some pieces of property have changed owners as many as three or four times in recent months, it is reported.

The clerk pointed out that the recording fees do not include discharges, since no fee is charged an ex-serviceman for a legal recording of his honorable discharge from any branch of the services.

NAVY TO BUILD 72 FEWER SHIPS

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—The navy today cut 72 combat ships out of its building program.

Plans for building 84 combat ships totalling 638,860 tons, as announced three weeks ago, have been altered so that only the 12 escort carriers included in that program now will be built.

The 12 carriers represent 150,000 tons.

This particular shipbuilding program originally was planned as "insurance" to meet the possibility of additional losses as the tempo of the Pacific war increased with the closer approach to Japan.

VINCENT BENDIX

New York, March 27.—(U.P.)—Vincent Bendix, founder of Bendix Aviation Corporation and president of Bendix Helicopters, Inc., died today.

Peace Rumor Sweeps Nation Due To Misunderstood Words

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—Misinterpretation of a casual remark by White House Press Secretary Jonathan Daniels today blossomed into a "peace rumor" that swept the nation.

The whole thing grew out of Daniels' disclosure that President Roosevelt recently advised Secretary of State Edward R. Chicago, March 27.—(U.P.)—False peace rumors flooded Chicago today.

In felony court a judge temporarily recessed a murder trial, expecting a formal peace announcement. Courtroom attaches and spectators were jubilant. Some women were so happy they cried.

Newspaper telephone switchboard operators were deluged with calls.

Stettinius, Jr., and other cabinet officers that American officials—except those officially designated—would be expected to stay away from next month's San Francisco security conference. Such officials, Daniels said, the president felt, should stay on their jobs "at this critical time."

Misinterpretations

Misinterpretations of this by some persons grew until some erroneous reports circulated that the cabinet had been ordered to stand by for big developments later today.

That was the interpretation of Daniels' statement in an International News Service dispatch from here. It said Mr. Roosevelt had "ordered his cabinet and all diplomatic representatives to stand by on alert for possible immediate victory in Europe."

Then began a torrent of telephone calls to the White House and to newspaper offices asking if the war in Europe had ended. Daniels' remarks, however, dealt solely with the fact that

LETTER PRAISES RED CROSS WAR DRIVE IN COUNTY

A letter of praise for the successful efforts of B. E. Harder and his committee in the 1945 Red Cross war fund drive has been received by Harder, county chairman. Harder, who has conducted so many of the drives he has lost county, announced Sunday that the county had raised 120 per cent of its quota.

The letter, from the director of the fund raising campaign for the San Francisco area, reads in part, "Once more you have led your chapter to victory. What a record you have rolled up for yourself on these Red Cross campaigns! This year you should feel especially proud because of having attained your goal so early in the campaign period. Please accept for yourself our very grateful thanks for the fine leadership you gave this year to the campaign and commend each of your solicitors for their enthusiastic execution of the quick campaign idea."

"Once again we will have the pleasure of sending to you and to the chapter the honor certificates from National Red Cross."

Harder stated this morning that he had conducted about 23 regular drives and four or five special disaster campaigns, but wasn't quite sure of the actual number.

DOWNEY SAYS MEXICAN WATER TREATY ABSURD

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey, D., Calif., charged today that the Mexican water treaty is "so absurd and grotesque that it will be the foundation for future controversies and lawsuits beyond number."

Downey resumed his attacks as the senate entered its second week of debate on the treaty, which gives Mexico a guaranteed 1,500,000 acre feet of Colorado river water annually.

K. M. C. NEILL HURT

Grants Pass, March 27.—K. M. C. Neill was injured about 11 a. m. today when struck by an automobile while crossing Sixth street at the intersection of E street. He was taken to Josephine General hospital. Driver of the car, Homer Inman, was not held.

GOVERNOR SIGNS 10 LEGISLATIVE BILLS INTO LAW

Salem, Ore., March 27.—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell has signed 10 more legislative bills and he said today he hoped to have all bills signed by tomorrow night.

He signed 57 bills Monday, the largest number approved in one day since the legislature adjourned.

Among the bills signed was the alien land holding measure (SB274) directed against the use of land by alien Japanese and by them through citizen relatives.

Another bill (SB304) signed creates a major injury fund in the workmen's compensation department.

Other senate bills signed included:

- 237—Relating to permanent and temporary total disability benefits.
- 242—Regulating, defining and licensing restaurants, creating standard of sanitation.
- 257—Relating to taxation of religious and charitable organizations.
- 26—Relating to unemployment compensation trust fund.
- 265—Relating to seizure powers of the department of agriculture.
- 277—Relating to containers marked with private brands.

DRAFT EXTENSION GIVEN APPROVAL

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—The senate military affairs committee today approved a one-year extension of the selective service act for men and the drafting of women nurses.

Committee Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, (D., Utah) said action on both draft bills was unanimous.

The selective service extension bill was approved without amendment in the form in which it passed the house last week. It extends the act for one year from the May 15 expiration date, or earlier if the war should end before that time.

The nurse draft bill was amended by the committee to make it apply to married nurses from 20 through 44 as well as to single nurses.

ASHLAND SCHOOL HEAD RELEASED

Ashland, March 27.—Theo J. Norby, for six years city superintendent of schools at Ashland, was released from his contract at a special meeting of the school board held last night. Mrs. Etta Schilling, board chairman, announced today.

Norby asked for the special meeting in order to seek release from the contract, which had two more years to run, so that he might seek a position in California.

Air Line To Cut Passenger Fares

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—(U.P.)—Passenger fares over Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., coast-to-coast system will be reduced, effective May 1, as much as 17 per cent, it was announced today.

E. O. Cooke, vice-president of traffic, said the average fare reduction would amount to 10 per cent.

STIFF PENALTIES FOR JOB QUITTERS VOTED BY HOUSE

Employers Who Violate Fixed Ceilings Also Due for Heavy Penalty Under Bill

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—The house voted 187 to 160 today to apply stiff penalties to workers who leave essential jobs and to employers who violate fixed manpower ceilings.

It approved a compromise manpower control bill worked out after long debate by house and senate conferees. Before going to President Roosevelt the bill must be approved by the senate.

After Bitter Fight

House passage came after a bitter, last-ditch fight by opponents.

Rep. Forest A. Harness (R., Ind.), sought to kill the measure by demanding a ruling on a point that the compromise bill included new legislation not approved by either house. He was overruled by Speaker Sam Rayburn.

Rep. Dewey Short (R., Mo.), declared: "This is tyranny and slavery brought up to date."

Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.), chairman of the house military affairs committee and head of the house conferees, told the house he was not fully satisfied with the measure. But said, it would "go a long way toward helping win the war."

May said the bill would:

- 1. "Freeze" men and women workers of all ages in essential jobs.
- 2. Fix manpower ceilings on industries in designated labor shortage areas.
- 3. Provide a maximum penalty of a year's imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for employer and employee violators.
- 4. Give authority for administration of the act to War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes.

Hosiery Smugglers Receive Probation

Boston, March 27.—(U.P.)—Two merchant mariners—one a victim of a torpedoing—were given suspended jail sentences in U. S. district court today after pleading guilty to the unlicensed exporting of 6,000 pair of women's rayon hosiery.

Four-month jail sentences and one year probationary terms were given Walter H. Shortleeve, 62, former Los Angeles businessman, and Arthur Mate, 28, of New York city, who drifted 32 days in a lifeboat after his ship was torpedoed.

WHO'S STUPID NOW?

Hollywood, Calif., March 27.—(U.P.)—Movie Dancer Betty Joy Curtis told Divorce Judge Goodwin J. Knight that Sgt. Karl George Curtis was right when he called her stupid. "I was stupid," she said, "to marry him."

German Military Breakdown Hinted In Berlin Broadcasts

London, March 27.—(U.P.)—Increasing signs of the military breakdown of Germany were noted today in a series of Nazi broadcasts calling on all German troops to report at once to their units or to local authorities.

The broadcast summons coincided with Stockholm rumors of a possible military revolt in Germany because of the war crisis. The broadcasts ordered all troops to report to stations and to local authorities. They explained that many troops "have lost contact" due to "enemy action."

Penalty Threatened

These troops, it was said, must be brought into action again. All leaves except those for illness or exceptional gallantry were cancelled and troops were ordered to designated "front assembling points."

Anyone trying to escape military service or forced labor, the broadcasts said, "will be considered a deserter and dealt with as such."

The brewing military revolt was reported by the Free German press bureau, an anti-Nazi propaganda agency in Stockholm, without indicating the source of its information.

Husband Wonders What Became of Wife and Infant

Cincinnati, O., March 27.—(U.P.)—Carl Peters, distraught Cincinnati husband, today wearily awaited official confirmation that he either was—or was not—a father.

Peters' wife, Mildred, 33, disappeared yesterday from the emergency entrance of a Covington, Ky., hospital after winning a taxicab race with the stork.

Last night Peters received a telegram from a nurse saying his wife had given birth to a 7-pound boy. A police check disclosed that the message had been sent from a fictitious address. There has been no word from Mrs. Peters since.

RED VANGUARDS SWEEP CLOSE TO AUSTRIA BORDER

London, March 27.—(U.P.)—Red army vanguards today swept to within a scant 20 miles of the Austrian border, some 65 miles southeast of Vienna, aided by precision bombing of the 15th American air force which attacked German concentration points in the path of the Russians.

German reports acknowledged the great Soviet pressure on the irregular 170-mile front had increased and that red army spearheads had flanked the important communications centers of Komarom and Gyor in a drive to the Marcal canal and the lower Raab river.

The Marcal canal runs about seven miles west of Papa, captured by the Russians yesterday, and joins the Raab northwest of Papa.

The Raab in this area is only about 20 miles from the Austrian frontier and runs roughly parallel to it.

German reports said fighting was very heavy and that the Russians also were attacking south and southeast of Komarom. Soviet reports said that the Germans had thrown strategic reserves against the Russians who are now advancing with orders to pursue the main forces of the Germans and not halt to mop up small detachments.

SOFT COAL DISPUTE IS EXTENDED THIRTY DAYS

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—Soft coal operators today accepted Fuel Administrator Harold Ickes' proposal that the present wage contract be extended for 30 days. But they rejected Ickes' suggestion that the final new agreement be made retroactive to April 1.

The operators proposed that during the one-month contract extension the miners be paid the increases contained in the operators' counter-proposal of March 16. This, they said, would amount to a pay boost of 5.82 per cent.

JAPA! ADMIT YANKEE FOOTHOLD ON KERAMA ISLES

Cebu Landing Also Revealed — Kyushu Airdromes and Plane Plants Bombed

By United Press

Tokyo reported today that Americans had invaded two more areas in the Pacific—in the Okinawa group only 380 miles southwest of Japan, and Cebu in the central Philippines.

A Japanese communiqué said U. S. troops gained a foothold Sunday in the Kerama islands, a tiny cluster of islets 10 to 20 miles from Okinawa, under cover of an air and naval bombardment.

1,500 Landed

Tokyo radio said the landing on Cebu, one of the last three major islands in the Philippines still controlled by the Japanese, was carried out yesterday by 1,500 American troops supported by a bombardment from six cruisers and several destroyers.

The enemy radio also reported that American battleships, cruisers and more than 1,000 carrier planes were bombarding the Okinawa group, especially the naval and air base island off Okinawa itself, for the fifth straight day.

Land-based planes and other allied warships were reported supporting the purported invasion with attacks along a 1,300-mile front stretching all the way from Japan itself to the island of Pratas in the south China sea.

More than 200 Superfortresses raided the Oita and Tachiarai airfields in northern Kyushu and the Omura aircraft plant in northwest Kyushu in daylight today.

Heavy bombers from the Philippines attacked Ishigaki, 240 miles south of Okinawa and 145 miles east of Formosa, and the rail town of Takao on Formosa itself.

SPOUSE DIVORCES BOXING CHAMP

Chicago, March 27.—(U.P.)—Marva Trotter Louis won a divorce from heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis today.

She told the court that Louis, now an army sergeant, had deserted her October 2, 1943.

Louis was in court for the hearing, but he made no move to contest the action and said nothing. An out-of-court property settlement included payment by the champion of \$200 monthly for the support of a child, Jacqueline, 2.

Mrs. Louis, now a night club singer, said she always had been a dutiful wife and that the boxing champion had been a kind husband "when he was at home."

Louis was married in New York September 24, 1935, two hours before he beat Max Baer.

Jap Drive Checked In Hupeh Province

Chungking, March 27.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops have checked a Japanese drive in Hupeh province aimed at the air base town of Laohokow, 190 miles northwest of Hankow, a communiqué said today.

The push was halted near Icheng, 20 miles southeast of Laohokow. The air base is approximately 350 miles northeast of Chungking.

SUB ALBACORE WITH CREW OF 65 IS LOST

Washington, March 27.—(U.P.)—The navy today announced loss of the submarine Albacore with its crew of more than 65 men.

This raised the total of American submarines lost from all causes in this war to 41.

The navy did not disclose where the Albacore was lost but it was presumed to be in the Pacific.

TO BERLIN

By United Press

The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced allied lines today:

Eastern front — 31 miles (from Zauckerick).

Western front — 206 miles (from southwest of Fuda, by German report).

Paris, March 27.—(U.P.)—The German retreat from the Rhine broke into a chaotic rout along a 250-mile front from Karlsruhe to the Dutch border today. Nazi troops were reported in headlong flight as far as 90 miles east of the river and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said the allies have won a complete and crushing victory.

With U. S. First Army, March 27.—(U.P.)—Two German major-generals were taken prisoner by the ninth armored division last night, it was revealed today.

Eisenhower sent his allied armies crashing eastward beyond the shattered Rhine barrier with orders to smash the remaining German forces before Berlin.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO BE IMPOSED

He pledged again that there would be no negotiations with the beaten enemy and that unconditional surrender would be imposed upon the Nazis at the end of this "final battle."

Eisenhower said that although they were beaten in the west, the Germans might try to reform on a new front closer to Berlin.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's racing 3rd army tank columns already were reported sweeping half-way across Germany and closing swiftly on the Hessian citadel of Fulda, 90 miles beyond the Rhine and 198 miles southwest of Berlin.

On Patton's northern flank, the U. S. 1st army exploded a tremendous armored punch eastward from its Remagen bridgehead, overrunning thousands of beaten and demoralized Germans who surrendered at the sight of the rampaging American tanks.

Berlin said the 1st army's spearheads were 50 miles east of the Rhine and going fast.

MONTY'S ARMIES BREAK INTO PLAINS

At the "top" of the western front, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's four allied field armies burst into the Ruhr basin within three miles of Essen and broke through the German battle screen guarding the Westphalian plain and the northern invasion road to Berlin.

The U. S. 7th army on Patton's southern flank burst across the Rhine on a 19-mile front north of Mannheim, and advanced as much as four miles eastward against spotty resistance. One 7th army unit was reported inside Mannheim.

Armored columns of the British 2nd army broke through three miles and more into the open plains less than 40 miles from Muenster and 275 miles due west of Berlin. At last reports they were plunging east at top speed without opposition.

More than 10,000 prisoners were in the hands of the 2nd army less than four days after they plunged across the Rhine. Half as many more were taken by the Canadian 1st, American 9th, and allied 1st air borne armies fighting under Montgomery's 21st army group banner, making a total of 15,000.



Lt. Gen. Patton's Third American Army paces the Allied forces of the West with a 4-mile stab beyond the Rhine that closed on the great industrial city of Frankfurt in blazing armored sweep that collapsed Nazi southern flank less than 240 miles from Berlin. New crossings of Rhine were made in Coblenz area and, to the north, the U. S. Ninth, Canadian First and British Second Armies swept into and around the Ruhr basin.

EXTRA GAS RATION ARGENTINA JOINS TO BE SCREENED WAR AGAINST AXIS

Buenos Aires, March 27.—(U.P.)—The Argentine government has declared war on the axis, it was announced officially today.

President Edelmiro Farrell personally made the announcement of the declaration of war. "The decision has been taken. That's all I have to say," Farrell said.

Argentina was the last nation in the western hemisphere to declare either war or a state of belligerence.

The announcement came after the cabinet had met seven times to decide Argentina's position.

FOR NAZI FILM BAN

Hollywood, March 27.—(U.P.)—Movie Producer Samuel Goldwyn, home from a four weeks' visit to England, suggested today that movie making in Germany be abolished forever. "All they ever made were propaganda films," Goldwyn said.

The new program becomes effective May 1.