

LONG TUNNEL TO STRAIGHTEN ROAD

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 12 (AP) — A thousand-foot tunnel directly under Stagecoach pass has been chosen in preference to a bore 1800 feet long for the new route of the Pacific highway north of Wolf Creek. Location Engineer A. A. Kirkwood said Monday the state highway department has approved a routing which will cut the distance of nearly 10 miles from Wolf Creek to Oak Station, north of Glendale Junction, to only 7.8 miles.

The highway survey from Grants Pass to Wolf Creek is four miles shorter than the present highway, making a total saving in distance of 6.2 miles in approximately 33 so far.

On the north side of the tunnel, instead of "hundreds of curves," there will be only two curves to the foot of the mountain, of four and eight degrees arc. On the south side there will be no more than eight curves to the mountain foot, he said.

Survey crews are to continue their work until the entire distance to Canyonville is covered. First actual construction work is under way atop Mt. Sexton pass.

JOB MOBILIZING PLAN WORKED OUT

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 12 (UP) — A cooperative job mobilization plan to divert skilled workmen now receiving aid from the farm security administration into defense industries was announced Tuesday night by the FSA and the California department of employment.

Under an arrangement between the two agencies, the department of employment will register all persons for work who are now being given assistance by the FSA. Skilled or semi-skilled workmen thus discovered will be referred to jobs training classes, while the remainder will constitute a reserve labor supply for the 1941 harvest.

R. G. Wagenet, director, said the department also will assist the FSA in determining sites where mobile agricultural labor camps operated by the federal agency should be located during the spring and summer months.

CAT WANTS ONLY DRINK, NOT FISH

HEPPNER, Feb. 12 (AP) — It isn't the fish, it's the water that attracts Alva Jones' cat to Alva Jones' goldfish bowl.

Kitty insisted on sipping from the bowl. At first it was presumed he had the usual designs on the fish but gradually it became apparent that he did not give a whoop for the fish and wanted only a drink. The fish, too, has become conditioned to the cat and displays no agitation whatever when Puss quenches his thirst.

EMBEZZLER HUNT ENDS AT BARRACKS

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (UP) — A confessed embezzler, Harry J. Mullin, wanted 18 years in New Jersey, was arrested at Vancouver barracks late Tuesday by Portland police.

Mullin signed a statement, police said, admitting that he embezzled \$18,500 from the New Jersey Title and Trust company, of Jersey City, N. J., where he had been a paying teller. Sergeant W. D. Browne said that Mullin also signed an extradition waiver for removal to New Jersey.

OREGONIAN IS SUED FOR \$100,000

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (UP) — The Oregonian Publishing company was named defendant Tuesday in a \$100,000 damage action filed in circuit court here by Dewey Rand, editor of Americana.

The action charged the company with "defamation of character." It resulted from alleged remarks by George L. Baker, former Portland mayor, in a political talk over radio station KGW, November 4, 1940.

The publishing company owns the radio station.

10 YEARS SET FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

SALEM, Feb. 12 (AP) — It's too tough for judges to figure out how many years is half of a life term — the present sentence for attempted murder — Rep. William M. McAllister (R-Jackson) told the house Tuesday.

The house agreed with him, and passed an amendment fixing the sentence for attempted murder at not less than 10 years. The measure now goes to the senate.

First Pictures—Greek Troops in Mountain Fighting



This first picture from the fighting in the Graeco-Albanian border area shows a Greek artillery unit high in a mountain position, ready to fire on Italian troops near Tepelini.

They're Hardy Sons of Mountaineers, These Greek Troops



Italy's alpine regiments met their match when, in Albania, they were opposed to Greek mountaineers like these infantrymen, photographed when on outpost duty at a mountain pass on Mount Euzati, in Albania.

Writer Says British Eager To Meet Foe in Balkans

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Britain's vigorous move to counter Hitler in the Balkans means that at long last John Bull is able to assume the initiative in that important theatre—a development which in itself is significant as showing England's growing strength.

This gesture of confidence has been made possible by the sweeping Anglo-allied victories in the battle of the Mediterranean. At the moment, paradoxical though it seems, the master of the world's most powerful fighting machine would appear to be on the defensive in southeastern Europe. Certainly fate has switched the cards on him, and he is playing a different hand from what he expected when he began his Balkan adventure.

The point is that the shattering of the fascist defenses in Africa is likely to release a large and wholly efficient allied military and naval force in the

near future for possible operations in the Balkans. As I pointed out when Bengasi fell, British General Wavell then had completed an offensive which would enable him to choose as he wished from several further operations, one of which would be in the Balkans.

In short, the manner in which Mussolini's forces have been lathered, first by the hardy Greeks and then by the British and their allies, has so changed the complexion of the battle of the Mediterranean that, as I see it, Herr Hitler must fear the possibility of an attack on his eastern front through the Balkans.

That isn't the way the Hitler-Mussolini partnership read the stars some five months ago. When Il Duce invaded Egypt with so much dash and fanfare in September, the idea was that he should rush across the desert and capture the Suez canal,

while partner Hitler drove down the Balkans (if things looked auspicious) and battled his way through to the Suez from the east. The British thereby would be smashed like a beetle in this great pair of pincers.

However, Mussolini signed a quit-claim to all that program, and to his African empire as well, when some strange impulse made him invade Greece. His debacle there and the catastrophes which piled up on him in Africa wiped the slate clean of one of the great strategic plans of the war.

Hitler's game now is to strengthen his hold on the Balkans for defensive purposes, and at the same time try to rescue the fascist army from the Greeks in Albania. Thus we see him swamping Rumania with troops and turning the country into a military and naval base, and we see him reaching for Bulgaria.

The fuhrer's purpose has been to make his Balkan advance and consolidation peacefully if possible, for he doesn't want war at his back door at this critical juncture. However, having acquired Bulgaria he might be in position to aid

Mussolini against the Greeks, and thereby weaken Britain's strong position. In any event, his move would be calculated to compel the British to maintain powerful naval, air and land forces in the eastern Mediterranean while the Germans made a direct assault on England.

PTA Notes

WEYERHAEUSER CAMP 4

A large percentage of members and several visitors were present at the regular meeting of the Weyerhaeuser Camp 4 PTA, held Thursday, February 6. The meeting was opened by group reading of the objects of the association. Mrs. Good, recreation chairman, reported that arrangements had been made for construction to begin on the play shed in the near future. The next study club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. Z. Harbin on Thursday, February 20, at 1:30 p. m.

All committees are asked to meet at the hall on Thursday, February 13, at 1 p. m. to complete arrangements for the evening of games to be held Friday, February 14.

An impressive Founders' day ceremony, accompanied by singing, was presented. As the history of each was given, a candle was lit in honor of the Founders of the national, state, county and our local PTA unit. After the ceremony, a grand march brought the group to a prettily decorated table where Founders' day cake and ice cream was served by the hostesses, Mrs. William Stacey and Mrs. Walter Beer, and the social hour was enjoyed.

FAIRHAVEN

An entirely different Founders' day program is promised by Mrs. B. C. Johnston for the Fairhaven PTA meeting next Friday night, February 14, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Johnston, Founders' day program chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Fred LaForge in preparing this interesting program. Refreshments, including a huge birthday cake, will be served by Mrs. Franklin and her committee.

Founders' day is observed nationally by all Parent-Teacher groups in February, in commemoration of the birth of the Parent-Teachers association 44 years ago. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend the Fairhaven meeting next Friday night.

A dance, sponsored by the Fairhaven PTA, will be an event of February 22.

RIVERSIDE

Third grade mothers will be hostesses to members of the Riverside PTA at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, February 18, in the school auditorium. It was announced by Mrs. Walter West, president.

The study hour at 2 o'clock will have as the topic, "Use of Play Hours and Leisure." Tea and a program will be enjoyed later. All mothers are urged to attend and take part.

SHASTA

The Shasta PTA study club will meet February 13 at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Walter Cool, 4839 Climax street.

The executive committee of Bly high school PTA met on Thursday evening. Those present were Mrs. Fred Stone, Mrs.

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Frank Obenchain, Mrs. Warren Osborne, and the chairman, Smith.

February 28 was set for the forum led by University of Oregon students which will present present day problems. The local PTA is sponsoring the occasion. The forum will be preceded by the regular March PTA meeting, which would ordinarily be on the following Monday. The possibility of joining the county council was also discussed.

The Pinehurst PTA met Friday, February 7 at the school house. A crowd of 60 members and guests were entertained at a 6:30 supper, followed by a business meeting and entertainment furnished by the school children and local talent. A very good time was reported by all.

Some people who don't get everything that's coming to them are plain lucky.

OREGON DRIVERS' MILEAGE GREAT

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP) — Oregon motorists in the last 22 years have used 3,199,000 gallons of gasoline, sufficient to travel 47,985,000,000 miles, the Oregon State Motor association announced.

The same motorists have paid \$130,000,000 in taxes on the gasoline, resulting in the expenditure of \$300,000,000 on state highways.

Ralph Coan, motor association treasurer, said that since Oregon passed the nation's first gasoline tax in 1919, \$250,000,000 in state funds and \$50,000,000 in federal funds had been spent on Oregon highways.

I am proud of my German blood. But I hate aggression and tyranny.—Wendell Willkie, former G. O. P. presidential candidate.

JUDGE COATES FINES OFFENDERS

TULELAKE — Mike Foley, Merrill, left \$50 with Police Judge Charles Coates early this week after being charged with drunken driving. Foley was arrested Sunday night by Frank G. Roades inside the city limit. Judge Coates heard a guilty plea from Mr. and Mrs. William Murray last week and from Marshall Stewart, all of whom were charged with assault on G. M. Burlison in a local cafe. Stewart and Murray paid \$25 fines and Mrs. Murray turned over \$10 to the judge.

Murray recently was charged with illegal possession of venison, the case being listed in justice court in Modoc county. The charge was filed by the division of fish and game before Justice of the Peace Frank Moser.

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