

MEKONG RIVER BATTLE OPENS NEAR BORDER

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rupting the enemy's communications between the Mandalay-Lashio sector and the Bhamo-Mitkya region to the south.

Two Objectives
Meanwhile, RAF bombers heavily attacked the Japanese-held Akyab airdrome on the Burma coast this morning.

The situation was confusing, but in general it appeared that the Japanese were bent on two major objectives:

1. Driving up the Burma road toward the heart of China, perhaps with the hope of capturing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's war capital at Chungking, about 800 miles from Burma.
2. Driving Gen. Harold Alexander's exhausted British armies westward out of Burma into India.

Battle of Australia—For the first time in weeks, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters mentioned no combat in any theater of his land or sea front in the southwest Pacific.

Bad weather limited aerial activity, but Australian dispatches said the Japanese had apparently received reinforcements for their battered air bases in New Britain and New Guinea and that renewed activity on a large scale was expected within a few days.

Day by Day Radio

(Pacific War Time)
NEW YORK, May 13 (Wide World)—Listening tonight: NBC—8:15, Rep. C. I. Compton on "The Case for Silver."
BLU—E. Three Thirds of the Nation, Wood.
MBS—6:30, Pass in Review, Army Camp variety; 7:15, Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen on "Pope Plus' Jubilee."

What to Expect Thursday: NBC—3:30, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, United Jewish Appeal, CBS—12:30 p. m., Cincinnati Conservatory concert. MBS—10:15 a. m., presentation of Navy "E"; 1:15, Belmont Park race.

Klamath Civilian Fire Auxiliary Studies British Technique for Use in Case of Emergency Here

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles on civilian defense in Klamath Falls and Klamath county.)

By MARY JANE JENKINS

In every list of war heroes issued from England, one classification is always included: the home front fire-fighters. To these hard-working men goes the lion's share of credit for holding down fires that were supposed to level London to the ground. Should total war ever come to Klamath Falls, it would be met with the same well-organized fire-fighting technique that has been displayed in England.

Seven days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, 80 out of 150 Klamath volunteers were doggedly turning out every Sunday for regular fire department training under the direction of Fire Chief Keith Ambrose. These volunteers compose the auxiliary firemen who would work hand-in-hand with the regular 19-man fire-fighting force in case of an emergency. In addition to fire-fighting training, all the men have completed 20 hours of first aid.

Because around 20 of the volunteer firemen have gone on to other jobs, there is room and need for "active, able-bodied, red-blooded volunteers," according to Ambrose, to bring Klamath Falls' fire-fighting forces up to 100 men.

In training the volunteer firemen, nine squads were formed and every fireman was required to be thoroughly familiar with each building assigned to his squad. The men were equipped with shovels, axes, pump cans and ropes provided by the city, and given thorough training in fighting incendiary bombs and phosphorus fires.

Now fully organized, in case of an emergency the entire fire-fighting forces would report to the fire department, and work directly on orders from Ambrose, who would be stationed at the control center.

Combined with the auxiliary fire-fighting organizations are the demolition and rescue crews. Ambrose plans to begin instruction immediately for 10 men, headed by Clarence Snodgrass, in demolition; and for eight men, headed by Edward Sharon, in rescue work. The need for these two crews, Ambrose pointed out, is not so pressing in Klamath Falls as it is in large cities where tall steel buildings endanger the public. Equipment, such as acetylene torches, shovels, etc., is located and on call, Ambrose said, for use by the demolition and rescue squads.

Directly behind the trained fire-fighters, stands every man, woman and child who has a roof over his head. Every household must know how to protect his own home. To this end, Ambrose has given a series of some 40 talks on fighting incendiary and phosphorus bombs; and the city's regular firemen have distributed pamphlets on the subject.

DOORS OPEN 1:30 AND 6:45

ESQUIRE

JUST 2 MORE DAYS!

Hurry! Hurry!

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HENRY O'HALL - DONNA REED - CHERL WILLS - WIL LUDWIG

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SWEETHEARTS OF THE FLEET

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SCOTTISH RITE REUNION OPENS

The semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Klamath Falls opened Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Masonic hall, 418 Klamath avenue.

Due to labor and defense conditions Scottish Rite Masons have temporarily dispensed with conferring many of the degrees from their spring reunion and the degrees not conferred in this reunion will be conferred from time to time during the year.

The fourth degree was conferred by Nils Simmler, 32nd degree K.C.C.H. and his degree team, Wednesday.

Dinner was to be served at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Masonic hall by the Lutheran Ladies for the benefit of all Scottish Rite Masons. All are urged to attend.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Don Hensley, 32nd degree K.C.C.H. and his degree team were to confer the 14th degree in full form.

On Thursday evening, May 14, at 8 o'clock the Chapter of Rose Croix will confer the 18th degree under the direction of Harry S. Stone, 32nd degree, and his regular degree team. Beginning at 4:30 p. m. Friday, the 13th degree will be conferred in full form by the following officers and their K.C.C.H. degree teams: L. E. Hubbard, 32nd degree; Godfrey Bohm, 32nd degree; Nils Simmler, 32nd degree and A. W. Schupp, 33rd degree.

On Saturday, May 16, the Consistory will honor Leslie M. Scott, state treasurer, who is deputy to the Supreme Council in Oregon. Scott, with his official family, will arrive from Salem Saturday and will be entertained by the Consistory during his visit in this city.

Beginning at 4:30 p. m. Saturday the 32nd degree, under the direction of P. O. Landry, 32nd degree K.C.C.H. will be conferred.

Dinner will be served both Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p. m., and the reunion will close Saturday evening with an address by the Honorable Leslie M. Scott.

VITAL STATISTICS

KLIEVER—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 12, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kliever, 230 Hillside avenue, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 2 ounces.

WALGREN—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 11, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walgren, Malin, Ore., a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 12 ounces.

DYER—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 12, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dyer, Bly, Ore., a girl. Weight: 5 pounds 10 ounces.

GASTER—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 13, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaster, 1827 Portland street, a girl. Weight: 8 pounds 3 ounces.

POPE—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 13, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pope, Arthur street, a boy. Weight: 6 pounds 3 ounces.

SOLIE—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 12, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Anker Solie, 834 Upham street, a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 8 ounces.

ELLET—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 13, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliot, 535 North Eleventh street, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 3 ounces.

To Portland—Mrs. Lee Scroggins and two sons, Bob and Donnie Coughlin, will leave next weekend for Portland where they will make their home. Scroggins has been in the north for several months interested in defense work. Mrs. Scroggins has been employed at Waggoner Drug company.

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WELLS HONORED AT TEACHER BANQUET

J. Percy Wells, superintendent of Klamath Falls elementary schools for the past 22 years, was honored at a banquet given by the Klamath Falls Grade Teachers association Tuesday evening in the Willard hotel.

Mrs. S. Meade Badger, president of the group, was the toastmistress of the evening.

Wells was presented with a traveling bag from the teachers and Mrs. Wells, also honored on the occasion received orchids.

Mrs. Badger made a brief presentation of a dress, thanking Wells for his years of cooperation and assistance to those in the local teaching field. Wells responded. Mrs. Freda Wheeler presented the flowers with a few remarks to Mrs. Wells.

During the program Mrs. Winnifred Gillen, accompanied by Mrs. Sherman Carter, sang two vocal numbers, and a clever news broadcast in the Winchell style, written by Mrs. Eva Mary Lovely, was presented by Beatrice Palmer.

Programs found at each guest's plate depicted the little red school house and one of Klamath Falls' modern new school buildings, representing the years of growth in the school system since Wells first took over his duties in 1920.

A business meeting followed the program with election of officers of the teachers association. Retiring officers are Mrs. S. Meade Badger, president; Carl Muender, vice president, and Mrs. Freda Robinson, secretary and treasurer. Elected Tuesday night were Verne Speits, president; Genevieve McGree, vice president, and Connell Napier, secretary and treasurer.

In addition to the 80 teachers present, two members of the school board and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey C. Blohm and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnhisel, were also in attendance.

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In Paris, talking to the French traitors there.

Laval wants to go over to Germany NOW. Petain and Darlan may be hanging back.

MEANWHILE in Paris there is a wave of bombings of restaurants and hotels used by the Germans. Many Germans have been killed. French hostages are being shot in retaliation.

MOSCOW reports that on the Kereh peninsula the Germans are throwing masses of CAVALRY, tanks, planes and troops against the Russians.

Cavalry, you see, isn't wholly outmoded in war.

THE British report today that 13 German troop-carrying planes have been shot down in the Mediterranean off northern Africa.

Why they were there isn't stated. Presumably the Germans are ferrying troops and supplies by air to Africa.