

Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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March 8—High 58, Low 38
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Last Year 9.92 Normal 8.24

REDS DRIVE TO DNEIPER RIVER

Rommel Pulls in Horns

HOUSE FAVORS DEEP TAX CUT FOR NEXT YEAR

Conference Report at Salem Up for Final Senate Action

SALEM, March 9 (AP)—The house voted 46 to 14 today to accept the senate-house conference committee's report that would reduce personal and corporation income taxes 30 to 40 per cent in all brackets effective with taxes payable next year. The senate is expected to vote on it later today.

Rep. John Hall, Portland, who demands a 30 per cent cut this year and a 30 per cent cut next year, took his battle to the floor, asking rejection of the report and appointment of a new conference committee that would approve his demands.

Property Tax Cut
Hall said the tax commission easily could make refunds this year, and he added that the conference committee's proposal would leave too large a surplus on hand.

The house, before voting on the proposal, had also accepted the committee's recommendation that the schools be given \$5,000,000 a year to reduce (Continued on Page Two)

Two Boys Escape Electrocutation by Wet Kite String

Two boys narrowly escaped electrocution Sunday when a kite string fell across a power line on California avenue, City Juvenile Officer Dave Bridge disclosed Monday.

Bridge said the boys were using a cotton string wound with a fine strand of metallic material, similar to string used on holiday packages.

A man living at 820 California avenue heard the sound of the arc as the string fell across the power line. He ran outside and saw two boys lying in the grass across the street. Apparently shocked, but freed of the line, the boys got up and ran before they could be identified.

Bridge pointed out that any string, if damp, is a conductor, and warned all youngsters against flying kites anywhere near a power line. A tragedy, he said, was narrowly averted in the Sunday incident.

Fido's Hide Grows Dear As Council Eyes Ordinance

By LOIS STEWART
Every hair on Fido's hide grew dearer to his owners as more than 80 dog lovers filled the city council halls and after a two-hour long session won a tentative victory over the proposed six months' ordinance which would keep dogs in Klamath Falls confined by pen or leash.

The way things now stand, Fido has been placed on the honor system. If he, or she, as the case may be, goes to bed every night at sundown and stays there until sunrise, and if owners see that their dogs do not run at large and that unlicensed dogs are reported to the Humane society, then even the two-months ordinance, now in effect, will go by the board.

This situation was declared fair by the dog owners. Conspicuous by their absence were those who put Victory gardens, flowers, lawns and shrubs, over Fido's freedom. Only one voice was lifted in defense of such inanimate objects, but voices rose shrill and high in

Board Eyes Streamlined School Year

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—Continuation of a "streamlined" summer quarter at the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and the Portland Extension center in addition to the regular summer session was authorized by the state board of higher education at its regular meeting here today.

The institutions will be financed from funds that are expected to be provided which will (Continued on Page Two)

RAF BOMBERS HIT NUERNBERG AGAIN

Large Engine-Making Center Bashed in Night Raid

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—A strong force of RAF bombers attacked Nuernberg and targets in western Germany last night, the air ministry announced today.

Last night aircraft of the bomber command were out in strength over southern Germany with Nuernberg as the main objective, the communique said. Nuernberg was last hit by allied planes in a heavy raid on the night of February 25.

Seven bombers failed to return from last night's raid. One German plane which attempted to intercept the British bombers was shot down, the announcement said.

Nuernberg is one of the chief German centers for production of the diesel engines which power submarines and factories there also produce armored vehicles, aircraft engines, electric motors, searchlights and firing devices for mines. There is also a Messerschmitt factory at Furth in the Nuernberg area.

In the February 25 raid, the last heavy blast at the city since last August, a large force of bombers cascaded tons of explosives.

Pacific Earth Tremor Recorded
SEATTLE, March 9 (AP)—Dr. Howard A. Coombs said the University of Washington seismograph recorded a small earth tremor at 3:12 a. m. (PWT) today, apparently within 800 miles of Seattle, but did not register quakes reported last night in the eastern United States and Canada.

Perfect WAAC

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CITY EYES WATER RATE REDUCTION

Appeal Made to Slice Water Price to Gardeners

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KNOX SAYS FORCES STRONG IN SOUTH

Pacific Situation in State of Suspended Animation
WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox said today that American forces are stronger than they ever have been in the Solomon islands area while throughout the South Pacific the Japanese are having increasing difficulty in supplying their island bases.

Such losses of shipping strength as the Japanese suffered in the battle of the Bismarck sea and as they have had throughout the war due to American submarine attacks, Knox told a press conference, are all a part of the process of attrition which he said is "a most serious factor" in Japan's military future.

Without adequate shipping, the secretary explained, the Japanese cannot maintain their South Pacific bases in many instances and he added in this connection that "our submarine campaign continues to be very successful."

ROMMEL PULLS FORCES INTO MARETH LINES

Allies Destroy Fifty Nazi Tanks in Six Battles

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 9 (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel, beaten back when he attempted six assaults from the Mareth line in southern Tunisia on Saturday, has withdrawn his forces deeper into his defenses before General Bernard L. Montgomery, an allied headquarters communique announced today.

Fifty of the axis chieftain's tanks were destroyed or captured in the six short, fierce actions on Saturday, the communique said, raising the total from the previous figure of 33.

In the northern sector the Germans also were forced to withdraw yesterday after making an attack near Tamera, seven miles west of Sedjenane, the communique said. About 200 prisoners were captured before the enemy called off his attack.

(A DNB broadcast from Berlin, recorded by The Associated Press in London, said American troops had joined the British first army in the northern sector.)

About 100 miles northwest of the Mareth line, French forces occupied Tozeur, 50 miles southwest of Gafsa, above the Chott Djerid.

Allied patrols were reported operating on the outskirts of Gafsa itself, however. Rommel, smashed back in his experiment in attacking his Nemesis, the British eighth army, was said to have pulled into the high ground about Halout and to be continuing his retreat.

There was no indication that Montgomery was undertaking a (Continued on Page Two)

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WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Describing a strong free press as a vigorous spokesman of the people, Senator Brooks (R-Ill.) asked congress today to serve notice upon the administration that "will not tolerate" restrictions reducing newspaper potency.

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Brooks asserted the press accepted the WPB order in January limiting their consumption of newsprint by 10 per cent, but that efforts to add another 10 per cent curtailment were dropped when justification could not be shown.



Sustained British air blows (plane symbols) (pointers), over Germany, coastal France and Italian industrial cities; red army offensives (arrows), on the eastern front, and a "two-way squeeze" (arrows), by allies on the last enemy bridgehead in North Africa indicates how the United Nations is carrying the war to the axis. Shaded areas are axis dominated.

FRENCH PATRIOTS BATTLE IN PARIS

Shipping of French Workers Starts Rioting

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—French patriots battled openly in the streets of Paris and other French cities as the collaborationist French government shipped 50 contingents of French workers from Marseilles to Germany, Fighting French and Vichy sources reported yesterday.

Heightening unrest was reported sweeping France as the gendarmes and Vichy police attempted to fulfill a promise of 400,000 French workers for Germany made by Chief Government Pierre Laval to Adolf Hitler recently.

In Paris guerrillas overpowered corner sentries in the Rue de la Borne and seized a garage which they held for more than an hour despite determined attacks before setting a fire which destroyed all vehicles, Fighting French quarters in London said.

Twenty-three German officers were killed by guerrillas at Lille and four other attacks have been made on German-occupied buildings in the past three days, the Fighting French reported.

The Vichy radio reported the shipment of French workers without disclosing the total number of persons involved. The London "Daily Express" (Continued on Page Two)

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Americans Blast Japs On Kiska

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—American bombers blasted Japanese positions on Kiska island in the Aleutians, the navy announced today, and delivered minor raids against four Japanese bases in the Solomon area of the South Pacific Sunday night.

Navy communique No. 304 said:

"North Pacific:
"1. On March 7, U. S. heavy and medium bombers attacked Japanese positions at Kiska. Anti-aircraft fire was encountered but no enemy planes intercepted. All U. S. planes returned.

"South Pacific: (All dates are East Longitude.)
"2. During the night of March 7-8, Liberator heavy bombers carried out minor bombing attacks on Japanese installations at Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland island area, and at Vila and Rekata bay in the central Solomons. Results were not observed. All U. S. planes returned."

Cities Nearing Victory in Fight for Road Money

SALEM, March 8 (AP)—The long campaign of Oregon Cities to get a portion of gasoline tax revenues was near realization after the senate passed 19 to 11 today a house bill to give them 5 per cent of highway commission funds whenever they reach \$11,000,000.

Sen. Merle Chessman, Astoria, said the cities are entitled to part of the fund because 49 per cent of the gasoline tax money now comes from travel on city streets.

Bob Owens Takes First Salmon of Season From Rogue

GRANTS PASS, March 9 (AP)—C'est la guerre. The first salmon has been taken from Rogue river but not near Grants Pass. Bob Owens lifted a 27½-pound beauty from Owens riffle in the lower Rogue Sunday morning to capture the first salmon honor held for many years by Grants Pass fishermen.

In previous years, mud from mines has prevented early fishing in the lower Rogue but due to war restrictions, placer mines are closed this year. Mrs. Peggy Gibson of Weasau inn usually caught the first salmon here about March 15.

COMPROMISE RUMI TAX PLANS DOWNED

Ways, Means Rejects Two Skip-a-Year Tax Plans

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Two compromise proposals to the Rumi skip-a-year income tax plan that would have abated lesser amounts of 1942 tax liability were rejected today by the house ways and means committee, thus failing to break the deadlock on pay as you go taxation.

The plans rejected today were:
1. By Representative Robert (D-Va.) to abate the six per cent normal and first bracket 13 per cent surtax on the first \$2000 of 1942 income for all taxpayers. This would erase completely the 1942 federal income tax obligation for 70 per cent of the taxpayers; 90 per cent of taxpayers then would be put on a current payment basis through a withholding tax to be deducted from earnings. The ten per cent in the higher income brackets (Continued on Page Two)

Morgan Suffers Return of Old Heart Trouble

NEW YORK, March 9 (AP)—J. P. Morgan has suffered a return of his former heart trouble while at Boca Grande, Fla., and the directors of his banking house said today, "We are anxious."

Single Salary Schedule Adopted for All Teachers

The school boards in session Monday night adopted a single salary schedule which places elementary and high school teachers on the same scale determined by professional training and experience. This is the goal to which elementary teachers had been working for quite some time, according to Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp.

The schedule starts with a \$1200 minimum for teachers with two years of professional training, for example normal school training; teachers with three years professional training, \$1275.00; four year training, \$1350; masters' degree, \$1440.

REDS GAIN NORTHWEST OF VYAZMA

Germans Deny Russ Threaten Kharkov Sector

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 9 (AP)—The red army, driving west of recaptured Sychevka, the central front west of Moscow, has reached the Dnieper river northwest of the important German base of Vyazma, it was disclosed today.

A dispatch to the communist party newspaper Pravda from this sector pointed out that Russian troops pressing hard on the heels of the Germans gave them no respite and drove to the waterway which extends from the central front down through the Ukraine past Kiev and Niropetrovsk to the Black Sea.

The Russians were already east and northeast of Vyazma after advancing through Gzhatsk.

Germans Deny Progress
The German high command, in a communique recorded by the Associated Press from broadcast, said today that the German attack in the Kharkov area of Russia was still making progress and resulted in clearing the enemy from more lines of communication.

Declaring that the "winter battle in the east continues with unabated strength" but that "German troops are masters of the situation on the whole front," the German communique said numerous towns, including Valki, some 30 miles west of Kharkov, and Lyubotin, 15 miles west of Kharkov, had been taken by storm.

German broadcasts on information from the high command (Continued on Page Two)

Sheepherders to Get Break on Food Rationing

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Sheepherders and some other rural workers who don't have easy access to fresh fruits and vegetables are going to be permitted to buy more canned pork and beans and other processed foods.

This was made known today by Representative Barrett (R-Wyo.) who said office of price administration assured that the monthly 48 point ration allowance will be increased for workers who are not near a source of fresh fruits and vegetables, and hence must live largely out of cans.

The changed regulations will be announced "very shortly," the OPA told Bennett, but did not say specifically what the increase will be. He interpreted "very shortly" to mean before the end of this week.