

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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Weather News

March 16—High 81, Low 20
Precipitation as of March 10, 1943
Stream year to date 13.48
Last year 9.92 Normal 8.54

BRITISH SMACK MARETH LINE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
IN the South Seas today, MacArthur's planes are still pounding away at the Jap transports, cargo ships, etc. that are building up reinforcements in the islands to the north of Darwin...

(YOU should consult your map here. This new danger zone lies to the northwest of Australia, whereas the bulk of the recent fighting has been in the islands to the northeast...

RECALL here that for weeks before the thrilling battle of the Bismarck sea, in which the Japs lost 22 ships and 15,000 to 20,000 men, we were hearing similar reports of Jap concentrations in their adjacent islands...

THE fighting in Russia today is following the pattern of recent days. The Russians are advancing toward Smolensk, along the WEST bank of the Dnieper river, which they have already crossed...

AGAIN you should consult your map. It will tell you that so far the Germans are holding at about the same point in the far south where they succeeded in stopping the Russians in the winter fighting of a year ago...

NOTE the use here of "seem" and "appear" and similar qualifying words. We outsiders, who do not know the true inside facts, can only guess at what is in the wind, basing our guesses on what happens from day to day...

IN Tunisia, the weather is still bad and as these words are written only air and ground patrol activity are reported. The big battle that is shaping up there hasn't got under way in earnest yet.

THERE'S an interesting tale from London today to the effect that De Gaulle will soon meet Giraud in Africa. Giraud made a friendly gesture in a speech the other day, and (more)

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On the central front (top map), massed Russian troops (shading), forged westward on a drive aimed at Smolensk; while on the southern front (bottom map), Nazi forces (shading), were reported to have recaptured Kharkov. Solid lines are approximate battlefronts.

BATTLE OF BURMA FLAMES BITTERLY

U. S. Warships Bomb Jap Positions At Vila

By The Associated Press
The new battle of Burma flamed with greater intensity today as British headquarters reported 30 hours of fighting along the Mayu river, 12 miles north of Rethadaung, while American fliers ranged far and wide over the Japanese-conquered territory...

Dissatisfaction With Pay Scales Cause Absentees

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) Harold J. Gibson, American Federation of Labor representative of Pacific coast aircraft workers, told the house labor committee today "dissatisfaction with pay scales is the principal cause of absenteeism."

Frozen Cabbage Poor Meal Say Two Runaway Youths

A steaming bowl of cereal looked mighty good to two teenage boys who had existed on frozen cabbage for three days following their escape from the Woodburn training school near Salem. The boys are now recovering from their experience in the Klamath county jail awaiting arrival of authorities.

Reds Bang New Wedge at Key Base of Nazi Attack

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, March 17 (AP)—The red army has smashed another wedge westward toward the German key base at Smolensk, it was announced in the soviet noon communique today, with the capture of the railroad station of Igorievskaya and the district center of Vskhodi.

Farm Bloc Willing To Sell Reserve Wheat for Feed

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—With serious feed shortages threatened in eastern seaboard and west coast deficit areas, the congressional farm bloc today appeared willing to authorize the government to sell 100,000,000 bushels of reserve wheat for livestock feed at price levels below those which the bloc has been insisting on.

Copco Employees Get \$4500 Back Wages Under Rule

Retrospective payments totaling approximately \$4500 will be distributed to about 65 union employees of the Klamath division of the California Oregon Power company as a result of a war labor board decision this week, it was estimated Wednesday.

Americans Strike Heavily At Japs On Kiska, Munda

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The heaviest series of air attacks ever made on Japanese-held Kiska island in a single day was carried out Monday, the navy announced today, when American planes raided the Aleutians base six times between dawn and dusk.

GIRAUD DROPS LAWS AGAINST JEWS, MASONS

LONDON, March 17 (AP)—The Algiers radio said tonight that Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the fighting French, was en route to Algiers to confer with Gen. Henri Giraud on means of uniting all Frenchmen fighting the axis.

ALLIES STRIKE AT ENEMY TRANSPORTS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 17 (AP) Allied planes struck widely at enemy sea transport and bases yesterday in the developing battle of the island fringes around Australia where the Japanese are reported concentrating troops.

Service Men Get Extra Exemption in State Income Tax

SALEM, March 17 (AP)—Personal income tax returns filed with the state tax commission by any man or woman member of the nation's armed forces, including joint returns of husband and wife filed by either, will be allowed the additional \$3000 exemption voted by the recent legislature in house bill 146, signed during the session by Governor Snell, Earl L. Fisher, commissioner in charge of the income tax division, said today.

British Navy Sinks Two Supply Ships

LONDON, March 17 (AP)—British light naval forces manned by Norwegians sank two enemy supply ships in a daring raid into a Norwegian fjord at Flore harbor last Sunday, the admiralty announced today.

Gardners Urged To Attend Meeting At Fremont School

The city gardener, putting in his first Victory plot, is urged to attend a meeting Wednesday, tonight, at 8 o'clock in the Fremont school auditorium at which time O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist from Oregon State college, will be present to answer questions.

Pilot Killed in Navy Patrol Plane Crash Near Seattle

SEATTLE, March 17 (AP)—The pilot of a single-engine navy patrol plane stationed at the Sand Point naval air station was killed today as the plane crashed and burned in a wooded area near Bothell, northeast of here. His name will be withheld, 13th naval district headquarters announced, until notification of the next of kin.

Grange-Sponsored Public Power Bill Gets Green Light

OLYMPIA, March 17 (AP)—By a supreme court decision today, opponents of initiative 12, the grange-sponsored public power measure, have 90 days within which to obtain 30,000 signatures of legal voters to petitions, in which case the initiative will be referred to a vote of the people in 1944 by referendum.

Wasteland Wanderer



Relatives in Utah believed he was killed in World War I, but Donald Matheson (above), 51, told Sheriff Ray Marty of Trinidad, Colo., he had been wandering Arizona and California deserts ever since he returned from overseas 24 years ago.

Betty Hagelstein Dies Tuesday in Fall From Horse

Betty Jean Hagelstein, 9-year-old daughter of George Hagelstein, well known Algoma dairyman, was killed Tuesday afternoon when she fell from her horse in a pasture near the family home. Betty Jean was rushed to Klamath Falls but died en route.

Chamber Asks Investigation of Loggers' Food

REEDSPORT, March 17 (AP)—The Reedsport chamber of commerce today wired the Klamath Falls OPA office asking a field man to investigate reports that many Reedsport loggers plan to leave the woods because of curtailed food rations.

FSA Needs Dairy Cows in Program

PORTLAND, March 17 (AP) The farm security administration is about ready to offer a reward for information about dairymen selling first-rate cows for slaughter, Regional Director Walter A. Duffy said today.

AFL Chief Opposes Bill To Draft Civilian Labor

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) — Declaring the Austin-Wadsworth bill to draft civilian workers raises an issue of "free labor versus slave labor," William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, opposed the legislation today as imposing "involuntary servitude" on the nation's man and woman-power.

EIGHTH ARMY HITS NAZIS IN TUNISIA

Beaverbrook Declares Bizerte Conquest Not Far Off

By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
A Berlin broadcast reported today that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th army had launched an assault against the 60-mile-long Mareth line in Southern Tunisia, and Lord Beaverbrook declared in London that "I think the conquest of Tunis and Bizerte is not far off."

Senate Votes to Defer Farm Help From Induction

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP) The senate voted 51 to 24 today for legislation directing local draft boards to defer from military service all men employed substantially full time on farms raising essential war crops.

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