

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

July 5—High 87, Low 50
Precipitation as of June 28, 1943
Summer year to date 17.78
Last year 13.15 Normal 11.90

NAVAL BATTLE ROARS IN PACIFIC

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE has been (maybe still is) a naval fight of some sort in the Solomons.

It seems to have started this morning Solomons time, which would be yesterday morning U. S. time. (We have to remember that when it's today here it's tomorrow in the Solomons, which are west of the international dateline.)

ON the basis of sketchy information available as this is written, the fight involves only light units (cruisers and destroyers.) It occurred in Kula Gulf, an inlet between islands north of the Jap airfield at Munda, which we are attacking.

Brief naval communiques so far issued indicate that we suffered some damage (loss of one destroyer is announced) but are believed to have done still more damage to the Japs. The destroyer was torpedoed by a Jap submarine.

Washington thinks the battle is probably over now, and was NOT a showdown test for control of the South Pacific.

WE may be probably that our navy is probably looking for a showdown fight with the Japs, which means that BOTH fleets are maneuvering for the advantage. It's true of all war, but in naval war particularly the idea is to catch the other fellow short and blow him out of the water with superior strength.

We're trying to work that system on the Japs, and at the same time they're trying to work it on us. So far, only light units (cruisers and destroyers) have made contact.

A REAL fight, involving everything from battleships down, may develop at any moment.

WE seem to have won command of Vangunu island (see map). Vangunu in itself isn't important, but is needed as an approach to New Georgia island, where the Jap airfield is located.

Jap opposition on Vangunu is described today as much more determined than on Rendova, which we took in a few hours of fighting.

ON the central Russian front, the Germans appear to have started something they couldn't finish.

They launched a hard attack along the front from Orel to Belgorod (see map), a distance of about 165 miles, and apparently ran into a hornet's nest. The Russians assert this morning that they killed 10,000 Germans, smashed 738 Nazi tanks, including a number of the big 80-ton Tigers, and downed more than 200 German planes.

That means fighting on a big scale.

THE Germans started out talking big about fighting that was spreading rapidly and "assuming ever greater violence," and wound up with a denial from the Berlin radio that it was an offensive.

One guesses (maybe hopes would be a better word) they started out to put on a battle that would give them something to brag about at home and ran into something they hadn't expected.

IN the Mediterranean, we're still bombing Sicily and Sar-

Synthetic Tires for All

SEATTLE, July 6 (AP)—Synthetic rubber tires for general civilian use probably will be available by April, P. W. Mitchell, chairman of the board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, asserted yesterday.

Here to study production problems of war industries, Litchfield said: "By October this country's out-

Reds Throw Back German Armor

FLYING FORTS LEAD ATTACK ON SARDINIA

Aerial Smash on Axis Enters Third Day

By RELMAR MORIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 6 (AP)—Allied air forces, spearheaded by U. S. Flying Fortresses which shot down 41 enemy fighters over Gerbini, struck paralyzing blows at axis resistance yesterday over Sicily and Sardinia.

It first was announced that the Fortresses had shot down 30 fighters but tonight it was stated officially after complete checking and comparison of pilots' reports that the score was 41, sending the axis losses for 24 hours to a total of 53.

Twelve allied planes were lost. Third Day
The smashing aerial offensive against the Italian outpost islands went through its third straight day with bombers leading over Gerbini, Marsala, Lt. (Continued on Page Two)

Death Knell of Guffey Coal Act Heard in House

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—A death certificate for government regulation of the soft coal industry, under the Guffey bituminous coal act drafted seven years ago in an administration effort to stabilize the industry, was signed in effect today by the house rules committee.

By majority vote, the committee tabled a proposal to extend the act's life beyond its present August 23 expiration date until January 1.

Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) said the rules committee's decision meant that the stopgap resolution could not be brought up before congress leaves, probably later this week, for a summer recess. The lawmakers plan to return in September after the act has expired.

Osborne Reports to Tulelake On Seed Potato Ceiling Conference

TULELAKE—Potato growers in this area were enthusiastic over a report given Monday night at a meeting of the Tulelake Potato Growers association by G. W. Osborne following his return from a seed potato ceiling conference conducted recently by Washington officials in Denver.

Osborne advised 40 members of the association that he was assured growers would get \$1 to \$1.50 over the ceiling for seed in 1944. It was pointed out that Tulelake was one of the few districts represented which took a complete production cost record



Raymond "Buster" Ivory, on an exhibition ride on "Satan," hit the dust in a thrill performance at Klamath Buckaroo Days rodeo Sunday afternoon. A few moments after this picture was taken, "Buster" was moved from the arena by stretcher suffering from a severe fracture of the left shoulder which, in this shot, is tearing up quite a bit of the arena floor. Ivory halls from Canby, Calif. (Helfrich).

RODEO CHIEF EVENT ON KLAMATH FOURTH

Conlon on Abner Gets First in Bronc Riding

Klamath county settled down Tuesday after a three-day celebration of the Fourth of July. Chief among events in the vicinity was the rodeo held Sunday and Monday.

Monday wound up the Buckaroo Days celebration with Jack Conlon riding Abner to finish first in the finals of saddle bronc riding.

Spills during the day did not account for any injuries, and the (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball		
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	R.	H. E.
St. Louis	4	9 2
Philadelphia	0	3 1
Gumbert and W. Cooper;		
Kraus, Mathewson (9) and Livingston.		
Cincinnati	0	6 0
Boston	1	6 1
Starr and Mueller; Javary and Klutz.		

Latourette to Hear Motion in Mae Short Case

Several witnesses have been subpoenaed by the defense to appear in circuit court Friday, July 9, when Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City who has been assigned to hear the case of the State of Oregon vs. Mae K. Short, will be here to rule on a motion to quash indictment submitted by the defendant through her attorney, J. H. Carnahan.

New Life Seen For FCIC by House Conferees

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—House conferees on a \$366,000,000 deficiency appropriations bill agreed today, Senator McKellar (D-Tenn.) said, that they would submit to the house for a vote a senate amendment designed to revoke yesterday's death sentence for the federal crop insurance corporation.

Keith Powers Killed During Tank Maneuvers

SPRAGUE RIVER—Sprague River folk were saddened to learn of the sudden death of Corporal Hollis Keith Powers, 31, the first young man to enter the service from that community. Powers was killed June 25 in a motor crash near Pomona, Calif., while on desert maneuvers with a tank destroyer unit.

"Vacation Gas" Permitted

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown announced today relaxation of the pleasure driving ban in the 12 northeastern states to permit one vacation trip this summer.

KLAMATH PROJECT ALLOWED \$420,000

Work on Reclamation Unit Still Frozen By WPB

The Klamath project of the United States bureau of reclamation came in for \$420,000 in the interior department appropriations bill for \$120,000,000, it was learned here today following word from Washington.

Senate and house conferees reached final agreement Monday night on the bill which includes funds for continuance of work on various western irrigation projects.

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Two Klamath Men Injured in Cycle Accident Monday

Injured and in serious condition in the Grants Pass hospital are Donald W. Baker, 25, and Carl Irwin Baker, 19, both of Klamath Falls. The two were hurt in a motorcycle accident near Grants Pass on Monday.

Japs Suffer Heavy Damage In Kula Gulf

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—The navy reported today that on the basis of incomplete information the United States fleet apparently had caused the Japanese very heavy damage in the battle of Kula gulf.

Details of the action, fought yesterday (Solomon islands time) and apparently all over now, still were lacking, but there was no disposition in authoritative quarters here to consider it as a major encounter with decisive bearing on the Solomons campaign.

The impression prevailed rather that it was an action between fairly light surface forces of cruisers and destroyers. Whether bombing planes participated was not known.

A navy communique said that "sufficient details have not been received to give the results of this engagement, but it is believed that, while some damage was suffered by the United States force, considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy."

At the same time the navy announced that the United States destroyer Strong was torpedoed and sunk Sunday night while engaged in a previously announced bombardment of Japanese installations at Vila and Biaroko on Kula Gulf, which lies between New Georgia island and Kolombangara island in the Munda air base area.

The naval engagement, first announced last night, followed that bombardment.

The 2100-ton destroyer Strong, commissioned only last year, carried a normal complement of about 250 men. She was an exceptionally large vessel, being in the destroyer leader class. She was commanded by Commander Joseph Harold Wellings of East Boston, Mass. Whether he survived was not reported nor was any estimate given of the loss of life.

Presumably the vessel was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine boldly operating within the narrow and dangerous limits of the Kula Gulf.

SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, July 6 (AP)—American forces have gained control of Vangunu island, southeast of New Georgia, in addition to Rendova. (Continued on Page Two)

July Bond Drive Nets \$10,000 in Saturday Auction

Passage of the first \$10,000 mark in the July bond drive goal of \$300,000 was accomplished during the Fourth of July weekend at a Main street auction on Saturday afternoon and the arena auction Sunday afternoon at the rodeo.

Martha McCollum of the Business and Professional Women's club is chairman of the auction committee and announced the results Tuesday morning.

Major portion of the fund was raised during the entertainment of Saturday afternoon at the corner of Eighth and Main streets, bringing in \$7775.

Among those assisting with the entertainment, broadcast from a truck platform, were the four Buck boys who formed an accordion quartet, a marimba (Continued on Page Two)

R. P. Breitenstein Injured in Fall From Horse Monday

R. P. Breitenstein, Klamath county pioneer, suffered painful injuries late Monday morning when he fell from his horse while driving cattle near the home place at Keno.

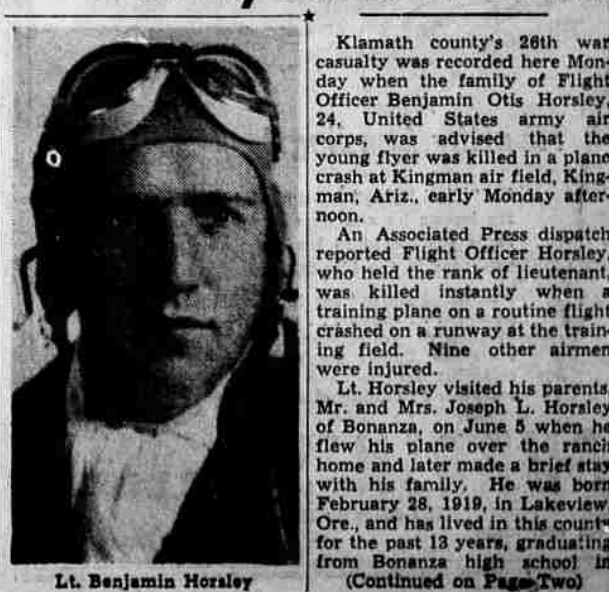
Breitenstein is a patient at Klamath Valley hospital. He suffered head and facial injuries and also hurt his leg.

Flight Officer Benjamin Horsley Killed in Crash

Klamath county's 26th war casualty was recorded here Monday when the family of Flight Officer Benjamin Otis Horsley, 24, United States army air corps, was advised that the young flyer was killed in a plane crash at Kingman air field, Kingman, Ariz., early Monday afternoon.

An Associated Press dispatch reported Flight Officer Horsley, who held the rank of lieutenant, was killed instantly when a training plane on a routine flight crashed on a runway at the training field. Nine other airmen were injured.

Lt. Horsley visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Horsley of Bonanza, on June 5 when he flew his plane over the ranch home and later made a brief stay with his family. He was born February 28, 1919, in Lakeview, Ore., and has lived in this county for the past 13 years, graduating from Bonanza high school in (Continued on Page Two)



Lt. Benjamin Horsley