

AMERICANS ROLL UP HUGE VOTE

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Oregon: Open	Wednesday Shooting Hours	5:00	
Tulelake: Open	7:00	Close	5:30

NEW MEXICO, KANSAS GIVE DEWEY LEAD

Incomplete Returns Fail to Establish Trend of Vote

By The Associated Press
Governor Thomas E. Dewey took leads in early and inconclusive counting in Kansas and New Mexico late today, as election officials dug into a probable 50,000,000 record vote total.

The returns in those two states, as well as scattered counts in half a dozen others, were too fragmentary, however, to establish a trend.

The first reports on service votes, gave a lead to President Roosevelt in a New Jersey county which went republican in 1940.

Returns
The popular vote in first returns from Kansas was Dewey 4453, and Roosevelt 3031. Dewey led 1237 to 1029 in initial New Mexico returns.

Cuttyhunk, Mass., which Roosevelt carried in 1940 by 13 votes, gave Dewey 23 to 14 for the president.

Otherwise, early fragmentary returns from what may be a record presidential vote of 50,000,000 fell pretty much into the 1940 pattern, with slight variations hinted here and there.

Unprecedented
Across the country, men and women flocked to the polls in numbers unprecedented for early voting. In New York's Bronx and Manhattan districts, 65 to 70 per cent of the registered vote was cast by 3 p. m.

The first report of servicemen's absentee voting came from Hunterdon county, New Jersey. It gave Roosevelt 130 and Dewey 120 out of the first 250 ballots tabulated. The county as a whole went for Wendell L. Willkie by 10,293 to 7886 four years ago.

The country-wide service vote is expected to run well over 3,000,000. Many states polls indicated it may be decisive.

First to Report
Three Massachusetts towns were among the first in the country to report their vote.

New Ashford gave Dewey 22 (Continued on Page Three)

RECORD NUMBER TREKS TO POLLS

Klamath voters, apparently in record numbers, were on the march to the polls today.

Favorable weather conditions prevailed, but it was high interest in the national election that was obviously attracting an unusually large voting volume.

Total voter registration in the county is 21,268, and it appeared that possibly 70 per cent of these voters would mark their ballots before 3 p. m. this evening, poll closing time.

Heavy Vote
Precinct 6, voting at the First Presbyterian church, reported 108 ballots cast at 1 p. m. today.

Precinct 27, voting at the residence of Dr. Peter Rozendal on Crescent avenue, had 77 votes at that time. The vote in precinct 22, voting at the Balsiger garage, was 96 at noon. These are scattered indications of a heavy vote.

Counting boards went to work at 1 p. m., instructed to count absentee and federal soldier ballots along with the residential ballots. In Klamath county, and throughout Oregon, the result of the soldier vote will be known simultaneously with the resident vote, and will not be reported separately.

Plans Made
Preparations were underway this afternoon to gather and tabulate unofficial returns of the (Continued on Page Three)

Events Slated For Anniversar

The 169th birthday anniversary of the marine corps is observed at the Marine barracks with the following celebrations:

Thursday, Nov. 8
8 to 12 midnight, enlisted men's birthday ball, gymnasium.

Friday, Nov. 10
12 noon, Dinner in mess hall for enlisted men and their immediate families.

3 to 5 p. m. Open house, Mess hall, some of the barracks, various buildings including the post exchange, and gymnasium and hostess house, open to public.

4:15 p. m. Parade. Thirty prominent citizens and families guests of honor.

5 to 7 p. m. Informal tea dance and reception at officers' mess, for parade guests and officers of the post.

9 to 12 midnight, Officers' birthday ball, commissioned officers' quarters.

Jap Warships Caught Near Manila, Sunk

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Nov. 7 (AP)—Six warships of Japan's sea-sky fleet were caught near Manila and sunk or damaged Sunday (Philippines time), by Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers of the U. S. 3rd fleet.

The raid, just disclosed by the navy, raised to at least 86 the total enemy warships sunk or damaged since Gen. Douglas MacArthur landed October 20 in the central Philippines.

Striking at a mustering point for counterblows against MacArthur's invasion scene, the carrier planes definitely sank a sub chaser, probably sank a heavy cruiser, damaged a light cruiser and three destroyers and wiped out nearly 200 enemy aircraft in day and night attacks.

The sub chaser went down off the southeast coast of Luzon. The other five were caught by surprise in Manila bay. The big cruiser was enveloped in flames and started sinking after being hit several times by bombs and torpedoes.

Airfields Devastated
Equally important in relation to the invasion operations on Leyte, the Clark, Batangas, Lipa, Legaspi and Lubang airfields were devastated. These fields, together with others under attack by MacArthur's land forces, have been springing air attacks against Yank air bases and docks on Leyte.

Fifty-eight out of 80 Nipponese planes were shot out of the sky over Clark field by day and three more at night. Twenty-five enemy planes were shot down elsewhere over Luzon and five while seeking to attack the carriers.

Legal Status of Bussman Challenged in Council

The legal position of A. H. Bussman, councilman from Ward 1, was challenged Monday night by Mayor John H. Houston.

City Attorney J. H. Carnahan's ruling on his interpretation of the city charter, advised the council that Bussman was automatically disqualified by his removal from one ward to another.

Bussman moved from Ward 1 to Ward 5, on June 4. At the regular council meeting, June 5, Bussman advised the council of his transfer of residence, raising the question of his own status.

According to minutes of that meeting, read for benefit of the press last night, the mayor and other members of the council requested that Bussman "serve as a member of the council until a successor is elected and qualified."

With this understanding, Bussman has remained on the council, has introduced ordinances, voted, entered into discussion of pertinent matters, and continued to act as legal representative of Ward 1.

Following the mayor's challenge as to the legality of Bussman's place on the council, the matter was referred to the city attorney who, in turn, read parts of the city charter, none of which dealt specifically with the removal of a councilman while in office.

"Like to Finish"
Bussman then advised the group that he would be glad to work with the council and continue to act as legal representative of Ward 1.

Stable Approved For Barracks
Construction of a stable for 40 horses at the Klamath Falls Barracks has been officially approved, it was reported to the Klamath county chamber of commerce today by Guy Cordon, U. S. senator.

Secretary of the navy has given approval of the project, to cost \$10,800. Horses at the Barracks are used for recreation and fire patrol purposes.

Marine Corps History Outdates That of United States

Founded 169 years ago by an act of the Continental Congress, the United States marine corps is celebrating its anniversary Friday, November 10, as the nation's oldest military force.

Leathernecks stationed at the Barracks here will observe the birthday with appropriate ceremony, holding an open house for the public beginning at 3 p. m. Friday. A program is being arranged, and a parade at 4:15 will wind up events for the public.

Long History
The history of the marine corps, extending further back than that of the United States as a nation, is typified by the traditional heroism and gallantry of the corps, from the major beginning in 1778, when the

CLOSE RANGE FIGHT RAGES IN VOSSENACK

Doughboys Battle in Village Church Near Aachen

By WILLIAM FRYE
LONDON, Nov. 7 (AP)—A fierce, swaying battle raged today in the center of Vossenack, strategic town barring the American path to the Cologne plain, with doughboys holding the lower end of the mile-and-a-half-long village 13 miles southeast of Aachen.

Germans and Americans were fighting hand-to-hand in a church in the heart of Vossenack, and bombers and artillery were beating at nazis in houses in the northern section, a front dispatch declared.

Win Part of Town
A supreme headquarters dispatch earlier said first army troops had won back the last half of the town, lost to a German counterattack Monday, but front dispatches said fighting of unexcelled bitterness continued there and near the flanking towns of Hurtgen and Schmidt.

"The Germans have strengthened the already formidable forces they had," in Vossenack, said an Associated Press correspondent just outside the town, "and now the struggle is as savage as was the struggle for Aachen, and one of much greater scope."

Strong holds
German strength also was built up around German-held Schmidt, 15 miles southeast of Aachen. Vossenack, Schmidt and Hurtgen were strongpoints (Continued on Page Three)

KLAMATH'S 6TH WAR LOAN QUOTA UPPED

Klamath county's quota in the 6th War Loan has been raised from \$3,126,000 to \$3,300,000, by state headquarters and accepted by the local committee, it was announced Tuesday.

This is an increase over the original figure announced last week, of \$174,000.

Myrtle C. Adams, chairman of the 6th War Loan which is being handled by the Lions club, said that \$900,000 of the county's quota would have to be met in "E" bonds. The quota for the 5th War Loan in "E" bonds was \$989,000.

A kick-off breakfast for all workers will be held the morning of November 20, in the Willard hotel, Adams stated. Bond headquarters will be in the Vox theatre building with personnel announced later.

Klamath's quota has been upped, in the opinion of war finance committee members, because this community has always gone "over the top."

London Papers Predict FDR Win

LONDON, Nov. 7 (AP)—Most London newspapers carried stories today predicting President Roosevelt's victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the United States presidential election.

The Financial Times, asserting interest in the London stock market in the election was "purely academic," added that "it is taken for granted that President Roosevelt will again be returned and probably by a handsome surplus."

PILOT KILLED NEAR BEND

PORTLAND, Nov. 7 (AP)—The death of Lt. Byron R. Greenway, 20, in the crash of his fighter plane 10 miles east of Bend was disclosed today by Portland army base.

Greenway, of Hot Springs, Ark., was stationed at Redmond air base, and was on a routine combat training flight when the crash occurred yesterday afternoon.

Political Placards Have Done Their Job



It was all over but the voting and counting today, and here William Kunz, chairman of the Junior chamber of commerce paper drive, is shown gathering up political posters for the war effort. Democratic, republican, and individual candidate posters all were collected to go into the waste paper program. So many were the posters this year that one candidate wanted to know if this was a poster contest or an election.

Doughboys Continue Drive. On Last Jap Post on Leyte

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Nov. 7 (AP)—American battle veterans, already four miles south of Carigara Bay, continued an unchecked advance today through Japanese mountain defenses on the twisting highway toward Ormoc and the finale of the Leyte island campaign.

Ormoc, last Japanese stronghold on the island, was 16 miles away, after the determined 24th division beat off three night counterattacks and punched beyond Limon, on the mountain pass road.

Well-equipped Japanese reinforcements were somewhere along the shell-raked highway through Ormoc valley, waiting perhaps to launch a final attack which is expected to produce some of the campaign's fiercest battles.

While these fresh troops waited, infantrymen of the original Japanese garrison swarmed from strong hill positions in three fanatical, banzai charges against the American perimeter four miles from the coast.

All were repulsed bloodily, without denting the American lines.

The Yanks were driving through Japanese positions in what today's communique termed "favorable defense terrain." Long-range artillery aided the advance, pounding the Nipponese along the valley and in Ormoc.

The southern end of the Ormoc trap presumably also was closing tighter, although the communique made no mention of the 7th division, which was some 12 miles south of the port city at last report.

Worker Injured In Knife Clash

Bruce Stepp, 2101 Darrow, Big Lakes employe, is in Hillside hospital suffering from knife wounds and Otto Ferroni, 3537 Boardman, fellow worker, is in the county jail, as the result of an altercation which occurred at noon Wednesday while the men were eating lunch in the Big Lakes pond house.

Ferroni is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. He will appear before Justice J. A. Mahoney on Wednesday. Physicians said Stepp's condition was not serious.

BLAZE LEVELS MACHINE SHOP SOUTH OF CITY

\$15,000 Loss Caused By Monday Night Conflagration

Loss of more than \$15,000 in equipment and supplies was suffered at 10:35 Monday night when fire leveled a 75-foot machine shop at the Weyl-Zuckerman ranch, 14 miles south of Klamath Falls on the Merrill road.

M. Zuckerman, president of the company, said Tuesday that prompt work on the part of the county fire fighting equipment kept flames from spreading to adjacent buildings.

The machine shop was used up until 10 o'clock Monday night by men on the ranch and cause of the fire was not known. The shop held an Aerocina plane, owned by H. L. McPherson, general manager of the Weyl-Zuckerman place, C. W. McPherson and John Carson. It was undergoing repairs at the time. Also lost, Zuckerman said, was a new potato sorter under construction, drill presses, lathes, hoists, machine tools and other valuable equipment. A pile of cord wood, 50 feet long by 15 feet high, caught on fire and burned to the ground.

The adjacent warehouse, 30 feet from the burning structure, was saved and company officials said this was a great saving. Some 1500 sacks of grain, at least \$10,000 in sacks, \$2000 worth of twine and other equipment, was in the building.

Zuckerman said Tuesday that he hoped to erect a fire-proof concrete-tile building to replace the machine shop lost Monday.

NAZIS REINFORCE BUDAPEST TROOPS

LONDON, Nov. 7 (AP)—Red army troops battled strongly reinforced nazi forces in the outskirts of Budapest today, spurred by Premier-Marshall Stalin's pronouncement that Hungary would soon be out of the war.

In an order of the day issued on this 27th anniversary of the soviet revolution, Stalin declared the red army and its western allies "have taken up the jumping off positions for the decisive offensive against the vital centers of Germany" and that "we now stand on the eve of complete victory."

Russian columns were fighting within two miles south of the big nazi-operated airfield in Budapest's outskirts, apparently seeking to collapse the eastern part of the city.

In a proclamation preceding the order of the day, Stalin asserted that the defeat of Hungary would signify the "complete isolation of Hitlerite Germany, and early catastrophe will follow inevitably."

Pine Beetle Infestation In Area Hits Low Point

The pine beetle infestation in the Klamath area has dropped to the lowest point in 23 years, according to F. P. Keen, senior entomologist of the Berkeley and Portland insect laboratories of the U. S. bureau of entomology and plant quarantine.

Since 1921, Keen has been studying sample pine plots established in that year in the Klamath basin. He announced the favorable report after an inspection of the plots this fall. The plots are on Weyerhaeuser and other privately owned lands, and are serviced and Indian reservation forests.

Keen said that the purpose of the work is to detect the beginning outbreak of pine beetle or other forest pests, and to determine the trend of beetle epidemics as to climatic conditions and seasons.

Annually, cruises are made, seeking, counting and marking the trees in each plot that have been infested since the previous year. From his own experience, Keen has learned what trees are susceptible to infestation. He interviewed by Charles Mack, editor of Weyerhaeuser's March magazine, he said:

"We have spent a great deal of time in the Klamath basin due to the pine beetle infestation being one of the most critical of forest devastation in the northwest."

Having tried burning, drowning, electricity treatment, penetrating oils, parasites and every other known insect destroyer, Keen has developed his own solution for preserving the pines from the beetle loggers. It has been tried by Weyerhaeuser and on "treated" areas, covering some 5000 acres. Keen reports this year, "practically no beetle infestation evident." On untreated areas his beetle infestation per section despite an all time low for the 23-year period.

His solution to the beetle problem is the salvaging of susceptible trees prior to infestation. In his own words, "We pretty well know which trees the beetles will attack so let's beat them to those trees and salvage the log."

Keen's charts show the last heavy epidemic of beetles in 1932. Since then the infestation has dropped to a low in 1937. A moderate increase was noted in 1938, '39 and '40 with a decline since. With increased moisture, trees are more vigorous and less susceptible.

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The Jap navy takes another hard jolt.
Planes from our carriers sweep over Manila, sink or damage 10 enemy warships and several cargo ships and knock out 200 enemy planes in the air and on the ground.
Of 80 Jap planes in the air over Clark field, 58 were shot down.
MANILA is a gathering point for Jap counter-attacks against MacArthur in the central Philippines. It is probable that the planes caught the Japs BUILDING UP another attack and smashed it before it got started.
October, Chennault's China-based planes sank 23 Jap ships, probably sank 15 and damaged 20—total tonnage 142,000. In addition 294 small boats (barges, etc.) were smashed.
The Japs, short on shipbuilding capacity, are using small craft in vast numbers—building them all over Japan and throughout their conquered empire. It is in small boats of this sort that they are sneaking reinforcements into Leyte.
The ships and boats smashed by Chennault were presumably operating in the South China sea, Japan's route to her island empire. When we get our air bases fully established in the Philippines, we'll be smashing Jap shipping in the South China sea from BOTH sides.
THE Japs AGAIN report our superforts over Tokyo—their first in the past few days. They seem to think they're coming from the Marianas, instead of China—which is interesting. The Jap radio says the big planes are merely looking, not bombing. That is significant. The purpose of reconnoitering is to MAP BEFORE BOMBING.
That's what is worrying the Japs.
THE British are pushing slowly southeast from Tiddim, in western Burma. Watch it. The monsoon rains, which stop heavy fighting in that part of the world, are about over.
We're acutely interested in what the British may be planning to do in this interval while we probably be slowed down to bring in more supplies.
IN western Europe, we're bringing steady pressure to bear on the Germans all the way from Switzerland to Holland—probably for weak spots (if we should FIND ONE, we'd probably HIT HARD).
A German radio commentator says today that in the current battles on the western front we are using no more than 25 per cent of our AVAILABLE forces. What he means is that we're already strong enough there to hit when we'RE READY to hit.
THE port of Antwerp has a bearing on our readiness to attack.
Antwerp was MIRACULOUSLY taken by the British with almost no destruction of its huge port facilities by the fleeing Germans. (Why, we don't yet know; maybe the Belgian underground was particularly strong there.)
Anyway, Antwerp's port installations, among the greatest in the world, are all ready and waiting for us to use as soon as we get the 50-mile channel to the sea cleared. The German guns along this channel are now ALL silenced, and today's dispatches report that our mine sweepers and DREDGES are busy clearing the channel.
THE Antwerp channel silt is badly, and has to be dredged constantly. In the four and a half years of the war the Germans have been unable to use the port, and so the channel has (Continued on Page Three)