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Weather News
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 Max. (March 21) 54 Min. 37
 Precipitation last 24 hours 7.62
 Stream year to date 7.62
 Normal 8.89 Last year 5.98
 Forecast: Occasional light rains Friday.

Rangoon Hit By 100 B-29s, Thousands Die

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
 Associated Press War Editor

A hundred or more Superforts blasted Rangoon today as millions of Japanese fled from their B-29 threatened homes in Japan and thousands of others were killed on invaded islands or aboard blockade-running ships.

The "issable task force" of India-based B-29s raiding Rangoon for the second time within a week, was acting in support of British troops who have trapped some 30,000 Nipponese in central Burma. Rangoon was their principal source of supply.

Tokyo's population has dwindled from nearly seven million to "less than four million" as non-essential civilians fled from the terror of B-29 incendiary raids, Japan's home ministers announced. Approximately 25 per cent of the population has deserted or fled from Superfortress-plagued industrial centers.

"Extraordinarily heavy" Japanese losses were reported as American infantrymen shattered the Shimbun line east of Manila in central Luzon, General Douglas MacArthur previously estimated Nipponese losses in the Philippines at 282,000. All but minor pockets of enemy soldiers were crushed by guerrillas and the U. S. 40th division on Panay in the central Philippines where Yanks captured the city of Iloilo, 70 per cent of which was destroyed by enemy-set fires and mines.

RUSSIANS OPEN NEW OFFENSIVE IN SILESIA

LONDON, March 22 (AP)—Marshal Stalin announced the start of a new Soviet offensive by Marshal Konev's first Ukrainian army southwest of Breslau in Silesia tonight and said the German force southeast of Opatowitz had been surrounded and the Czech-German border city of Neustadt captured.

The Stalin order said Konev's army advanced 25 miles and captured seven towns and 400 other places on a 30-mile front near the Czechoslovak border.

Neustadt is 55 miles southwest of Breslau and about three miles from the Czechoslovak border. Cosel, Steinau, Zuelz, Krappitz, Oberglogau and Falkenberg were other towns listed as being captured. The towns are both northwest and southeast of Neustadt.

At Neustadt two Soviet columns linked up, encircling a German group in which 15,000 Germans and 464 guns were captured, the order said.

The offensive was in the form (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Resident Passes Away

John Albert Linman, 79, for the past 35 years a resident of Klamath Falls, died at Hillside hospital at 10:45 a. m. today following an illness of the past two weeks.

Mr. Linman was born at Bolebro Rockney, Kalmor Lan, Sweden, April 29, 1865, and at the age of 17, came alone to the United States. For several years he lived in Jersey City and New York City, and later spent a period of 13 years at sea.

For a short time Mr. Linman made his home in San Francisco and was married there in 1898 to Mary Ellen Cannon. They moved from the Bay area to Klamath Falls in May, 1910, and Mr. Linman engaged in the tow-boat business on Upper Klamath lake. He built a home at the boat landing at Buena Vista and resided at that point until five years ago when he and Mrs. Linman moved to their present residence, 741 Rose.

Mr. Linman disposed of his tow-boat business on the lake in 1927, and for a time was affiliated with the California Oregon Power company. In 1938, he retired and had been at home since that time.

Mrs. Linman and one son, John P. Linman, survive as do four grandchildren, a nephew, Martin McGrath of Klamath Falls, and a niece, Delia McGrath, who arrived Tuesday from San Francisco.

A full obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Marshall Olson Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Olson of this city were advised by the war department that their son, Pvt. Marshall Olson, 33, United States army infantry, was killed in action in France on March 12.

Pvt. Olson lived in Klamath county for 19 years. He attended school at Keno, and prior to going into the service had been employed as driver for Pat's cab. He was familiarly known as "Happy." The infantryman had been overseas since February 1, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson make their home at Mills school where Olson serves as the building custodian. He is a former Big Lakes Box company employee.

Nazi Pockets Crushed

HIGH TIMBER PRODUCTION TO BE MAINTAINED

Public Agencies Allocate Stumpage For 1945 Cut

Lumber production in Klamath county will be maintained in 1945 at near the 1944 level, it was reported after a meeting here Wednesday of representatives of various public timber agencies held at the Rogue River forest office in the federal building.

Lack of manpower rather than timber, may bring about a small reduction. The 1944 cut was approximately 580,000,000 feet, and the 1945 production is expected to hit about 553,000,000.

Attending the meeting were Frank B. Lenzie, regional forester for the Indian service, Spokane; C. R. Patrie, forester, Spokane; Reese Taylor, forest supervisor, Klamath Agency; Larry Mays, Fremont forest supervisor, Karl Jannouch, supervisor, and F. G. Whitney, assistant supervisor, Rogue River national forest; Walter Lund, forester in charge of timber management, regional office, Portland; F. H. Brundage, war production board.

Purpose of the meeting was to study and allocate stumpage to maintain lumber production in the Klamath area at the highest possible war-time level. It was brought out that all mills in operation now will continue for the 1945 cutting season.

It is expected that about half the 1945 cut in the Klamath area will be on private timber, and half on public. Weyerhaeuser Timber company will dominate the private cutting, with a few other mills getting a part of all of their stumpage from private timber. In number, a majority of the mills are dependent largely on public timber.

Santo Killed In Philippines

Word has been received from the war department advising Charles M. Santo, 3810 Boardman, of the death of his brother, 7/Sgt. Hubert Santo, killed in action in the Philippines on March 8.

Sgt. Santo was a former California Oregon Power company employee here and was graduated from Medford high school with the class of 1938. He enlisted in the army infantry in 1941, one week before Pearl Harbor. Santo was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the taking of the Munda air field in the early fighting in the South Pacific.

They Usually Show Up!

Just yesterday a Klamath Falls family watched the messenger boy walk up the steps of their home, in his hand a little yellow envelope. The father and mother waited, their hearts beating furiously. Just a few weeks ago this same messenger had brought them the heart breaking word that their son, an airman, was missing in action.

They tore open the envelope. So much depended on the typewritten words they would find within!

It was good news! Their son was a prisoner of war. For the first time in weeks they smiled.

So often this has happened in Klamath county just as it has all over the nation. Parents of young men in the service should take heart from the records compiled in the Herald and News office. The missing in action messages should not drown the hopes but instead, should give them something to hold onto.

Seventeen men who have been listed as missing are now prisoners of war. Four men have made their way back to their units, although one was reported missing for seven months. A few, probably, will not be heard from for some time to come, as they hide out in enemy territory, awaiting the liberation of a conquered country by the American and Russian forces.

Speaking of the Russians, one Klamath officer was liberated by the Russians from a German prison camp just last week.

The message, "Missing in Action," is not a final one. Our men usually show up!



Advancing (solid arrows) into German-held territory (shaded) west of the Rhine, the U. S. third and seventh armies threatened (open arrows) to trap a large number of enemy troops. In the north, the American bridgehead east of the Rhine expanded to include more of the superhighway. (AP wirephoto).

New York City Night Clubs Spurn LaGuardia's Curfew

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP)—New York City's major night clubs today spurned Mayor F. H. LaGuardia's 1 a. m. curfew for the government requested midnight shut down and LaGuardia said that was all right with him.

The decision of the Allied Food and Entertainment Industries of Greater New York, comprising 35 leading cabarets and restaurants to ignore the "hour of tolerance," brought this report from the mayor:

"It's quite all right with me. I don't care how early they close."

Return of the night clubs to the midnight deadline was interpreted as a result of the war and navy department directives clamping a rigid 12 o'clock curfew on all uniformed personnel and the fear of possible government sanctions.

But, the mayor, his one-man rebellion against War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' midnight closing request apparently headed for a hollow victory, retreated a bit from his original all-out curfew extension by saying:

"As long as they stop their entertainment at 12 they are not breaking the local law."

LaGuardia, questioned as he arrived at the municipal building about reported action of citizens touring the city in search for violations of the local law setting a midnight entertainment closing, said cryptically:

"Remember, the state law allows them to sell liquor and keep a bar open until 4 a. m., but the city law requires cabarets and dance halls to close at midnight."

"If the night clubs stop their shows, they can still continue to sell liquor until 1 a. m., as long as they stop their entertainment at 12 they are not breaking the local law."

Meanwhile, the Blue network announced the mayor would defend his 1 a. m. closing in a broadcast over the network from 7 to 7:15 p. m. (EWT) today. His topic: "Why the One-Hour Tolerance For New York City."

"I know we're letting the mayor down," said Billy Rose, owner of the Diamond Horseshoe and president of the association, "but we're forced to do this. My allegiance to my country goes beyond my allegiance to the mayor."

April Showers Come in March

People and the skies wept when Wednesday's bright promise of sunshine were broken Thursday with a sad drizzle. The lion and the lamb have been bickering all month, with two to one odds on the lion. No reports from the weather man warrant a change in favorites.

Anyway crocus buds encourage Easter bonnet purchases, and to the farmers these soft snows and the descending moisture appear as pennies from heaven—so perhaps everyone is pleased with the checker-board weather.

Predictions for today, tonight and Friday are mostly cloudy with occasional light rains, and little change in temperature.

Denny Rees Upped in Rank

Dr. Denton J. Rees, Klamath dentist who is back in the U. S. after long imprisonment by the Japanese in the Philippines, has been promoted from captain to major.

Major Rees, now in Sacramento visiting his parents, will make a trip to Klamath Falls some time next week, according to Dr. C. J. Cox, his former office associate here.

ALLIES MASS STRENGTH TO BRIDGE RHINE

1st Army Troops Take 9 Miles of Sieg South Bank

By JAMES M. LONG
 PARIS, March 22 (AP)—The third and seventh armies crushed all but disorganized German pockets west of the Rhine today while allied bombers smashed by the hundreds north of the Ruhr, where the enemy said the allies had massed enormous, smoke-shrouded strength for an imminent new crossing of the river.

Only remnants remained to be cleaned up in the German chemical capital of Ludwigshafen, enveloped by the third army. A stiff fight for Mainz flared into its third day. The Germans in the Palatinate and Saarland had lost probably well over 100,000 men—68,385 in prisoners alone—and two whole armies in one of the greatest debacles in Prussian military lore.

7th Speeds North

The U. S. seventh army sped 28 miles north, passing many positions captured by the third and forming numerous lineups with the third army.

First army troops seized nine miles of the Sieg's southern bank and expanded their bridgehead to 29 miles in length and nine miles in depth. They shattered the Germans southward to within 7 1/2 miles of Coblenz.

Just north of the closing battle of the Palatinate, the first army pushed to the Sieg river at points 12 miles from the Ruhr and 13 of its large industrial (Continued on Page Two)

West Coast Terror-Tactics Keep Japs From Returning

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP)—Terror-dished out by hoodlums, arsonists and nightriders—is keeping some of the evacuated Japanese and Japanese-Americans from returning to the west coast.

Only about 1700, of the 110,000 evacuated after Pearl Harbor, have gone back. Sixty thousand still are in relocation camps, waiting to go back or to find homes elsewhere.

Terrorization, intimidation and discrimination have been used against about 1 out of every 70 evacuees who have returned. This estimate is by officials of the war relocation authority (WRA).

Stallion Hears Refrain--"Don't Fence Me In!"

PORTLAND, March 22 (AP)—Police said today they have corralled a stallion which must have heard the western refrain, "Don't Fence Me In."

The nag kept patrolmen and an ex-cowboy busy several hours last night trying to coax it off a highway. It evaded a lasso noose, ignored "giddy-up" and wouldn't budge—until ready. It finally strolled into a yard where police tethered it until morning.

William DeCew Reported Missing

Staff Sergeant William DeCew, husband of Thyra Anderson DeCew of Klamath Falls, has been missing in action since March 2 in the European theater. Mrs. DeCew was advised today.

Sgt. DeCew was a flight engineer on a B-26, who received his wings at Tyndall field, Fla., and served as an instructor before going overseas in August, 1944.

He was formerly with the state auditing department and was a graduate of the University of Oregon. He was well-known here.

Nazi Scraping



Germans certainly must have been scraping the bottom of the manpower barrel when they put the Heineke above in uniform and sent him into action on the western front. Captured in an air raid shelter at Vorst, Germany, he said he was 61 years old, had been in the army since last December.

ALLIED AIR MIGHT TURNED ON NAZIS

By HENRY B. JAMESON
 LONDON, March 22 (AP)—The full fury of allied air might was turned directly on German troops jammed into the Ruhr today as 1300 American heavy bombers blasted nine of the largest army camps in western Germany and five more airfields near the front.

Incomplete reports indicated that more than 7000 warplanes were taking a crack at German targets.

Fourteen waves of Fortresses and Liberators were protected by 700 Mustangs in the attacks on camps and air bases in the Ruhr. The Mustangs also patrolled the sky or other widespread air operations ranging from the North Sea to Austria.

The tactical air commands thus were able to throw their full weight into the merciless bomb and rocket offensive which Gen. Eisenhower had warned was coming.

The weather again favored the airman, and so many hundreds of aircraft were flashing in all directions over the reich that the Nazi radio finally gave (Continued on Page Two)

Y's News

FRANK JENKINS
 Tokyo radio, we get today a glimpse of Jap strategy. Premier Koiso, urging virtual law throughout the Japanese land, says: "We must either win or we shall ALL die. The same terror drive has been used by the nazis in the fighting in Germany far beyond the point of hope and hopeless German defeat."

The Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri-Hochi adds:

"A hundred million Japs are being trained to DIE in defense of beloved homeland."

Japs hope, by threatening an endless series of Iwo Jima bluffs us into giving up in a milder peace. Even their fanatical generals (their heads are gone and their admirals admitted) know that utter defeat is ultimately certain if the goes on.

Japs are fleeing by the MILLIONS from their air-bombarded big cities. Tokyo is being bombed by the Jap home minister to be down already from 10 million to less than FOUR million.

"B-29s are proving that the cities are death traps."

The Philippines, Panay is being much in our hands. Guerrillas had about wiped up except for the city of Iloilo. The Japs had 70% of the city by fire and mines. Demolition squads seem to be slipping a cog, falling to the city's harbor facilities. The docks are said to have been captured by us practically.

Manila, the death-shimbu line has been broken, with immense Jap losses and capture by us of quantities of supplies the yellow men had assembled in the hope of standing us off.

There's a minor but significant item in the news today. BPPINE-BASED Mitchell smashes a 6-ship Jap convoy near AMOY, on the China coast. Already, you see, we're in the South China sea.

Burma, 100 or more of our B-29s raid Rangoon for the third time this week. The raid have some 30,000 Japs near Mandalay, central Burma, and Rangoon is principal source of supply. Irrawaddy valley below Mandalay HAS OIL.

Europe, Armageddon moves by the hour.

In the Saar and the Palatinate of the Rhine) Patton and his have DESTROYED two armies—this feat rank-Continued on Page Six)

Lake Man Missing in Action

BLAKE—Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. Karl G. Tulelake that their son, Corporal Keith S. Gentry, marine corps, was wounded in action on Iwo Jima recently.

21-year-old youth is with the 1st division of the marines, and has been in the service over a year. He holds the Silver Star for his action on Bougainville. When the paratroopers were disbanded, Gentry returned to his country on a 30-day furlough and visited his parents at home before returning to the theater of war.

Word from their son was received by Mr. and Mrs. Gentry on March 7, stating that he was hospitalized for a wound in his leg, but no further details given by him. Another word was received from the Red Cross stating that the boy's condition was not serious, and that he would not be shipped home.

Dismissed Damage Suit

Jury in the \$15,000 damage suit brought by T. W. Lawrence, G. W. Gladitsch, was dismissed by Circuit Judge David H. Gentry after the attorney for defense had asked for a verdict from the bench.

Request for a directed verdict and Judge Vandenberg rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff for a period of 90 days as requested by U. S. Valentine and Perkins, and Gladitsch by H. Sismore.