

# FERTILIZERS BOUGHT FOR SPUD GROWERS

Recent wires received at the county agent's office from U. S. Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon indicate that every effort is being made to secure additional ammonium phosphate fertilizer for spud growers in the Klamath valley.

Senator Cordon advises that he has taken the matter up with Ward Noble, president of the Pacific Guano company, relative to cancellation of fertilizer contracts to growers in the Klamath valley.

Noble states that his company is making every effort to secure additional tons. All commitments of this company to Klamath growers will be completed April 1, in case he secures allotment.

Cordon indicates that WFA and WPA officials are conferring an effort to secure an additional allotment for this district.

Senator Cordon strongly commends that every possible effort to substitute fertilizer be made in case all efforts fail for commercial fertilizer.

R. T. Beechiner, superintendent of the livestock buying company at Malin, a division of Safety Stores, Inc., has informed county agent and the WFA that there is over 12,000 tons of manure accumulated in their yards at Malin that could be used as fertilizer.

The county agent's office has been informed from Willard Noble, a member of the national fertilizer advisory board, that his company and the board are making every possible effort to relieve fertilizer shortages when they occur in critical war needed crops.

The Klamath county agent's office has pointed out shortages existing in the area to smaller and medium sized growers who need their orders but did not get delivery last fall, indicate greatly reduced acreage of potatoes and the yields as well. It has been emphasized that production since the start of the

# WAR HAS MADE NECESSARY THE PRODUCING OF POTATOES CONTINUOUSLY ON THE SAME LAND LONGER THAN NORMAL OR GENERALLY RECOMMENDED AS GOOD FARMING PRACTICES, THEREBY REQUIRING FERTILIZER IF A REASONABLE CROP IS TO BE PRODUCED.

## AMERICAN CARRIER BISMARCK SEA SUNK

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flitted on air installations at seven cities on Kyushu island, including two of Japan's most important naval air stations at Omura and Kanoya.

**Bismarck Sea Lost**

The Bismarck Sea was lost two days after the marine invasion of Iwo Jima when Japanese planes "as thick as flies" attacked the supporting naval force. Nimitz reported most of the jeep carrier's crew—some 1000 men—were rescued, but Capt. John Lockwood Pratt said "many" died from explosions, fire, drowning and by Japanese planes strafing men bobbing helplessly in the water.

Associated Press War Correspondent Bob Geiger reported another baby flattop was damaged in the attack.

In the most significant action in the Philippines the 33rd U. S. Infantry division clashed in on Baguio, reported headquarters of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita. The Yanks took a heavy toll of Nipponese in a pitched battle 15 miles northwest of Baguio, then waded across Naguilian river to seize Naguilian town and airfield.

## Evacuated Jap Returns to Job

ASTORIA, March 24 (AP)—The first Japanese to return to this area was back at his stove today. John Marakiawa, Astoria resident for 40 years, resumed the position of cook at St. Mary's hospital which he held before his evacuation from the coast.

To See Son—Mrs. Frances Waits of 4606 Peck, is in Alameda, Calif., visiting her son, S. I. Raymond F. Waits, Raymond's wife, Virginia, and son Jimmie, accompanied Mrs. Waits. She is expected home the early part of the week.

# 2 LANDLORDS MAKE RENTAL REFUNDS HERE

Refunds for rental overcharges have been made by two Klamath landlords, according to Charles Kaufman, OPA enforcement attorney, who pointed out that the OPA is making every effort to hold the line on rents which take about 17 percent of the average family's expenditures.

W. D. Miller, manager of the Willard hotel at 205 Main, paid \$25 to the U.S. treasurer for overcharges on one room, the rental of which was frozen at \$25 per month. He had charged \$30 for five months.

Mrs. Esther Cleo Blanton of the Hart hotel at 628 Main, refunded \$34.76 to six tenants, and paid \$6 to the U.S. treasurer, because tenants could no longer be located. She had allegedly overcharged eight tenants from 50 cents to \$1.00 per week over a two months period.

## The Road to Berlin

By The Associated Press

Eastern front: 32 miles (from Zelin).

Western front: 265 miles (from Mainz).

Italian front: 544 miles (from Reno river).

**Daughter of Oregon Pioneers Passes**

PORTLAND, March 24 (AP)—The daughter of the Oregon pioneers for whom the town of Hubbard, Ore., was named, will be buried here Monday.

Mrs. Flora Lewis, 96, daughter of Eli and Elizabeth Hubbard, died here Tuesday. She was born near Salem, at the family farm adjoining the farm where the late Sen. Charles L. McNary's parents lived.

# ALLIED FORCES STRIKE AERIAL BLOW AT REICH

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after hundred, flying so low that every detail could be seen from below.

Before daybreak, swarms of medium and light bombers had worked over the German's defenses on the eastern Rhine bank. Even before that, pilots said the whole great Muenster box north of the Ruhr was a land of death, with towns blazing like funeral pyres and roads without a sign of movement.

After the first wave of transport planes sped over the southern English coast there was a pause, and then another huge wave of gliders came, towed by British Sterling bombers. Veterans of the cave cliffs of Dover who had withstood bombings, shelling, robot bombings and the fear of invasion, watched the armada black out the sun. The thunder of bombers across the channel shook houses.

The U. S. eighth air force sent 1050 Fortresses and Liberators and 850 fighters against the Nazi airfields, and jet-plane bases, ahead of Montgomery's operations. These were in the area of Achmer, Vechta, Vechtel, Rheine, Hesepe, Nordhorn, Steenwijk, Zwischenahn, Plantlunne, Varelbusch and Varel. Fighters fanned out, shooting up targets of opportunity.

A huge force of British heavy bombers smashed at the northern Ruhr during the night, and pilots declared whole towns and villages were "burning like torches."

Fifty-three spots in the Ruhr area hammered repeatedly during the last three days were blasted for more than an hour today, starting at 8 a. m. by 400 Marauders and Havocs of the U. S. ninth bombardment division.

The British-based allied air fleets crossed the English coast in mass formation bigger than any one armada that supported D-day landings in Normandy last June 6.

## CITY BRIEFS

**Word From Son**—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Myers, 2026 Applegate, have received a letter from their son, Pvt. William C. (Bill) Myers, somewhere in France. He writes that he is well and seeing plenty; is somewhat confused by the size of the French money, as it is so bulky and so small in value. He asked that his school friends write to him, and his address is ASN39344650, Infantry, Co. L., 2nd platoon, APO 15785, care PO, New York City, New York.

**Meeting Postponed**—The social meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America, scheduled to be held Monday, March 26, in the parish hall, has been postponed because of Lent until Wednesday, April 4. At this time there will be open house for new candidates.

**Blood Types Taken**—Local technicians typed 41 men at the Eagles meeting Tuesday night, March 20. These blood types were classified for the local hospital file. Clarence Groves and Andy Meek are on the committee in charge of the blood typing for the Eagles.

**To San Jose**—Harry D. Boivin, Klamath Falls attorney, left today for San Francisco and San Jose, where he will spend several days visiting his family. Mrs. Boivin and children are spending the winter in the south.

**Joins Coast Guard**—Robert Johnson, 17, son of Arthur E. Johnson of 705 Cook, left Friday, March 16, for Los Angeles, and is now located at Manhattan Island, New York, where he is receiving training in the coast guard.

**Fairview Sale**—War stamps and bonds sold at the weekly sale at Fairview school on Thursday amounted to \$120.70, according to reports.

The death rate from childhood diseases has been reduced 93 percent during the last 20 years; scarlet fever claiming 90 percent fewer victims, whooping cough and measles 80 percent fewer, diphtheria 96 percent fewer and tuberculosis and pneumonia claiming 75 percent fewer.

# KUHS ANNUAL CONCERT FINE PERFORMANCE

By LOIS STEWART

Klamath Falls need bend its knee to no man as far as music in the city schools is concerned. Evidence of just what a long range music program means was presented Thursday and Friday nights in Klamath Union high school auditorium when the music department of KUHS appeared in the annual spring concert.

Packed houses both nights greeted the youngsters who performed like professionals, worked like beavers, and as a result gave to the admiring friends, parents, and just plain minded lovers two evenings of the finest entertainment possible.

Every person in the audience last night, and the same must have been true of Thursday, (even those sitting in the aisles), found music to their liking. Instrumental numbers, the lovely blending of voices, the thrilling tones of the a cappella choir, straight through to the stirring strains of martial music, combined to deliver on a silver platter a program which even overshadowed last year's performance.

The evening opened with John Best directing the orchestra which introduced "Hillbilly" from the suite "Americana," by Morton Gould. This was especially well accepted although many responded to the excellent performance of the Brahms' favorite, "Hungarian Dance No. 5."

Steve Stone in a trombone solo, "Love's Enchantment," and Marjorie Huskinson, in a tenor saxophone solo, both accompanied by Barbara Zinn at the piano, gave outstanding performances and were instances of the splendid individual work as accomplished by students of the music department.

Right here should be given a plug for Barbara Zinn who has faithfully accompanied groups and individuals for the past two years. Last night and Thursday, Barbara was given a spot of her own when she turned in a beautiful job as piano soloist with the concert band. Her work in "La Ronquette," by Bennett, was professional.

Five numbers by the Girls' Glee club, also directed by John Best of the music department, were done in high style and offered a wide range of favorites. Louise Reed was an excellent accompanist.

The robbed a cappella choir, of which Klamath Falls is so rightly proud, was greeted with a round of applause. Opening with "Tenebrae Factae Sunt" and closing with the encore, "Gloria In Excelsis," the choir performed with an artistry rarely found among high school students. Andrew Loney Jr., director of music in the schools, directed this group. The youngsters, who sing for the love of singing, compare with anything in the state of Oregon. Their "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," a spirited number and sung with musical appetite, was new to the audience and thoroughly relished.

Alyce Wells, vocalist, singing "I'll Get By," and Steven Stone, as student conductor, were well accepted during the closing numbers by the concert band.

The band, probably the favorite of almost everyone in the audience for its colorful performance, showed a remarkable improvement over last year. And last year everyone considered the band tops. Although each number deserves mention, "Stormy Weather" and "Stars and Stripes Forever," march, were the two the audience talked about when homebound.

Andy Loney's trumpets, trombones and piccolos in the march number, and the reed section in "Stormy Weather," were most effective.

Giving the concert two nights was a very smart idea, and gave just twice as many people a chance to hear the high school students. It means, more than likely, that in the future two concerts, and perhaps three, will be necessary.

Klamath Falls need bend its knee to no man. We'd like to see the music department in competition. But not with any town the size of ours. Probably a town maybe two or three times bigger!

## EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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to have followed its planned timing like clockwork.

ONCE the weather changed face and came over to our side, it seems to have gone ALL OUT for us. Not only are the skies clear for our myriad planes. The dispatches this morning report that the spring thaws are past and the ground is hardening under a BLAZING spring sun. That will provide firm ground for our tanks and our transports.

THERE is high hope on our side, bolstered by the miraculously successful beginning of the fighting.

Churchill and Monty's headquarters when the assault jumped off, says: "Once the river line is pierced and the CRUST of German resistance broken, decisive victory in Europe WILL BE NEAR."

Montgomery tells his troops: "The enemy has been driven in a corner and he cannot escape. The complete and decisive defeat of the Germans is certain."

SO much for the views of the brass at the top.

AP's Wes Gallagher, cabling from the Rhine bank this morning, says that for the first time the always pessimistic GIs who do the fighting and the suffering and the dying have the feeling that this is IT—that now we will finish them off. He adds: "There is not a man, American or British, from general to private, who doesn't feel that this is the beginning of the last major battle that will bring the war to a quick end."

It is too early to do much speculating. Our minds are possessed at this moment by the battle itself.

But this is a fair guess: Instead of tackling the Ruhr frontally, with its dozens of cities providing opportunities for delaying house-to-house fighting, we'll go AROUND it, on the north and on the south, in the Russian manner, joining to the east and isolating the Ruhr.

It seems likely that one prong of our lower Rhine offensive will turn to the left, cutting off northern Holland and wiping out the V-bomb sites from which England is still being harried. Another spearhead will probably try to drive directly across the north German plain to meet the Russians advancing westward from the Oder's mouth.

AND don't overlook Patton. Now safely across the Rhine, more quickly and more cheaply than he had expected, it seems as near certain as anything can be that he will push eastward across southern Germany to meet the Russians as they fight their way through Vienna and up the Danube.

(Don't jump to the conclusion that all these things will come to pass TOMORROW. They will take time. But the shadow of German defeat and disintegration is growing by the hour.)

IN the Pacific, the Japs say that Mitscher's carrier planes are now attacking Okinawa, in the Ryukyus. The Ryukyus are a chain of islands stretching from the Jap homeland to Formosa, screening and protecting the entrance to the East China sea, with its mighty port of Shanghai lying at the mouth of the Yellow river which is the backbone of Jap transport in China.

There are naval and air bases on Okinawa. All the islands of the Ryukyus are undoubtedly heavily fortified—perhaps as heavily as Iwo. We aren't tackling anything easy there.

Our 14th air force is today smacking the Japs who are driving westward from the line of the Hankow-Canton railroad.

# MARINE HEAD OF PACIFIC TO VISIT KLAMATH

Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commander of the department of the Pacific, is scheduled to arrive in Klamath Falls Monday afternoon for his first visit to the Marine Barracks here.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Smith and Maj. Albert Benson, adjutant of the department. The party will spend Tuesday and Wednesday inspecting the Barracks and plan to leave Thursday morning.

Gen. Smith is overall commander of marines on the west coast, with headquarters in San Francisco. He succeeded Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Fegan who visited Klamath Falls last summer.

Before taking over his present position, the general commanded the second marine division at Tarawa and the third amphibious corps, one marine and one army division, during the Palau campaign.

A native of Maryland, he has been a marine since 1909 when he was appointed a second lieutenant from that state. He was promoted to his present rank in October, 1942.

In his 35 years of service he has had foreign service in Cuba, Panama, Mexico, Haiti, Santa Domingo, Nicaragua, England and the Pacific. Early in this war he served as a naval attaché at the London embassy and later commanded the huge Camp Lejeune, N. C., training center.

His decorations include the Navy Cross, Distinguished Service medal, the Nicaraguan Medal of Distinction, the Dominican Republic Order of Military Merit and many others.

## Red Cross Benefit Dance Postponed

The Langell valley Red Cross benefit dance, slated for tonight, Saturday, at the Lovella hall, has been postponed until next Saturday night, it was announced today.

Change in plans was made due to the condition of Oscar Campbell, prominent Langell valley resident, critically ill in Hillside hospital from burns suffered earlier in the week.

### WEATHER

(March 25)

Loc.	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Eugene	36	31	Trace
Klamath Falls	36	31	Trace
Sacramento	38	33	00
North Bend	35	30	00
Portland	32	29	15
San Francisco	52	39	00
Seattle	49	31	00
Medford	48	28	00
Northern California	Sunny and mild today, but with cloudiness northern portion during afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight followed by rain Sunday. Not so cool tonight.		
Washington and Oregon	Increasing cloudiness with rain west of Cascades this afternoon, and over state tonight and Sunday. Snow in mountains. Slightly warmer today, warmer tonight.		

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