

Brothers United in Army 'KNOCKOUT' OF ITALY

British headquarters report that the main body of Italian troops had evacuated this important focal base on the coast 120 miles west of Tobruk.

British Smash Ahead To Derna; Vessels Reported Hit

By UNITED PRESS. British army of the 13th, after a 150-mile drive across the Libyan desert from conquered Tobruk, was engaging Italian forces today only three miles outside Derna as German air power returned to the attack on British naval power in the Mediterranean.

The Germans were striking in apparent hope of crippling the British naval army before Italy was eliminated entirely as a colonial power in Africa.

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New the army is doing its part to show that it's a small world. At Christmas time, Al Wilbur (left) and Joe Wilbur joined the army. Three weeks later they met at the Monterey, Cal. Frontiers and discovered they were brothers. They were married 16 years ago when their parents were divorced. Until the reunion, Al believed Joe was dead.

THIS DAY PROMOTION FOR DENTAL OFFICER

To Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Wray of Post introduced Jan. 22. To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruck of Bremerton Jan. 22. Marriage License Applications William Jennings Beck 18, Est fair, and Violet Mae Rickabaugh 18, Belfair. ARLING DUTTON, 21, and Martha Louise Jones 20 Bremerton.

Jack Fauber, 25, at home Sea-beck Highway, Jan. 23. Mrs. Marie E. Flodin, 50, at Bainbridge Island, Jan. 23.

Vessels In Port U.S.S. Eagle 42 U.S.S. Nevada U.S.S. Eagle 3 (Palaki) U.S.S. Perry U.S.S. Saratoga U.S.S. Kane U.S.S.G. Alert U.S.S.G. Bonham U.S.S. O'Brien U.S.S. Mandanum action

Tides for Sunday First high 5:06 a.m. 122 ft. second low 10:29 a.m. 65 ft. second high 11:34 a.m. 114 ft. second low 10:11 p.m. 14 ft.

YELLE REJECTS SOLON'S BILLS

OLYMPIA, Jan. 25 (UP)—Lawmakers were still in the dark today as to whether they were paying for meals and rent out of their own pockets or if the taxpayers were footing the bill. They passed a \$40,000 appropriation the opening week to pay for expenses to return to work. After considerable delay two claims were filed with State Auditor Cliff Yelle by Speaker Edwald J. Kelly for \$33 and Rep. Charles H. Todd for \$11.95. Yelle was advised by Attorney General Smith they not to pay the claims. Mandanum action probably will be filed next week to compel him to pay the money. Thus testing legality of the appropriation bill.

Steelworkers Sent Back to Their Jobs

BREITENBURG, Pa. Jan. 25 (UP)—Bethlehem Steel company employees who walked off the job yesterday following a protest demonstration were ordered today by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee to return to work tomorrow.

Ex-German Soldier Says Hitler Is Jew

VANCOUVER, B. C. Jan. 25 (UP)—Gregg Kluck, aging British Columbia steel company worker, offered what he claimed was a first-hand biography of Adolf Hitler.

Kluck said he had been a drill sergeant in the 80th Australian Infantry Regiment when Adolf Hitler came up for the usual period of military training. He said he had Hitler under his arm in 1905-07. Kluck claimed he knew for certain Hitler was partly Jew, and was married to a Jewish Hitler was ill-tempered and slow to learn, he said.

REVOLT IN ETHIOPIA

In addition to reporting capture of the British base, including a brigade commander in Eritrea, the British at Cairo said the British in Ethiopia, where Emperor Haile Selassie personally was directing his forces, was spreading.

Despite earlier announcements that revolt in Ethiopia had been crushed, Bucharest dispatches reported that disorder continued there.

Latest reports on fighting in Albania told of new Greek advances, especially in the coastal sector in the direction of the important port of Valona.

There was an ominous note from the East. A telegram had been accepted as a declaration of war by the Axis (Spain) and French in China. A Saigon dispatch reported the British and French naval squadrons off Saigon capital of Indo-China.

The new Nazi air attack was reported to have been made westward from the island of Crete. The British have established a strong air base there.

Accounts of the air-battle were sketchy and came entirely from the British side.

The German radio reported that heavy units of the British fleet were hit by both air and sea battleships and one heavy cruiser was sunk.

The British warships were said to have been ordered to Crete. The British drive in Africa went on. At all points the Italians were said to be retreating.

Reports from Athens appeared to indicate that the Italians have substantially in recent weeks in addition to reinforcements from the coast front defending Valona and Berat, sent fresh troops there being concentrated in the vital Koriza region.

The Greeks told Koriza and Pogradice a few miles north on the Adriatic, and have pushed their advance posts close to Lan. The Royal Air Force, after being grounded for several days by persistent fog, attacked the French coast, last night, attacking Lorient, Brest and other air stations.

The Rome communique reported the sinking of a 7,000-ton British merchant ship, the Italian auxiliary cruiser loaded with supplies, was said to have sunk the Greek ship, Eleni, 6,000 tons.

Bremerton Rates Near Top In New Construction Work

Bremerton's building boom has placed it high among key Washington, Oregon and Idaho cities in dwelling and business building construction, figures of the Portland Equitable Savings & Loan association revealed today.

Of cities with population from 15,000 to 100,000, Bremerton matched the third greatest percentage of increase in total building permits issued in 1940 over 1939. Bremerton's increase was 102 per cent, exceeded only by Aberdeen, 144 per cent and Bellingham's 100 per cent.

In dwelling permits, Bremerton was second behind Aberdeen's percentage was 206. Bremerton's 122.

Bremerton's building permit valuation in 1940 was \$1,444,886, far above Aberdeen's \$363,666 and Bellingham's \$844,933.

Bremerton was ahead of all Washington cities except the three largest, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, in dollar value of permits issued in 1940. Bremerton exceeded Everett, Hoquiam, Longview, Bellingham, Rainier, Olympia, Walla Walla and Wenatchee.

Bremerton's steady growth even during depression years which struck other cities hard is mirrored in the following population of building permit values during the last decade: 1929 \$376,270; 1930 \$274,890; 1931 \$209,620; 1932 \$250,925; 1933 \$227,045; 1934 \$450,977; 1935 \$708,844; 1936 \$671,028; 1937 \$725,785; 1938 \$1,220,283; 1939 \$724,817; 1940 \$1,444,886.

James Beach Hurt In Motor Accident Near Astoria, Ore.

Mrs. Inadora Beach, 912 Shore Beach, employed in the county school superintendent's office in Port Orchard, were informed today of the injury of James Beach, 27-year-old navy radio operator.

Beach, husband of Mrs. James Beach and the son of Mrs. Leonard Beach, was injured Thursday when a car driven by him rolled over on the beach near Astoria.

Beach is a radio operator at Fort Stevens, near Astoria. Allice Leage, 23, Olympia, was killed in the accident. The car traveled about 100 feet after the impact and careened over a bank of steeply rising earth, where a car was estimated at \$200.

Wm. Wickland Rites Monday

Funeral service for William George Wickland, 35, building contractor who was hurled by an automobile accident in Santa Fe, N. M., on April 25, 1939, will be held at 3 o'clock at the Holy Funeral chapel, Rev. Walker, officiating.

Wickland was buried in the cemetery under the direction of the Steltz Funeral chapel. He was the husband of Mrs. M. M. Wickland, 35, of the family here, a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Schmidt of Tacoma, and two sons, Leslie A. of Bremerton and Victor Lewis and Madeline H., all of Bainbridge Island.

BUBAR REPLIES TO ACCUSATIONS

County Assessor Douglas T. Bubar today gave his answer to yesterday's published charges that he had benefited financially from sale of timber and land which he purchased from Kitsap county.

"County commissioners yesterday revealed they are investigating allegations Bubar bought 20 acres of tax title land from the county for \$120 then sold the timber on it for \$1,068.76 and later disposed of the logged land for \$100.

Prosecuting Attorney Ralph E. Purves recommended to the commissioners that the county sue Bubar for return of the county's \$1,068.76 as profit on the transaction.

"I purchased this land at public auction, having no idea that it was not cleared like any other private individual, not realizing that it was a logging site worth \$100 worth of roads on the property if I sold it for \$220 being the return of the extra \$100 to the county.

"I had to return the extra \$100 to the county as value on the land for county sale purposes, but I bought this land at public auction the same as anyone else and had nothing to conceal."

On March 10, 1939, a bill of sale was filed at the county auditor's office showing Bubar had sold the timber from the land to Gordon B. Harris for \$1,068.76. Harris, a logger who resides at Rite 1, Box 449-A, Port Orchard, entered the case today with a statement to the Bremerton Sun explaining his part in the transaction. He logged some 200,000 feet of timber off the land.

"I follow: "I had nothing to correct the grave error which appeared in the newspapers, that Mr. Bubar sold me timber off of land which he purchased from the county at public auction. The paper states he made a tremendous profit off the timber. The real facts are this, that the timber was of a very poor and stragly nature being mostly small, twisted, and scattered that it had never been any way to be sold this timber for commercial use. Mr. Bubar sold me the timber being mostly small, twisted, and scattered that it had never been any way to be sold this timber for commercial use. He even advanced me money and paid gas bills out of his own pocket. He was presented at the Court of St. James."

Admiral's Daughter Will Wed In Hawaii

HONOLULU, Jan. 25 (UP)—Eugene Francis Andrews, daughter of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Adolphus Andrew to Benjamin P. Dillingham II, president of the Hawaiian Islands, last night by Mrs. Andrews.

Miss Andrews, educated at the University of California, was here last night in Washington and was presented at the Court of St. James.

Bremerton Sketches By WILL DANCH

"Considerable interest in being set in the general proposal to set up a merit system," Danching said, "but the order for the presentment of the bill has not yet been decided. I am quite sure it will be ready by Tuesday."

"Grandma, I wish you'd talk your daughter into making poor me a new car like Mr. James Row just bought."