

Navy Wives Form Another Defense Unit



Under tutelage of Sgt. Herman Britman of the San Diego marine corps base, members of the newly-organized San Diego Navy Wives Defense corps study battle formations as part of the organization's program of training to aid in America's defense program.

"Baby" Bride Proud Mother



Ruby Wilcox Merryman, 14-year-old Blackfoot, Ida. bride, is mighty proud of her newborn baby, Betty Louise. Ruby, who left school at the age of 15 to marry, says she is "just too happy" at being a mother. The baby forms the fifth living generation in the family.

CONSIDER BID OF LOCAL CLUB

W.-I. League Upholds Wenatchee Ouster

Bid of the Bremerton Baseball club for entrance into the Western Intercollegiate league was being considered today by the circuit's moguls in session at Tacoma.

President J. Stanley Wetzel of Spokane was upheld by unanimous vote of those attending the meeting in his action of disbanding the American country club earlier this week.

Bremerton was considered a certain choice of league directors for a franchise. The navy guard community is in the midst of a defense boom and is considered a good location for a sixth team by a majority of the league members.

MISSING GIRL SEEN, REPORT

Reports that Patricia Davis, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Davis of Bremerton Heights, had been seen here and in Port Orchard since her disappearance Saturday were being checked today by city police.

One man, who says "he" saw the Davis home and declined to give his name to police, phoned police headquarters last night and said that he had seen the girl twice this week. The second time, he said, he saw that the girl was wearing a hat and a dark coat, yesterday on the Port Orchard ferry dock.

He said that the girl was wearing different clothes than those in which she was described to have been dressed at the time of her disappearance. She was wearing a green skirt, brown satin blouse and an old coat, he said.

Police also investigated a report that the Davis youngsters had been seen on 5th st., yesterday. Her disappearance had not been revealed until yesterday, following a report to police Tuesday night by her mother.

A. F. L. PROBING 'GANGSTERISM'

MIAMI, Feb. 13 (UP)—The American Federation of Labor's executive council acted today against a reported "gangster" influence in the organization by undertaking an investigation of "one specific case."

President William Green said the council had adopted a resolution calling for the probe, but refused to reveal the name of the principal involved or his home town. He added that similar resolutions adopted at the A. F. L.'s New Orleans convention would be considered.

The council also prepared decisions in several cases concerned with local jurisdiction disputes.

The plans are expected to be ready by March 3, and the bids will likely be opened by mid-March with construction actually to begin about the first of April.

"Three hundred of the houses will be 'rentable', while the other 200 will be permanent dwellings."

ATTORNEY'S SON LOST FROM SHIP

Lee Ray, 20-year-old son of a Seattle, Alaska attorney, was believed drowned in Puget Sound waters of Jefferson Head early today. He was on route from Seward on board the S. S. Alaska.

Officials of the Alaska Steamship Co. said a seaman on lookout saw a man hit the water before the ship struck a buoy Tuesday night near the Rolledore.

Miss Greenblatt, who is confined to Olympic hospital, has not yet regained consciousness.

Alfonso Renounces Throne; Son Is Heir

LONDON, Portugal, Feb. 13 (UP)—Former King Alfonso XIII of Spain has renounced his rights to the throne and has named his son, Prince Don Juan, "king of all the Spaniards," when Spanish newspapers reported today, it was learned today.

Police Push Search For Hit-Run Driver

City police today continued their search for the driver of a hit-run car which struck and seriously injured Esther Greenblatt, 20-year-old "bug" shop owner and beauty Tuesday night near the Rolledore.

Miss Greenblatt, who is confined to Olympic hospital, has not yet regained consciousness.

Bomber Forced to Land; Stuck in Mud

LA CROSSE, Wash., Feb. 13 (UP)—A ten-motor army bomber plane was stuck in the mud here today.

The ship was flying to Spokane from Salt Lake City Monday when it was forced down in the farming country by bad weather. The crew "didn't know when they could get the plane out of the gumbo."

Hitler Threatens Extension of War In 'All-Out' Drive

ROME, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Spain does not intend to give up her non-belligerent status toward the European war, informed quarters said tonight in connection with the conference of Premier Benito Mussolini and Spanish Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

BY UNITED PRESS
" Adolf Hitler's speech to Great Britain's life lines from the Atlantic sea planes to the Pacific today in a manner that hints at the pattern of a possible axis all-out spring offensive.

The axis moves—peasants intimidated by well-timed propaganda spread repercussions in the Far East of No. 1 cables.

Similar reactions of the British, the Americans and the Dutch made it appear that extension of the war to the strategic Singapore-Netherlands East Indies-Philippines area is an imminent possibility.

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS
The Far Eastern crisis was limited to coincide with these developments in Europe: Yugoslav statesmen, were reported taking the well-travelled route to Berhagen and a Hitler conference, amid rumors that a Nazi Baltic offensive, presumably directed at Helsinki and the Barents sea, is in the making.

The Germans claimed that surface raiders smashed a British convoy of Portuguese sinking 13 ships, including a large vessel carrying war supplies to Britain. London confirmed an attack on a convoy and reported a wide sweep of Atlantic waters by powerful royal naval units.

Marshal Henri Philippe Petain met with Gen. Francisco Franco at Montpellier for discussion. He believed to deal with the Mediterranean balance of power, badly denting the will which the French. Sir Archibald Wavell's British general in the Middle East.

TWO-WAY OFFENSIVE
The Far Eastern reports lent obvious support to the view of a Hitler-inspired offensive by the Japanese may coincide with a spring axis all-out attack on the Philippines.

Major Japanese naval concentrations in the waters of French Indo-China and Thailand, an assembly of 300 Japanese warplanes on Hainan island and rapid development of Japanese military bases in Indo-China backed up the Far Eastern threat.

Lumped together, today's reports lent support to suggestions that when the Nazi spring offensive starts it will seek to engage the British at every potential weak spot in Indo-China, back up to B. M. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

SENATE GROUP OKAYS WAR-AID MEASURE, 15-8

Roosevelt's Bill Will Reach Floor for Debate Monday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(UP)—The senate foreign relations committee today approved the administration's "Lend-Lease" bill by a vote of 15 to 8 and sent it to the senate floor for debate expected to begin on Monday.

Making concessions designed to win votes of middle-of-the-road senators, the administration majority limited to \$1,300,000,000 the amount of aid President Roosevelt would be authorized to give foreign powers without further action by congress.

The administration majority voted down, 10 to 9, a suggestion that nothing in the bill would confer additional power to send U. S. army or navy forces outside the western hemisphere and the territories and possessions of the U. S., including the Philippines islands.

The principal change made by the senate committee was to put the \$1,300,000,000 limit on the amount of aid that could be provided without further congressional authorization. The other amendments concerned clarification of language.

Faithful Dog, Laddie, Dies At Fort Ord

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PORT ORD, Cal., Feb. 13.—(UP)—Laddie, 10-year-old Alsatian whose devotion to his master led him to starve himself after their separation, suffered a heart attack and died today in Monterey Presidio hospital.

The dog was seriously ill when brought here by airplane from Kansas earlier this week and in that army veterinarian could do failed to save him.

Now did the presence of his master, Private Everett Scott of army forces stationed at Fort Ord, save the dog's life. Laddie, who stopped eating after Scott left him four months ago to enlist, was too ill to recognize Scott.

It was decided to hold the funeral tomorrow and to place Laddie's body in a plot in the center of the regimental burial area next to the grave of "Jo-Jo" the 10th regiment's bulldog mascot who died last week.

PROBLEMS OF DISTRICT TOLD TO EXECUTIVE

Adm. Freeman, Local Officials Convene With Governor

The state legislature will take executive relations into consideration of Bremerton's schools, Gov. Arthur B. Langley yesterday pronounced the results of a delegation of Bremerton officials.

The governor conferred for one and one-half hours with educational leaders and Admiral C. S. Freeman, navy west commandant, on crowded conditions of educational facilities near strategic defense areas.

Langley said the state had been working continuously on the problem since the legislature convened. He said a plan for the construction of a new school building is being sought whereby the federal government and the state can jointly finance erection of new school facilities in defense areas. He said a plan for the development of a new school building is being promised in any event that something would be done by the legislature to relieve the problem.

HADDON BILL UP
"By coincidence, the problems of public education were the spot-light in the legislature. Major measure of the most pressing nature was SB100, filed recently by Sen. Lulu D. Haddon of Bremerton. It provides for the construction of new school buildings in crowded areas where facilities are overcrowded.

The amount is far short of the \$2,500,000 cost estimated by a committee of school officials as necessary to expand schools in Bremerton, Seattle and Fort Lewis areas. The bill, however, may take care of the most pressing needs.

ATTEND CONFERENCE
The conference with Governor Langley was arranged by Senator Haddon. Those attending were Adm. Freeman, Pearl Vasmatazakis, state representative of public education, P. H. Haddon, executive director of the state planning commission; Adm. Luther Gregory, rearmament chairman of the state legislative board; Senator Haddon, who is chairman of the state planning committee; Sen. Joseph Drumheller of Spokane and Senator Malcolm of Tacoma; Rep. Julia B. Hanson, chairman of the house of representatives committee on education; Reps. Bob Ford and C. A. Hink of Kitsap county; John Van Rossum and Dr. Manfred B. Kint, members of the Bremerton school board.

Langley, who spent his boyhood in Bremerton, told the committee he was fully cognizant of the local school's problem.

DATA PRESENTED
The data was presented at the conference by Dr. Kint to illustrate that facilities for housing more than 2,500 students will be lacking at the beginning of the next school term unless new buildings are erected.

A survey conducted by the state, Dr. Kint said, determined that existing school facilities would accommodate 2,774 students. Enrollment is expected to exceed this figure by at least 2,500 students.

The anticipated enrollment was determined after the survey showed a net of 2,587 new students. It has been estimated during the next six months in the Bremerton district.

DEFINITE NEED WAS EXPRESSED FOR a new high school building. (Continued on Page 8, Col. 6)

RAIDERS SINK BRITISH CRAFT

Nazis Claim 13 Ships Lost in Convoy

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(UP)—German navy raiders, it was learned reliably today, had attacked a British convoy in the Atlantic.

Coincidentally, naval quarters revealed that powerful units of the British fleet conducted a "most successful" sweep of a 1,000-mile square area of the North Atlantic.

The units implied, although no formations declared to us as such, that the British warships swept in a hunt for Nazi sea raiders.

Details of the attack on the British convoy were available. The attacks occurred yesterday.

The union voters' committee command issued in a communique today that German naval surface ships had attacked a convoy west of Portugal, sinking 13 armed British merchant vessels, including several large liners, carrying war materials for England.

STRIKE ENDED AT NAVY BASE

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Members of the Carpenters union here today agreed to return to work on the Alaskan navy base here today after agreement to submit their troubles to a conciliation board.

The union voters' committee returned to work pending the outcome of the conciliation. Representative of the Carpenters, Puget Sound Co., contractors who returned to work on the navy base here today after agreement to submit their troubles to a conciliation board.

The union members were removed from the job when they refused to work on any army base commission job at the same rate of pay they received for the navy base work. The union leaders said a higher rate was being paid for work on other Alaskan army base commission jobs. The men signed agreements to work for the "prevailing" rate at the time they were hired.

BUSINESS SOLD BY SCHROEDER

Sale of Schroeder's Five-to-One Dollar store, located at 406 Pacific avenue, revealed today by the proprietor, G. E. Schroeder.

The sale was made to R. M. Alpaugh of Enumclaw, who now operates similar stores at Enumclaw and Auburn. Alpaugh will assume active management of the local store Monday and will make his headquarters here.

Amount of the transaction was not disclosed.

Schroeder and his wife have operated the store for six and one-half years. They acquired the property from the Spruce-Retts Co. of Portland. Prior to coming here, Schroeder was engaged in a similar business for eight years at Ashland, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder are planning to retire from business at their home on Stavis bay.

The sale of the store was made through A. Dawkins of the Golden Major real estate, 524 5th st.

School Districts to Vote on March 1st

County school board elections will be held on March 1. At that time directors of all rural districts will be elected.

County School Superintendent A. L. Venn-Watson, federal employee many qualify as school directors without violation of the Hatch act. He said that the government duties are not interfered with and that candidates secure permission from the commandant of the yard.

Sea Perils Alameda Homes

Scores of homes in an exclusive residential district of Alameda, Calif., were flooded when high winds from the Pacific drove waves over breakwaters, flooding streets and buildings and causing thousands of dollars' damage. Here, sea Alameda resident awaits "rescue" by boat.

Far Eastern Crisis Looms; Americans Told to Leave

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13.—(UP)—American women, children and non-essential men in far eastern danger areas are being advised urgently to return home at once in the interest of their own safety and convenience and the national security, it was disclosed today.

The American consulate general here circulated Americans on special instructions from the state department at Washington and soon afterward a United Press Tokyo dispatch disclosed that American consular authorities in Japan had received similar instructions.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
The advice was given on special instructions from the state department at Washington, it was understood.

At the same time, the Netherlands consular ordered two Netherlands East Indies merchant ships into Manila harbor and it was reported that other Netherlands East Indies ships were being ordered to proceed to neutral harbors.

A usually reliable informant here asserted that a Japanese battle fleet had been suddenly concentrated off Haiphong, French Indo-China.

Previously Japanese warships had arrived off Bangkok, Thailand, 800 miles from Singapore and British and Australian air force reinforcements had been sent up the Malay peninsula from Singapore.

PARKING METER BAN ADVOCATED

OLYMPIA, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Parking meters would be prohibited by a bill filed today by Rep. Donald L. Underwood, King, and the imposing of autos for infractions of traffic rules would also be forbidden. In case the car was blocking traffic, the city could move it but at its own expense and not the owner's.

Army Critic Ordered To Take Active Duty

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Mel Leonard H. Nason, who frequently has criticized the army and its techniques as "antiquated," was ordered into active service today at Fort Benning, Ga. Major Nason, who has written many articles suggesting changes in army technique, said he probably would have command of a squad of scout cars or tanks.

JUST A FEW DOLLARS MORE THAN SMALLER, LOW-PRICED CARS!

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Fear Boys Drowned

ALBEM, Ore., Feb. 13.—(UP)—Authorities today prepared to drag the Willamette river in the vicinity of Albem in hopes of recovering the bodies of Kenneth Case, 19, and his brother, Robert, 17, believed drowned when they canoed overboard.

Bremerton Sketches

BY WILL DANCH

First low—12:07 a. m., -0.1 ft.; high—8:43 a. m., 2.2 ft.; second low—12:56 p. m., 2.0 ft.; second high—6:33 p. m., 10.7 ft.

THE WEATHER
Cloudy tonight and Friday; warmer Friday afternoon; wind erate easterly inland over the coast and inland waters tonight, becoming westerly Friday.

"Chief Gladys Lewis warned me there'd be days like this—but I forgot what he told me to do about it."