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Six Saboteurs Die in Electric Chair Saturday

Two of the Gestapo Trained Men Brought to the U. S. by Nazi Subs Miss the Chair

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (UP)—Six of the eight Nazi wreckers who came here by U-boat under German high command orders to sabotage the American war effort were executed today in the electric chair at the District of Columbia jail.

The White House announced the execution in a statement which disclosed that two of the Nazis were spared death "because of their assistance to the government of the United States in the apprehension and conviction of the others."

The special military commission which tried the saboteurs found all eight guilty and recommended the death penalty for all. It recommended to the president, however, that the sentences of Ernest Burger and George Dasch be commuted. The president directed that Berger's sentence be life imprisonment at hard labor and Dasch's to confinement at hard labor for 30 years.

Those executed in an 18-year old electric chair included Herbert Haupt, 21, formerly of Chicago, Edward J. Kerling, 33, leader of the four Nazis who landed on a Florida beach June 17, Heinrich Heinek, 35, Richard Quirin, 34, Werner Thiel, 35, and Hermann Neubauer, 32.

Brigadier General Albert L. Cox, provost marshal of the Washington military district, arrived at the early hour of 6:30 a. m. and was accompanied by his assistant, Rain streaked across the jail entrance as the officers arrived. At 8:30 Cox, his assistant and two other army officers met in a corridor on the first floor.

Then they entered an elevator which goes to the fourth floor where the death chamber is located. The two officers remained but Cox returned at 9:27 a. m.

As far as could be learned, no one except the military had seen the saboteurs today. They had been held in a separate wing from which civilian officials have been barred.

Former Resident Dies

Mrs. Joseph Roucka died at her home in Sedalia, Missouri, at an early hour Tuesday morning. Mrs. Roucka was Miss Mary Yelick before her marriage to Joseph Roucka. Mr. and Mrs. Roucka were married on April 17, 1907, at the Holy Rosary church in Plattsmouth. Ten children were born to this union, one son preceding the mother in death in infancy. Mrs. Roucka leaves to mourn her passing her husband and nine children, Joseph, Jr., Anna, Frank, Agnes, Helen, Mary, Rudolph, Robert and Charles. She was also a sister of James Yelick of this city.

Funeral services were held this morning at 9:30 in Sedalia, Missouri.

Called to Colors

From Thursday's Daily—The Cass County Selective Service Board has had three of the original Class 1-B men called into the service of the country and will be sent today for examination and service.

Those going are Cecil Charles Fosburg, South Bend; Auburn Raymond Redden, Murray; and Wayne Charles Marolf, Waverly.

Located in Texas

Private Tom Stava informed his father that he has been located at Camp Swift, Texas. Tom was only recently inducted and sent to Leavenworth. In his first letter Tom wants known all the latest news.

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Lieut. Rainey Here

Lieutenant Don Rainey, who was graduated August 1 from the officers training school at Fort Benning, Ga., in the rank of second lieutenant, arrived Monday to spend a 15-day furlough with relatives and friends. Because of his enlistment early in March, 1941, and after passing a rigid examination he was given preference in attending this school. He was first in Camp Funston and Fort Riley, Kansas, and from there he was sent to Camp Papako at Phoenix, Ariz. From the latter camp he was sent to the Fort Benning officer's training school. He is to go to Camp Butler in North Carolina at the end of his furlough.

Volunteers Bring in Much Scrap in Drive

Thursday Search of the Community Reveals Some 84,000 Pounds to Add to Previous Store.

The drive made by the business and professional men of the community for scrap metal, Thursday, resulted in another good haul to add to the growing total for the county.

There were not as many on the drive as on the previous Thursday but those out made up in their fast and effective work in the round up over the city and in the farming sections.

The total of the poundage as checked at the office of the Richey Lumber Co., where the metal was weighed showed that 84,000 pounds was the total for the day.

The drive for scrap will officially close Saturday night but it is expected that the residents will continue their individual contributions when possible to see that a steady flow of metal is kept rolling in to help in the war activities.

Legion Names Delegates to State Meeting

Commander Rice, Judge A. H. Duxbury, John E. Turner and R. T. Cuthrell Are Selected

The Hugh J. Kearns post of the American Legion held their regular August meeting last evening at their building on Vine street, and had as their guests for the occasion members of the Plattsmouth fire department.

The chief business of the evening was that of the election of the delegates to the state convention of the Nebraska Legion to be held in Omaha the latter part of the month.

The delegates selected comprised: Commander Frank M. Rice, Judge A. H. Duxbury, County Treasurer John E. Turner, and R. T. Cuthrell. The alternates were E. O. Vroman, Louis Baumgart, George Conis and Dr. P. T. Heineman.

The members had the pleasure of having with them at the meeting, E. A. Nutzman, of Nehawka, past state commander, who is always a most welcome guest of the Plattsmouth service men.

Bion A. Hoffman, local civilian defense council representative, was a caller at the meeting and gave a short talk on the importance of the defense work and the urgent need of enrollment of the citizenry into this form of the national defense.

Following the business session the members enjoyed the rest of the evening socially with their friends, the firemen, visiting and cards serving as the diversion. The committee in charge had prepared a very delightful lunch that was served at an appropriate hour to make a most pleasing close of a good time.

STAND BEHIND THE BOYS

Are you going to play into the hands of the enemy and not do your part in the protection of our civilians and property? Let's all stand behind the boys in the armed forces and do our part in home defense. Register now for some kind of defense work.

Japanese Take Over Islands Near Australia

Small Islands Occupied are 225 Miles From the Island Continent—No Sign of Air Fields Found

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, August 7. (UP)—A spokesman for Gen. MacArthur admitted today that the Japanese had occupied the Kai, Tanimbar and Aroe islands within 225 miles of Australia and 100 miles of northwestern New Guinea.

It was believed that allied reconnaissance reported in MacArthur's communique covered the island groups and that plane crews had reported there was no sign that the Japanese had yet established air fields in their new invasion zone.

MacArthur reported that allied medium bombing planes had made a successful attack on the big Japanese bases in the Salamaua-Lae area of the north New Guinea coast without meeting challenging enemy planes. All planes returned safe.

The communique said also that the situation in the Buna-Gona area, 150 miles from Salamaua, had become static. Only light ground forces were engaged in reconnaissance, it was said.

Kaiser May Win Right to Build Flying Boats

Proposition for Construction of Seventy Ton Flying Boats for Transports Favored

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (UP)—Henry J. Kaiser, pioneer mass producer of liberty ships, apparently had won his fight today for a contract to construct huge 70-ton flying boats to speed men and war materials to world battle fronts.

A spokesman at the war production board said agreements may be reached with Kaiser "in the next day or two" to build flying boats of the Mars type. There was no indication where the planes would be built, but Kaiser has proposed turning his Oregon shipyard into a mass production line for the cargo carrying planes with a possible construction rate of 5,000 a year.

First word of the cargo plane program came yesterday when WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson conferred with President Roosevelt and said afterward that the plans would be worked out "in a short time." The WPB spokesman said that "Mr. Nelson is anxious to get Mr. Kaiser into business."

RATION BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW RULINGS ON SUGAR

It is now possible for family units to obtain an additional allotment of sugar for canning fruit for home consumption provided they have fruit for canning which requires sugar in excess of the amount previously allotted, on a basis of four (4) quarts for one (1) pound of sugar.

In order to obtain this additional allotment it is necessary to furnish the Ration Board with the required information in affidavit form.

For the convenience of the residents of Cass county the following will assist the Ration Board in handling these applications:

Elmer Hallstrom, Avoca
P. F. Rihn, Union
Glen Rutledge, Nehawka
First Nat'l Bank, Weeping Water
Nebr. St. Bank, Weeping Water
American Exc. Bank, Elmwood
Bank of Eagle, Eagle
Bennet's Store, Alvo
Greenwood Coop. Ass'n, Greenwood
Murdock Coop. Ass'n, Murdock
Manley State Bank, Manley
Home State Bank, Louisville
Brubacher's Store, Murray

These people will also assist the residents of this county in their various communities in obtaining their War Ration books, who at the time of registration had excess sugar and were not entitled to a War Ration book.

Bomb the Japs with Junk!

ENJOYS STAY AT WABASH

Mrs. John V. Svoboda and daughter, Margaret Ann and Ramon Koubek, have returned home from the vicinity of Wabash where they have spent several days. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hohman on the farm and had a very pleasant time. Mr. Svoboda motored down to bring the family home.

Judge Duxbury Commands Local Defense Group

Appointed by Elmer Hallstrom, Cass County Chairman; Prepare for Active Work

County Judge A. H. Duxbury has been appointed as the commander of the Plattsmouth Citizen's Defense Corps by Elmer Hallstrom, county defense chairman. The local corps will carry out community defense work as outlined by the office of civilian defense in Washington with Mr. Duxbury at the head of the organization.

Mr. Duxbury has been associated with the American Legion and in the work of the American Red Cross in executive capacities for a number of years and he is well qualified to carry out the work for which he has been newly appointed. It is with gratitude that his co-workers in the local corps have learned of his acceptance of the commanding office in the local organization.

Appointment of the heads of the various divisions of the corps will be completed within the next few days. Special training of these groups will begin next week under the direction of Bion Hoffman who attended the defense training school held recently in Lincoln under the direction of the American Legion.

Doud Grocery and Meat Market is Swept by Fire

Fire of Unknown Origin Breaks Out Shortly After 11 Last Night—Equipment Destroyed

Fire of an unknown origin that broke out in the west room of the Doud grocery and meat market at 6th and Pearl street, last night, caused a loss of several thousand dollars to the owner of the store, Ralph Doud.

The fire took place while the rain and electrical storm was raging and the first intimation of the blaze was when the sharp odor of the smoke could be noticed on Sixth street, soon followed by the billowing clouds of the white smoke rolling from the building.

The fireman made a quick response to the alarm and by their efforts were able to hold the fire to the one room in the Eagles building, which, however, was badly gutted and especially in the section where the fire had apparently started.

The equipment of the meat department was wrecked and damaged and the stock of groceries that were not consumed stand smoke blackened in the shelves around the store.

The smoke in the building was intense and hampered the work of the firemen until it was possible to raise windows on the second floor to allow the escape of the smoke.

The flames from the store on the lower floor of the building in one spot burned through the ceiling of the room and into the floor of the large lodge room on the second floor.

Goes to Florida

Charles Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Warner of this city, who is in the air service of the U. S. Army, has been transferred to Jacksonville, Florida, word received here. He was first in training at Chanute Field, Illinois, later going to Georgia where he received additional training and is now at the training school at Jacksonville.

United States Forces Attack in Solomon Islands

The Navy Department Has Announced an Attack Has Been Made in Force

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (UP)—United States naval and other forces has attacked Japanese installations in the Solomon Islands in force, the navy department announced today. A communique said the attacks were made against the southeastern portion of the islands and were continuing.

Simultaneously it was announced that United States naval forces bombarded enemy ships and shore establishments at Kiska in the Aleutians.

A naval spokesman said the term "in force" indicated the attack on the Solomons was of substantial dimensions. It was assumed both service and aerial forces were involved in the attack. The specific islands attacked were not known here.

Only the barest details, likewise, were available on the attack on Kiska where Japanese forces succeeded in landing about the time of the battle of Midway.

Local Lady Has Interesting Market Trip

Miss Mathilde Soennichsen Returns From Fall Market at Chicago; Large City War Conscious

Mathilde Soennichsen returned Friday evening from Chicago where she attended the fall market week. Her profitable trip gave her much information on present marketing conditions.

Miss Soennichsen noticed that train travel has been stepped up considerably. She stated that all the trains were crowded with soldiers and sailors.

The population of this second largest city in the United States is war conscious Miss Soennichsen observed. She saw activity centered around war stamp selling booths on State street. Many of the buildings she was in had safety zones to be used by persons in case of air raids.

Receive Happy Greeting

From Friday's Daily—

Last evening the Edward Donat family of this city received a very pleasant greeting from the west coast when the members of the family who are located in and near Los Angeles, sent a telephone message to Mr. and Mrs. Donat and the members of the family here. The local group had assembled at the home in the west part of the city and the Californians at the Joe Faith home. Mrs. Faith has just returned home from a hospital where she had undergone a serious operation and it was to bring the good news of her recovery that the call was made. All of the members of the group, Mr. and Mrs. Faith, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Rhodes, Mrs. Hamilton Mark and daughters and sons-in-law all gave a short greeting.

Shows Improvement

From Friday's Daily—

Henry Timm is reported as showing improvement at the St. Joseph hospital where he has been for the past several days undergoing treatment. Mr. Timm will probably remain at the hospital for some time, however. He has a room with Walter Minniear at the hospital that makes the time pass much more pleasantly.

Purchases New Home

The residence property of Frank Enearl, located just east of the American Legion building, has been sold by the owner to William Nelson of this city. Mr. Nelson recently sold his home to Mrs. S. A. Wiles, and as he is now at the Martin plant at Fort Crook and the family is expecting to continue to make this city their home, they have secured this attractive residence.

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Are YOU one of those people who are hiding their heads in the sand like the ostrich? Are you saying, "It can't happen here." Do you honestly believe that it is impossible for us to suffer the deadly onslaught of enemy bombs?

REMEMBER—we are not fortified—there are seven important defense plants in Nebraska—it would be logical for the enemy to strike here to cut east-west and north-south communications lines—a strike here would be disastrous to the morale of the entire country. Let's be ready for the enemy. Register now and come to the defense meeting tonight.

Cass County Scrap Heap is 2,528,600 Now

Plattsmouth Leads in the Reports Of the County Headquarters On The Scrap Drive

Reports from the office of Chairman Willard Waldo of the Cass County scrap metal drive, indicate that this county is showing real driving power and 2,528,600 pounds of the scrap has been reported at the county headquarters, with each day bringing in additional figures as the towns and the farms bring forth more material for swatting the Japs and Nazi.

In the listing of the towns and their result Mr. Waldo has the following figures as to the number of pounds that have been reported in:

Plattsmouth	694,000
Louisville	356,000
Weeping Water	197,000
Elmwood	109,000
South Bend	93,000
Manley	48,000
Nehawka	29,000
Avoca	26,000

Cass County Scrap Average 93.71 Per Capita

Hooker County Shows Largest Average Per Capita in the Poundage of Scrap

By United Press

Hooker county, which for several days has been locked with Grant county in a no-holds-barred struggle for first place, yesterday surged into the top position with a per capita poundage of 199.05 in the state-wide scrap collection contest.

Grant, by failing to report any addition to its 176.06 pound average, was shoved down two places when Phelps county, which has been making another of the state's outstanding drives, zoomed its per capita score to 181.25. Coming up strong was Thomas county which advanced to fourth place with 174.98 pounds per person.

Thayer county which held the lead for a time dropped back to fifth place with an unchanged per capita standing of 160.34. Red Willow was treading in its heels with collections of 1,839,726 pounds for a per capita score of 153.94. Other leaders and their averages are Dundy, 117.21; Madison, 112.74; Scottsbluff, 94.41 and Cass, 93.71.

Yesterday's efforts added another five and a half million pounds to the state total, lifting it to 62,570,609 pounds or 31,285 tons and making the Nebraska per capita average 47.55 pounds.

Scrap harvest festival days, proclaimed by Gov. Dwight Griswold for today and tomorrow are expected to boost totals all along the line. The final two days of the contest for the \$2,000 in prizes offered by the World-Herald are expected to bring a closely contested race for the top places in the county by county standings.

VISITS WITH SISTER

Miss Marie Baker of Dunnegan, Missouri, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Cleo Capper, for a few weeks.

GET IN THE SCRAP!

Seventeen Families Now Occupy Oakmont Homes

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vallery Are Among Latest to Purchase Desirable Homes

Among the recent newcomers to Plattsmouth's Oakmont addition are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vallery who have purchased one of the beautiful new homes in this popular section. Both Mr. and Mrs. Vallery are members of well known local families and their many friends will be pleased to have them permanently established here. Mr. Vallery has recently sold out his farm interests and will be employed in the Martin bomber plant at Fort Crook.

With the coming of the Vallerys to Oakmont addition there will be 17 families occupying new homes in this section. Thirteen of these families have come to Plattsmouth from outside this territory, and nine have purchased the homes they now occupying. Three more homes will be completed and available this week and construction has started on the last five to complete the 25 originally planned.

J. Howard Davis, the owner and sponsor of the new addition, states that the people of the community have shown a very active interest in the development. Many have assisted in getting new residents located here, and many are seen driving along the new Oakmont Drive on these warm summer evenings. Mr. Davis finds that materials are much more difficult to get and the government is granting no more priorities for houses in this area at this time. With the coming of fall and winter and the continued increase in employment at the bomber plant the housing problem will no doubt become more acute.

Have Family Reunion

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gopen for the past few days were their two daughters, Mrs. Glenn Lockhard of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Mrs. Otto Marek, who was accompanied by her two sons, Jimmy and Billy, of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Marek accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Snyder from Detroit. In honor of the event, a family picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wiles. Mrs. Lockhard returned to her home on Wednesday and Mrs. Marek and Mr. and Mrs. Snyder returned to Detroit yesterday. Bill Marek is staying here until the opening of school in September.

LEARNS OF SISTER'S INJURY

From Friday's Daily—

Edward Donat, Sr., received word yesterday afternoon of the serious condition of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Janda, of Wahoo, from severe burns sustained when their home was destroyed by fire.

The aged couple were asleep at their home when the house was discovered on fire Wednesday shortly after midnight. A passing autoist saw the fire and honking the horn of the car finally aroused a boarder of the Jandas, who in turn woke the couple and they were able to extricate themselves from the house. They were forced to crawl to safety through a bedroom window.

The trio suffered severe burns from the fire that has placed them under medical care.

VISITS SOLDIER HUSBAND

Mrs. Charles Walden, who is enjoying a vacation from her duties as clerk in the Plattsmouth State bank, is spending the time in the south with her husband. Corporal Walden is now stationed at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, where he was transferred some weeks ago from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

TO VISIT IN COLORADO

Mrs. R. W. Clement of this city, is at Colorado Springs, where she is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry C. McMaken and family. Mr. McMaken is engaged in work at one of the large government projects near that city.