

New Wire Links U. S., Mexico



"Saludos" are drunk in Mexico City bureau of United Press to celebrate opening of new leased wire linking Mexico directly with U. S.—a move hailed by officials of both nations as important contribution to better understanding between two countries. From left: Editor Jose Gomez Ugarte of El Universal, Mexico's greatest newspaper; U. P. Mgr. Ed Morgan, formerly of Seattle; Brig. Gen. Jose Fernando Ramirez, director of posts and telegraphs; Senor Carlos Betancourt, subsecretary of communications ministry.

WAR FLASHES

AXIS ASSUMES OFFENSIVE IN LYBIA

CAIRO—With the Axis on the offensive the trend of battle in Lybia today appears to have shifted to the German and Italian forces. Fighting was less intense as the British rushed up reinforcements in an attempt to regain Sidi Rezegh and to keep General Rommel's troops and motorized equipment from entrenching too deeply in positions won in today's fighting. As the British retired, they blew up damaged enemy tanks to prevent them from being repossessed.

NAZIS WITHIN 27 MILES OF MOSCOW

MOSCOW—German forces hammered away along the three main highways toward Moscow today, but the Reds said they were holding. Sources in Berlin claimed that the Nazis had advanced to within 27 miles of Moscow, which represents a gain of four miles in a week. Presumably this gain was made along the Kalinin road, northwest of the Russian capital. Russians were still on the offensive in the Rostov area, but how far back the Germans had been driven was unknown.

PRESIDENT SEEKS JAP EXPLANATION

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Hull today charged Japan with setting up a military despotism in conquered countries. No official comment was forthcoming from Tokyo on the President's request for an explanation of Japan's position. However, a Japanese newspaper declared that Thailand was threatened by the British, necessitating reinforcements in French Indo-China.

TWO AUSTRALIAN SHIPS SUNK

CANBERRA — Two Australian ships, the 6,830-ton cruiser Sydney and the 1,060-ton sloop Parramatta, have been sunk with a loss of 786 lives, it was revealed by the Australian government. The cruiser Sydney went down somewhere off the coast of Australia after sinking the 9,400-ton German raider Steiermark. Marine circles intimated that the Steiermark may have been accompanied by a pocket battleship which dispatched the cruiser after it had sunk the German ship.

XMAS TREE BRINGS SIGN OF YULETIDE

Another outward sign of Christmas is the big Christmas tree on the depot lawn which was erected yesterday.

A huge pine tree is placed annually on the lawn by the Dillon Rotary club. Edwin R. Buck and W. B. Willey are in charge of the

project.

Every year the tree has been decorated with strings of lights which adds a great deal of Christmas cheer to Dillon residents as well as people traveling through Dillon on the train. This year the tree will be decorated with several new strings of lights.

SPEAKS AT FIRESIDE—

Miss Eleanore Nelson, home demonstration agent, spoke at the dormitory fireside at the Normal college last night on "Dressing in Tempo to the Personality."

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Morrison were in today from Whitehall. They are former Dillon residents.

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TRAINEES TELL OF ARMY LIFE AT CAMP ROBERTS

Camp Roberts, Calif.—(Special to the Dillon Daily Tribune)—"Ready on the right! Ready on the left! Ready on the firing line."

These orders are heard frequently at Camp Roberts these days as two Dillon men march with the other trainees of the 76th infantry training battalion out to the firing ranges to receive instruction in the Garand and Springfield rifles.

The Dillon men are Privates Frank Fiber, 407 South Railroad avenue, and Raymond Richmond.

Camp Roberts, nation's largest army replacement training center, is located on Highway 101 half-way between Los Angeles and San Francisco and is about 30 miles from the Pacific ocean. Most of the men stationed here are undergoing an intensive 13-weeks basic training course, upon completion of which they will be sent to their regular army units. This is done at Camp Roberts at the rate of some 100,000 men a year.

The 76th infantry training battalion is commanded by Major Ray Marshall, who, with his staff, has lead careful plans for the course of instruction of the firing of the rifles. This is one of the most important phases in the training of an infantry soldier.

Much emphasis is laid upon preliminary marksmanship instruction, more than a week being spent upon sighting and aiming exercises, instruction in the various firing positions, bolt operation, trigger squeeze and breath regulation. It is the belief of Major Marshall and his staff that if these preliminary exercises are

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BEAVERHEAD GETS JANUARY CALL

Word has recently been received from the state selective service headquarters at Helena that Beaverhead county is to furnish 14 men to fill the quota for Jan. 22, 1942.

The last draftees from Beaverhead inducted into the United States Army left here on Nov. 5. Since then the county has not been asked to furnish any men, there being no calls in December.

SEVEN STUDENTS INITIATED INTO QUILL AND SCROLL

Seven students were initiated into Quill and Scroll, international honor society for high school journalists, in the little theatre of the high school last night.

Those initiated were J. W. McCracken, Alice Mae Staudenmeyer, Pat Smythe, Pat Curry, Betty Barry, June Willey and Jim Barrett.

The program opened with musical selections by a trio under the direction of L. A. Gregory, consisting of Miss Rachel Smith, Mrs. Helen Paul and Mr. Gregory, after which Mary Ann Luebben, editor of The Beaver, high school publication, gave a brief summary of the history of the Chequamegon chapter of Quill and Scroll.

A formal initiation was held with Joe Taylor, former president of Quill and Scroll, as installing officer. Others taking part in the initiation were Dorothy Davis, George Bowring, Betty Sue Crowe, Evelyn Gregg, Edward Swetish, Dave Curry and Burlene Shaver.

Miss Fay Kirkpatrick, sponsor, was presented with a life membership.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN T. B. TESTING SET FOR DEC. 9-10

Tuberculin tests of grade school and high school students will be taken on Dec. 9 and 10 under the direction of the Montana Tuberculosis association in cooperation with the Montana State Board of Health.

Miss Margaret Holloran, county nurse, is in charge of the tests in this county and financing of this program has been aided by the seal sale in various communities and the efforts of local tuberculosis committees.

This program in Beaverhead county heretofore has included the tubercular testing and X-raying of high school students of the county high school and the Lima high school. This year the program is to include the first and second and the seventh and eighth grades of the training school and the freshmen and seniors of the county high school, the same groups being tested in Lima.

The date for the high school testing will be on Dec. 9, for the grade school, Dec. 10, and for the Lima school, Dec. 15. X-rays of positive reactions will be taken the first part of January, it was stated by Miss Holloran.

All families of positive reactors are urged to be tuberculin tested and positive ones X-rayed.

Two films entitled "Clouds in the Sky" and "Goodbye Mr. Germ" will be shown at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Bagley building.

All parents of children in the first and second and seventh and eighth grades are invited to attend.

Armored Car Is Jungle Juggernaut in Malaya



Argyll and Sutherlanders, famed troops from England, patrol roads in Malaya with weird-looking armored car that must be a jungle juggernaut to natives. Britain has also moved heavy reinforcements to Singapore and Malaya from Australia, and in collaboration with China, Dutch and U. S., is ready to meet any new Japanese southward thrust. (Passed by British censor.)

THE WEATHER

Montana — Rain or snow on Thursday, colder Thursday. Min. 37, max. 47.