

Censorship Tightened on Action in Korean War

By The Associated Press

TOKYO, Sunday—The United Nations offensive hammered away against stiffer Communist resistance in Central Korea Saturday, but movements were cloaked by heavy censorship.

The Allied push carried within 15 miles of the 38th Parallel and appeared aimed towards the Chinese base at Chunchon when U.S. security officers clamped down on field dispatches.

However, the drive was "going well," General MacArthur answered reporters on his return to Tokyo Saturday night from his second visit to the front in 10 days.

There was no immediate indication whether MacArthur's surprise trip to captured Hongchun on the Central front meant new offensive planning was under way, or was simply a routine inspection.

ACCOMPANIED by his top air, sea and ground commanders, MacArthur jeaped within 4 miles of the 38th Parallel, once the political dividing line between North and South Korea.

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, whose Far East Air Forces had just completed their most destructive week of the war; Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, whose U. N. armada blockades both East and West Korean coasts; and Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, directing the Eighth Army ground offensive, rode with their commander.

MacArthur would not say on his return whether he planned to order his forces north of the parallel for a second time, or hold them in the thawing hills to the south while a negotiated settlement is sought.

THE EIGHTH Army permitted correspondents in the field to report only a few lines Saturday night.

Correspondent William C. Barnard on the Central front said American forces northwest of captured Hongchun hurled back a company-sized attack by Chinese Communists.

There was virtually no contact with the enemy on the East-Central front, said Correspondent Nate Polowetzky.

In the West, Correspondent Jim Becker at Seoul was permitted to say that American and South Korean patrols probed vigorously north of the Han River.

THE NEW censorship regulations—including double scrutiny in the field and at Tokyo—forbade identifying allied units, their locations and commanding officers. Information obtained from prisoners of war or allied agents also will be banned in the future.

The purpose was to avoid disclosing anything of value to Communist intelligence.

Before the security clampdown, Correspondent Leif Erickson reported that four Chinese armies (corps) were getting set along ridge-lines and high points southwest and southeast of Chunchon. That important Red base is eight miles south of parallel 38.

FOUR MORE Red corps were in reserve to the north.

Normally the Chinese corps, each composed of three divisions, number 30,000 to 40,000 men. This meant 120,000 to 160,000 Chinese were on the front for the defense of Chunchon and an equal number was in reserve to back them up.

It was possible, however, that the Reds would clear out completely from all positions south of the 38th Parallel.

United Nations commanders generally felt that the diplomats at Lake Success now had their first important chance to gain an acceptable peace in Korea since the Chinese Reds intervened late last October.

THE ALLIES have proved they cannot be driven off the peninsula; have proved that even with the Chinese advantage in manpower, the Communists can be forced to retreat; and in seven weeks have inflicted an officially estimated 172,000 casualties on the Reds.

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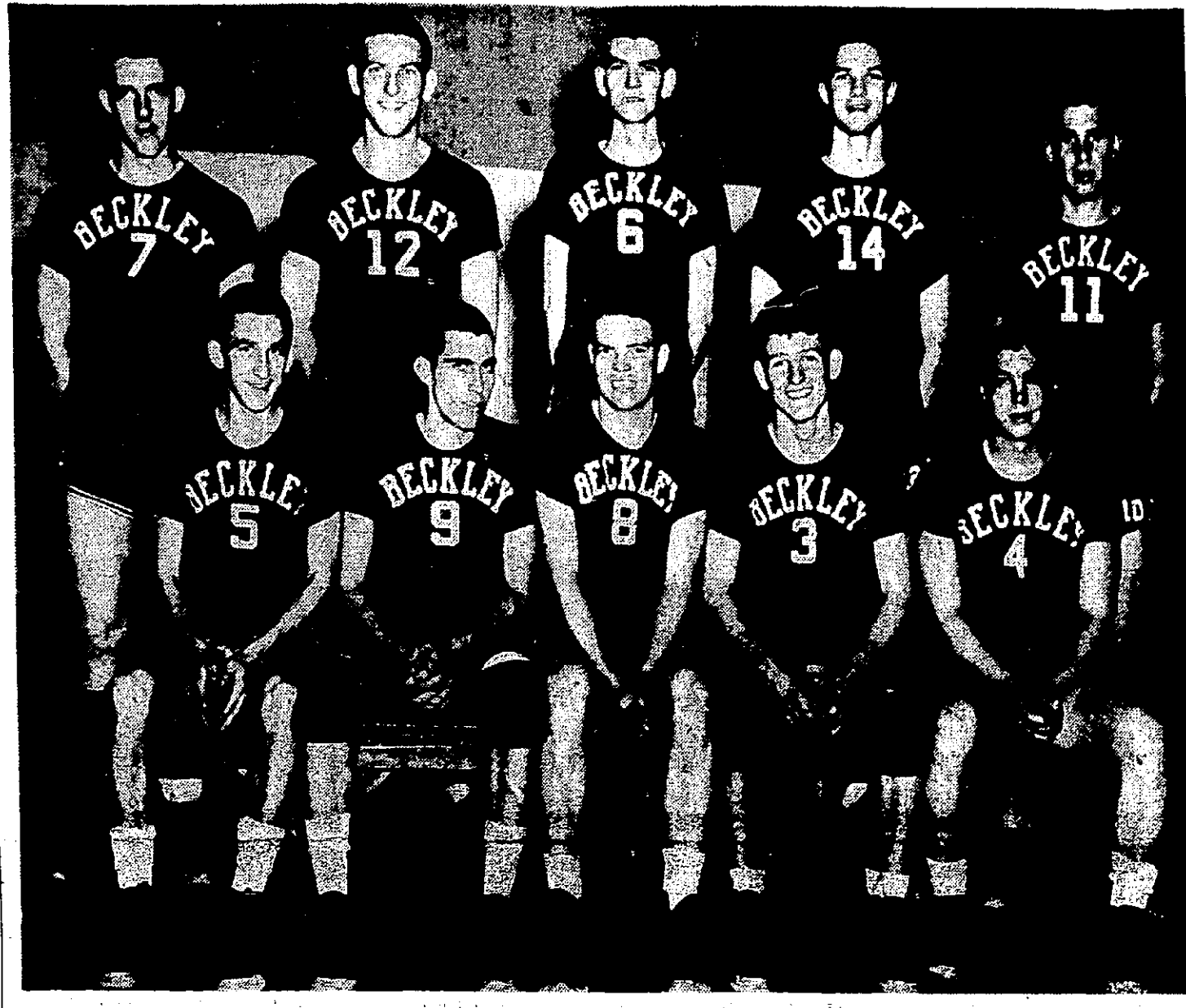
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Sunday Register



Eagles are State Cage Champions; Charleston Beaten in Title Game

Champions of W. Va. Scholastic Cage Teams



CLIMAXING A BRILLIANT march through scholastic competition, Woodrow Wilson Flying Eagle cagers reached the state summit yesterday afternoon by defeating Charleston in the championship game at Morgantown. Coach Jerome Van Meter's athletes eliminated Grafton and Victory of Clarksburg en route to the title contest. The group above includes, front row, left to right: William Collier, Eddie Cook, Bob Crews, Bill Turner and Charles Farley. Back row: Don Lowe, Julius Caldwell, Lee Estep, Willie Bergines, and Bob Davis. Not pictured but on the state tournament squad are John Waid and L. Davis. (Register Photo)

By BOB WILLS Register Sports Editor

Morgantown—A spectacular performance by Substitute Lee Estep plus the usual brilliant performance of Willie Bergines, Bill Turner and their mates gave Beckley's Flying Eagles the state Class A basketball championship here Saturday.

Lanky six-foot-five-inch Lee's superb rebounding job and 15-point contribution to the scoring effort when the Flying Eagles needed it most enabled Beckley to defeat the Charleston Mountain Lions 62-54 in the championship finale of the 38th Annual Scholastic Basketball Tournament at West Virginia University Field House.

The triumph gave Beckley its second championship in 15 trips to the state tournament under Coach J. R. Van Meter. The other championship came in 1946.

Sharing credit with the individual performances turned in by Bergines, Estep and Davis for the Beckley victory were a tight pressing defense that slowed the Charleston fast break to a standstill and the poise of the new champions when the going was the toughest.

AND THE GOING was tough all the way. Beckley trailed by as much as 12 points midway in the first quarter as a result of a couldn't-miss performance by Charleston's brilliant sophomore star Red Hundley.

Hundley sent the Lions winging toward what shaped up as a rout with 13 of the Kanawha Valley team's first 15 points in the first four minutes of play. During that time Beckley had been able to score only a rebound by Bergines and a free toss by Captain Julius Caldwell.

But the overall ability of the Beckley team began to become apparent at that time. Turner started it off with two set shots from the side and middle, Bob Davis tapped in a rebound, sank a free throw and laid up another two-pointer on a sweet toss-in by Caldwell and by the end of the quarter Beckley had pulled up to 16-21.

Estep went in for Caldwell, who had drawn four personal fouls, shortly after the second quarter began. He immediately took over control of the defensive bankboard in an astounding display as this tournament-conscious town has never seen.

AND IN THE MIDDLE of it he tossed in two long overhead shots and caged four fouls to spark a great Beckley comeback which finally caught up with Charleston at 28-all with 3 minutes, 55 seconds to go in the period.

Another foul shot by Estep put Beckley ahead for the first time at 31-30 with 2:19 to go but Theo Field's shot from the middle of the floor just as the gun ended the half enabled Charleston to hold a 34-32 lead at intermission.

THE THIRD quarter was really the telling one as the Charleston defense began to crumble before the onslaught of the cool Van Metermen.

The Eagles finally went ahead to stay at 38-36 on Bergines' rebound with 5:43 left to play in the third period. After that the game was nip and tuck with the Eagle lead varying from two to six points throughout the remainder of the quarter.

Charleston still had enough to make a battle out of it until midway in the last quarter, but con-

Champs' Coach



COACH VAN METER

rol of the bankboards by Bergines and Estep and the smart floor work of Turner and Bobby Crews never gave the Mountain Lions a chance. Hundley was the only member of the runner-up team able to score in that last quarter, caging four field goals to account for their eight points.

MEANWHILE the more-balanced and better-benched Eagles saw Eddie Cook, Turner, Estep and Bergines all contribute to a 13-point attack.

In the final analysis it was Beckley's better poise under pressure and their tremendous height that gained the victory.

The slick ball-hawking and set-shooting of Turner cooled off a momentum-gathering Lion comeback time after time. So did the rebound and defensive work of Estep and Bergines. Except for that first four minutes of the game the Raleigh Countians never seemed to feel the pressure from the yelling house of 6,300 fans who attend the final session.

That 6,300 brought to 29,200 the total attendance for the three-day tournament, a new record. The old

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Hoodlums Will Be Nailed For Tax Frauds

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Treasury announced Saturday that an elite company of investigators is being formed to track down tax frauds of underworld characters.

All are old hands at getting results against big time gamblers and racketeers, it was stated.

2 Men Treated For Gun Wounds

Two Beckleyans were injured, one of them hospitalized, about 10 p.m. Saturday in a shooting near Fitzpatrick.

Admitted to Beckley Hospital with gunshot wounds in his back was Clarence Daniel, 26, of 220 Mercer Street. Attendants said he has a possible spinal injury but described his condition as "fairly good."

Richard Perkins, 28, of Beckley, also involved in the shooting, was discharged after treatment for a gunshot wound in the right jaw.

A Calfee Funeral Home ambulance was called to the scene. Details of the shooting were not available, near press-time, from investigating State Police.

Beckley Dentist Held in Shooting

Dr. G. G. Beck, Negro dentist, shot another Negro, James Wright, in the leg with a .410 gauge shotgun about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The dentist was jailed by City Police on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

Investigating police said Beck, who was drunk, sent Wright to purchase a pint of whiskey. When Wright returned to the dentist's office, he shot him. He gave police no reason.

Wright, who resides at 518 S. Fayette Street, was wounded in the thigh. His condition was described as "good" by attendants at Raleigh General Hospital.

Two Injured in Crash On One-Lane Bridge

WHITESVILLE — Two persons were injured about 6 p.m. Saturday near Pettus when an automobile collided with a trailer-truck on a one-lane bridge.

Injured were Roger S. Jarrrell, of Whitesville, an occupant of the car, and Ernestine Lee, of Eunice, driver.

Jarrrell was taken to a Huntington hospital. The extent of his injuries was not known. Miss Lee sustained facial cuts.

A third occupant of the car, Eunice Bradford, of Eunice, was not injured. The car was almost a total loss.

West Virginia WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Beckley, showing high, low, and rainfall probabilities.

Eisenhower Denies Political Deal with Truman

By The Associated Press

PARIS—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower denied Saturday night that President Truman ever "mentioned to him any political possibilities of 1952."

The statement, issued through an official spokesman, was in response to inquiries about a story by Merrill Mueller, NBC commentator, saying "President Truman made a deal with General Eisenhower to make Ike available for the presidential campaign of 1952."

THE STORY was written for Quill, a magazine published by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, and was released in Miami, Fla., by John T. Bills, managing editor of Quill.

Mueller said he had a private talk in Denver last December with Eisenhower, and said the general quoted the President as saying he would be recalled from Europe in the mid-summer of 1952 to make him available for the nomination for president.

At Key West, the President's press secretary, Joseph Short, said "I have no comment on any of that."

Brig. Gen. C. T. Lanham, Eisenhower's chief of information at Shape (supreme headquarters, Allied powers in Europe), issued this statement:

"GENERAL Eisenhower habitually declines to authorize any comment on a press story that attempts, in spite of his emphatic and repeated denials, to link his name with possible political aspirations. However, in this case, the general is quoted as repeating statements attributed to the President of the United States. The general, therefore, authorized me to make sufficient exception to this policy to say that the president has never mentioned to him any political possibilities of 1952 whatsoever."

Mueller, a former foreign correspondent now stationed with NBC in San Francisco, wrote: "The Chief Executive told Ike that one Harry Truman did not want to be accused of exiting a potential powerful contender for the honors of the White House."

Changes in Civil Air Patrol Announced

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — Activation of Group II of the West Virginia wing of the Civil Air Patrol, to include Southern West Virginia, was announced Saturday by Col. E. T. Andrews, commanding officer of the West Virginia CAP.

The new wing will include squadrons in Beckley, Hinton, Point Pleasant, and Madison.

Capt. Ross A. Taylor, commanding officer of the Charleston squadron, has been promoted to the rank of major, and will act as commanding officer of Group II. He is also assistant West Virginia wing commander.

Fayette Warrant Issued In Attack on Man, 80

By The Associated Press

OAK HILL — Deputy Sheriff Pearlre Estmore said a warrant was issued Saturday for the arrest of Lloyd Sims, 48, of Sewell, in connection with an attack on an 80-year-old paralysis victim.

Attendees at an Oak Hill hospital said the victim, John Neason of Sewell, was in serious condition from a broken arm and knife wounds about the head and face suffered in the alleged attack at his home last Monday.

LAD. 2. BURNS TO DEATH By The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON — Robert Hutchison, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hutchison, died in a fire that swept a small frame dwelling here Saturday.

One Killed, Two Wounded at Clay

By The Associated Press

CLAY—State Police said a mine foreman was arrested Saturday night in connection with the fatal shooting of one man and wounding of two others after the trio warned him against going to work in a non-union mine.

Cpl. T. S. Myers said Joe Arnold, 29, of Kingwood, was shot fatally with a pistol.

Also wounded, the corporal said, were Cloyd Uphold, of Kingwood, and Donald Poland, 34, of Tunnelton, hit by a shotgun charge.

Held in Clay County Jail in connection with the triple shooting, Myers said, was George Burnett Hudson, 57, of Sprague Park, Clay County, an employee of the Industrial Coal Company of Kingwood.

Deadline For Price Lists is March 22

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON—Further clarifying regulations the office of Price Stabilization's West Virginia headquarters said Saturday the deadline for retail price lists is Thursday, March 22.

The agency said that on the date, all retailers, including groceries, will be required to have and keep in their possession ceiling price lists of their goods. These must be kept in readiness for examination by OPS representatives on demand.

Clothing, furniture, floor covering and footwear merchants will be required to have such lists available by March 29.

Train Strikes Car; Two Persons Hurt

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — A New York Central passenger train struck an automobile at a crossing near here Saturday, injuring two of the three occupants of the car.

Brought to a Charleston hospital suffering from concussion and shock were John Fields, 28, of Frame, and his cousin, Roy Fields, 22, of Wellford. Attendees said the two Kanawha County men were in satisfactory condition.

Governor Signs Last Of 218 New Measures

By The Associated Press

CHARLESTON—Two bills helping West Virginia cities get more money were among a last-minute flood of legislation crossing Governor Patton's desk before the five-day deadline for signing.

One authorizes municipalities to levy a two per cent amusement tax, which will be in addition to federal and state taxes already collected on such tickets.

The other enables cities and counties to qualify for federal assistance in slum clearance projects.

The Governor and his statehouse staff worked far into the night in order to clear the legislation before Friday midnight.

THE MEASURES were the last of 218 passed by both houses—116 in the Senate and 102 by the House.

Only two bills—both concerning the controversial sheriff's fee system—became law without his signature. There were no vetoes.

Also becoming law was the measure reappportioning the state for the election of the House of Delegates. It raised the House membership from 94 to 100.

Populous Kanawha County gained three members, and Logan, Monongalia, Wyoming and Raleigh one each. Ohio County lost one member.

The bulky bill revising the state motor vehicles code also went into the books.

one-year moratorium to enable truckers to modify their equipment to meet the law, and set a truck speed limit at 40 miles per hour.

Trucks of less than 4,000 pounds gross weight will be allowed to operate at passenger car speeds of 55 miles per hour.

A third measure allowing financially-hard-pressed cities to charge for municipal services such as fire and police protection and garbage collection also became law.

The Governor also signed bills: PERMITTING counties to make improvements such as sewers, waterworks, streets, alleys and sidewalks in unincorporated areas upon petition of 60 per cent or more of the property owners who would be assessed for the work.

Providing for registration and licensing of dogs.

Making it unlawful for coal mines in Brooke and Hancock counties to allow drainage from the coal washeries to enter into a stream.