

### Lease Scheme Gets Attention

#### Barter for Rubber, Tin and Other Products Is Considered

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...guage covering the details of future contingencies, and was inclined to believe the general provisions would prove the most workable.  
Will be mentioned in Monday message.  
A little earlier the president's secretary, Stephen T. Early, told reporters that Mr. Roosevelt probably would discuss the leasing plan in his annual message to the new congress, to be delivered in person on Monday. But he added, Mr. Roosevelt probably had not decided whether to go into detail or cover the subject in a general way. In any event, he added, the message proposal would be put before congress soon after the session begins.

The day also brought a striking development in the Anglo-American program with the announcement that England had purchased three new flying boats of the Atlantic Clipper type from Pan-American Airways. They are to be used, Morris Wilson of the British ministry of aircraft production said, to "maintain empire communications." There were some indications the boats would be used principally between England and Canada to ferry officials and pilots across the Atlantic.

#### Interpretations Are Surprise to FDR

At his press conference, Mr. Roosevelt was asked whether his statement of Sunday night that there was no intention of sending an American expeditionary force into the European war applied to the navy and air force as well as the army. Some, he was told, had raised that question in interpreting the chief executive's remarks.

Mr. Roosevelt replied that he read all kinds of things in newspaper interpretations of his remarks that he had never thought of in his life. Some of them, he said, just hit him between the eyes for the reason that he had never thought of them.

The possibility of permitting England to pay off war implements later with war materials, arose out of an explanation by the president of how the leasing plan might work out. He took, for example, three guns supplied to Great Britain under the scheme.

### McNary to Rest, Sun in California

Senator Charles L. McNary accepted the advice of his physician yesterday and left Salem in a night train for California. He is expected to spend a week or 10 days in the desert resort before continuing east to Washington.

### Missouri Club Is Headed by Rolfsen

Wylie W. Rolfsen is new president of the Salem Missouri club, elected Friday night. Installation of officers will be January 4, at which time a special program is planned.

### Legislators get Offer of Y use

Facilities for recreation in the Salem YMCA are offered to senators and representatives during the 1941 legislative session. A letter sent to them by Senator Douglas McKay, member of the Y board of directors.

### Better Signing Suggested at Corner On Silverton Road; no Blinker Needed

Recommendation of improved signs at the intersection of the Silverton highway and the Stayton cutoff, or Auburn road, was made yesterday by the Marion county court by John Baker, traffic engineer for the state highway department.  
The report, requested by the court, states that traffic there, as computed for a county Decem. 19, does not warrant a blinker light. The count, with allowances for several variable factors, was 4870 cars through the intersection in 24 hours, 75 per cent from the main road and 25 per cent from the side road.  
After comment on accidents at the crossing, which includes fatalities, the report suggests that the "Stop" and "Prepare to Stop" signs, with the latter removed from the main road, to replace the present signs. On the main road installation of cross signs of the standard type, relettered and placed about 400 feet from the intersection, is recommended.

### Unusual Weather Is 1940 Feature

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and that month's total of 2.36 inches, stood 5.1 inch above the 1939 mean average. October's precipitation leveled off at 3.79 inches. Summer warmth reached a maximum of 84 degrees on the 18th of that month.  
November was noted for the worst storms of the year nationally and some of the coldest weather of the year locally, the minimum being 26 degrees on the 23rd. On November 5, the mercury touched bottom at 20 degrees here but democrats didn't notice it. The blue mist of afternoon settlements and arguments kept the temperature above 40 degrees on the sixth.  
Thanksgiving's low reading was 35 degrees and people all over the nation ate turkey and were thankful that they lived in the USA where the weather is still a topic of conversation and not just part of a battle plan.  
Coldest weather of the year came in the traditionally cold weather and warm hearts month of December when the airport mercury for the reason of snow, 23 degrees on the 14th day, mounting thereafter to a low of 45 degrees on Christmas eve. Again people all over the nation ate turkey and were thankful that they lived in the USA where colored lights blinked from windows and not overseas where lights were even blacked out in Bethlehem.  
December's rainfall totaled 4.99 inches, bringing the year's total to an even 32 inches—including the tears shed for Auld Lang Syne last night.

### Bequest to College Is Probably Small

PORTLAND, Dec. 31—(AP)—The bequest of the late E. S. Collins to the College of Puget Sound probably will not exceed \$5000, Charles E. McCulloch, attorney, said today.  
At one time the wealthy lumberman's Washington holdings, 40 per cent of which were bequeathed to the college, would have exceeded \$100,000, the attorney estimated.  
Since then timber has been cut from the tracts and McCulloch believed Collins' properties would not exceed a value of \$10,000 now.

### Pilot Jolted out Of Plane but Pal Land It Safely

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 31—(AP)—Ralph Botthoff, 23, an airplane pilot from San Francisco, bounced out of his own open-cockpit plane during a snap-roll maneuver today, parachuted nearly 4000 feet into the bay and was rescued 15 minutes later, chilled and near exhaustion, by a navy amphibian plane.  
He told rescuers he felt a sudden jerk, as if something had snapped, when half-way through the maneuver; he lost his safety belt, quickly reached over to the other cockpit and tapped his fellow pilot, James Burton Duncan, also of San Francisco, on the head. Almost at the same instant the plane jerked again and he was thrown out.  
Duncan didn't know what had hit him on the head, he said later, because it happened just as the jerks came and he wondered what was going on. He didn't know Botthoff wasn't still in his plane until he suddenly saw the parachute billowing out below him. A rudder wire was broken, he said, but by careful maneuvering with his own stick, he was able to get the plane back to the water. But it struck on one wing in landing, stood on its nose and went on over on its back.  
Duncan climbed out unhurt and excitedly dispatched aid to Botthoff.

### Baker out of Hospital

PORTLAND, Dec. 31—(AP)—A hospital released ex-Mayor George L. Baker of Portland yesterday, after treatment for several days for a severe cold.

### Land and Sea Gains Recited

#### Italian Supply Vessels Sunk; Albania Invader Force Is "Crushed"

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...to organize a civilian "roof-top army" to counter Germany's new policy of wholesale "fire-bombing"—as exemplified in Sunday night "torch-light" assault on the ancient city of London. And he said the government planned to make part-time civil defense work compulsory for every Briton.  
The Italians, according to dispatches from the front, were "completely crushed" as the Greeks pushed on toward the fascist troopship port of Valona, 30 miles north.  
Premier Mussolini's high command said Italian warships and dive-bombers had opened a furious attack on the Greeks, shelling Greek coastal supply centers and bombing and machine-gunning Hellenic marching columns.  
The Hitler made no direct reference to President Roosevelt; he asserted statements that the Rome-Berlin axis planned world conquest were "infamous lies."  
In his speech Sunday, calling for greater aid to Britain, President Roosevelt had declared bluntly:  
"The Nazi masters of Germany have made it clear that they intend to enslave the whole of Europe and then... dominate the rest of the world."  
Hitler's message gave a long-ranting discourse on German "rights" in a world of "haves" and "have nots."  
"God up to now has placed the stamp of approval on our battle," he declared, and he predicted God will stay on Germany's side if Germans keep their faith and courage.

### Liars Trophy Won By Hotfoot Yarn

#### Old Cowhand Avers Chili Powder Used to Keep Tenderfeet Warm

BURLINGTON, Wis., Dec. 31—(AP)—The tale of a chili powder hotfoot, self-inflicted by a cow country tenderfoot, tonight won the world liars' championship for Howard Ambersen of Three Forks, Mont.  
With the title went a diamond-studded gold medal—if one can believe officers of the Burlington Liars' club—which the club bestows annually upon the spinner of the year's best yarn.  
The club handed the laurel to Ambersen, a veteran of the range, at its traditional New Year's eve meeting.  
Ambersen's story, one of more than 4000 submitted during the last year, was as follows:  
"We were herding stock from the range to the valley ranch for the winter when it turned terribly cold. This meant extra help. So I hired a young fellow, new to the country.  
"The first day, he complained of his feet getting cold. We told him of an old established practice here on the range: instead of wearing overshoes or socks, we sprinkled a little red pepper on our boots.  
"He consulted the cook and we started out. Before long he was kicking his feet against the stirrups. Then he dismounted and walked. Soon he struck out in one of those stomping dog-trotts.  
"He said that he figured if red pepper was good, chili powder ought to be better.  
"Friction of the chili powder against the ball of his foot, as he rode, had heated things up inside those boots until it had cooked his bunions, popped his corns—and the only reason his toes weren't hurt was because they had hung themselves on the nails."  
Honorable mention was accorded these:  
From O. Bayer, Montreal—Fish in the Kakabonga lakes are so big that he takes a concrete mixer along when he goes fishing. He uses it to build a foundation for a winch to haul in his catch.  
The fish are so big that they have developed hinges on each side to enable them to swing around curves which are less than a quarter of a mile long.  
From G. W. Hendricks, coroner of Carlow county, Cartersville, Ga.—I had a hen that built her nest in some high weeds and laid 15 eggs in it. A chicken snake found them and swallowed every one. About three weeks later this same snake came crawling up to the house with 14 little chicks following it. The chickens are now growing fine.

### Big Highway Jobs In Oregon Noted

PORTLAND, Dec. 31—(AP)—Major accomplishments in highway construction in 1940 were reviewed today by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.  
Notable achievements he said were the completion of the Willamette highway between Eugene and Klamath Falls, rerouting of the Pacific highway past Albany and rerouting of the highway between Ashland and the California border.  
Much work also was done on the Columbia river highway and the coast highway, which he said would be linked with the route around Neahkahnie mountain next year.

### President Once Stayed, Colorful Jacksonville Inn

MEDFORD, Dec. 31—(AP)—City officials closed today the K.U.S. hotel in Jacksonville, whose colorful history includes a protest to rates from the federal secretary of treasury.  
The hotel boomed in Jacksonville's gold-mining days, and President Rutherford B. Hayes stopped there for a night's lodging during the era.  
Old-timers have forgotten her first name, but remember how Landlady Holt ceremoniously installed the president and his party in the "presidential suite."  
Next day she presented a bill for \$300.  
A few weeks later a letter came from Secretary of the Treasury John Sherman: "Madam, the president merely desired a night's lodging and had no intention whatever of purchasing your property."  
3. British confidence in ultimate victory with American aid, far from being shaken by the punishment her cities have taken, has been strengthened 100 per cent by the Italian defeats in Greece and Libya.

### Astoria Women Dies on Sunday

ASTORIA, Dec. 31—(AP)—Last rites for Mrs. Elizabeth Johansen, 43, and Mrs. Hilma Josephine Johansen, mother and grandmother of Wally Johansen, member of the 1939 University of Oregon national champion basketball team, were planned today.  
They died within eight hours of each other Sunday.

### Okehs Dam Over Angler Protests

MEDFORD, Dec. 31—(AP)—Circuit Judge H. D. Norton authorized construction of a wing-dam on the Rogue river by the Beaver-Portland Cement company today.  
The state game commission had protested that the dam would interfere with fish migrations.  
The company contended improvement of the natural channel would allow passage of fish.

### 4 New Officers On-Duty Today

Not yet certified by Board; Journalist Declines Position  
Four new policemen and one who advances from temporary to permanent appointment on the Salem force will go to work patrolling beats or driving patrol cars today.  
The four new men, winners of top places in the recent civil service examination for the police department eligible list, are R. A. Fiedler, W. G. Espin, Stanley K. Friese and Ernel R. Munding.  
E. W. Hewitt, who has served on the force by temporary appointment, won permanent rating in the examination.  
Paul H. Hauser, jr., newspaperman who held the highest grade in the written examination, declined appointment to the force.  
The men who go to work today have not been officially certified by the civil service commission and it is possible that some of them may be found not to qualify.

### Cold Reception Is Accorded to Year

PORTLAND, Dec. 31—(AP)—The weather bureau predicted a cold reception for the new year as an east wind blew over Oregon and temperatures dropped below freezing today.  
East of the Cascade range cold was general and a few cities of western Oregon experienced subfreezing minimums.  
Baker airport had 15 degrees, Bend 11, Burns 13, Eugene 29, Lakeview 16, Medford 31, Newport 35, Astoria 36, Pendleton 34, Portland 34, Roseburg 34, Salem 33 and Albany 33.

### United States Is In War, Rio View

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 31—(AP)—The newspaper O Imperial declared editorially today that President Roosevelt's defense speech Sunday meant the United States already was at war with Germany.  
"The United States is transformed into an arsenal for England... If some English can remember the hell to which Great Britain has been transformed, within six to eight months the islands will become an air base for the systematic destruction of Germany by North American planes piloted by Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders."  
"That's what the Roosevelt speech signifies."

### Turnover Exceeds Profits Estimate

The state liquor control commission, during the current biennium, turned over to the state treasurer for public assistance a total of \$6,628,019.79.  
Liquor profits of the commission for the two-year period were estimated at the beginning of the biennium at \$6,500,000.  
Of the total amount turned over to the state treasurer \$3,252,454.50 was for the year 1940 and \$3,275,565.29 for the year 1939. A turnover of \$412,220.75 was made yesterday, the closing day of the year.  
Liquor profits now due the state treasurer on certificates of indebtedness aggregate \$92,890.04.

### Attorney Honored

EUGENE, Dec. 31—(AP)—The Eugene junior chamber of commerce named Hale R. Thompson, attorney, No. 1 junior citizen for 1940.

### Noisy Revelry 1941 Greeting

#### But "Auld Lang Syne" Is Theme Song in Other Embattled Lands

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world, a happy and prosperous new year, and a woman's voice rose over the hubbub with a special toast "to the boys overseas"—who were fighting in chilly England and in the heat of Libya.  
Spirits Not Blacked Out in London  
They blacked out London—blacked out everything except the New Year spirit. Celebrants went indoors and left the streets to silence and the skies to searchlights that hunted vainly through the skies for bombers. Behind double doors and heavily curtained windows they renewed old toasts to old friends and to the king—"God bless him."  
Later, revelers gathered in the darkness, deep in the shadow of St. Paul's cathedral, and, in the ashes of spent fires and the network of hose-lines laid in anticipation of new fires, they shouted a defiant new toast: "To hell with Hitler!" The weary firemen joined the chorus: "Auld Lang Syne."  
The scene overseas contrasted strongly with that in the United States.  
New York's Waldorf Astoria hotel packed them in at a \$15 cover charge. The New Yorker, Commodore and other leading hotels reported tastes running to champagne as never before; and these and other hotels said this year's decorations—red, white and blue—met with great popular enthusiasm.  
Crowds that gathered in the streets to hail 1941's arrival did so under all the light that could be brought into service. Even at Sing Sing prison, the nightly blackout was postponed, and prisoners were given permission to cheer the new year with their lungs and radios operating full blast.

### Rockefeller Heir To Enlist in Army

NEW YORK, Dec. 31—(AP)—Winthrop Rockefeller, 28, grandson of the late John D. Rockefeller and heir to a huge fortune, intends to give up his position in the foreign department of the Socony Vacuum company, and enlist in the army this week.  
Authoritative sources tonight confirmed reports that Winthrop, one of the five sons of John D. Rockefeller, jr., would go before his local draft board Thursday or Friday for preliminary physical examination.

### Company, Union Negotiations Fail

SEATTLE, Dec. 31—(AP)—Collapse of negotiations between the Weyerhaeuser Timber company and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL) was reported today by union officials.  
The union closed the company's big plant at Snoqualmie Falls with a strike October 28 and a mill at Everett has been picketed, although it resumed operations under an agreement with the rival CIO union.  
As a result of the failure of negotiations, Earl Hartley, president of the Puget Sound district council of the union, said a special union convention had been called for Saturday in Seattle.  
Jack Dubey, president of the Snoqualmie Falls union local, said the negotiations collapsed after the company refused to participate in the government-sponsored survey of the industry to determine a basis for setting a sliding pay scale in the Douglas fir region. He said the company also rejected flatly the 5-cent an hour wage increase proposal, with a week's vacation with pay, which was the basis of strike settlement at Tacoma mills.

### 500 From Raided Vessels Rescued

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The others were the British Trilander 6378 tons, Triaster 6933 and Triona 4413, all recently-built ships operated by the British phosphate commissioners; the British Komata 3900 tons, and the Norwegian steamers Vinni 5181 tons, and Ringwood 7203.  
The Biamarck Archipelago consists of more than 100 small islands, formerly under German protectorate but mandated to Australia under the Versailles treaty.

### Portland Cuts Debts Three Million in Year

PORTLAND, Dec. 31—(AP)—A further cut of \$3,022,048 this year brought Portland's debt reduction to \$20,243,160 in the last decade. Bonded indebtedness now is \$31,215,907.

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