

It's Coming
The big 90th anniversary edition of The Statesman will be off the press late this month.

Weather
Partly cloudy with possible light showers, cooler today and Thursday; local frosts Thursday. Max. temp. Tuesday, 71, Min. 54. Northwest wind. River -5 foot. Clear.

Oregon Basketball Squads Prepared For Annual 'War'

Sharpshooters of 16 District Teams Start Firing at 1 p.m. in State Crown Tourney

The deadly shooting of eight-man squads here in Salem is destined to displace some of the front page news of the firing of battalions overseas and the poppings of political big-wigs in Oregon's legislative halls for the remainder of the current week.

This "deadly dunking" is to be done with basketballs at whatever paces liked by the 128 youths who comprise the 16 hoop teams entered in the 22nd annual state high school hoop tournament at Willamette university starting today.

Unlike the firing on European front, the sniping in this type of war isn't fatal. While the championship field will be narrowed to eight contenders at the close of today's games, the defeated play-on in consolation brackets until they sustain a second loss. Consolation is said to be scarce in war zones across the big pond.

As in each of the 21 previous tournaments, The Statesman will be atop the 1941 meet from the time the host Salem team opens it, at 1 p. m. against the reputedly strong Columbia Preps, until the champion is crowned Saturday night. Complete returns of each day's play will be faithfully and completely recorded in your morning Statesman.

(See page 8, Ron Gemmel's sports page, for tournament details.)

School Board Plans Deal

Agrees to Offer \$7000 for Eight Lots With Income Stipulation

The Salem school board dealt with an accumulation of administrative items, most of them of a routine nature, at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The board agreed to offer Nathan Selig the sum of \$7000 for eight lots located next to school property on North 14th street with the stipulation that income from the first of the eight pieces of property be retained by the school board for a 12-month period.

Selig has offered to sell the lots for the price approved, though the board's stipulation as to monthly income from the property did not agree exactly with his offer.

The board also accepted \$50 from the Salem Community Concerts association to cover half the cost of materials for the construction of an audition shell for the senior high school auditorium.

According to arrangements made the shell will be constructed and painted without cost to either agency except for materials.

Frank Strubel, local architect, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3).

Ford Wants Young Men At US Helm

WAYS, Ga., March 11-(AP)-Henry Ford would like to see more young men running this nation's government and believes the national defense program will be "educational to that end."

The Detroit automobile maker suggested that government should function along industrial pattern and predicted that objectors to war "will make themselves heard" in America.

"If our young men are to do our fighting, why can't they run the country?" the 77-year-old industrialist asked in an interview.

Maneuvers in Big Bend Area Denied by Military Chief

FORT LEWIS, March 11-(AP)-A high military authority here Tuesday denied a report that extensive army maneuvers might be held this summer in the Big Bend country of Eastern Washington.

While declining to be quoted directly, the officer said the site for maneuvers would be in California or in the Puget Sound area or in both.

Extensive maneuvers were held last summer south and west of Fort Lewis reservation.

Nazis Massed on Two Frontiers

Lease-Lend Bill Becomes Law

First Day Tourney Favorite



McMinnville's Grizzlies, who rule as favorites to win their 2 p.m. state basketball tournament clash with Beaverton today. Sitting, from left: Jack Allison, Maurice Prater, Bob Caviness, Jones Bates, Don Reiffenrath. Standing, from left: Jack Beeler, Coach Blaine Johnson, Bill Tapscott, Clare Caviness, Glen Macy, Manager Orval Crimmins, Gene Peterson.

Showdown Days Faced By State Legislators

Unemployment Compensation, Liquor Bills and Sales Tax Measure Will Receive Action in Oregon Senate, House

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER
Today and Thursday are "showdown days" in the Oregon legislature—on unemployment compensation; on liquor bills and on the sales tax.

Senate action today on the four major house unemployment compensation bills and the success of the succeeding attempt at concurrence of the two bodies will in large part determine final adjournment time. Five other bills, representing nearly every effort in the line of wine and liquor legislation essayed at this session, are also on the senate's calendar.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column
Well, what we were all afraid of happened.

We just couldn't get the legislature out the back door while the basketball tournament was coming in the front. The legislature seems to be here for the duration. For the duration of the basketball tournament anyway, and there may be truth in the rumors that some of the eastern representatives are sending home for their summer underwear.

The basketball players and the legislators have few things in common. There's a waistline drawn between them.

The legislators could learn a few things from the basketball players. The basketball players can decide the issue in 40 minutes and never move to reconsider the score.

The hoopsters, as the sports writers call them, have it over the solons, as the headline writers call them, in some respects. They're both on purely amateur basis, but the basketball players get their board and room.

Hank Greenberg, Baseball Star, Has Flat Feet

LAKELAND, Fla., March 11-(AP)-A draft board physical examination disclosed officially Tuesday what Hank Greenberg and his friends have known for a long time—that Hank has flat feet.

At Detroit, Greenberg's local draft board has made arrangements for the Detroit Tiger star to be examined here, site of the Tiger spring training camp, and it was done at the office of Dr. Grover C. Freeman of Lakeland.

Dr. Freeman said that Greenberg was afflicted with "second degree bilateral pes planus," medical language for flat feet. Whether this will mean draft deferment for Greenberg will be up to the Detroit draft board, it was explained. The local board already has classified him for immediate service, depending on his physical condition.

House Speeds Measure for Pen of FDR

President Orders List of War Materials Sent to England, Greece

WASHINGTON, March 11-(AP)-In a breath-taking burst of speed, congress rushed the lease-lend bill to the White House Tuesday, President Roosevelt signed it, and four minutes later ordered an undisclosed list of war materials sent to England and Greece.

Then, he held a press conference he would ask congress Wednesday for the nation's biggest peace-time appropriation—\$7,000,000,000—to finance the help-Britain program, and that same time within a week he would make a radio talk on the subject.

Final congressional approval took the form of a 317 to 71 house vote accepting amendments attached to the bill by the senate, and the accompanying debate produced bi-partisan pledges of national unity, now that a majority of both houses had spoken.

Wallace Signs Measure With Speaker Rayburn
The speed started at that point. Vice President Wallace, brushing age-old formalities aside, went to the house end of the capital and he and Speaker Rayburn signed it. Chairman Kirwan (D-Ohio) of the house committee on enrolled bills, slipped the elaborate linen-paper document into a brief case, and hailed a taxicab.

At the White House he turned it over to Clarence Hess, a veteran clerk of the executive office, who signed a receipt for it. At 3:40 p.m., Mr. Roosevelt was waiting at his desk, surrounded by photographers. At 3:51, a White House official signalled to newsmen, with a wave of his hand, that the measure which might conceivably shape the whole history of the world had become law.

A list of war supplies, the property of the army and navy, had already been drawn up, in consultation with high officers of the two services. At 3:55 Mr. Roosevelt ordered it on its way to England and Greece, and at 4 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Japan Grabs Rice in Siam Vichy Pact

TOKYO, March 11-(AP)-French Indo-China handed one of her richest rice-producing areas over to Thailand Tuesday under a Japanese-mediated peace settlement ending their border dispute which flared into undeclared war last fall.

Japan, short on rice, was believed in diplomatic circles to have obtained assurances that she could purchase the entire (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

British Envoy Escapes Bomb

Blast in Istanbul Hotel Kills Two, Injures 23

ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 12 - (Wednesday)-(AP)-George W. Rendel, the former British minister to German-occupied Bulgaria, escaped assassination Tuesday night in a bomb explosion in the lobby of the Pera Palace hotel here, but two other persons were killed and 23 injured.

Rendel himself, apparently the main intended victim, was unhurt. One of the dead was identified as a Turkish plain clothesman. Some among the injured were reported near death, but most of them were not seriously hurt.

Among those hurt—but all only slightly—were three members of Rendel's staff—First Secretary Lambert and two girl typists.

Rendel, who had arrived at the hotel to take up residence after breaking British relations with Bulgaria, had just gone to his rooms — and that circumstance perhaps saved him from injury or death. His daughter, Anne, also was unhurt.

Serious Diplomatic Repercussions Assorted
Military authorities, who are directing the application of martial law in European Turkey, joined government agents in an investigation, and said the crime (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

500,000 Blitz Force Awaits Hitler's Word To Hit Turks, Greece

Mighty Military Machine Ready for Invasion With Thousands of Bombers Poised for Fray

By The Associated Press
A half-million Nazi shock troops were massed in Bulgaria opposite the Greek and Turkish frontiers Tuesday night and reliable reports from Sofia said they were only awaiting Adolf Hitler's "go" signal to strike.

Thousands of bomber and fighter planes were lined up on every available airport and many improvised fields—ready for action. Underground fuel vaults have been dug. German general staff officers have deserted Sofia and now are at their headquarters in Plovdiv, 40 miles from Greece's frontier.

The southward flow of German trucks now carries doctors and nurses. The military machine apparently is all set. Greece sent three cabinet ministers and a temporary governor to Thrace, opposite the massed German army.

New Thrace Governor Prepares for Big Battle
The new governor, Kostas Kotzias, who has been serving as governor of Athens, told the Greeks in Thrace he had arrived to carry out his task "to a satisfactory conclusion—without reserve or hesitation."

This meant to observers that Greece still intended to fight to the last should the Germans attack. In Albania the Greek high command said 450 more Italian prisoners had been taken in fierce fighting. A government spokesman said Albania's mountain slopes were strewn with hundreds of casualties in a war that has gained momentum with the melting of big snow fields.

British Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told a cheering house of commons in London that Britain had the trained personnel to man all American equipment sent to her under the British aid bill and that "splendid aircraft—the choicest fruit of American design and craftsmanship—will get here in time."

He spoke just before President Roosevelt signed the bill into law in Washington. The admiral's announcement of a weekly loss of 148,038 tons of shipping grimly highlighted Britain's need of vessels to combat the German sea menace.

Dictators Declared as Believing US in War
Authorized spokesmen in Berlin pointed to the forthcoming visit there and in Rome of Yousef Matthei (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Russia Lulls Turk's Fears

ANKARA, Turkey, March 11-(AP)-A Russian promise that Turkey need fear no attack from the soviet should she enter the war has been given to the Turkish ambassador to Moscow by V. Molotov, the Russian premier and foreign commissar, a competent source declared Tuesday night.

The same informant added that the Germans were raising long-range guns in the port of Varna in Nazi-occupied Bulgaria, with the apparent intention of controlling Black sea shipping.

A most simultaneous disclosure by a foreign diplomatic source that three German warplanes flying over Turkish fortifications along the Bulgarian frontier were fired upon Monday by Turkish anti-aircraft guns.

War News Briefs

LONDON, March 11-(Wednesday)-(AP)-German warplanes bombed at least 150 persons out of their homes in one area of a northwestern town and buried many others beneath wreckage in another during a raid of several hours Tuesday night.

CAIRO, Egypt, March 11-(AP)-The RAF announced Tuesday night it had made heavy overnight raids on Tripoli and Tirpoltania destroying two enemy aircraft on the ground, damaging others, and setting off a large fire and loud explosion.

LONDON, March 11-(AP)-The British admiral announced Tuesday night that a British submarine "has torpedoed and sunk a heavily laden Italian troop transport off Sicily."

BERLIN, March 11-(AP)-The coming visit to axis capitals of Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka and a staff of military experts is one of the replies which the United States must expect to the British aid bill, authorized German spokesmen indicated Tuesday.

LONDON, March 11-(AP)-The fleet and the RAF—Britain's mightiest arms of war—are ready to strike for victory in the developing battle of the Atlantic with the vast supply of weapons now expected from the United States, official informants declared publicly and privately Tuesday.

Something New—Myrtlewood Furniture

Admiring some of the myrtlewood furniture for the new lodge at Silver Creek falls, left to right, Mrs. Albert Finsley, Mrs. G. S. Dibble and Mrs. L. M. Pelley, Salem residents visiting Art Center.—Statesman Photo.



Oregonians who have an appreciation of native wood will find interest in the display of unique furniture now at the Art Center in the old high school building. The furniture is constructed of myrtlewood and was made by the Portland WPA project for use in the Silver Creek Falls lodge. This is probably the first time that Oregon myrtlewood has been used in furniture making on any scale, declared Charles Val Clear, assistant state supervisor of the Oregon Art Project and organizer of Salem's Art Center.

Eight thousand board feet of the myrtlewood has been furnished by the state highway commission through the state park service for the Silver Creek Falls project. It will be an outstanding feature of the new chalet for the state park. It has long been the contention of furniture craftsmen that solid myrtlewood was unsatisfactory for furniture because of its reputation for checking and curling, but the Portland workers have completed several very fine pieces. Included are a reception table, showing beautiful buris, an excellent example of the famous wood at its best. A writing table, a porch tree and one other larger table are included in the group. Wood in the chairs is combined with wrought iron.