

### City to Appeal On Tax Suit

#### Liable for Water Bureau in 1936, Court Decision

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delinquent taxes, which with interest now total approximately \$39,000.

This action the county will take at the first opportunity, District Attorney Hayden declared Monday. He will, however, wait at least until the 30-day period in which the city may appeal to the supreme court has expired before instituting such an action, he said.

The city maintains that its rights go back to January 9, 1934, when condemnation proceedings were started against the water company and also that a purchase agreement entered into with the firm on May 6, 1935, more than a month before the new law relied upon by the county went into effect, takes the deal outside the new act's provisions, Winslow indicated Monday night. This law was passed by the legislature on March 11, 11 days after the assessment date bearing on the taxes at issue.

Question of the 1936 taxes did not arise until the water commission received a bill from the county in that year. Payment of taxes due in 1935 was made by the private water company as part of its sale agreement.

A side issue in the suit, the question of whether the city or the water company could be held liable for the 1936 taxes, was decided by Judge Crawford in favor of the latter.

"I am satisfied the liability for payment of taxes rests upon the city of Salem by virtue of the agreement between the parties, and for the further reason that there is, in my opinion, no provision of law for subjecting the water company to the payment of the taxes on the theory of personal debt, the tax being collectible only from the property," he said in concluding. "Admittedly, the property of the city may not be sold for the purpose of enforcing payment of this obligation."

Custer E. Ross served with Winslow and City Attorney Lawrence N. Brown in presenting the city's case, District Attorney Hayden and George L. Belt, then a special tax deputy, for the county.

### McNary Not Coming Home This Summer

Sen. Charles L. McNary will not return to his country home near Salem during the coming summer, he indicated in letters received here recently.

The senator said that because of war conditions he would be compelled to remain in Washington and forego his annual vacation. Mrs. McNary and daughter, Charlotte, may visit Salem later in the year.

McNary is republican leader in the senate and is a member of a number of important committees.

### Friendly Policy Told French

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friendship and support for the French people and their sovereignty over French territory, therefore, the course which the United States must follow is clear, he said:

"Until the final victory of the United Nations is won, and the people of France are once more in full control of their own destinies, the government of the United States, in accordance with the policy above set forth, will continue, with regard to French territories in Africa or the Pacific areas, to maintain, or to enter into, relations with those French citizens who are in actual control of such territories."

Germany is trying to poison French minds against the friends of France, Welles concluded, but: "The French people may be reassured that the government and people of the United States will continue to maintain unimpaired their full respect for the rights of the people of France. They may continue to be confident that by the victory of the United Nations those rights will be restored intact to them."

### Soviet Greet US Diplomat

KUIBYSHIEV, April 13 (AP)—Admiral William H. Standley, U.S. ambassador to Russia, was received at the Kremlin in Moscow Monday by Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet commissar for foreign affairs.

When the new ambassador left here for Moscow to present his credentials he said that he proposed to tell Russian leaders that the United States realized that continued aid to Russia was one of the most primary functions of the American war effort.

### 'Otto' Equipped for Internment



With full equipment, including a pair of boxing gloves and a musical instrument, this German alien was removed from a detention camp in the canal zone and put aboard a train for transfer to the United States and internment for duration of the war. Army authorities called him "Otto" and described him as the unofficial mayor of the German faction held in the detention camp. This picture came from Balboa, CZ.

### Philippine Forces Destroy Enemy Ships and Stores

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ers' thrust there thus was not known.

From Australia, the day's principal news was of continued allied air successes. In weekend operations Rabaul, the enemy's principal beachhead on New Britain island above the Australian mainland, was particularly hard hit. An enemy ship was believed to have been damaged in the harbor there.

On two fronts — Russia and the continent of Europe — the day brought diplomatic developments of the first rank.

The soviet, the one great anti-axis power holding the geographic position to hit Japan at any time right at home, curly warned Japanese militarists that the existing neutrality arrangement between the two countries could collapse.

The official communist newspaper Pravda thus stated the case:

"It is necessary for Japanese military and fascist cliques, whose heads have been turned by military successes, to realize that their blabbering about an annexationist war in the north (in Siberia) may cause damage in the first place and most of all to Japan herself."

The paper added that the neutrality arrangement would "preserve its importance" if Japan strictly observed her undertakings, but it went on then to point out the cases where treaties had been torn up in Tokyo.

The British for their part continued strongly in support of the Russians by violent and far-spread air raids over the German-held French coast, German war industry in the Ruhr and the Italian munitions center of Turin.

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It reported also that the Red armies had recaptured a point on the northwestern front described as "of great importance" but not otherwise identified.

Admiral Bloch, who has just completed a two-year tour in that command, has been ordered to duty in the office of the secretary of the navy. Admiral Bagley has recently had a command at sea.

In the report of the Roberts commission which investigated the Pearl Harbor attack, Admiral Bloch was mentioned by name only as the author, jointly with Lt. General Walter C. Short, then commanding general, Hawaiian department, of the joint coastal frontier.

Admiral Bagley won the distinguished service medal for service during the first World War as commanding officer of the USS Jacob Jones upon the occasion of the sinking of that vessel by an enemy submarine, December 6, 1917.

### Sugar Ration Blanks Out

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to the amount of the difference, before he may accept additional sugar supplies.

The allowable inventory will be determined, in the case of a retailer, on the basis of his gross sales of "all meats, groceries, fruits and vegetables, etc.," in the week ending April 25, 1942, or on the weekly average of sugar delivered to him last November.

In the gross sales method, the store will be allowed one pound of sugar for each dollar of his gross sales; but this amount will be used only if it is less than his weekly average of sugar deliveries in November. Whichever figure is smaller will be the "allowable" inventory.

From this amount will be subtracted the number of pounds of sugar the owner has on hand for sale, and a certificate for sugar purchase will be issued for the difference.

### Chamber Picks Extension Man

#### His Problems to Be On Cantonment And Industry

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quarters at Kerry, Ore. For four years he was sales director for the Guardian Mortgage and Investment company, Portland.

Cochran is immediate past president of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce Secretaries association, Benton county civilian defense coordinator, secretary-treasurer of the West Side Pacific Highway association, secretary of the Century club, secretary-treasurer of the Greater Willamette Valley association, a member of the National Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries and a member of the board of the Western States Chamber of Commerce Officials and Business Executives. He holds memberships in the Knights of Pythias and Elks lodges and Rotary club.

Mr. Cochran will move to Salem immediately with Mrs. Cochran. Their daughter, Rosemary, until recently was employed by the state public utilities department, and their son, Roger, has passed his preliminary test as an army pilot.

Cochran will meet with the board of the Salem chamber Wednesday night to formulate a proposal for underwriting of a bus service to Camp Adair by local businessmen.

### Nation's First War Primary Set Today

CHICAGO, April 13 (AP)—The first large test of public interest in politics in war times will be offered to the nation Tuesday when nominees for the United States senate and their offices will be selected in the Illinois primary election.

The first state-wide primary of 1942 features contests for the senatorial nominations, with Senator C. Wayland Brooks pitted against State Treasurer Warren Wright on the republican side and Congressman S. McKeough running against Paul H. Douglas in the democratic race.

Politicians will watch the results to gauge the comparative strength of the two parties and to ascertain whether citizens preoccupied by the war and busy in war production will go to the polls in normal numbers.

The size of the turnout was extremely uncertain. The few predictions on record indicate a total vote of 1,500,000 to approximately 2,000,000 compared with a 1938 primary total of 2,550,642 and a 1940 primary total of 2,647,467.

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### Court Upholds Libel Law

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The supreme court, with Justice Jackson not participating, split 4-4 on the case. This automatically upheld the lower court. No formal opinion was issued, and the reason for Jackson's withdrawal and the individual stands of the other eight justices were not made public.

The suit was one of a number filed by Sweeney against various newspapers which published a "Washington-Merry-Go-Round" column by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen in 1938 which represented Sweeney and Father Charles E. Coughlin as opposing the appointment of Emerich Burt Freed as a federal district judge in Cleveland because Freed was a Jew.

The case now goes back to the district court for trial, at which the truth or falsity of the statement presumably will be an issue.

The New York State Publishers association, in a brief filed with the supreme court, asserted that the circuit court's decision "will limit and shackle the force of the press as an instrument of public welfare" and that it represents an unprecedented extension of liability for the publication of comment on public officers and public affairs contrary to the fundamental rights of the press. The American civil liberties union took a similar position.

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### Passes



WINFIELD TAYLOR RIGDON

### Two Salem Pioneers Succumb

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probably one of the oldest funeral directors in the country and the oldest in Oregon. He was among the first undertakers on the coast to learn the science of embalming.

Except during the McKinley-Bryan presidential campaign when he was an ardent supporter of free silver, Mr. Rigdon was a life-long republican.

He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church all of his life and was for a number of years a member of the board of trustees of the First Methodist church of Salem. At two different times he was a member of the city council. He was a member of the Salem lodge, No. 4, AF & AM, Elks, Odd Fellows, a charter member of the Rebekahs, and for years was secretary of the AOUW and the Macabees, and was an active member of the Knights of Pythias and Artisan lodges.

He is survived by his widow, Mattie J. Rigdon; four children, Winifred Rigdon Herrick, Lella E. Rigdon, Harriet R. Mercer, and Lloyd T. Rigdon, all of Salem, and four grandchildren, Winfield C. Clark, Elizabeth Anne Herrick, Ralph Hayden Mercer and Wayne Rigdon Mercer, all of Salem. Two other children, Ethel Ione Rigdon and Ralph Reno Rigdon, preceded him in death.

Douglas Minto was born in Salem May 25, 1862, the son of John and Martha Minto, pioneers of 1844. He married Jeannette Brown in January 1904.

He was associated in the tobacco business and in baseball ventures in the early '90s with the late George E. Waters, for about nine years. He then disposed of his interest and with his brothers, John and Harry, took over the Minto Island farm from his father. He bought out the interest of his brothers in 1920. Under his direction, the 225 acres has been devoted to general farming with stress on hop and sheep production. Until 1920 he operated in addition a 50-acre prune orchard on the old donation land claim of his mother.

Douglas Minto's father purchased the island land in 1867, at which time it was covered with driftwood and undergrowth. After clearing it, he made his home there for several years.

Mr. Minto is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jeannette Minto, and one son, John D. Minto, Salem.

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### Convoy Flight Is Described

#### Navy Flier Describes Pacific War; VFW Elects Officers

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submarine menace, on the Atlantic coast. The surface patrol grows more formidable each day. More and more the axis boys are spending their days cowering in the depths, waiting for night to take their sneak shots.

We have been out four hours now and not a sub has been sighted. We got a temporary thrill when we spotted mud rising to the surface but it wasn't a sub.

I have sat in the bombardier's seat in the nose of the ship and also in the pilot's seat while Co-pilot and Navigator Renfro Turner, of Memphis, ran the ship.

You get a strange feeling of superiority up here in the sky. If you shut your eyes it feels like riding in a fast train. If you keep them open, you are scarcely conscious of movement.

We are off Hatteras now and we have a delicious lunch of steak, stewed corn and tomatoes, pineapple, bread and butter and coffee—prepared in a neat galley amidships.

We watch for subs while we eat and the photographer takes a picture of a merchantman.

Below us is the overturned bottom of a tanker, glistening red with a long oil slick extending to the horizon. Not far away the masts and funnel of two other torpedoed ships stand out like gravestones.

A sailor gulps and curses. Another ship—burned and down by the stern—looms up. I wish every American could come up here and see these things. He would throw away petty bickering and jump into the war effort feet first.

I remember the 1000 healthy boys I saw sleeping in the hangar at dawn. Brave lads.

I also remember the complaints at home from people who wonder why the navy doesn't bomb all the subs to the bottom.

They ought to know that catching and sinking a sub with a plane is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Lady luck plays a leading role here.

We have been out eight hours now and no sub has been sighted. But the important thing is that ships are getting through. We're nearing the graveyard's imaginary boundary. Oil slicks are behind us, leaving the bomber crew with grim thoughts of revenge.

I scribble a note to my wife and two kids and that makes me think of the folks back home who say they can't fight because they have children.

Five hundred feet below, the shadow of our plane is sketched crazily on the water. The sea looks like a mass of ruffled rock.

Other planes skirt rapidly around our ship.

Land looms ahead—our ships are safely through. The dealers of death below the whitecaps did not risk it today.

We are at our base again—10 hours after taking off.

**'All Efforts' Urges Martin**

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as an instructor at a naval training station.

Christian was one of five new members inducted at the meeting, the post's annual election session.

Leslie Wadsworth was named president to succeed Col. C. A. Robertson. Other officers chosen were W. C. Cavender, senior vice-commander; Arwin Strayer, junior vice-commander; E. J. Boland, quartermaster, reelected; Allen G. Carson, advocate; Dr. Roy Scofield, surgeon, and Solon Shinkle, chaplain. They will be installed on April 27.

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### Bulletins

#### HELBOURNE, April 13 (AP)—Rabaul, pivot of the Japanese lodgements in the southwest Pacific islands facing Australia, bore the brunt of weekend offensive operations by the allied air arm and official reports indicated Monday that an enemy ship was damaged in harbor there Sunday.

LONDON, Tuesday, April 14 (AP)—Fighting in the region between Kurak and Kharlov has become much more intense in the last 245 hours with Soviet pressure particularly strong northeast of Gelgorod. Reuters said Tuesday in quoting the official Vichy news agency. Russian motorized forces were reported attempting to cross the Donets near its source.

LONDON, April 13 (AP)—The exchange telegraph agency reported from Port Moresby Monday night that allied bombers and fighters heavily raided Japanese-held airstrips at Lae, New Guinea, Monday morning.

Two Japanese zero fighter planes probably were destroyed and another was damaged, while all the allied planes returned safely, it said.

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### Sprague Rally Tonight at CC

#### Singers and Speakers Are Scheduled on Patriotic Program

A patriotic motif in keeping with the times will mark the program of the opening rally here tonight for the reelection of Charles A. Sprague as governor of Oregon, Irl S. McSherry, Willamette valley campaign office manager, said Monday.

The rally, for all interested persons, is to start at the Salem chamber of commerce at 8 p.m.

The program will open with the singing of "America" led by Westly McWain. A Sea Scout and a Boy Scout will lead in a salute to the flag. Gov. Sprague will speak briefly, following selections by the MacDowell club quartet and remarks by 12 Marion county citizens. After the presentation of greetings from chairmen of Re-elect Gov. Sprague committees in the seven counties in the Willamette valley district, Joan Orchard, 6, will sing "God Bless America," and then lead the audience in repeating it.

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