## 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

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 agree-

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 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 enforc-

ing 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.

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 commit-

## **FriendlyPolicy Told French**

(Continued from Page 1) 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 centrel 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

Germany is trying to poison French minds against the friends of France, Welles concluded, but: "The French people may be re-

assured 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 in-tact to them."

## **Soviet Greets US** Diplomat

KUIBYSHEV, April 13 -(A)ambassador to Russia, was re-ceived at the Kremlin in Moscow Monday by Vyascheslav Molotov, Soviet commissar for foreign af-

re for Moscow to present his lowable" inventory.

PORTLAND, April 13-(P)
Wartime expenditures should be met by increased taxation because the United States realized that sugar the owner has on hand for some borrowing will lead to inflation, Donald M. Erb, president of he of the most primary functions of purchase will be issued for the Portland Alumni association

'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

## Philippine Forces Destroy agreement between the parties, and for the further reason that there is in my opinion no pro-

(Continued from page 1) ers' thrust there thus was not

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 har-

On two fronts - Russia and of the first rank.

The soviet, the one great antiaxis power holding the geogra- been torn up in Tokyo. phic position to hit Japan at any time right at home, curtly warned Japanese militarists that the exist- Russians by violent and faring neutrality arrangement be- spread air raids over the Germantween the two countries could

The official communist news-

## The senator said that because by Takes Hawaiian Sea

WASHINGTON, April 13.-(AP) -Rear Admiral David W. Bagley, 59, of Raleigh, NC, has assumed the post of commandant, 14th naval district, and commander of the Hawaiian sea frontier, succeeding Rear Admiral Claude C. Bloch, the navy announced Monday.

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

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, Hawalian department, of the joint coastal

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, Decem-

## 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

In the gross sales method, the 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 deliver-ies in November. Whichever figure is smaller will be the "al-

paper 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 "prethe continent of Europe - the day serve its importance" if Japan strictly observed her undertakings, but it went on then to point out the cases where treaties had

The British for their part continued strongly in support of the held French coast, German war industry in the Ruhr and the Ital-

ian munitions center of Turin.

As to the Russian battle line, Monday's advices were somewhat meager.

The midnight soviet com ique stated, however, that 322 German planes had been destrayed in the past week, bringing to 1103 the total smashed since March 11 against total Russian losses of 314 planes for the same period.

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

## 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

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

The New York State Publishers association, in a brief filed yard Sunday. 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 exten-sion of liability for the publicacers and public affairs contrary to the fundamental rights of the press." The American civil liberties union took a similar posi-

#### **Taxation Advocated**

## **Chamber Picks Extension Man**

His Problems to Be On Cantonment And Industry

(Continued from Page 1) quarters at Kerry, Ore, For four years he was sales director for the Guardian Mortgage and Invest-

ment 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 Ro-

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 air 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

### **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 E. Rigdon, Harriet R. Mercer, election.

The first state-wide primary of 942 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

Politicians will watch the results to gauge the comparative John and Martha Minto, pioneers strength of the two parties and to of 1844. He married Jeannette 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 Overnight RAF assaults were 2,000,000 compared with a 1938 followed by daylight attacks Mon- primary total of 2,550,642 and a 1940 primary total of 2,647,467.

## **FDR Studies** On Inflation

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cases are among proposals understood to have been laid before Mr. Roosevelt by officials who for some time have been drafting possible anti-inflation meas-

Other ideas are reported to be an increase in the pending tax and one son, John D. Minto, Sabill beyond the \$7,600,000,000 now lem. contemplated, increased restrictions on retail credit, wider rationing of scarce goods and compulsory saving through purchase of war stamps and bonds.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said Mr. Roosevelt would of Elbert Bede of Portland. The restrict his engagements all this week in order to have opportunity to work on the suggestions.

It was indicated that a special message covering the subject would go to congress within the next two weeks.

Indicative of the far-reaching nature of the steps under consideration was the word which went around - though there was no White House announcement to this effect - that the chief executive likely would follow up his message to congress with a fireside chat explaining his proposals.

#### **Oregon Launches** 27th Cargo Ship

PORTLAND, April 13 -(P)-Two more ships for the nation's war effort — a Liberty freighter and a nav yminesweeper—went down in the ways at Oregon ship-

Oregon Shipbuilding corporation here launched its 27th cargo ship, the James Russell Lowell. The minesweeper was the first launched by the Astoria Marine con-

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WINFIELD TAYLOR RIGDON

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probably one of the oldest fu-

neral directors in the country

and the oldest in Oregon. He

was among the first undertak-

ers on the coast to learn the

Except during the McKinley-

Bryan presidential campaign

when he was an ardent supporter

of free silver, Mr. Rigdon was a

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 differ-

ent times he was a member of

and for years was secretary of

the AOUW and the Maccabees,

and was an active member of the

Knights of Pythias and Artisan

He is survived by his widow.

Mattie J. Rigdon; four children,

Winifred Rigdon Herrick, Leila

and Lloyd T. Rigdon, all of Sa-

lem, and four grandchildren.

Winfield C. Clarke, Elizabeth

Anne Herrick, Ralph Hayden

Mercer and Wayne Rigdon Mer-

cer, all of Salem. Two other

children, Ethel Ione Rigdon and

Ralph Reno Rigdon, preceded

He was associated in the to-

bacco business and in baseball

ventures in the early '90s with

the late George E. Waters, for

about nine years. He then dis-

posed 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 di-

rection, the 225 acres has been

devoted to general farming

with stress on hop and sheep

production. Until 1920 he op-

erated in addition a 50-acre

prune orchard on the old dona-

Douglas Minto's father purch-

which time it was covered with

driftwood and undergrowth. Aft-

er clearing it, he made his home

Mr. Minto is survived by his

Word was received in Salem

widow, Mrs. Jeannette Minto,

there for several years.

Bede's Father Dies

tion land claim of his mother.

lodges.

him in death.

Douglas Minto was

Brown in January 1904.

science of embalming.

life-long republican.

Two Salem

**Pioneers** 

Succumb

## 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 con-

scious 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. the city council. He was a member of the Salem lodge, No. 4, He would throw away petty bick-AF & AM, Elks, Odd Fellows, a ering and jump into the war effort feet first. charter member of the Rebekahs,

> boys I saw sleeping in the hangar at dawn. Brave lads. I also remember the complaints

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 lem May 25, 1862, the son of 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 hadow of our plane is sketched crazily on the water. The sea looks like a mass of ruffled rock. Other planes skirt rapidly round our ship.

Land looms ahead-our ships ere safely through. The dealers of death below the whitecaps did not

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

#### 'All Efforts' **Urges Martin** ased the island land in 1867, at

(Continued from Page 1) as an instructor at a naval train-

Christman 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-Monday of the death of J. Adam commander; Arwin Strayer, junior Bede, 86, of Duluth, Minn., father vice-commander; E. J. Boland, quartermaster, reelected; Allen G. latter is known here as reading clerk in the state legislature for Carson, advocate; Dr. Roy Scofield. many years. His father was forsurgeon, and Solon Shinkle, chapmer republican congressman from lain. They will be installed on

# the eighth Minnesota district.

## From where I sit ...

by Joe Marsh

RUMMAGING through my deak the other day, I came across some snapshots of friends of mine made back

If you don't think time flies . . . if you don't think this world ever changes . . . you ought to look at the women's hats and dresses in those pictures taken 9 years ago! Wow!

It gave me quite a start . . . and then it set me to thinking . . . and rememberin'! Lots of things sure happened in 1938, A new adminis-tration in Washington ... the turning point of the depression ... and the coming of Repeal.

I remember the re-logalization of beer. It came before Repeal, when Congress amended the old Vel-steed Act to allow legal sale of "3.2" beer.

What talk and arguments they had in those days! One argument I remember well . . . was that beer would do a lot to help bring back prosperity. I wondered at the time whether that argument could be

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I thought about that again, the other day. I decided to check up

Well, I found out plenty. I found out that legal beer has paid more than 3 billion dollars in taxes since 1933. It has made more than a million new jobs. \*

According to one of the reports
I've seen, beer has put more than
15 billion dollars into general business circulation. Goodness me,

Beer is sold today in every state in the Union. Every state benefits from beer's jobs and taxes. And I guess there's no denying that beer did do its share in bringing back

I'm gind it did, too, became beer in such a pleasant, appetizing bev-erage, And it stands for mederation

Joe Marsh

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MELBOURNE, April 18-(P)-Rabaul, pivot of the Japanese lodgements in the southwest Pacific islands facing Australia, bore the brunt of weekend offensive operations by the al-lied air arm and official reports indicated Monday that an enemy ship was damaged in harbor there Sunday.

LONDON, Tuesday, April 24 (A)-Fighting in the region between Kursk and Kharkov 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 airdromes at Lac, New Guinea, Monday morn-

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

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13-(A)-The Tokyo radio was heard Monday night proclaiming that Japanese bombing attacks had caused "a great explosion" on Corregidor, followed by fires.

"Following the intense bombing concentrated on the northern portion of the American fortress of Corregidor by waves of Japanese naval aircraft, fire broke out at six different places following a great explosion within the fortress.

### I remember the 1000 healthy Norse Church Taken Over at home from people who wonder why the navy doesn't bomb all the By Quisling

BERN, Switzerland, April 13-P)- The puppet premier, Vidkun Quisling, has taken over personal direction of churches in Norway after failing to force the rebellious clergy to resume the pulpits from which they resigned enmasse a week ago, reports reach- guard commander, and Charles ing here said Monday.

The head of the German-controlled government acted shortly after his ultimatum demanding Airmen Honor the return of the 1100 resigned pastors expired. He created a Drill Masters council of the church headed by nimself.

connections said none of the pas- of their required military drill, tors responded to Quisling's de- 50 members of the civil air patrol mand that they resume their du- including persons from Salem, ties by 2 p. m. Saturday. Church McMinnville and Dallas areas, services were held Sunday in only Monday night paid special recog-30 of the more than 1000 churches nition to the army sergeants who in the country.

The situation was said to be

## Convoy Flight Bulletins 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 Reelect 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.

## Oregon War **Board Meets**

Health Board Allowed To Spend Funds For Inoculation

Oregon's so-called "war board," composed of state department heads charged with emergency functions, gathered with Gov. Charles A. Sprague here Monday to consider civilian defense prob-The governor authorized the

state board of health to spend funds not included in its budget to inoculate Japanese who are to be evacuated under federal or-Correlation between civilian defense agencies and protective or-

ganizations, such as the state

guard, also was discussed. Attending the meeting were R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer: Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator; Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director; George Aiken, state budget director; Ralph Cowgill, state Pray, superintendent of state po-

Featuring the meeting which Sources wih close Norwegian should have marked completion

had drilled them. Sgts. A. Probst, W. B. Sands becoming graver each day. The and K. C. Miller comprised the Stockholm newspaper Social De- group so honored. One drill permokraten predicted the revolt iod lost because of inclement likely would lead to violence soon weather will be made up, officers unless the Germans removed said. Completed recently also has Quisling and moderated some of been an 80-hour groundwork

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