

J. Gallagher Certified, PO

Independent Voter on List Displeasing To Democrats

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meeting undoubtedly will result in a request for a new examination," Pope declared Wednesday. Pope expressed the opinion that the recent defeat of Rep. Walter M. Pierce, Oregon's only democratic congressman, by Republican Lowell Stockman had had no effect on the postmaster appointment. With the democrats still holding a majority in the national house of representatives, custom decrees that patronage remain with that party. Examinations for the Salem appointment, all oral, are largely a matter of verification of applicants' showings as to their character and qualifications for the office.

The pending appointment has more attraction than the position has offered in other years because under a 1937 law it will become a permanent one under civil service.

Postmaster H. R. Crawford did not apply for reappointment. Since his second term in the office expired last July, he has continued in charge of the post-office awaiting designation of his successor.

The message from Rep. Mott's office read: "Re Salem postmastership Joseph J. Gallagher the only eligible have been certified to post office department for consideration."

A lawyer and an accountant, Gallagher had been employed by the Oregon unemployment compensation commission since December, 1937. After serving for a short time as claims deputy at Ontario and Klamath Falls, he entered the main office in Salem as assistant chief of claims. In August, 1939, he became chief of claims, a title later changed to supervisor of benefits. More than \$10,000,000 in benefits has been paid out under his supervision. His staff has ranged from 20 to 100 employes.

Before entering the unemployment commission's service, Gallagher did tax analysis work for the Oregon highway commission and the federal bureau of public roads, beginning in October, 1936. A native of Peekskill, N.Y., and a graduate of University of Nebraska law school, he served for two years as cost accountant for the Fisher Body corporation in New York and practiced law for four years in Omaha, Neb., before moving to Portland in 1936. He is married and has one son.

Persons close to Gallagher say that while he is registered as an independent voter, he is a liberal and approves of many "new deal" policies, particularly of the administration's social security program, with which he has been closely associated for five years.

Other applicants for the post office job, several of whom have just received letters advising them that they did not qualify, include: T. J. Brabec, chief deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections in Marion county, a leader in local democratic circles; Ira L. Darby, Salem water department auditor; F. Junior Eckley, chief accountant and assistant to the comptroller, state industrial accident commission; A. C. Gragg, salesman, Valley Packing company; Paul Lynch, deputy collector of internal revenue; Gordon D. Thompson, civil service postal clerk and clerks' union leader; and Miss Frances L. Welch, teacher. A ninth candidate, Dr. Estil L. Brunck, withdrew his application several months ago.

SW Pacific Heads Lauded

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Thursday, Dec. 24 (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Allied commander-in-chief in the southwest Pacific, disclosed Thursday he had received this Christmas message from Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the United States Army:

"You have my admiration for the splendid campaign you have accomplished. You have seized the initiative, which presages victory for the future. You can count on my doing all in my power to bring this about."

Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of Allied land forces in this theater, received Christmas messages from Lt. Gen. Morhead, commander of Australians in the middle east, and Gen. Wavell, commander-in-chief for India. Morhead said: "We are watching with great admiration and pride your splendid achievements in New Guinea."

Muir Greer Troops SEATTLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—In a Christmas message to the troops under his command in the northwestern sector of the western defense command, Maj. Gen. James I. Muir, commanded Wednesday that "before we can celebrate this Christmas as we wish... we must defeat the imperialism of Japan and the atheism of Hitler." Each, he declared, is "obviously both a materialistic and a religious enemy."

Yanks in New Guinea Jungle Get Red Cross Gifts by Air

(The following dispatch from George Moorad, American Red Cross official in the southwest Pacific, was distributed by the Associated Press).

WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Santa Claus arrived by plane and jeep Wednesday bringing Christmas cheer in the form of thousands of American Red Cross gift boxes for American troops in this jungle zone.

Despite the urgency of war, direct orders were given by Gen. Douglas MacArthur to insure delivery of packages to every American soldier on the scattered Pacific battle front. Giant transports were hastily loaded at Port Moresby to ferry the Christmas cargo across the towering Owen Stanley range, thence by jeep and trucks to troops widely dispersed along the Buna-Buna sector.

Distribution of the boxes, containing hard candy, dried fruit, cigarettes, stationery, gum, toothpaste, sewing kits, began Monday under the supervision of Col. Henry Degraaf, San Antonio, Texas, assisted by American Red Cross field directors James Stewart, Harry Poague, and George Moorad, San Francisco.

Deliveries have been made to every front line where allied troops are doggedly hammering at enemy garrisons.

"I've never seen such wide grins on the faces of our men in the steaming jungle camps when the boxes were passed out. To make it even better, a big load of Christmas mail from home arrived simultaneously," said Stewart.

Moorad helped distribute gifts in the Cape Endaiadere sector which the Japanese lost on December 18. He was greeted by poetic Sgt. Narcus Burkholder, Plattville, Wis., who recited this version of "The Night Before Christmas."

"Twas the night before Christmas on this spot on the map, Not a creature was stirring, not even a Jap, Stockings were hung by the slit trench with care, In the hope that Tojo soon would be there,

The boys all were sleeping on wet beds, while visions of Rations danced in their heads, When out of the jungle arose such a clatter, That I sprang through mosquito net to see what was the matter, Then off in the distance came a familiar sound, We knew old Nip would soon be around, He was heading this way, spreading Christmas cheer, With plenty of shrapnel, not one can of beer, We returned his goodwill within a few hours, With a bulletin saying: "Buna village is ours."

French Drive Enemy Back

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ish First army's positions north and south of Medjed-el-Bab, a vital point 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

Further south on the French sector, probably in the region of Kaisroun, which is 70 miles south of Tunis, the French were said to be "in close contact with the enemy."

London sources declared that the patrol activity before the German positions guarding Bizerte and Tunis "apparently was on the sharpest scale since the axis abandoned jobs at the allied Medjed-el-Bab positions a week ago."

Axis reports suggested the imminence of the forthcoming battle as Nazi Marshal Rommel continued his headlong flight across western Libya.

Allied control of the Mediterranean waters off north Africa was again demonstrated by the announcement that in recent submarine and torpedo-plane action eight enemy supply ships and one, and perhaps two, enemy warships had been sunk or damaged in those waters. And the British admiralty disclosed that heavy reinforcements, war supplies and materials had been landed at the British Mediterranean island of Malta "without major interference from the enemy." One enemy submarine was destroyed in this operation.

WAACs to Wear Name on Pocket

ATLANTA, Dec. 23 (AP)—The public relations office of the fourth service command announced that members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps wear small tags over their left pockets to assist new recruits in becoming mutually acquainted.

The names have no Miss or Mrs. preceding them. But, said the PRO (admittedly as a tip to service men)—if the name is printed in red on a white background, the WAAC's single; if the letters are black, she's married.

Storm Warnings Up

SEATTLE, Dec. 23 (AP)—The US weather bureau here announced a storm warning at 6:30 p. m. for the coast from Port Angeles to Cape Blanco, Ore., with gale winds due during the night.

Nazis Execute 1500

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Moscow radio, quoting advices received through Istanbul, reported Wednesday that the Germans had summarily executed 1500 persons in Greece during November for failing to obey a 5 p. m. curfew.

Allies Breach Jap Defenses

Australian Corvette Sunk; Planes Win Against Enemy

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others. Also in that area, allied planes strafed a Jap cargo vessel anchored offshore.

The Armidale went down 250 miles northwest of Port Darwin early in December. Two boatloads of survivors—about 50 men including the commanding officer—were rescued. One life raft carrying a small number of personnel was lost.

In the aerial battle near Jacquinot bay east of Gasmata, an allied reconnaissance plane was attacked by six to nine Zeros. In a half hour battle, one of the Zeros exploded in midair and two others dropped out of the fight trailing smoke or flames.

Another pair of Zeros sustained slight damages. An allied heavy bomber dropped 500 pound bombs on a Jap cargo vessel anchored off the bay, scoring damaging near misses. The ship also was strafed. Flying Fortresses took part in the raid on Cape Gloucester air-drome on New Britain island Wednesday. Fragmentation bombs were dropped on the field.

In the Buna area, allied reconnaissance planes bombed and strafed the Japanese. Beaufighters attacked the Buna government station area, strafing oil drums and barges. Ground troops invaded the Japanese fortifications at many points and made a slight advance in the Sanananda area.

Carillon Peals Bok Dreams of Better World

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LAKE WALES, Fla., Dec. 23 (AP)—Christmas carols pealing out at midnight from a carillon tower in a sanctuary of exotic flowers and shrubs will keep alive this year, more than a decade after his death, the dream of the late Edward Bok to "make the world a bit more beautiful and better because you have lived in it."

Bok, who emigrated from Holland and rose to fame in the United States as a publisher and philanthropist, spent a great part of his life trying to make the world better. The sanctuary atop the highest point in Florida was the symbol of his efforts. Visited by thousands annually since it was dedicated to the public in 1929 by President Calvin Coolidge, the sanctuary overlooking Mountain Lake has often been called the "Taj Mahal of America."

The inspiration for the sanctuary and singing tower dates back more than 120 years when the Dutch government entrusted a dangerous sandbar off the Dutch coast to Bok's grandfather. His grandparents transformed the barren island to a haven to which people came from the world over for inspiration.

"His grandparents' counsel to 'make the world a bit more beautiful because you have lived in it' stuck in Bok's mind. One moonlight evening when he was walking on the crest of Iron mountain, a hill near his home, he found a place for the sanctuary. He felt that the spot, once the meeting place of Seminole Indians, who gathered there each spring in reverence of the "great spirit," was the place for a sanctuary for birds and humans. It was 324 feet above sea level. The bells will peal out their program of carols midnight Christmas eve and again Christmas afternoon.

Pope Decrees Special Rite

BERN, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Swiss telegraphic agency reported Wednesday from Vatican City that Pope Pius had issued a special plenary indulgence for Catholics who, during an attack, find themselves in danger of death and recite devoutly, with repentance, the rosary and quote "Jesus miserere mei."

The text of the decree was issued in Italian, French, English and German and added that the rosary can be recited in any other language. CBS in New York Wednesday recorded this Rome broadcast: "Vatican City: His Holiness, the pope, has decreed that, as long as the present war last, the inhabitants of localities which are objectives of air bombings may recite the prayer, 'Christ have mercy on me'; that it is he feels in danger of dying. He will thus receive the full plenary indulgence without ministration of the holy sacraments."

Corvallis Corporal Married Speedily

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 23 (AP)—Cpl. James E. Horner of Corvallis, Ore., 30-year-old member of a guard squad at Lockbourne air base, obtained a license to wed Tuesday. He intended to marry Betty Bethel, 31, New Year's day. But he couldn't keep a secret. He told his buddies at the base. They immediately rounded up the bride-to-be, threw an impromptu party, cornered a chaplain, borrowed a ring—and the corporal found himself married.

Carrier, Land Planes Meet Few Enemy

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a third Wednesday attacking Flying Fortresses were challenged by only two enemy fighters and the British naval craft met little or no opposition in their attack Sunday night on the Japanese oil and supply base at Sabanar, on the small island of We off northern part of Sumatra in the Netherlands East Indies. There was speculation that the Sabanar raid was made by planes launched from the 23,000-ton Illustrious, reported two months ago to be operating in the Bay of Bengal.

Akyab, on the Bay of Bengal some 270 miles northwest of Rangoon, was pounded by day and night Wednesday and there, as at Rangoon, military establishments and shipping facilities were set on fire. British forces driving from the coast are pointing at Akyab in the first allied land drive designed to win back Burma and reopen the lifeline to China.

The Japanese bombed Calcutta again for the third night in a row, but it was announced officially that only three bombers participated and that two of them were hit by allied night fighters. Twenty-five persons were killed and less than 100 injured in the three enemy attacks.

Labor Board To Disperse Authority

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The war labor board, it was disclosed Wednesday, is planning to speed up and simplify the handling of labor disputes by giving greatly increased authority to ten "little war labor boards" scattered throughout the country.

Under this centralization plan, much of the work of settling disputes will be done in the field, with the national board confining itself largely to hearing appeals and making policy.

Another major procedural step will permit the ten regional directors to make final decisions on voluntary wage or salary adjustment cases involving employers of not more than 100 persons. By this process of regionalizing its work, the board expects to keep nearly all dispute cases and about two-thirds of the voluntary wage and salary cases in the field.

The board also said it is drafting a simplified form of application for wage and salary adjustments to make it easier for the small business concern to apply for rulings on proposed adjustments.

New Plywood Used, Housing

SEATTLE, Dec. 3 (AP)—A new grade of Douglas fir plywood, known as "Hutment," has been developed for exterior use in military housing.

The office of war information reported Wednesday that 30 plants in Washington and Oregon are prepared to turn out the plywood. The Douglas Fir Plywood association described it as water-resistant and able to withstand the rigors of climate from the Arctic to the Equator.

Sole purchasers of the "Hutment" will be the producing agencies of the US army engineers. Development of the new grade was begun more than six months ago, the OWI said, with experiments carried on in the laboratories of the Douglas Fir Plywood association and other laboratories in the east and middle west, in cooperation with the army engineers. Adoption of a special plywood for temporary military housing was recommended to the war production board by the softwood plywood industry advisory committee several weeks ago when shortages of other commercial grades loomed.

Hurt Vessel Makes Port

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Although blasted by an enemy torpedo, damaged severely by fire and abandoned by part of her crew, a United States merchant vessel made port under command of a junior third officer, the navy reported Wednesday.

There were no deaths and only a few injuries among the medium-sized merchantman's crew of 42 and the navy crew of 18. The navy reported that a torpedo struck the ship amidships and flames roared high over part of the boat. The captain and eight members of the crew were surrounded by the flames and were forced to take to a life boat.

Germans Report Raids by RAF

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCAST) Dec. 24 (AP)—The German radio reported Thursday that British bombers carried out ineffective nuisance raids late Wednesday evening on western Germany. "Bombs dropped sporadically caused insignificant damage to buildings," the broadcast said.

3 Generals Hurt in New Guinea Fight

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Thursday, Dec. 24 (AP)—The wounding of three United States brigadier generals in the fighting against the Japs in the Buna area of New Guinea was announced Thursday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

The generals wounded were Hanford McNider of Mason City, Ia., previously reported; Albert W. Waldron of Rochester, N.Y., and Clovis E. Byers, Columbus, Ohio. General MacArthur awarded the distinguished service cross to Waldron "for extraordinary heroism in action" near Buna December 5.

"With complete disregard for his own safety," General Waldron moved along a line of assault platoons under heavy fire from enemy snipers, machineguns, grenades and mortars," the citation read. "By his personal example, calm bearing and utter fearlessness, he inspired the men to greater effort."

A headquarters spokesman disclosed that Waldron was shot through the shoulder when only 25 yards from the enemy's lines. Waldron and his orderly, Pvt. James Borman of Madison, Wis., had been knocked down by a Japanese grenade but got up unhurt and were pressing forward toward the enemy when the general was hit.

Waldron now in a hospital in Australia, praised Borman for fearless action in binding the wound on the spot and helping carry the general from the thick of the fight to a field hospital.

Several weeks ago Waldron swam ashore from a small boat off the New Guinea coast.

Byers, who has been promoted to brigadier general since his arrival in Australia, had a hand smashed by a sniper's bullet while leading an attack upon Buna village December 16.

The officer carried a tommygun into the attack and, when his trigger hand was disabled, he gave the weapon to a soldier and continued to direct the assault. As was announced earlier, General McNider was wounded by a Japanese grenade near Cape Endaiadere November 23.

Headquarters said all three generals were expected to recover.

Baruch Gives Away Million

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch, a poor boy from South Carolina who struck it rich in Wall Street, Wednesday gave away \$1,000,000 in government bonds to 15 relief societies.

The widely known philanthropist and adviser on national economic matters is believed to have increased his annual contributions considerably this year, although he would not allow himself to be quoted on his former philanthropies.

Once a friend quoted Baruch, who is now 72, as saying: "It has always been easy for me to make money, why shouldn't I give it away?" The contributions Wednesday were: Army relief, \$200,000; navy relief, \$200,000; merchant seamen's

Jury Blames Suffocation

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 23 (AP)—A Coos county coroner's jury found Wednesday night that the death of John Kenneth Henninger, 27, Coquille grocer, at a bridge party Saturday was due to suffocation caused by blood from a broken nose running into his throat.

After the verdict was announced, George Lyman Maynard, Coquille, 46-year-old retired marine corps major, who had been released pending the coroner's investigation, was returned to jail, said District Attorney Ben C. Flaxel. He said Maynard's bail had been set at \$3000.

The jury said that Henninger was pinned down during a scuffle at the Maynard home. An autopsy report by Dr. Joseph Beaman of the state police crime laboratory at Portland said that he probably would not have died had he been in a sitting position or lying on his face.

Daughter Arrives

A daughter, Marilyn Kay, was born Wednesday night at Salem Deaconess hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Douris, until recently of Salem but now residing in Portland. Both mother and daughter were reported "doing fine."

HOLLYWOOD Last Time Tonight SHANGHAI GESTURE First Second Feature FIESTA

Pasco Receives First of WAVES; Applegate Leads

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 23 (AP)—The first of the WAVES rolled in on the naval reserve aviation base here Wednesday.

The contingent numbered only four, but officers said Ensign Alice Applegate became the first WAVE officer to have charge of a unit of enlisted women personnel at any established American naval base.

The women were the topic of the day at the base from the time that the men's eyes popped out to find them eating breakfast in the mess hall before the crack of dawn.

By coincidence, Ensign Applegate arrived from the east almost simultaneously with the arrival of three yeomen third class from Seattle, Ensign Applegate, a member of a pioneer Oregon family, entered the service from a teaching job in Venice, Calif.

The women expressed enthusiasm over their first day at the base. Most of the men expressed the same. "Orders of the day" set forth that "with respect to the salutatory of and other military courtesies to WAVES and WAVE officers, the same rules govern which have always governed the navy. Enlisted women will be addressed by their last name only. WAVE officers may be addressed by the title miss or by their rank. It is correct to say 'aye, aye miss or aye, aye, ensign'."

Drives Reach Into Ukraine

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unofficial quarters to have regained some 450 miles of railway in the supreme soviet effort to clear the invader from southern Russia.

The special bulletin followed a regular communique chronicling still other brilliant red army successes. The regular midnight communique said the red army overcame stubborn resistance of the Germans in the factory area of Stalingrad and dislodged the enemy from 24 blockhouses and a number of houses. Here the Russians wiped out more than a company of Germans, captured one gun, three mortars, 21 machineguns and 50 rifles.

In one sector northwest of Stalingrad, a group of red army scouts occupied five Nazi trenches, killing several dozen Germans. Southwest of the city the Germans continued to throw fresh forces of tanks and infantry into action, but failed to break the Russian resistance. On the contrary, the communique said, the Germans were dislodged from two inhabited localities.

Treasury Calls Bid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau asked bids Wednesday on \$600,000,000 of 91-day treasury bills to mature March 31, 1943. The secretary said bids would be received at Federal Reserve banks and branches up to 2 p. m. Eastern War Time, Monday.

Ship Survivors Land

PORT CASTRIES, St. Lucia, B.W.I., Dec. 23 (AP)—Sixteen survivors arrived Tuesday after being in an open boat. They brought ashore their dog, saved at the risk of their own lives.

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FRED WARING and the ROYAL CANINE VALENTINE Show

Bomb, Fighter Planes Strike In Naziland

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only recently. They were first reported in action in the big daylight raid on the Phillips works at Eindhoven, Holland, December 12.

Tuesday night's sweeps, authoritatively declared the strongest of their kind in weeks, left many locomotives disabled, much trackage twisted and other transport facilities in ruins.

They were carried out by Hurricanes, Whirlwinds and American-made Bostons, all used now as intruder craft for sharp and quick assault action, and among other targets they hit the railroad yards near Ghent and at Saint Lo, Le Ureport, Saint Pol and La Chapelle.

Enemy air fields also were hit; and from an enemy convoy off the Dutch islands two enemy supply ships were set aflame. A single British plane was lost in these operations.

Victory Loan Exceeds Goal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The treasury's Victory loan drive has gone over the top by \$2,200,000,000, Daniel Bell, undersecretary of the treasury, reported Wednesday night.

He said preliminary figures on subscriptions which close at midnight on the three major issues in the drive indicated sales would total \$11,200,000,000.

"We hope it may even reach \$12,000,000,000," he said. In opening the drive December 1, the treasury set a goal of \$9,000,000,000. This was raised to \$11,000,000,000 last Monday after reports indicated the original goal would be passed.

Announcing the oversubscription of the Victory loan securities at a press conference, Bell said it was the greatest financing achievement in history. "We are well pleased with the public response," he said. "We hope this will set a pattern for us to follow in future financing."

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