This "New Standard" claims to define 455,000 words, while the "New International" claims 600,-000 "entries." What a growth that is from Dr. Samuel Johnson's English dictionary which contained some 40,000 words! With all these hundreds of thousands of words no writer has improved on Shakespeare whose vocabulary was about 20,000 words.

Language does grow, like a tree. Words have roots, back in Saxon or old German, or more often in Latin and Greek, which in turn have earlier roots in the Sanskrit, earliest known language of the Hindu peoples. Words change in spelling and pronunciation; words die; new words are born. One needs a glossary or wordbook to read Chaucer because its early English words are unfamiliar. Read this from Caxton's "Fayt of Armes":

"In olde time was an usage to norrysshe grete mastyuys and sare bytynge dogges in the lytell houses upon the walls, that by them shulde be knowen the comynge of theyre enemyes." Recast it in modern English and it reads thus:

"In old time was a usage to nourish great mastiffs and sore (Turn to editorial page)

### One Dead, 48 Ill From Lane Food Poison

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 5.-(A)-Dr. C. L. Lindgren, Lane county health officer, reported Thursday night peal to the kidnapers to return that the number of cases of food the child, and to anyone who creased to 48 and the number of persons hospitalized to 25.

The death total remained one, he said, but the majority of a state police sergeant, said: the hospital patients were danger-

The poisonings were believed the result of cultures which developed in cream-based pies be- Four Soldiers cause of inadequate refrigeration, Lindgren said. All the pies were traced to a bakery at Cottage Escape Brig; Grove, Ore., he said. Some were baked as early as Sunday, he said, One Caught and distributed Monday.

"It is impossible to say where the blame lies," he said. "it is probably in distribution. found one case due to leaving pies on an open shelf overnight." Lindgren said all bakeries in the area have suspendend their truck deliveries to rural districts pending the outcome of a complete investigation.

Only death reported was that of two-year-old Dale Mitchell of the Lorane district. Seven other members of the Mitchell family were brought to hospitals here. Most of these were members from widely scattered districts.

By noon, 17 persons were hospitalized. The total increased to 21 by 4 p. m., and overtaxed hospital staffs said others were re-

victims came from rural districts mer Polk county resident who essupported Lindgren's theory that caped from the annex Tuesday, handling of the pies after they left and Louis Lillie, 32, who escaped the bakeries was the source of the from the annex last weekend, are

#### INETY THIRD YEAR

Search for

# new office dictionary, Funk and Wagnalls, "New Standard," 1942 edition. This gives the plural of "apparatus" as "apparatus"

Questioning of Albany Residents Continues; Woman Sought

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 5-(A)-Despite police assertion of "no progress," intense activity Thursday night marked efforts to solve the mysterious disappearance of Baby Judith Gurney from the Albany General hospital nursery.

Questioning of Albany residents, including hospital ployes, continued throughout the day, and in Portland, 75 miles north, detectives disclosed they were making every effort to find a woman who sought advice from a druggist on baby feeding and purchased a nursing bottle the night Judith disappeared.

The two-day-old baby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gurney of Albany, was missing from her crib, a nurse, Mrs. Theresa Mc-Quaid, told police, when she investigated shortly after midnight Tuesday. A crying baby attracted her attention, she said.

It was thought the baby was taken down a ladder from the second story nursery, but that theory was discarded when it was learned that a door to the sun room, from which the fire escape led, was locked. No other probable means of egress was found.

The Portland druggist said the woman, carrying a baby wrapped in a blue blanket similar to that missing from the nursery, asked advice on formula feeding, and purchased a nursing bottle. Portland detectives said the search for the woman was being pressed.

Near collapse when told that her baby was gone, Mrs. Gurney, a cripple, appeared to be rally-ing tonight, buoyed by a hope that the child can be found. The father, a plywood plant foreman and head of the employes' union, has been active in the search almost from the moment the baby's ence was discovered.

He was given a spot on the Mutual Broadcasting system's northwest network tonight to appoisoning in this area had in- might have information that could be developed into a clue.

Declining to discuss obvious activities in Albany, Earl Houston, "We're simply waiting for some thing to happen."

Cleve Williams, one of four soldiers who had escaped from the post stockade at Camp Adair, was arrested in Salem on Thursday night after less than 24 hours of

Still at large early this morning were Owen V. Brewer, 27; Charles Barnes, 21, and Howard R. Per-

Meantime, the search was also on for Allen Rood Northrup, 14, Troops, Arms former ward of the state training school at Woodburn, who escaped of family groups but they came sometime Wednesday night from the state hospital for the insane

Robert Clyde Dwigans, 19, who disappeared Monday from a gun gang at the state penitentiary an-The fact that virtually all of the nex; John William Purvis, 50, foralso still on the missing list.

# Victory Garden Judging For Contest Near Close Ment Worked out with Germany. Sweden's action is a physical and psychological blow to Germany. It is estimated Germany will have to set aside about one-third of axis shipping now plying between Germany and Norway to

Judging of Victory gardens en- duce which should be harvested, tered in the contest jointly spon- Cole pointed out, since they will sored by the Salem Men's Gar- be given full credit for their proden club and The Oregon States-man is nearing completion, it was reported Thursday by Charles few which have not yet been

into which the city was divided geographically, and there remains sections of Oregon which he has only the final viewing of a few visited in connection with his

hould not delay harvesting pro- pearance.

Cole, associated with the state mittee, in fact, has department of agriculture, said gardens in the remaining section.

The 16 prize winners—first and second in each of the cond in each of two classifica-ms in each section—will be an-unced late in August or early September, it was indicated by ell Pratt, president of the diligent in their cultivation and

# Here Soon

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### James Young, Noted Author, To Talk Here

James R. Young, foreign correspondent, who 23 months before Pearl Harbor was arrested as a spy suspect in Japan and who came back from his 13 months imprisonment to write the bestselling book, "Behind the Rising Sun," will speak at Saturday night's Victory Center program

Diverging from his originallyplanned schedule of public and shipyard appearances in Portland, Young late Thursday promised to address a Salem audience this platform on the courthouse lawn. on each side.

with war bond and stamp sales. mile northeast of the field. Results of the day-long canvass by members of women's organi- roughly half way along the eastzations, if tallied by that time, west axis of Munda with the diswill be announced as a feature

The cavalry band stationed in this area has pledged its service in the big 7 o'clock rally, Junior Chamber of Commerce President Pat Crossland was assured Thurs-

Young will speak from 13 years' experience as a correspondent in Tokyo and knowledge gained from 13 months as a Jap prisoner of the methods employed by the en-

emy in the orient. Arriving in Salem at mid-afternoon, he will participate in a roundtable discussion over radio station KSLM at 4 p.m. with C. A. Sprague, publisher of The Statesman, and A. H. Wilson, Postal Telegraph manager here, world traveler and news commentator.

# Sweden Closes Roads to Nazi

By JOHN H. COLBURN STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5 .- (P)-With 400,000 Swedish troops alert for any German retaliation, the Swedish government announced tonight that the transportation of German soldiers to and from Norway over Swedish railways would be halted Aug. 20.

The movement of German war materials through this neutral country to Norway, likewise a three-year-old practice, is to said, on the basis of a new agreement worked out with Germany. transport the 250,000 troops an-nually carried over the safe Swe-

Psychologically, little Sweden's move came at a time when Germany is suffering reverses on three fronts, in Russia, Sicily, and in the air war over the reich it-

cation that the Swedes are con-vinced of an eventual allied trioh, the action also implied se new Swedish political con-

That Sweden now is able mili-Sweden finds it opportune to rid herself of allied charges of being Meanwhile, Victory gardeners both as to production and aplied invasion of neighboring Nor-

# Airdrome

The Oregon Statesman

Jap Garrison Being Slowly Destroyed; All Retreat Cut Off

By WILLIAM F. BONI ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PA-CIFIC, Friday, Aug. 6 .- (AP)-Half of the Munda airdrome is in control of American infantrymen, fighting with tank support, and the entire Japanese garrison there "is now completely encircled and is being slowly destroyed," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced Friday.

Latest reports from the New Georgia fighting front in the central Solomons stated the Japanese sustained heavy casualties throughout day-long fighting Thursday as the Americans seized control of the eastern slopes of Kokengolo hill. That is between the airstrip and the revetment areas where planes are kept.

An eyewitness account of the push on the Munda airport, written by J. Norman Lodge, Associated Press correspondent, appears on page 10. The dispatch, dated Augus 3, was delayed in transit.

These forces sent a strong combat patrol slicing through the jungle to the seacoast northwest of the airdrome while other forces advanced along the south side of the coveted airstrip.

A spokesman for General Mac-Arthur said it appeared that all possible Japanese lines of retreat to the north are covered by our forces. Enemy holdings now have been whittled down to roughly a weekend from the bond-selling triangular area of some 1500 yards

when women of the com- tled their way on to the slopes of munity follow in the pathway Kokengolo hill which is a continworn by the revolutionary nation of Bibolo hill, now occuheroine and "fill up the pitchers" pled by the Americans, about Kokengolo hill is situated

> persal bays ranged about the hill's northern base. This near climax action in the Solomons was keyed with continued fighting on the approaches of

> Salamaua on northeastern New Guinea in which Japanese counterattacks were decisively re-

Light American surface craft and the 13th airforce maintained pressure on the Japanese in the Solomons. Naval vessels-probably PT-boats-sank two enemy barges northwest of Munda the night of Aug. 3 and in the early morning of Aug. 4. Last night, a coastal ship, possibly 100 feet long, was sunk in the Blackett strait between New Georgia and Kolom-

Mitchell medium bombers with a fighter escort on Thursday's strafed barges and shore positions at Gizo island is west of Kolombangara, as well as in Webster Cove on Kolombangara's south

In the New Guinea sector, series of sharp enemy attacks in the Robdubi-Mount Tambu area which is roughly fives miles below Salamaua, ended with the enemy driven from strategically (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

#### **US Merchantman** Sunk by Sub

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- (AP)-The navy reported Thursday that merchant vessel was torpedoed cease Aug. 15, the communique in the South Atlantic early in July. Survivors landed at Miami,

# **Bombar-Dear?**



# Sciem, Oregon, Friday Morning, August 8, 1943 Half of Munda Sicily Defenders Demoralized In Yank Hands As Catania Is Seized; Only 5000 Italians Now Putting Up Fight

Hamburg Demolished; Berlin Next?



With Hamburg a devastated wreck, Berliners fear that the same punish RAF commentator said Thursday that only slightly longer nights are needed for the bombing of Germany's capital. Photo shows Hamburg's port after a recent raid.

river 270 miles to the west.

significant strokes of the war.

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que recorded by the soviet mon-

The defeated nazis fought from

fortifications in the streets, mined

and blew up houses and put rifle-

Northwest of the city the nazis (Turn to Page 2-Story A)

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.-(P)-The

Sentor's Ration

Via Jujitsu Tackle

Books Return

loose from Orel block by ble

the momentous victory.

# His appearance here will come as a climax to "Molly Pitcher given to those troops which bat-To Reds as Nazis Flee

LONDON, Friday, Aug. 6.-(P)-The German strongholds of RAF Threatens Orel and Belgorod fell Thursday to powerful Russian armies scoring their greatest summer triumph of the war, and Marshal Joseph Stalin spurred his troops on westward today with the

cry "death to the German invaders." The double victory, which included the capture of 30 villages British Mosquito bombers were

## Layton Denied Venue Change

Judge Postpones Trial for Polk County Murder to Aug. 16

DALLAS, Aug. 5-Plea for change of venue in the trial of Richard Harry Layton, who faces first degree murder charges in connection with the drowning of Ruth Hildebrand, was denied by Judge Arlie G. Walker Thursday afternoon, but Roy R. Hewitt, attorney for the defense, was grant-

A Portland attorney is said have joined in the defense of Layton, necessitating further time for

Judge Walker, meanwhile, has asked for a special venire of 15 men to be called from which the jury will be drawn.

Hewitt, in the change of venue plea, cited stories from newspapers in surrounding towns as arousing public opinion to the not receive a fair trial. Little interest has been shown in the preliminary moves, however, judging from the few spectators who have gathered in court so far.

Layton's defense against harges that he attacked and shed 17-year-old Ruth Hildebrand into the Willamette river near Buena Vista on a night early in June will be insanity, Hewitt

#### 40,000 Jap Casualties In Guadalcanal Defense

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5-(P)
Japanese efforts to defend Guadalcanal cost the enemy 40,500
men, the war department reported Thursday.

The figure was given in a re-port to the department by Col. Royal L. Gervals, who said only 1500 of 42,000 Japanese soldiers Bishop Photo
Dorthie Lott, 60 South Pacific highway, of the piquant face and thick curis, is one of the contestants for title of Salem's "Miss Bembar-Dear," to be named Tuesday night.

Gervals said that the reputed superiority of the Japanese as jurgle fighters faded with the superiority of the Japanese as jurgle fighters faded with the soing through her handbag in a cloakroom here. The lad, whom juvenile authorities sent to the contestants for title of Salem's lent, the men are fully qualified, and man for man we'll beat the names ration book in his possession.

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# Heavy Bombing Due for Berlin. LONDON, Aug. 5.-(A)-An RAF

commentator hinted Thursday night that Berlin was due for a heavy aerial drubbing shortly, and northwest, south and southwest of out over the Ruhr and Rhineland Orel, threatened to shatter the en- last night, without loss.

tire German defense line in south It was also announced that central Russia, forcing the axis to British naval planes swooped fall back slowly to the Dnieper down on eight German "E-boats" off Calais during the night, sink-"The legend of the Germans ing three of them and badly damthat soviet troops are allegedly aging a fourth.

unable to wage a successful of- The air ministry news service fensive in the summertime has said the naval planes also returned been dispelled," declared Stalin in with no loss despite heavy anti-

an order of the day announcing aircraft fire. The RAF commentator said that Berlin acknowledged a with- Berliners "must be watching the drawal from Orel-the first big shrinkage of daylight with some axis summer retreat since Adolf concern." The long, 10-hour nights Hitler's troops invaded Russia at afford a cover to the lightlyarmed night bombers on the 1200the peak of their power in 1941.

mile round trip to the German German troops fleeing Orel were falling back toward Bryansk. At capital. Belgorod far to the south the Rusdans were driving the enemy back an important target as the seat of into the Ukraine. On all fronts the government and as a large indus-Russians said they had knocked trial center and added that it was out 98 German tanks and shot important "from the standpoint

down 168 German planes in Wed- of morale." nesday's fighting leading up to the many," he continued. "There al-Stalin, as supreme commanderin-chief of the Russian armies, orways has been a certain amount dered the Moscow garrison to fire of bother whenever Berlin was 12 volleys from 120 guns at mid- hit. The German people have night to salute one of the most it. Berliners themselves, however, "Eternal glory to the heroes who the Ruhr has been raided." fell in the struggle for freedom

sage concluded. "Death to the Ger- Sheriff Leaves for LA To Bring Back Suspect in the final mop-up of the city, the soviet midnight communi-

Sheriff A. C. Burk left Thursday for the southern California city to ical work of destruction take into his custody the youthful the enemies of Germany, he de

#### **Taormina Likely** Spot for Next Stubborn Stand

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HE A DQUARTERS

IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 5 .-(AP)-Conquering British legions smashed into Catania today and fanned out in twin sweeps that shoved back German rear guards from the southern and eastern slopes of Mt. Etna and brought nearer the final victory of the Sicilian campaign at Mes-

As veteran British infantry mopped up machine gun nests and coast port, armored scouts cruised 10 miles northwest along the vital road circling Mt. Etna and occupied Misterbianco and Paterno. Paterno was officially occupied less than two hours after Catania

Another eighth army column headed due north along the coast toward Messina some 55 miles distant, with Acireala nine miles from Catania the immediate prize. The Germans already have be-gun withdrawing non - essential personnel from Sicily—as they

was taken.

had attempted in Tunisia. Official reports said relations between Germans and Italians were worsening, and one Italian taken at Catania said that during the defense of that city
"I killed more Germans than I
killed English." He was a sapper, forced into the infantry

condent for the US army newspaper Stars and Stripes; an American officer as estimated that only 5000 Italian infant still were fighting on the island along with possibly 35,000 Ger-

Some of the service troops were being evacuated across the Messina straits, the officer added. ready have been identified in Sicily-has taken more than 70,000

been given no offensive role because of their past refusal to at-(Turn to Page 2-Story B)

### Berlin Radio Gets Tough

Thursday night that Germany would resume the offensive

sia to Sicily, the Berlin radio fell ing to use a "new weapon," this time the touch was The device this time, instead of using a responsible German auper dispatch appearing in Madrid which in turn quoted "rumors in

Here is the broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press: "Madrid-Rumors are circulat-

ing in Germany that the passive attitude of the reich would cease in November, the Berlin correin Los Angeles by Donald Eng- ports. By then new weapons man, charged with having rifled would be ready and all plans

#### Salem Iron Works Plant Russian advance as long as pos-sible. But soviet assault groups piled up great quantities of cap-tured material, Many prisoners Expanded for War Task