

"Ring out, wild bells, and let

Tennyson was right - a dying old year has no mourners. No matter how generous it has been, no matter how much a man may have enjoyed of happiness, prosperity, good health during the year, on December 31 he gives it a kick in the rear, throws it on the rubbish pile along with the Christmas tingel, cigarette ashes and canceled checks, while he flirts with a jade called the new year. 'Twas ever thus,-"The year is dying, let him die."

The year's beginning is also the occasion for prognostications for the coming 12 months. Almanacs and patent medicine calendars for years have made forecasts of weather day-by-day, and since the printing has to be done in mid-summer to get distribution of the printed matter over the country by January 1, that means long - range forecasting indeed There probably still are folk who have faith in the weather predictions of patent medicine advertising. But these may be as good as the medicine's promise of cure.

A new wrinkle in forecasting is a 1944 calendar which predicts, day-by-day, the fishing conditions all through the year. It even tells what time of day the fishing on any day will be better, morning or night. There are four grades of fishing too-best, good, fair, poor. That indeed is a marvelous discovery, one that ought to be precious to disciples of Izaak Walton.

With such boldness on the part of calendar-makers to prophesy weather and the fishing for 12 months, a newspaperman should not be less courageous in offering his predictions for the trend of events in '44. At any rate, this is what I see in the crystal ball: WAR: Heavier war than we have yet experienced. No surrender of Germany during the first half-year. German defense in the west will prove very strong, and progress from beachheads slow. tussian armies may force the final decision. (Turn to editorial page.)



## Vatūtin's Forces Advance

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during the last hours of the

year making the early part of

1943 seem very wet indeed. But

weather bureau records count

only moisture which falls with-

in the 12 months so this late

precipitation was "off the rec-

Late in 1943 the Oregon li-

quor commission made valiant

efforts to remedy the "dry situ-

ation" within the state and

promised better supplies for

1944 but that too is off the rec-

**Allies** Jump

**Garigliano** to

**Strike** Nazis

By RICHARD MASSOCK

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Al-

giers, Dec. 31-(AP)-Allied troops,

attacking at the western extremi-

A broadcast German com-

munique said a battalion of sea-

borne troops landed behind nazi

attack. The nazi announcement

been forced back into its boats,

and there was no additional in-

formation here on the progress

of the fight. Allied spokesmen

described the operation as a

large raid, perhaps indicating

there was no intention of estab-

lishing a permanent beach-

Edward Kennedy of the Asso-

ciated Press, in a Thursday dis-

patch from the front, described

bitter fighting through the rub-

ble-strewn streets of San Vit-

ord" for 1943.

ord for 1943.

### Near Pre-War **Polish Border: Nazis** Confused

By JAMES M. LONG LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 1-P)-The Russian First Ukrainian army, racing toward Poland and Rumania today as the new year opened on one of the great allied victories of the war, has captured the fortified rail and regional center of Zhitomir and

plunged on far beyond through the rear guards of confused, disorganized Germans who were abandoning tanks, guns, supplies and dead in their rout. Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces, which captured Zhitomir yesterday, were speeding west and southwest through a 200-mile breach in the nazi east wall, far

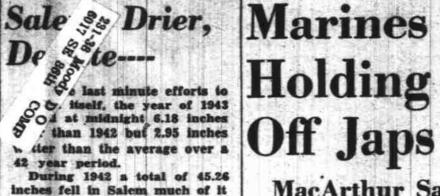
beyond the territory lost to an abortive German counter offensive in November and December. munities yesterday, advance Soviet units were 35 miles from the After capturing 150 more compre-war Polish border and less than 90 miles from the pre-war Rumanian frontier.

"Our tanks and motorized troops dealt the enemy considerable blows, breaking through into his rear to intercept most important communication lines, and smash German reserves which

came up to the front lines," said the midnight Moscow bulletin re- cholson, a Reuters correspondent borne forces from New Guinea corded by the soviet monitor. with the Fifth army.)

ed today.

head.



**MacArthur Says** Counterattack Unsuccessful

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Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, January 1, 1944

By DEAN SCHEDLER ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, New Guinea, Saturday, Jan. 1-(AP)-Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his New Year's day communique reported today that all Japanese counter-attacks had been beaten off against newly won marine holdings at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

Marines on the east flank, opposing enemy forces in the Borgen Bay area, held their line while the elements which won the airdrome Thursday cleared out enemy remnants and advanced.

Supporting attack planes dealt heavy blows against the Nipponese on both sides of the Cape Gloucester position. Westward across narrow straits

ty of the Italian battle line for on New Guinea's Huon peninsula, the first time in over a month, Australians driving along the junjumped the estuary of the Garigligle coast some 30 miles north of ano river yesterday to strike bewith planes softening enemy rehind German lines in the Minturno area, headquarters announc-Finschhafen achieved new ground sistance ahead of them.

"Our ground troops are consoli-(The swoop on German strongdating their positions," today's points north of the Garigliano estuary was "a most successful atcommunique said concerning the tack," and was carried out by situation at Cape Gloucester, a strong British raiding forces early strong position which was over-Thursday morning, said Haig Ni- run less than five days after seaswarmed ashore there Sunday.

### Infant 1944 Strikes **Greeted** Quietly Infant 1944 was greeted in

Salem with more visible and but most of the fun- and noisemaking was on the orderly side. Theaters, dance halls, skating rinks and restaurants were crowded and despite a fairly moist "Oregon mist" which had brought an end to nippy weather, there were considerable numbers of people on the streets as the new year approached. But the police reported only

an average week end number of arrests for drunkenness. There was one item of damage due to

> the axis propaganda mill and thus may have delayed revolts in Germany and occupied lands this winter - revolts which could spell swift collapse for the nazis.

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Delay

War End

**Charge Revolts** 

Are Deterred

By PAUL MILLER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31-(AP)-

personage high in the coun-

cils of the United States and

United Nations tonight called

the threats of railway and steel

strikes a "great tragedy," as-

serting they provided fuel for

**Axis-Held Lands** 

No. 240

Three leaders of railroad labor immediately replied that if the railway labor dispute had any ef-LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 1 -(AP) fect on the war, labor unions were ministration was responsible for A great fleet of American heavy

not to blame. They said the adbombers with a strong fighter esdelay in settling the dispute. cort swept over France yesterday; The high source, withholding bombing industrial targets in Paris use of his name, told reporters at and blasting a nazi air base at Chateau Bernard used by German a conference that German propaplanes collaborating with U-boat gandists are telling subject peoples everywhere in Europe that attacks against allied shipping, it chaos reigns in the United States; was announced early today. that the army has been forced to

Two vital ball-bearing plants take over the railroads. were struck in the Paris attack As a result, it was added, the while some of the heavy bombers cenetrated to west-central France to reach Chateau Bernard.

The air operations for the day saw more than 1000 allied planes in the air over the con-

# Salem Recalls **Event-Packed Twelve Months**

Flood to Drizzle, Senate Fight, Navy at Willamette, Van Winkle's Death Noted

The year that Salem ushered out last night on the winge of song and prayer and dance, rode in 12 months ago on the crest of a Willamette river flood.

Swirling waters of the river washed underpinnings from beneath the old Mellow Moon rink and sent the great frame building crashing against the west approach of the Marion-Polk county bridge, destroyed stock in the lowlands and affected 400 homes in the mid-valley area before they reached their 30.45 foot high mark.

The now historic battle of the ballots for the presidency of the state senate opened a legislative session which dealt as usual with taxes and fish and the state milk control board. A new governor, Earl Snell, sat in the statehouse and a new mayor took office in Salem.

Ed Rostein was appointed to the city water commission to replace I. M. Doughton, new mayor. Capt. Marion Carl (now Maj. Carl, once again fighting in the south Pacific) was married in New York and decorated for bravery in battle.

Thirteen Marion county schools did not open their doors because of lack of teachers, and plans for a Victory garden competition were announced. Salem city council ordered railroads to arrange for uncoupling of long trains in case of emergency and prepared to meet dimout requirements by shading city street lights.

R. J. Hendricks, connected with The Statesman for 58 years and for many of those years its editor, died.

Roy Harland was named first junior citizen. Heavlest snowfall in six years blanketed Salem, and the entire area was stirred by the murder in lower 13. In Salem a 16-year-old boy confessed having stabbed a nurse and the county grand jury freed from blame in the state hospital poisoning case the two cooks involved.

February brought home to Oregon's capital city Maj. Frank Douglas Sharp, air hero of the Pacific; nine men applied for the civil service examination for the postmastership, still at this writing held by Veteran Postmaster Henry Crawford; Salem registered for fuel oil and for food ration book 2, was declared inside and then outside the "48-hour area" surrounding Portland employment zone.

In March the Red Cross raised \$46,419 in Marion county, although subjugated countries are reported its goal had been \$42,000; workers arrived for the city's second USO hesitating again to start the wild resistance which was counted on center; Lyle Leighton came to head Cascade area Boy Scout council as a major factor in the overthrow as executive; Paul Robeson sang generously; Klamath Falls won the of German domination outside the state hoop tournament, and Willamette university juniors won the glee,





WASHINGTON, Dec. 31- (AP) Leaders of the non-operating railroad unions, after withdrawing their wage demands from arbitration by President Roosevelt, tonight blamed War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes for their failure to get a settlement satisfactory to them.

"The real trouble all through this dispute," the 15 union executives said in a statement, "is that since early last June, Justice Byrnes has persisted in his effort to thwart the president of the United States in his declared purpose to remove the 'overtime' discrimination against railway employes."

At the same time, the union heads, leaders of more than a million workers, promised their "level best" in helping the army run the nation's rail system, but declared against any retreat in their wage fight.

They hinted, too, that they might turn to congress, saying "the right of petition still exists." turn to congress, saying Refusal of the non-operating pnions to arbitrate raised the prospect that the army may have to run the railroads indefinitely. They withdrew their case from proposed to arbitrate as one issue 000 serving under him. to 10 cents an hour and the question of bonus pay for work over 40 hours a week.

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**Burma Road** Is Pounded

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31-(A)-Japrees guarding construction of the new "Burma road" to China brough the mountains east of the Mayu range in northern Burma, but have been thrown back, the endquarters of Adm. Lord Louis fountbatten announced today. The year also ended in a blaze f glory for the RAF when its today caught a flock of nemy planes off the Bay of Benml north coast and sent 13 Japase machines spinning into the

The new allied commander for outheast Asia reported heavy round fighting in northern Bur-is, with the Japanese counteracking unsuccessfully and at e expense of many casualties.

Lilley Reappointed To Liquor Board

Berlin reports to Swedish newspapers said there were many indications in German military circles that a new large scale retreat would be made on the eastern front in order to stabilize a defensive line.

In simultaneous offensives keeping the nazi strength thinspread, Gen. Ivan S. Bagramain's Baltic army smashed through on both sides of Vi-(Turn to Page 2-Story F)

**King** Peter **Flays** Tito

By ROGER GREENE LONDON, Dec. 31-(AP)-A deprecating picture of the whole after coastal defenses had sunk

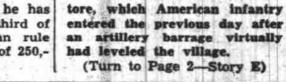
Yugoslav guerrilla campaign of five out of eight allied landing Marsha IJosip Broz (Tito) was craft.) painted in a statement by the (The Bari radio, controlled by government in exile of King Pethe Italian government of Marter II today.

shal Badoglio, reported that Amer-The royal government, hostile ican troops had captured the detoward Tito, said at Cairo that molished fortress - village of San Tito's army had been driven back Vittore, six miles from Cassino on from all major towns and at the main inland highway to

Wendell Barnett Is Reelected

some places broken into disinte- Rome.) grating groups. In London the statement was viewed as an indirect plea for stronger support of King' Peter's government.

Tito's supporters claim he has liberated more than one-third of the country from German rule and that he has an army of 250,-



"Abortive enemy attacks on our (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

### outposts southeast of Minturno, but was dislodged by a counter-**Hitler Brings Grim Message** did not say the expedition had **To Germans**

By RICHARD KASISCHKE LONDON, Dec. 31 -(AP)- Adolph Hitler, in a grim New Year's message to the German people, today offered them only hope of dogged

(The German international inresistance for their very lives and, formation bureau, semi-official anticipating invasion from the nazi propaganda agency, said in a west, boasted that "wherever broadcast that a German counterthey land the allies will receive attack drove the "invasion forces" an appropriate welcome." back 'across the Garigliano river

In a long written message distributed by DNB to German newspapers and recorded from a Berlin broadcast by the Associated Press, Hitler again sounded the German propaganda note that "in this war there will be no victors and losers, but merely survivors and annihilated."

A separate New Year order of the day to the army called 1943 'a second year of great crisis" initiated by the Russian winter offensive of 1941-42.

Even as the Russians, in one of their greatest victories of the war, were driving toward prewar Poland's borders and drawing near Rumania's frontiers, Hitler said "A Napoleonic catastrophe seemed imminent for the German front, yet we were able to master the situation."

Germany, he said, was fighting with a "fanatical hatred," and inspired by "the old Biblical saying: 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth'."

For all the continent's ramparts he promised fortifications which will "surprise the enemy" invaders.

To the home front he promised that "retaliation will come" for

He blamed setbacks on "Italian treason" and "the breach of faith of French admirals and generals which permitted allied landings in North Africa," but he claimed that "the balanc of our forces are now achieved." nessage was that times are hard

The year 1943 "brought us our soil. But our opponents can no longer call large parts of their for-mer possessions their own."

Weather

der the shutdown in the production lines in court showed today. Thomas B. Gilchrist, the guar-dian, reported a principal of \$4,-346.027 with capital increases of mum 29; rainfall .42; river -.4. Intermittent rain in the low-This is necessary to prevent ut-ter collapse of poultry and turkey industry, and that WFA immed-Gov. Earl Snell Friday reap-pinted George P. Lilley, Baker, as 15 p picture, "The Price of Vic er levels west of the Cascades club of Soroptimists, International service organization med- was sh interval and interval tent may and interval tent with and interval tent may and interval tent may and interval tent may and interval tent may and interval tent and interval tent may and interval tent and interv was chartered; Denver Young was appointed chief deputy merint and Alma Johnson was named as a deputy, first woman so to serve (Turn to Page 2-Story A)

tient, bringing the total for a eich.

48-hour period to 3500. In addition to the announced operations, US heavy bombers struck various enemy - occupied air bases in southern France, the number and names of which were not specified. No communique was issued.

Meantime, chiefs of the 15 non-Attacks also were made along the French invasion coast. The operating railroad unions representing more than a million workannouncement said that US Maers issued a statement guaranteerauders in the last five raids of 1943 against this portion of France ing their "level best" in helping (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

closest to England did not lose a single plane although the concentration against the Pas de Calais Lt. Milton Bell area alone totalled 1100 sorties (indivadual plane flights).

Is Missing The American heavy bombers striking at the Paris plants were **After Flight** escorted by American and allied (Turn to Page 2-Story G)

**Morse Seeks Candidate** to **Oppose Holman** 

PORTLAND, Dec. 31-(AP)-Declaration of Palmer Hoyt that he has no intention of becoming a candidate in the race for the US

senatorship brought speculation officers reported to the parents to bear again on Dean Wayne L. Friday night in advising them not to give up hope that their son Morse, previously mentioned. Morse declared upon his arrivmight be found. al in Eugene today that both Hoyt

and Merle Chessman, publisher of at Willamette university when he enlisted two and a half years ago. the Astorian-Budget, have been Much of the time since he comproposed as candidates. "Either pleted training he has been an one of these men would be excellent," he said.

instructor but his family is not The University of Oregon law sure that he has been recently, George H. Bell, father of the chool dean declared he was more missing pilot, is chairman of interested in organizing a united Stayton selective service board, front to defeat Sen. Rufus Holman than in becoming a candidate himself.

"A great deal of history will be written in that body in the coming years," Morse said in re-

be perfectly frank to say that I would like to be there and have a part in it."

bigger than the desires of an individual ... My own interests are His dominant theme in the long not important compared with finding a man who can give Orebut worse is to come if Germany gon the kind of broadminded forceful representation to which

this state is entitled."

### Vanderbilt Estate Shows \$912 Gain

40, an annual a

The USO commenced charging for foodstuffs as rationing be-Philip Murray, president of came more stringent; restaurants took a cut in meat supplies; the the CIO United Steel Workers union, could not be reached for comment immediately, but a union executive said "this is a filthy propaganda story to arouse the people against labor unions."

STAYTON, Dec. 31-First Lt.

Milton Bell of the army air corps

is missing after a routine flight

from Wendover Field, Utah, the

commanding officer has notified

the young officer's parents, Mr.

and Mrs. George H. Bell of Stay-

ton. His wife and year old daugh-

ter, Jonni, live in Dallas with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Davis.

Planes are still searching for

the plane which went out on a

regular routine flight Wednesday.

Milton Bell was a law student

the

Salem war chest sent \$1000 to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek for Chinese relief and Willamette university was selected as a navy training center, In April, Paul Burris was named to the city water commi to succeed Dr. Harold Olinger, who had entered the service; Fred Finsley decided to stay with the state parole board (resigning again in December). Al Rosser was released from the state penitentiary,

Funds for a second USO center were approved by FDR; Merle Chessman was named to the state highway commission; the state liquor board was made over; Salem's ration board office was moved from the city hall to the Nelson building; the city council took cognizance of the juvenile problem and of the fact that sewers had overflowed during the previous winter in the north end of Salem.

· Roy Rice was named county commissioner; Travis Cross was elected president of the Salem high school student body; chamber of commerce representatives from over the state met with the governor to talk of needed farm help and of the part small factories play in war tasks. A negro named Folkes, convicted of the "lower 13" murder was brought to the state penitentiary; Marion county went far over its quota in the second war loan and the mobile unit from Multnomah county Red Cross chapter collected first blood for the plasma bank in Salem.

Champoeg celebrated early in May the 100th anniversary of the famous Champoeg meeting; Salem was declared first city among those of its size in the United States in traffic safety and the spring flareup in Salem high school's so-called "secret society" scandal occurred as Willamette crowned Harriett Monroe queen o the May.

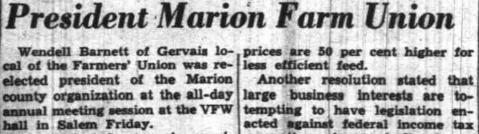
Charles A. Sprague was named state war chest chairman; Marion county salvaged 80,000 pounds of tin; the state tuberculosis hospital closed one floor because of lack of help; the first state defense control center was given a workout here; Salem high school graduated 425 young men and women in caps and gowns. Polk county women commenced mobilization for crop work; three convicts escaped from the state penitentiary taking a guard along as hostage; Memorial day in Salem drew the largest crowd to parade and program of any patriotic observance in recent years.

During June, the Georges took over at Willamette university. where Lt. George C. Bliss and Capt, George W. Shepard joined President G. Herbert Smith in executive capacities to watch over that naval training school; the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs met'in Salem and elected Mrs. George R. K. Moorhead of the capital city as president; school, city and county budgets were drawn; 400 educators from over the state met in Salem to adopt new curricula and sports schedules. John Roberts' Sunshine dairy barns burned to the ground and the herd was sold at auction; 'the state milk control board ceased to function and became part of the state department of agriculture: the Trailblazer division was activated at Camp Adair; postal employes of the state met in Salem; Charles A. Sprague received the Amos E. Voorhies award for editorial leadership; the "Y" strawberry camps functioned, while the "neighbors" picked the cherries; the body of Ruth Hildebrand, 17, Dallas, was pulled from the Willsmette river.

Salem celebrated the glorious Fourth without firecrackers but the biggest Independence day turnout in history; the con cannery was opened under auspices of the city schools system; Capt. Roger L. Miller of Salem wrote the first detailed story of the crack new US A-36 dive bomber in action against the axis and The Statesman and other AD morning dailies published it; Howard Jenks was elected chairman of the Salem water commission, succeeding Chandler Brown, who had resigned to enter the navy; Salem-Marion county civilian defense offices went on a fulltime basis.

In July also, R. S. "Spec" Keene, Willamette university athletic mentor for 15 successful years, became Lt. Cmdr. Keene, USNR; Sol Worden, state penitentiary guard, was stabbed and a outhful convict was killed in an unsuccessful attempt at escape; Infantile paralysis made its appearance in Marion county. Bean pickers got most of the August headlines, but W. L. Phil-

A resolution approved by the convention concerned the acute shortage of protein feeds for NEW YORK, Dec. 31-(A)- The poultry, turkeys and various livestock in Oregon, and re-quested state officers to contact estate of Gloria Vande ips was named to succeed Brown as a member of the water comoduce almost half the which pr Cicco increased \$912 after expenon; Baby Judith Gurney was spirited out of her ho ditures of \$135,112 during the p Arthur H. Bunker, WPB in Albany and returned safely and a grand jury charged a young year and now aggregates \$4,346,onal officers with a requi soldier's wife with the kidnaping; Dr. O. A. Olson was named to the Marion county welfare commission and Chris J. Kowitz was ap-pointed justice of the peace, succeeding Joseph Felton, US army; Mexican harvesters arrived to lend a hand with the crops; a Salem He gave information and exact figures on savings and surpluses on many public owned projects. throughout the nation. A motion. to Marvin Jones, WFA, to see that Oregon gets lip just share of these protein feeds. g by her nan for metals and n als, said last night WPB Friday maximum 45; minineral guardian in surrogate's



Also reelected were, vice presi- exemptions for agricultural codent. Gus Schlicker of Bethel lo- operatives, and are attempting to cal; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. have discontinued federal produc-Frank Way of Central Howell lo- tion credit associations that have cal; executive board members, rendered great service to the small Henry Torvend of Central Howell farmer. Protest was made against and George Potts, jr., of Sidney- such discriminating action against Talbot local. New officers elected cooperatives - and credit associawere: Executive board member, tions.

John H. Dasch of Liberty local; A third resolution requests OPA doorkeeper, John K. Crabtree, to remove all point values on pork Liberty local; conductor, L. F. and lower grades of beef until dson, Bethel local. One such time as existing surplus has hundred fifty voting delegates and been used up or facilities established to care for surplus. embers were present.

Guest speaker was Dr. Carl D. Thompson, associated with the administration at Bonne-ville, whose subject was "The Public Ownership and Coopera-tive Movement in Postwar Plan-

the allied bombings.

heaviest reverses," Hitler admitted, but he also contended that: "After more than four years of war the German Reich has not lost one square kilometer of its

ferring to the senate, "and I will

"However, the problem is much WASHINGTON, Dec. 31-(AP)

board tonight The war production ordered tae closure of four alum-inum production lines in two fed-early - owned plants in the ap-parent beginning of a sweeping

utback in aluminum output, The Aluminum Corporation of America, it was learned simultaneously, already has began curtailments which may slash as mu as 40 per cent from the producti of Alcos - owned properti

**Four Aluminum Plants** Close

Marion county's number three board; his brother, Walter H. Bell. is Stayton city attorney. A sister, Rosella Bell, is a Willamette university student.