

Four Youths Arrested in Crime Wave

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have made a wholesale robbery of Jefferson Wednesday morning, breaking into the Terminal, a restaurant and two service stations. Only a small sum of money was taken. State police reported that the youths oftentimes worked in pairs.

State police were inspecting a 45 automatic pistol originally stolen from a parked car by Bonney, they said, and subsequently lifted from him by Flynn and sold to a Four Corners man. Inspection of the gun revealed that the serial numbers had been filed off. Capt. Walter Lansing shipped the weapon to a Portland crime laboratory for chemical examination.

Bonney is a former inmate of Oregon state training school and is wanted as a deserter by the navy. Detention was in the training school, only after summer being booked by Salem police for larceny of gasoline. Parsonage was sentenced to a year in the county jail last January on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, while Flynn was sent to the training school in 1940 for burglary.

Following is a list of crimes as admitted by the quartette, with most of the loot being in small sums unless otherwise specified:

Carl Warren service station, Scio, February 2; Ceglinski service station at Jordan, at unknown date; January, \$80 taken; Lee's Barber store at Turner, February 2, five packages of cigarettes in addition to money; Boucher's service station, Turner, February 2, nothing taken; Ball Brothers garage at Turner, February 2, nothing taken; Talbot grocery, Talbot, January 29, sausage and deviled ham; Terminal cafe, Jefferson, February 2, money taken from clothing of owner while he was asleep, and place entered three times the same night; Hamill service station, Jefferson, February 2, wrist watch and gasoline coupons; Rice service station, Jefferson, February 2; Gleason service station, Jefferson, February 2; Blum service station, Michama, February 2; Christensen service station, Stayton, February 2, nine gallons of gasoline; Sublimity service station, Sublimity, January 23; Ash cafe, Salem, January 21; Dave's service station, Salem, January 22; Salem city library, January 22; Kelly's cafe, Silverton, January 15, \$60 and a case of beer; home at Silverton, about four months ago, owner unidentified, five quarts of whisky; private garage at Stayton, about three months ago, battery taken.

FDR Okehs Mustering Out Pay

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(P)—President Roosevelt's signature on mustering-out pay legislation tonight guaranteed veterans of the second World War cash payments to help them make the adjustment from military to civilian life.

The law provides from \$100 to \$300 for each eligible veteran. Mustering-out pay of World War one amounted to about \$60. This new scale and the commensurately higher number of military personnel in this war will cost the nation approximately \$3,000,000,000.

There already have been 1,300,000 discharges since Pearl Harbor. These service men may apply now to the war and navy departments for their mustering-out pay. Within 30 days of the application, it is to be acted upon.

As he signed the bill, Mr. Roosevelt urged congress to move full speed ahead on other proposals he has made for aiding the young men and women to continue their education at partial government expense; grant them social security credits for their period in service, and set up a plan for unemployment compensation benefits.

The mustering-out pay is denied to those eligible to retirement pay, those discharged to take civilian jobs, the dishonorably discharged, those whose total period of service has been as a student in special training programs, and those ranking above a captain.

The others get \$100 for less than 60 days' service in the US, \$200 for 60 days or more in this country, and \$300 for service overseas or in Alaska. The first \$100 is to be paid immediately, the remainder in \$100 monthly installments.

Persons discharged prior to the signing of the measure, the statement said, should follow this procedure:

1. Submit a certificate of discharge; to assure return of this certificate, write the present address on the paper.

2. Submit an informal type of certified application giving the name and address, service number, serial number or file number, certifying that the applicant was not discharged or released from active duty to accept employment without having had service outside of the United States; stating that the applicant is not now on active duty; that he has not made and will not make any other application for mustering-out pay; and giving the state of which he was a resident at the time of induction or enlistment and telling whether he has had foreign service.

Commissioned officers will be required to furnish evidence of length and termination of service. Navy officers will make application to the bureau of naval personnel, and coast guard and marine officers to their respective Washington headquarters. Army officers will make application to one of the various finance offices the war department has in various cities.

100 US Planes Strike Wewak Airdromes

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perhaps 40 or 50 grounded bombers and fighters were caught there—while at But the raiders scored up a number of zeros. In the ensuing dogfight American fighters shot down several.

The Dagua cleanup was the work of the "tree-top trimmers" outfit, perhaps New Guinea's busiest gang of low-level assault artists. They approached from behind a 1000-foot ridge guarding the Dagua airstrip and swooped in to catch the Japanese completely by surprise.

Lining one side of the runway, wingtip to wingtip, were some 30 Japanese fighters. In revetments on the opposite side were nearly as many two-engined bombers. On the first pass, every plane not in the revetments was either seriously damaged or destroyed.

Subsequent flights of Mitchells took care of the planes in the revetments with parachute fragmentation bombs, as well as continuing the job of shooting up the length of the runway with their 50-caliber guns.

Reds Squeeze Circle Tight About Nazis

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Nogovorod, the second north-south line freed since the battle of the north began. Another 2700 Germans were killed in this fighting, said the Moscow midnight bulletin recorded by the soviet monitor.

The bloodiest fighting on the flaming Russian front, however, centered on the contracting circle—now perhaps 40 miles in diameter—on the west bank of the Dnieper river between Kanev and Cherkassy where perhaps 100,000 Germans were facing death or surrender.

The Germans outside the circle in one action attempted to break a tank column through Russian lines to their comrades yesterday but Russian artillery and tank destroyers sent them reeling back with a loss of 32 tanks.

"Our air force is blockading from the air enemy airdromes and landing grounds in the area of encircled German troops," the communiqué said.

A total of 84 Junkers-52 transports were destroyed by armored soviet Stormovik dive bombers and fighters as the Germans rushed in their tri-engined planes to bring supplies and perhaps fly out officers as they did at Stalinograd a year ago. Twenty-four of the big-planes were shot flaming from the skies in addition to ten of their escorting fighter planes after 60 were wrecked on the ground, Moscow said.

The Russians, moving in steadily on the ground, captured seven towns including Voronovka, 13 miles north of Shpolia, Moshni, 15 miles northwest of Cherkassy and Mikhalovka, nine miles south of Kanev.

FDR Trys Keep Spain Neutral

By FLORA LEWIS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(P)—Calling the Spanish situation a headache, President Roosevelt defined allied policy toward Spain today as aimed at keeping that strategic country neutral in the true sense of the word.

The president's remarks at his news conference presumably meant that the allies want to put an end to benefits Spain now grants Germany.

His remark, in answer to a question, came on the heels of the Spanish cabinet's announcement that Spain will maintain "strict neutrality."

While the cabinet declared that Spain "is prepared to submit to no pressure whatever" against its right to remain firmly neutral, it is felt here that there are good chances present difficulties can be smoothed out.

To Be in Primaries

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(P)—Supporters of Col. Robert R. McCormick and Gen. Douglas MacArthur prepared today to enter both men in the April 11 Illinois republican presidential preference primary, with the political race in this pivotal midwestern state opening officially tomorrow.

Basement on Fire

City firemen were called to a basement fire at 345 South Winter street at 9:10 p.m. Friday, and to chimney fires at 353 D and 1055 North 16th, both at approximately 10 p.m.

DANCE TONIGHT

Noose Hall
12th and Leslie Streets
Strahan's Old Time Swing Orchestra

British Send Bombers Over Straits

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tain of anti-aircraft fire over the area.

Guns on the bombers shot down four German planes while the escorting fighters accounted for eight more for a total enemy loss of 12 planes, the bulletin said.

In other operations during the day hundreds of lighter allied aircraft crossed the channel to continue the pounding of military targets in northern France.

Cloudbanks, rising 15,000 feet in some places, protected the American heavy bombers from serious fighter opposition, but they had to plow through flashing fields of anti-aircraft fire.

Hundreds of American heavy bombers participated in the attack but the communiqué did not disclose the exact number or specify the other targets in western Germany that were struck.

Frankfurt, a city of about 500,000 persons, produces aircraft components, chemicals, machinery, and railroad freight and passenger cars—goods vital to the Nazi war effort.

Situated near the junction of the Main and Rhine rivers it is an important inland port as well as a rail center. One of its suburbs contains Germany's largest propeller factory, which is believed to forge and machine a large percentage of all the Nazi air force's propellers.

The attack marked the third time American planes have cascaded bombs on the city.

USO Prepares For Future Objectives

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"In Salem there were 1000 volunteer hours given last month," she said. She commended the 475 USO members who gave 2174 hours of volunteer work last month. "They are all-round good sports," she commented.

Sgt. Waldo represented the enlisted men of Camp Adair in thanking the USO "for the wonderful and unique service to enlisted men in off-duty hours."

Charles A. Sprague introduced the distinguished guests.

Col. Samuel E. Hays, post commander at Camp Adair, said "I speak as the mayor of the city of Adair. When three to four thousand of our citizens come to Salem every weekend and only four or five appear on our police blotter, there is an indication that someone is taking care of them and entertaining them in a wholesome way."

Other distinguished guests who spoke briefly were Col. E. C. Snow, third army corps in charge of detached units; Lt. Col. Eugene Foster, field artillery; Maj. Loren Jenks, senior chaplain 70th division; Maj. John Watson, chaplain 91st division; Capt. Storms, special service officer for the 91st division; Capt. Douglas McKay, post public relations officer, all of Camp Adair; Lt. Bliss, US navy, commanding officer naval training school, Willamette university; John Olson, commander American Legion, Capital post No. 9; Justice George Rossman, state supreme court, president of Marion county chapter American Red Cross; Milton Meyers, Red Cross blood donor committee and head of camps and hospitals committee for Camp Adair; and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gemmell, parents of four sons in the service of their country.

Closing, Maj. Harmon paid special tribute to R. R. Boardman, executive director of Chemeketa street USO, with whom he works closely.

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Yanks Go Into Unexplored Jungle Area

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—(P)—The 10 Americans who escaped from a Japanese prisoner of war camp in the Philippines had to make their way through a jungle area that was marked "unexplored" on the maps.

Cmdr. Melvyn McCoy, one of the gallant band who brought to the outside world the stories of Japanese atrocities to military prisoners, told today of the uncertainty of the daring gamble, with freedom or almost certain death as the stakes.

Of the unexplored jungle terrain, he added in a Times interview: "It's explored now. But we left

blind, figuring we could steal a boat."

The arduous jungle trek was a grueling hide-and-seek contest with one Japanese searching party after another.

"We left on Sunday," he related. "On Monday they sent out scores of Japs to find us. They missed us, but stumbled onto some Filipinos and shot them. Later we found heaps of bloody clothing where they'd been."

Once after making camp they learned that a Japanese detachment was encamped only five miles away.

Another time, as they were about to enter a small village, they discovered that all the natives were gone and the village was occupied by Japs.

Once they were lost in a swampy wilderness. When they regained the main trail, they found themselves behind 40 Japanese soldiers who were hunting them. They followed the soldiers until the trail forked, then chose the fork rejected by the Japs.

They finally fought their way through the jungle to the coast of Mindanao, the island on which the prison camp was situated. A stolen boat provided the group's transportation to Australia.

McCoy said he and three companions had built themselves up physically for the escape attempt by stealing chickens after the Japanese withheld food purposely to weaken the men and minimize the danger of escapes.

"We stole 133 chickens in three months," the commander said. "After we had stolen 75 the Japs got wise and doubled the guard, but we kept on stealing them."

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

You want "proof" that life continues at home in much the same way as before the war?

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According to a newspaper published not far away (and it isn't The Statesman), a prominent young matron who carries the name of a well-known Salem family is a "provincial" member of the Junior League.

Go a little further afield, and the San Francisco Chronicle tells how Princess Juliana flinched when an Australian newspaperwoman bobbed "a courtesy" at her.

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Yep. You'd think those papers had been printed in 1933-34, the year I read proof.

3 Blockade Yanks Sink Runners

By HAMILTON W. FARON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(P)—Sneaking through the South Atlantic with cargoes vital to the axis war machine, three Nazi blockade runners ran into the blazing guns of American warships and were sent to the bottom. All had started their furtive trips in Japanese-held ports of the Pacific, the navy revealed today, and their holds were loaded with thousands of tons of rubber, tin, fats and strategic ores.

Much of this material was salvaged, particularly hundreds of tons of baled rubber floating in the debris after the runners were sunk.

Many prisoners were taken from the three ships, whose crews attempted to scuttle their vessels on orders from Nazi leaders in efforts to prevent capture of the valuable cargoes.

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Last Times Today

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Court Studies Auburn Road Vacationing

The county court Friday heard

pro and con arguments concerning the proposed vacationing of a three-quarters of a mile strip on county road 854, east of Auburn. Proponents headed by W. W. McKinney, attorney, and Ed and Leonard Doerflinger and Alfred Fox, property holders of the vicinity, held that vacationing was warranted since the strip in question has been unused for many years, has not been maintained, and is nothing more than a brush-covered bridal path.

Remonstrators George J. and Delmar Lambrecht, also property owners, stated, on the other hand, that the road was handy at harvest time as a short cut for moving farm machinery, as well as an outlet for stock shipments. They further held that the road would prove of value in future times as development occurred in the area.

The court took the matter under advisement for several days, securing opportunity to interview other property holders in the section.

Daily Bond Quota to Be \$200,000

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entitled the purchaser to one vote. There were 17 candidates and the contest resulted in sale of \$1115 in stamps to bring the high school's total up to \$7716.85 or 51 per cent of its goal of \$15,000.

Peggy Smith, candidate of the Home Economics club, who lives at 695 South Commercial street with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Kibbe, was chosen as Victory Belle. The outcome was announced at the St. Valentine's dance Friday night in the high school gymnasium.

Frank Doerflinger, chairman for the Salem rural area, reported Friday that the various district committees had gathered in another \$10,000 in bond sales bringing their total up to \$90,000. He especially praised the work of Oscar Noren, chairman in the Hayesville district, who made a number of big sales which helped boost the total.

Mrs. Ethel Sohn, teacher at the Sidney school near Jefferson, reports that the children and "faculty" have invested \$370.15 in bonds, doubling their goal which was \$185 for a motor scooter.

The Sisters of St. Mary's school at Gervais report \$256.50 sales to date against a goal of \$65 or one parachute; the pupils showed so much enthusiasm that they have decided first to purchase a life float for \$250 and then go after the parachute.

Miss Margaret Barquist, principal, reports that Salem Heights school is \$547.75 over its \$1712.75 goal which was for the purchase of a jeep. This school has 160 pupils and six teachers.

Meanwhile tickets for the Elsinore theatre's war bond premiere next Wednesday are being given out to bond purchasers and there is brisk demand. Manager V. P. Byrne of the Elsinore promises an excellent show. "The Desert Song" is the feature picture.

Senate Favors Federal Vote

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Service vote legislation apparently was headed today for at least a temporary deadlock between the senate and house when administration supporters won successive senate tests on a federal war ballot.

By a 42 to 42 tie vote, The administration defeated an attempt to shelve the Green-Lucas war ballot bill in favor of a house states rights measure after beating off 48 to 42, an earlier opposition move.

The latter vote came on a proposal to substitute for the Green-Lucas bill a "states rights" measure sponsored by a coalition of republicans and southern democrats.

Willamette Comedy Scores Hit

By MAXINE BUREN

The hilarious comedy, "George Washington Slept Here," played before a large audience on Friday night at the Salem high school auditorium was presented by the Willamette university dramatic department.

The audience fully enjoyed the excellent lines and fast action, despite a lack of finished acting that has characterized Willamette productions in the last few years. Though most of the players were newcomers to the Salem stage, the play was not without flashes of very good acting.

Darlene Dickson gained poise and confidence as the play progressed and deserved the flowers which were presented her during the curtain call. Jack Watson as the rustic farm hand and Charles String as the crotchety old uncle produced most of the laughs, while Warren Durham, the leading man, played his part convincingly.

The entire cast was: Kimber, Jack Watson; Newton Fuller, Warren Durham; Annabelle Fuller, Darlene Dickson; Madge Fuller, Shirley Morgan; Steve Eldridge, Leroy Hale; Katie, Charlotte Volk; Mrs. Douglas, Mildred Thurston; Clayton Evans, Robert Rigel; Rena Leslie, Joyce Feiden; Hester, LaVonne Bain; Raymond, Francis Busby; Uncle Stanley, Charles Strong; Leggett Frazier, Gordon Schoewe; Tommy Hughes, Edwin Coulter; Sue Barrington, Phyllis Crowder; Miss Wilcox, Charlotte Volk; Mr. Prescott, Douglas Meeker.

Dr. Herbert Rahe directed the production.

4 Farm Loan Groups to Meet Here Tuesday

Four national farm loan associations served from the Salem group office will hold a joint meeting at the chamber of commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., J. J. Sechrist, local secretary, announced Friday.

In 1943 the Dallas, Marion, Polk, Stayton and Horticultural associations adopted an agreement whereby they operate under a common board of directors. Members of this board at present are Karl Steiwer and Frank E. Way, representing the Marion-Polk association; Harrison Brant, representing the Dallas association; C. E. Lewis, representing the Stayton association and Kenneth W. Bayne, representing the Horticultural association. The term of C. E. Lewis expires this year and the Stayton stockholders will elect a member to the common board of directors.

Farmers of Polk and Marion counties last year wiped out 30 per cent of their mortgage indebtedness to the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, Sechrist reported. Loan pay-offs, prior to maturity, were practically double the preceding year, and principal payments on other loans were 40 per cent ahead of 1942. Many farmers have taken advantage of the bank's future payment fund to lay aside surplus funds to meet future maturities on their loans.

All this indicates, Sechrist observed, that farmers are not being swept off their feet during this inflationary period, but are using increased income to pay off indebtedness and provide for future security.

'Dimes' Diversion To Sister Kenny Being Recommended

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—(P)—Mrs. Gertrude L. Peck, president of the Washington anti-vivisection society, said today that petitions had been forwarded to President Roosevelt asking him to use his influence to divert "march of dimes" funds to Sister Kenny's infantile paralysis clinics.

She said hundreds of persons in the state had signed the petitions. Mrs. Peck said the petitions were her organization's reaction to reports that Sister Kenny "may leave the United States unless she receives needed funds."

7 From Salem Will Attend Union Meet

Seven delegates from Salem local of the Cannery and Process Workers union will attend the first convention of the Pacific coast council of the union Sunday and Monday in Eugene.

Speakers for the Sunday sessions will be Dean Wayne Morse, who is retiring simultaneously from the war labor board and from the University of Oregon law school; Dean Robert Lyons, Seattle, of the stabilization division, WLB, sent as a representative of Dr. Bernard Noble; E. G. Stumps, Portland office of wage stabilization; Paul Gurske, former president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor and now commissioner of the state industrial accident commission; William Kimsey, state labor commissioner; D. E. Nickerson, secretary of the state federation of labor, and L. D. MacDonald, president of the federation.

Attending from Salem will be Mrs. Theresa Hassenstab, recently appointed organizer for the cannery workers' union; Roy Riley, president of the local; L. L. Holmes, O. B. Long, Paul Kessell, Ben Klinger and Willie Boone.

Germans Mass Against Slavs

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE
LONDON, Feb. 4.—(P)—The Germans were reported today by the free Yugoslav radio to have massed a great force for a seventh major offensive against the Yugoslav partisan army of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito).

Beaten back in six previous punches at the partisans, the invaders were "bringing up reinforcements from Bulgaria and Greece," Tito's communique said. It added that the Yugoslavs had scored several successes, notably the defeat of the Nazi elite Prince Eugene regiment in Hercegovina and the breaking of German and Chetnik counterattacks in Montenegro.

Tito's forces, themselves, opened a counterattack in Croatia and carried small but bitter assaults over into northern Italy, between Trieste and Fiume, the broadcast went on.

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