

Weather
Maximum temperature
64 degrees Monday; minimum 56; no precipitation; river 2.7 feet.
Fairly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday with occasional rain on coast; warmer east of Cascades.

While Robert A. Booth was long a resident of Eugene, his varied interests and associations made him truly a citizen of the state of Oregon. Native of Yamhill county, educated in Douglas county, acquiring business interests in Josephine and other counties including some in eastern Oregon, resident of Lane county for 50 years, state senator and member of the state highway commission, for 40 years a trustee of Willamette university and consistent friend of education in all the colleges, Robert A. Booth was one who might well have been designated at some time in his long and busy life, "Oregon's first citizen."

Salem remembers him particularly for his interest in Willamette university which shared richly in his benefactions, and for his contribution of the status of the circuit rider on the statehouse grounds, easily our most distinctive art object. He was known and loved by many of our citizens.

Robert Booth was a man who used his business success as a means of public service. Wealth to him meant power to do good, and there must be a multitude to rise up and call him blessed of those who benefitted by his philanthropies. This would include the large number whom he helped to obtain a college education through the student loan funds which he established.

Mr. Booth's interest in affairs lasted clear to the end of his life. Returning from a trip last week I found a little note from his secretary written at Mr. Booth's request though he was then quite ill, which showed his thoughtfulness. Few men attain the ripe age of 85, as did Mr. Booth, and only a very limited number crowd into those years as much of success in varied lines and as much of usefulness as did Mr. Booth.

Knox Joins Heroic Dead In Arlington

WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP)—Frank Knox joined today the nation's heroic dead who rest from war in Arlington National cemetery.

The secretary of the American navy was buried on a cedar-bordered slope looking out over the national capital while the envoys and uniformed representatives of the United Nations stood with bowed heads. The high commanders of the army, navy and marines stood at attention as three volleys cracked over the grave and a bugle called farewell.

A silent, bare-headed throng, perhaps as great as any that have lined a cortege route since the burial of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, stood along the two miles of streets and roadways leading to Arlington. The black caisson, with its flag-covered burden, rumbled through the hot spring air while bluejackets, marines, WAVES and SPARS marched to the somber notes of a navy band.

The tribute that the throng along the streets, the diplomats, cabinet members and military, paid silently at the graveside was expressed in the sermon of Dr. Fred Buchmeyer, who conducted (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

USO Burglars Sought Here

Salem police Monday night were still searching for two unidentified men who are suspected of robbing the Chemeketa street USO here of between \$400 and \$500 late Saturday or Sunday. The money was contained in two strong boxes in a room in the USO office.

Sprague Worries About Agriculture

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1-(AP)—Ex-governor Charles A. Sprague said today he is greatly concerned with safeguarding the interests of Oregon agriculture in the post-war transition period.

The Salem publisher, who returned today from an eastern Oregon tour in behalf of his candidacy for the republican senatorial nomination, declared "it is essential that the farmer be rewarded for his work with a due measure of profit... our forests, too, are a heritage of incalculable value."

Sprague said he would go to Salem tomorrow and Marshfield Wednesday.

Istanbul Preparing For Air Attacks

ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 1-(AP)—A partial blackout of Istanbul and extensive air raid preparations effective tomorrow were ordered today by the governor of Istanbul following appearances recently of unidentified airplanes over the city.

Air Army Government-Owned Property Declared Immune from Taxes

Allies Decisively Stop Nip Attempt To Break Block

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 2-(AP)—Allied air-borne troops have decisively defeated a strong Japanese attempt to break a rail and road block 65 miles southwest of Mogaung in northern Burma after a three-day battle in which heavy casualties were inflicted upon an attacking enemy force of 2000 men. It was the fourth Japanese attempt to wipe out the road block, established on the enemy's main supply route from southern Burma to the Mogaung valley front. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Hollandia Yanks Seek Jap Troops

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Tuesday, May 2-(AP)—American infantry patrols scouting the jungle north of lake Sentani are liquidating groups of isolated Japanese troops who survived the air, naval and land fire when the Americans invaded Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Japanese dead counted by the invaders since the landing April 22 and through operations to April 30, which included the capture of four enemy airfields, totaled 677. MacArthur's communique told of allied medium bomber sweeps along the Manokwari coast of Dutch New Guinea, far to the west of Hollandia, and the destruction (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Tito Generals Reach London For Parleys

LONDON, Tuesday, May 2-(AP)—A military mission from headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) arrived in London today to confer with allied leaders, renewing speculation that the Balkans are not to be considered out as a possible scene of invasion operations.

Members of the Yugoslav delegation were Gen. Veleidit, a Croat and Maj. Vogelink, a Slovene. It was considered doubtful if the military's presence in London would help clarify the muddled Yugoslav political picture since they indicated they would not even visit the exiled government chiefs here.

Nevertheless a likely result was increased support for Tito, whose guerrilla activities have drawn warm praise from Prime Minister Churchill and other allied leaders. Coincident with arrival of the Tito representatives the London Daily Sketch reported without elaboration, that the British military mission to Gen. Draja Mihailovic, King Peter's minister of war, was to be withdrawn.

De Luce Wins Pulitzer Prize for Top Reporting

NEW YORK, May 1-(AP)—Associated Press War Correspondent Daniel De Luce, who made a daring trip into Nazi-dominated Yugoslavia for first hand stories of the resistance by Marshal Tito's forces, today won the Pulitzer prize for international telegraphic reporting in 1943.

The Arizona-born correspondent, now assigned to the Anzio beachhead, has been covering World War II since the first German bombs dropped on Poland.

He was driven in turn from Poland, Greece and Burma by the Germans, Italians and Japanese and made his way back into Asia territory in a fishing boat with a wheezy engine operated by a Steffen skipper.

Ernie Pyle, of the Scripps-Howard newspaper alliance, whose newspaper column is devoted to the human side of the war and the every day events in the lives of the fighting men, won the award for distinguished correspondence. In selecting the "distinguished correspondence" winner, Colum-

Government-Owned Property Declared Immune from Taxes

WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP)—Government-owned property, the supreme court ruled today, is immune from taxation whether the tax is directed against the government itself or someone who leases the property.

While the 7 to 2 decision applied specifically to a Pennsylvania gunmaker who leased government machinery, the justice department previously had said the ruling would affect more than \$7,500,000,000 worth of war production equipment.

Involved was a real estate tax of \$3137 which Allegheny county, Pa., levied against machinery in the Homestead, Pa., plant of the Mesta Machine Co. The Pennsylvania supreme court had held that under state law, regardless of who possessed the title, the machinery constituted a part of the company's mill for assessment purposes and had been properly assessed as Mesta's real estate. Allegheny county contended that the machinery was not taxed, but was considered only as enhancing the value of Mesta's land.

The US supreme court said, however, that the tax assessor actually had valued the plant machinery separately and pointed out that under the government's contract with Mesta the government would have to assume any increased cost to Mesta as a result of the tax.

Justice Jackson's opinion asserted the title to the machinery was held by the United States and that the "substance" of the Pennsylvania taxing procedure was to lay a general property tax on government-owned property. This, he said, violates the federal constitution.

Justices Roberts and Frankfurter dissented, contending no federal interest was involved. In another 6 to 3 opinion, the court ruled that a confession obtained after 36 hours of continual questioning was invalid because the questioning was "inherently coercive."

"The constitution of the United States stands as a bar against the conviction of any individual in an American court by means of a coerced confession," Justice Black's opinion said.

There have been, and are now certain foreign nations with governments dedicated to an opposite policy. So long as the constitution remains the basic law of our republic, America will not have that kind of government.

The decision reversed the decision of E. E. Ashcraft of Memphis, Tenn., who was accused as an accessory in the slaying of his wife in 1941. The court said that the Ashcraft had been held and questioned for 36 hours without respite.

Ration Book 1 Thing of Past

WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP)—War ration book one becomes a museum piece today. Shoe stamp no. 18 expired last midnight—and with it went the last practical value of the first war ration book ever issued in the United States.

Millions of Americans went to their neighborhood schools on May 5, 1942 to register for rationing and get book one. During its lifetime the book was used for buying rationed sugar, coffee and shoes.

House OK's Money For Landing Craft

WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP)—The house naval committee gave quick and unanimous approval today to a \$1,800,000,000 appropriation to speed the construction of landing craft needed to power the coming invasion of Europe.

"We'll be losing a good many once the invasion gets underway," said Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.), "and we've got to have some more."

The appropriation is in addition to a \$32,000,000,000 navy budget bill voted a few weeks ago because, Vinson said, the need for more landing craft became apparent after the measure had cleared congress.

Salem Soroptimists Meet This Noon

Election of officers and reports from the northwest regional conference of Soroptimist clubs held last weekend in Wenatchee, Wash., will feature this noon's meeting of Salem Soroptimists at the Golden Pheasant restaurant. Mrs. Lee U Eyerly and Mrs. Abner K. Kline were the Salem organization's delegates to the conference.

Chinese Lose Hulao Pass After Big Battle

CHUNGKING, May 1-(AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight the loss of the vital Hulao pass in northern Honan province and said the Japanese had pushed to a point within nine miles of Hanchung on the Peiping-Hankow railway, 50 miles south of Chenghsien.

The high command communique said, however, that an enemy mobile unit which had penetrated southeast of Hsuehchang had been surrounded. The Chinese also declared that Japanese-held Mhsien, southwest of Chenghsien, was almost encircled.

Reporting on a new Japanese offensive in Anhwei province, which the Chinese say is aimed at Fucheng in Honan province on the Peiping-Hankow rail line, the communique said the enemy had captured the village of Yinghsang, 180 miles northeast of Hankow.

The pass, an ancient battleground guarding the route to Lo-yang, was defended fiercely in an eight-day battle which preceded its fall. A small piece of flatland backed by steep mountains on three sides and fronting the Yellow river north of the trackless Lungshai railway, the pass lies west of Chenghsien, former rail. (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Gripsholm Off Again on 4th Exchange Trip

WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP)—The Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm will sail tomorrow to carry out the second exchange of seriously sick and wounded war prisoners with Germany.

Involved in the exchange also will be number of other persons entitled to repatriation under the Geneva Red Cross convention, the state and war departments announced.

The exchange is to take place at Barcelona, Spain, about May 17, and the American repatriates are expected to land in New York early in June.

The names of American servicemen to be brought home will not be available until after the Gripsholm leaves Barcelona for its return journey. The announcement did not say how many German or American prisoners would be exchanged.

The Gripsholm, which has already made three exchange trips and brought home wounded American war prisoners on its last journey across the Atlantic, will travel both ways under safe conduct from all belligerents.

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Ward Co. In Court Struggle

Firm Says Grab Outside of Law; Biddle Argues

CHICAGO, May 1-(AP)—Montgomery Ward and company, engaged in a momentous court battle against government control of the huge firm's Chicago plants, maintained today seizure of the property lacked a legal foundation and contended no similar actions has been taken "since the days of King John."

The scene of the legal duel was the crammed court room of Federal Judge William H. Holly. Basis of the arguments was Biddle's petition for an injunction prohibiting Ward executives from interfering with government operation of the Chicago units of the continent-spanning mail order and mercantile network.

The jurist issued a temporary (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

United Nations Celebrate May Day With Joy

Workers of all the United Nations yesterday celebrated a May day which found the allies girding for history's greatest battle for freedom, but the axis nations' mouth pieces set the day out in silence.

Perhaps the most joyous celebration was in Soviet Russia, which marked its third May day of the war. Brilliant holiday festivities were given added luster by the proclamation of Marshal Stalin that Germany was all but beaten. Stalin's order of the day, posted in public places, hailed the victories of the preceding year and urged a final, all-out joint assault upon the citadel of nazism.

Despite the break in German fishing expeditions for information on the impending invasion from the west there was no let up in the war of nerves for the guessing game was taken up by neutrals and other quarters.

The Ankara radio said the German high command believed the "zero hour was drawing near for the invasion of the Balkans," and that "large troop concentrations in the near east and massing of the British Mediterranean fleet off Greece has been observed." This followed a morning prediction from Ankara that the first main blow would fall upon northern France and Belgium, "but landings on Norway or southern France are not out of the question."

Brazil staged a major demonstration climaxed by a tribute from President Getulio Vargas to the nation's war industries. To the south, in Argentina, all demonstrations were banned, and the only authorized observance came in an address by Labor Secretary Col. Juan Peron, who referred to the Argentine regime as the dawn of a new era of social justice.

Flood Waters Start Receding

The Mississippi river was receding Monday night from its highest flood crest at St. Louis since 1844—sheer news for hundreds of farm residents forced out of their lowland homes.

Additional rainfall varying from half an inch at St. Louis to 2.8 inches in southwest Missouri was expected only to reduce the speed with which the river returned to normal.

Meteorologist Harry Wahlgren at St. Louis said the Mississippi probably would fall one and one-half feet by Tuesday noon.

At a crest of 39.11 feet the river washed over and broke through every major levee in the area from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill. The stage was still under the all-time flood level of 41.32 feet in 1844. Waters of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers at their confluence at Cairo were stationary.

Law Clerk



Miss Lucile Lomen of the University of Washington, Seattle, who has been appointed law clerk in the United States supreme court by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Douglas. Miss Lomen is the first woman to hold this position.

498 Men Lost In American Ship Sinking

WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP)—The loss of 498 men in the recent sinking of an American ship by enemy action in the Mediterranean was announced today by the army, the third major transport loss of life of the war.

Whether the ship was attacked by enemy submarine or planes was not disclosed in the brief announcement, which did not mention survivors or give the date of the sinking.

"The vessel sank swiftly and 498 military personnel are missing," the army said. "The next of kin of the personnel have been notified."

Less than three months ago, the army announced the loss of 1000 men on an allied ship sunk by enemy action in European waters on an undisclosed date. On that occasion, approximately an equal number of soldier was rescued.

The first major transport disaster of the war was the loss of about 850 army, navy and marine corps officers and men early in February 1943, when an enemy submarine sank two passenger-laden cargo ships in a north Atlantic convoy.

Morse Denies Crowe Charge

PENDLETON, May 1-(AP)—A flat denial of a charge that he is a "confirmed new dealer" was made today by Wayne Morse, former member of the war labor board and republican candidate for the US senate.

Carl C. Crowe, editor of the Pacific Coast Lumbermen's Digest, made the charge in a radio address Saturday night.

"This attack is pregnant with misrepresentation and Mr. Crowe knows it," Morse said. "My appointment to the war labor board was the result of hundreds of telegrams from west coast employers.

Budget Gets Additions Instead of Expected Cut

Additions, rather than a tailoring of estimated expenditures for 1944-45, featured Monday night's brief meeting of the city budget committee.

No estimates for civilian defense costs were included in the original tentative schedule, but \$2780 was added to the budget requests for that volunteer service.

Fire hydrant installation and repairs appeared erroneously at \$250 in the budget schedule and should have been estimated at \$2500, it was explained.

Ceaseless Air Offensive Goes Into 18th Day

RAF Pounds French Targets Last Night Following 2500 Plane Allied Day Bombing

LONDON, Tuesday, May 2-(AP)—RAF bombers smashed targets in France last night in the great allied aerial offensive punctuated yesterday by heavy daylight attacks against German anti-invasion defenses on the Calais coast and 17 rail junctions of the transport web designed to support them.

Gen. Eisenhower's invasion command opened this perhaps fateful month for the sullen millions of German-occupied Europe yesterday by throwing more than 2500 planes—including Fortress and Liberators—against fortress Europe.

Targets of the RAF attack were not identified, the first authoritative announcement being confined to the statement that the raiders were "over enemy-occupied territory during the night." Thus the sustained air assault entered its 18th straight day.

Three US bombers and three fighters were missing after the (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Dr. A. E. Berger Back in Salem On Furlough

By MARGUERITE GLEESON "Home on a 30 day furlough." How Dr. Armin E. Berger, former Salem dentist and now a major with an infantry division in the south Pacific, savored that five-word sentence, as he talked last night with a Statesman reporter.

"Yes, it's good to get home and I am planning to spend most of the time right close to home. I want to see a lot of people, deliver a lot of messages which were entrusted to me, and then, I just want to stay close to home."

"It was two years ago last Thanksgiving since I was last in Salem, until I returned Saturday. Yes, I saw Dr. Buren on my way home. I also saw Capt. Bob Goodfellow and Col. Nist. We had quite a reunion of Salem folk."

Mention of Dr. Buren brought to mind Dr. Kenneth Power and Dr. Berger said, "Oh yes, we see Dr. Berger all the time." (How a lot of Salem people we know would like to be able to say that of Drs. Power or Buren or some other favorite medical man.)

One of the pleasant experiences Maj. Berger had on his way home was meeting his son, David Berger, private first class in the US marine corps. The father chuckled last night when asked for his son's rank. "Oh, he is private first class in the marines, there was a little family argument over that."

"Yes, furloughs are coming up by rotation but it will be a long time before they all get home that way," the former Salem dentist said in a cheerful and hopeful tone of voice as if he felt maybe that would after all not be necessary.

Knapp Looks For More Tin

"Tin, tin, come in" is the game Marion County Salvage Chairman Gardner Knapp is advocating today. To the 30,000 pounds of flattened tin cans now stacked on the Oregon Electric freight depot loading platform Knapp hopes to have added the several thousand pounds of the salvaged metal which was left on Salem parkings during last weekend's pickup.

The cans may be taken to the platform at Chemeketa and Front streets through Thursday. They will then be added to a collection from Albany and shipped to the San Francisco detinning plant. One carload of approximately 40,000 pounds was moved out of Salem last week.

April Building Permits Top Those of Year Ago

April building permits in Salem, still far below pre-war levels, topped those of April, 1943, by almost 30 per cent. This year's April total of \$13,282 includes \$2920 dedicated to new construction, while \$3972 was earmarked for repairs. Last year in April permits were issued for \$8985 worth of building, with \$7725 for repairs and \$1260 for new building.