

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 statue 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 rise up and call him blessed of those who benefitted by his philanthropies. This would include the large number whom he helped to 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

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Defeats Japanese

NINETY-THIRD YEAR

Allies Decisively Stop Nip Attempt To Break Block

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEAD-QUARTERS, 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 threeto him meant power to do good, day battle in which heavy casuand there must be a multitude to alties were inflicted upon an attacking enemy force of 2000 men. It was the fourth Japanese at- gardless of who possessed the tempt to wipe out the road bloc, established on the enemy's main obtain a college education through supply route from southern Burma the student loan funds which he to the Mogaung valley front, (Turn to Page 2-Story F)



ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-

QUARTERS, New Guinea, Tuesday, May 2-(AP)-American infantry patrols scouring 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

Arthur announced today. Japanese dead counted by the WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP) invaders since the landing April and through operations to Apanother 6 to 3 opinion, the tion's heroic dead who rest from ril 30, which included the capturewar in Arlington National cem- of four enemy airfields, totaledcourt ruled that a confession obtained after 36 hours of continual etery. ioning was invalid because The secretary of the American | MacArthur's com the questioning was "inherently navy was buried on a cedar-borof allied medium bomber sweeps: coercive." dered slope looking out over the along the Manokwari coast of "The constitution of the United national capital while the envoys Dutch New Guinea, far to the west and uniformed representatives of States stands as a bar against the of Hollandia, and the destruction conviction of any individual in an the United Nations stood with (Turn to Page 2-Story E) American court by means of a cobowed heads. The high command-

tions.

and Maj. Vogelnik, a Slovene.

chieftains here.

It was considered doubtful

NEW YORK, May 1 -(AP)- Asso-1

ciated Press War Correspondent

ing trip into nazi-dominated Yugo-

The Arizona-born corresp

ent, now assigned to the Anzie

Poland, Greece and Burma by

the Germans, Italians and Japa-

nese and made his forsy back into axis territory in a fishing

boat with a wheery engine ope-

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, May 2, 1944

The Oregon Statesman

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Air Army vovernment-Owned Ward Co. **Property Declared In Court** Immune from Taxes Struggle

Chinese high command announ-

ced 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 Hsuchang, on the Pei-

ping-Hankow railway, 50 miles

which the Chinese say is aimed at

Fucheng in Honan province on

180 miles northeast of Hankow.

three sides and fronting the Yel-

low river north of the trackless

west of Chenghsien, former r (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

Lunghai railway, the pass dies

south of Chenghsien.

was almost encircled.

By EDWARD H. HIGGS

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 **Chinese Lose** \$7,500,000,000 worth of war production equipment. Involved was a real estate tax Hulao Pass of \$5137 which Allegheny county, Pa., levied against machinery in the Homestead, Pa., plant of the Mesta Machine Co. The Pennsylvania supreme court ad held that under state law, rehad held that under state law, re-CHUNGKING, May 1 .- (AP)-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 but that under the government's contract with Mesta the government would have to assume any increased cost to Mes-

ta 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 con-New Guinea, Gen. Douglas Macstitution. Justices Roberts and Frank-

furter dissented, contending no

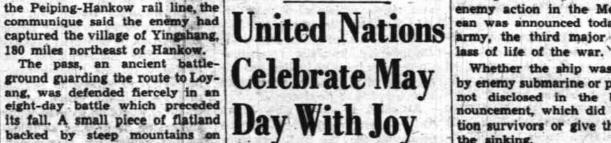
Firm Says Grab Outside of Law; Biddle Argues

CHICAGO, May 1-(AP)-Montomery 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." Attorney General Francis Biddle argued that President Roose-

velt "has a great constitutional reserve of power as commanderin-chief of the army and navy," that his authority was sufficient to place the facilities in federal hands, and that "no business of any kind is immune from that power." The scene of the legal duel was

The high command communique the crammed court room of Fedsaid, however, that an enemy moeral Judge William H. Holly. Basis bile unit which had penetrated of the arguments was Biddle's pesoutheast of Hsuchang had been ing Ward executives from interfer- In American tition for an injunction prohibitsurrounded. The Chinese also declared that Japanese-held Mihing with government operation of sien, southwest of Chenghsien, the Chicago units of the continent-spanning mail order and mer-Reporting on a new Japanese cantile network. offensive in Anhwei province,

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



Ceaseless Air **Offensive Goes** Into 18th Day **RAF Pounds French Targets** Last Night Following 2500 **Plane Allied Day Bombing**

Weather Maximum

64 degrees Monday; minimum 64; no precipitation; river 2.7 feet. Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday with occasional

No. 334

rain on coast; war

of Cascades.

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

LONDON, Tuesday, May 2-(P)-RAF bombers smashed targets in France last night in the great allied aerial offensive punctuated yesterday by heavy daylight attacks against German antiinvasion 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 fate-

Brest-Litovsk Receives Bombs Of Red Planes

Price Se

LONDON, Tuesday, May 2-(AP) Masses of soviet bombers attacking Brest-Litovsk Sunday night started nearly a score of fires in that fortress city which the Germans captured two days after WASHINGTON, May 1 -(P)- their 1941 invasion of Russia, and

The loss of 498 men in the recent red army troops yesterday killed sinking of an American ship by 1500 Germans in local struggles, enemy action in the Mediterran- Moscow announced early today. ean was announced today by the A midnight bulletin said 600 army, the third major transport Germans were slain in two unsuc-cessful attempts to capture "ad-

Whether the ship was attacked vantageous positions" north of by enemy submarine or planes was Iasi, Romanian rail center, while not disclosed in the brief an- a battalion of 800 to 1000 attacking nouncement, which did not men- axis troops failed to gain ground tion survivors or give the date of and was wiped out southeast of Stanislawow in old Poland. "The vessel sank swiftly and Brest-Litovsk is 115 miles east

I ful month for the sullen millions of German-occupied Europe yesterday by throwing more than 2500 planes-including Fortresses 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

"It was two years ago last

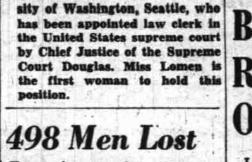
home, I also saw Capt. Bob Good-

fellow and Col. Nist. We had quite

Mention of Dr. Buren brought

a reunion of Salem folk."

I am planning to spend most of



Miss Lucile Lomen of the Univer-

Ship Sinking

Law Clerk

ers of the army, havy and marines Tito Generals cracked over the grave and a bugle called farewell.

A silent, bare-headed throng perhaps as great as any that have lined a coretege route since the For Parleys 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 Buschmeyer, who conducted (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

USO Burglars Sought Here

Salem police Monday night were Churchill and other allied leaders. Coincident with arrival of the still searching for two unidentified men who are suspected of Tito representatives the London robbing the Chemeketa street Daily Sketch reported without May 5, 1942 to register for ra-USO here of between \$400 and elaboration, that the British mili-\$500 late Saturday or Sunday, tary mission to Gen. Draja Mihail-The money was contained in two ovic, King Peter's minister of war, buying rationed sugar, coffee and strong boxes in a room in the was to be withdrawn. **USO** office.

Sprague Worries About Agriculture Prize for Top Reporting

Ex-governor Charles A. Sprague said today he is greatly concerned with safeguarding the interests of Oregon agriculture in the post- Daniel De Luce, who made a darwar transition period.

slavia for first hand stories of the The Salem publisher, who returned today from an eastern resistance by Marshal Tito's Oregon tour in behalf of his canforces, today won the Pulitzer prize for international telegraphic didacy for the republican senareporting in 1943. torial nomination, declared "it is sential that the farmer be rewarded for his work with a due beachhead, has been coverin measure of profit . . . our forests, World war II since the first Gertoo; are a heritage of incalculaman bombs dropped on Poland. He was driven in turn from ble value.

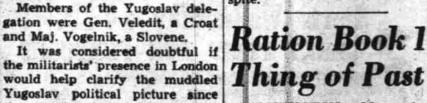
Sprague said he would go to tomorrow and Marshfield Wednesday.

Istanbul Preparing For Air Attacks

For Air Attacks ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 1-(P) partial blackout of Istanbul and stensive air raid preparations Mective tomorrow were ordered half feet by Tuesday noon. At a crest of 39.11 feet the river council was told . Parking on the west side of Church street between State and Court street should be limited \$3972 was earmarked for repairs. tions, unless the second Hem washed over and broke through The picture, taken after Filan Wash., will feature this noon's every major levee in the area was originally used corr meting of Salem Soroptimists at from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill. The and appeared in the mi the Golden Pheasant restaurant. stage was still under the all-time graphed workbook at the was originally used correct and appeared in the mim sked his life in going ashore A partial blackout of Istanbul and with a marine assault wave, was distributed by the Asso Intal effective tomorrow were ordered today by the governor of Istanbul following appearances recently of unidentified airplanes over the fully. at the set the first of the second states and the secon

opinion said. "There have been, and are new certain foreign nations with **Reach London** governments dedicated to an opposite policy. So long as the constitution remain the basic law of our republic, America will not have that kind of gov-LONDON, Tuesday, May 2-(AP)

ernment." A military mission from head-The decision reversed the de- prisoners with Germany. quarters of Marshal Josip Broz cision of E. E. Ashcraft of Mem-(Tito) arrived in London today to phis, Tenn., who was accused as confer with allied leaders, renewan accessory in the slaying of his ing speculation that the Balkans wife in 1941. The court said that are not to be considered out as a Ashcraft had been held and quespossible scene of invasion operationed for 36 hours without re-



WASHINGTON, May 1-(AP) they indicated they would not even visit the exiled government War ration book one becomes a museum piece today. Shoe stamp no. 18 expired last

Nevertheless a likely result was increased support for Tito, whose midnight - and with it went the guerrilla activities have drawn last practical value of the first war changed. warm praise from Prime Minister ration book ever issued in the United States.

Millions of Americans went their neighborhood schools on tioning and get book one. During its lifetime the book was used for

De Luce Wins Pulitzer

he rubb

Gripsholm Off erced confession," Justice Black's Again on 4th **Exchange**Trip

WASHINGTON, May 1-(A)-The Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm will sail tomorrow to carry out the second exchange of seriously sick and wounded war

Involved in the exchange also will be a 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

The Gripsholm, which has aleady 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.

House OK's Money For Landing Craft

The house naval committee gave

quick and unanimous approval today to a \$1,800,000,000 appro-**Flood Waters** priation to speed the construction of landing craft needed to power Start Receding the coming invasion of Europe.

once the invasion gets underway," said Chairman Vinson (Dsome more."

tion to a \$32,000,000,000 navy budget bill voted a few weeks ago because, Vinson said, need for more landing craft became apparent after the

Salem Soroptimists

ied Japanese pillbox with

from the northwest regional con-ference of Soroptimist clubs held ference of Soropt

last weekend in Wenatchee,

the sinking. By the Associated Press

Workers of all the United Nations yesterday celebrated a May of kin of the personnel have been soviet land forces operating in the day which found the allies gird- notified." Kowel sector. It was seized by the

ing for history's greatest battle for Less than three months ago, the freedom, but the axis nations' army announced the loss of 1000 mouth pieces sat the day out in men on an allied ship sunk by silence enemy action in European waters

Perhaps the most joyous cele- on an undisclosed date. On that ocbration was in Soviet Russia, casion, approximately an equal which marked its third May day number of soldier was rescued. of the war. Brilliant holiday fes- The first major transport distivities were given added luster aster of the war was the loss of by the proclamation of Marshal about 850 army, navy and marine Stalin that Germany was all but corps officers and men early in beaten. Stalin's order of the day, February 1943, when an enemy posted in public places, hailed the submarine sank two passenger-lavictories of the preceding year den cargo ships in a north Atlanand urged a final, all-out joint tic convoy.

assault upon the citadel of naziism Despite the break in German fishing expeditions for information Morse Denies on the impending invasion from the west there was no let up in the war of nerves for the guessing Crowe Charge game was taken up by neutrals

and other quarters. PENDLETON, May 1 -(AP)- A The Ankara radio said the Ger- flat denial of a charge that he is area southeast of Stanislawow, man high command believed the a "confirmed new dealer" was and southwest of Kowel, which is "zero hour was drawing near for made today by Wayne Morse, for- 170 miles southeast of Warsaw. the invasion of the Balkans," and mer member of the war labor that "large troop concentrations in board and republican candidate the near east and massing of the for the US senate. British Mediterranean fleet off

from Ankara that the first main address Saturday night. blow would fall upon northern "This attack is pregnant with France and Belgium, "but land- misrepresentation and Mr. Crowe

ings on Norway or southern knows it," Morse said. "My appointment to the war labor board was the result of hundreds of tele-Brazil staged a major demon- grams from west coast employers. stration climaxed by a tribute The president knew I was a from President Getulio Vargas to staunch republican. I fought the

By the Associated Press

The Mississippi river was re-

thest flood crest at St. Louis

ceding Monday night from its

since 1844 - obserful news for

Additional rainfall varying from

with which the river returned to

Meteorologist Harry Wahlgren

robably would fall one and one-

at St. Louis said the Missis

undreds of farm resider

out of their lowland homes

the nation's war industries. To the new deal in the clinches whensouth, in Argentina, all demon- ever an attempt was made to setonly authorized observance came in an address by Labor Secretary

Col. Juan Peron, who referred to

accordance with the law."

498 military personnel are mis- of the Polish capital of Warsaw. sing," the army said. "The next and about 80 miles northwest of Germans June 24, 1941, after they forced the nearby Bug river de-

the time right close to home. I marcation line. want to see a lot of people, deliver Seventeen fires were started at a lot of messages which were inthe rail junction and enemy militrusted to me, and then I just tary trains carrying troops, ammunition and equipment were left in flames, said the broadcast-bulwant to stay close to home." Thanksgiving since I was last in letin recorded by the soviet mon-Salem, until I returned Saturday. itor. One soviet plane was miss-Yes, I saw Dr. Buren on my way

ing. No essential changes occurred on the land front, the communique said, and on all sectors during Sunday soviet forces wrecked 24 German tanks and destroyed 43 to mind Dr. Kenneth Power and

Dr. Berger said, "Oh yes, we see planes. Dr. Power all the time." (How a The German high command lot of Salem people we know likewise reported a lull in the Sewould like to be able to say that vastopol, Crimea, and lower of Drs. Power or Buren 'or some Dnestr river ares, but told of other favorite medical man.) embittered fighting on the upper One of the pleasant experience Dnestr river, presumably in the Maj. Berger had on his way home was meeting his son, David Berger, private first class in the US marine corps. The father chuckled

Berlin said its troops gained "further ground" southwest of Kowel. The fighting in this area Carl C. Crowe, editor of the is around Turja, 22 miles south-Greece has been observed." This Pacific Coast Lumbermen's Di- west of Kowel and only four miles followed a morning prediction gest, made the charge in a radio from the Kowel-Lwow railway

connecting two vital German ings in former Poland.

Lebanon Sergeant **Missing in Action**

Additions to, rather than a tail-| The committee will meet again

the budget schedule and instruction suspension of en uld have been estimated at ment of motorist-stop regul 00, it was explained. at all railroad crossings

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and city requ

for 1944-45, featured Monday

\$2780 was added to the budget re-

approximately \$27,500 the amount which must be cut fro

2500, it was explained.

the total estimates to bri

budget within statutory

The two at

S/Sgt. John Kuipers, son of Harry Kuipers, 434 East Grant street, Lebanon, is missing in action in the European area, acstrations were banned, and the tie labor cases in a manner not in cording to information released by the war department May 1.

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 neces-

last night when asked for his

son's rank. "Oh, he is private first

Knapp Looks For More Tin "Tin, tin, come in" is the game

WASHINGTON, May 1-(P)-the Argentine regime as the dawn he house naval committee gave of a new era of social justice. Budget Gets Additions Gardner Knapp is advocating today. To the 30,000 pounds of flat-Instead of Expected Cut tened 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

for 1944-45, featured Monday The council high-lighted its during last weekend's pickup. night's brief meeting of the city meeting by meeting the request budget committee. of doctors and nurses from Salem The cans may be taken to th platform at Chemekets and Front No estimates for civilian de- General hospital and ordering retreets through Thursday. They fense costs were included in the moval of raidroad "stop" signs at will then be added to a collection original tentative schedule, but the 12th and Center street intersection. It went further and order-San Francisco detinni quests for that volunteer service. ed removal of those at Chemeketa One carboad of approximately inches in southwest Missouri was pairs appeared erroneously at \$250 tric signals are also in use, and Salem last week.

April Building Permits

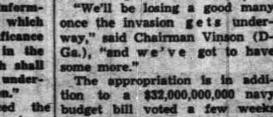
all railroad crossings where the transmost of the transmo and city requirements. None of the signs in the last collection put up have met those requirements, the ped those of April, 1943, by almost This year's April to

university trustees said it based on "fair, judici well-balanced and well-inform interpretive writing, which hall make clear the significance of the subject covered in the dence or which shall international under anding and appreciation."

The trustees ards. each of which carries a 00 prize, on the dations by the advisory board of the Columbia university grad- had cleared congress. uste school of journalism

Frank Filan of the Associated Press won the war front photo-graphic award for his famed pic-ture, "Tarawa Island," showing a

Election of officers and reports



Ga.), "and we've got to have

panese bodies strewn through

American prisoners would be ex-