

### Salem's VFW Out to Raise Welfare Quota

"Full speed ahead for the VFW welfare fund of 1944" is the current battle cry of Marion post 661, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as it plunges into the fray, seeking to secure its quota of the \$1,500,000 pledged by the national organization.

The one and one-half million dollar fund will be used to promote welfare, rehabilitation and employment of the 35,000 veterans who are monthly discharged from the service currently and the 10,000,000 who will ultimately be returned to civilian life.

"The total fund has been apportioned among the more than 5000 posts of the organization on a membership basis," Marion Post Commander Virgil G. Bolton explained Saturday.

There is to be no solicitation under the plans of the campaign, Bolton made it clear, but veterans of all wars, members of their families and patriotic orders and citizens are invited to contribute.

Past Commander M. Henry Sim has been named as chairman of the welfare committee to carry on the campaign. He will be assisted by two team captains, Cliff E. Redfern and Virgil L. Parker. Redfern has named on his team A. L. Strayer, Solon Shinkle, Chris Flores, Albert Case, Clarence Forbis, Russell Mudd, P. H. Ringle, John Coleman, Leslie Wadsworth and Col. C. A. Robertson. Parker's team consists of Paul Thorelsen, Lawrence Winkenwerder, Frank L. Prince, David F. Furlough, George Malstrom, Dale Brooks, George Feller, Joe Horneffer, C. W. Prickett and Frank Millett.

### Allied Planes Hit Hansa Bay

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ian forces moving up the New Guinea coast from Alexishafen now are 10 miles beyond that former enemy air base without having contacted the Japanese. Alexishafen is approximately 400 miles southeast of Hollandia.

### Thomas Jefferys Dies in Albany

ALBANY, May 6 — Thomas William Mitchell Jefferys, 57, died while on his way to work Friday morning, May 5. Funeral services are being arranged by the Fortineller funeral home with the time and date to be announced later.

Thomas Jefferys was born on March 1, 1887, in Gifford, Surrey, England. In 1910 he came to the United States, first making his home in Aberdeen, Wash., and later in Centralia in the same state. In May, 1929, he came to Albany and since then has made his home here, living on route four in recent years. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

For many years Jefferys had been employed in the office of the D. E. Nebergall Meat company and at the time of his death was office manager.

In 1917 he married Winifred Goman at Aberdeen, Wash. She survives, as do a son, Don, and a daughter, Mrs. Verne Vessey, and a granddaughter, Vicky Ann Vessey, all of Albany; his father, Rev. Thomas Jefferys of Kelso, Wash., and two sisters, Mrs. Hugh Ingram of Kelso, Wash., and Mrs. Elizabeth Jefferys, also of Kelso.

### Frost Does Damage To Apricot Blooms

VALE, Ore., May 6 — (AP) — Apricot blooms in the Vale and White settlement district were extensively damaged by recent frosts but most of the peach crop escaped. M. J. Vilmejer, orchardist, reported today.

Sugar beets also escaped damage from temperatures of the past week which dropped as low as 26 degrees.

### Remains Are Bear's, Not Human's Foot

TOLEDO, May 6 — (AP) — A foot and leg, found near a Siletz logging camp proved to be from a bear and not from a human, reports from the state crime laboratory in Portland showed today.

The remains were turned over to Sheriff George Robinson by persons who found them last week.

### Portland Girl Wins Frank Scholarship

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6 — (AP) — Anna Wilkerson, Roosevelt high school senior, won the ninth annual Aaron M. Frank scholarship today from a field of 15 state finalists. She elected to attend the University of Oregon.

Arthur E. Ohling, Albany, was named first alternate, and Joanne McIntosh, Corvallis, second alternate.

### Soldiers' Wives Before Leaving for US



These women are Australian wives of American soldiers fighting down under. This picture was taken as they prepared to leave from an Australian port for the United States. They arrived in San Francisco on the same ship with Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia, going to Washington for conferences. (AP Wirephoto)

### Four Yanks and a Machine Gun Capture 27 Nazis by Mistake

By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE AEF IN ITALY, April 28 — (Delayed) — (AP) — And then there is the story of the four men and the machine gun who got the 27 prisoners all because of a mistake.

They were in the line up on the Anzio beachhead, Sgt. Jim Holona of Fort Defiance, Ariz., and three privates—Kenneth Culbertson of Oil City, Pa., Robert Slade of Fort Allegheny, Pa., and Donald H. Towne of Watertown, N.Y.

It was night when orders were sent up to straighten out our line by pulling in all the machine guns. But Holona and his buddies never got the message.

During the night they heard strange noises, indicating that a lot of people certainly must be having trouble or insomnia. However, along the front it is considered bad manners to holler. "What's cooking, Joe," whenever you hear noises in the night.

So they just ignored all the moving around and minded their own business. Came the dawn and everyone else was gone, but they knew the war wasn't over yet even if it was 1944. So they just stayed put and pretty soon a whole platoon of Germans came slewing foot up alongside an old farm house in front of them.

Now, four men and a machine gun got no business picking trouble with a whole platoon of Germans, which is about 30, but Holona and company just opened up a couple of bursts to clear the dew out of the barrel and started giving the boys the business.

The Germans made a dive for the house and most of them made it inside where they started popping out ways to eliminate the four men and a machine gun. While they were groping, the quarrelsome quartet set the trigger again and fired the farm house with tracer bullets.

The Germans goose-stepped right back out and the machine gunners cut loose at them again and there they were; it was too hot inside and out. They were getting tired of all this running around aimlessly and just wanted to settle down somewhere and take it easy anyway.

So they surrendered, 27 of them, including four who were pretty badly wounded. By the time everybody got through with the "kameras" an infantry squad had joined the scene and explained to the four machine gunners that they weren't even supposed to be up there.

When the Germans found out the whole thing was a mistake they wanted to go back and start all over again. But they didn't press the point and so nothing ever came of it.

### Rommel Says Invasion Due

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of an "enormous air umbrella," said: "They will be so powerful it will be impossible to prevent establishment of bridgeheads—so the fate of the invasion will depend on battles between the invasion forces and large (German) reserves."

### Congregational Meet Slated for May 9-10

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 6 — (AP) — The 90th annual conference of the Oregon Congregational conference will be held here May 9-10 at the Atkinson Memorial church—the oldest Congregational church west of Iowa.

### Forum Farm Acres

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### ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

State Police Officer Carl McCormick—should now say McCormick, sr.—who handles the graveyard shift at the station here, has his "day" off (really means that he has a night off) on Friday. So his son with true Scotch, or maybe Irish, perversity decided to wait until early Saturday morning to be born.

Mrs. Mc and Carl, jr., got along fine without Father's help, or big sister's, either, for that matter. Of course they were in a hospital, the Bungalow Maternity home. And that distresses Carlina, the eight-year-old daughter and sister, for she hasn't been allowed to see the baby.

Don't know whether it's the physiologist or the psychologist who decided to keep older brothers and sisters away from newborn babes. Frankly, I wish the rule had been in order when I arrived. There are some things I never have lived down. You'll like him better, too, Carlina, if you wait until he's strong enough to recognize you.

### Nurses to Be Inducted Into US Cadet Corps

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6 — (AP) — More than 600 Oregon nurses will be inducted into the US cadet nurse corps May 13, Miss Elnora Thompson, state nursing council chairman, said today.

Nurses in hospitals in Portland, Eugene, Baker, Pendleton and The Dalles are enrolled in the cadet corps.

### Spinach Canning Season at Local Plant Will Start May 11

The spinach canning season at California Packing corporation's Salem plant, and with it the heavier portion of the 1944 vegetable season, opens Thursday, May 11, with a day shift. Monday or Tuesday of the following week a night shift will be added, plant management said yesterday. From that time on, spinach will be arriving at the plant in full-harvest portions, it is expected.

Cards are to be sent to the women who put in the most working days or nights at the plant in the 1943 season and registrations will be taken for the day shift on Tuesday, May 9, and for the night shift on Wednesday, May 10. Cards are not being sent out to men who worked last season but their registrations are sought.

Probability that new help will be needed on the night shift was foreseen Saturday. Workers interested in retaining their seniority in the plant should register, or if unable to work on spinach, should report their intentions for the late summer and fall canning season on beets, beans, prunes, pumpkin and carrots, it is said. All these products will be handled to the extent of the plant's capacity, limited only by the number of workers available, company representatives said.

Persons who are or who have been working in other essential industry must be cleared by the US employment service at 710 Ferry street, management of the plant reminded.

Edgar W. Smith, seeking the democratic nomination for US senator, urged Tillamook county workers to get out the county vote in the May 19 primary election... July Ann Miles, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miles, Yonport City, died Sunday of secondary pneumonia as a result of carrot particles lodged in her throat...

### India Pleased Over Gandhi's Jail Release

NEW DELHI, India, May 6 — (AP) — Widespread satisfaction greeted the release today of Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian nationalist leader detained for 21 months as a political prisoner in the Aga Khan's summer palace in Poona, but intimates feared it marked a new crisis in the illness of the frail disciple of India's shades.

The press of all shades of opinion, nationalist as well as English-owned, welcomed the freeing of Gandhi. The government released the 74-year-old leader unconditionally, citing failing health, after having confined him in August, 1942 for political activity which it regarded as hampering India's resistance to Japan.

His intimates here said that Gandhi is suffering from both high blood pressure and a kidney ailment and will depend for recovery on a spiritual source of strength "beyond the conception of the western world." His son, Devadas Gandhi, expressing the opinion that his father was seriously ill and possibly near death, said that Gandhi would scorn most medical ministrations.

### Romania Gets Heavy Blows Of 750 Forts

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Thunderbolt fighter-bombers struck a Nazi air field at Rennes, in northern France, and a formation of Thunderbolt fighters swept the same area. Neither formation sighted a single enemy plane and neither suffered loss.

The attacked Nazi coastal installations in the Pas-de-Calais area are so secret that even now after more than 100 assaults on them they have not been described in detail. Returning Liberator crewmen said each wave of American planes chose a different target, bombing through an overcast. No German fighters were met; ground fire was sporadic and ineffective.

### Bombers Over Europe 23rd Straight Day

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May 7, 1943—was evidence of the Germans' increasing fears that the allies were preparing another irresistible push. Earlier in the week official reports said heavy, unexplained explosions were heard from the vicinity of Formia on the western end of the front which possibly indicated enemy destruction of installations and stores.

In today's ambitious air drive into Romania the American bombers and fighters battered their way through screens of enemy interceptors and bombed five vital rail yards, all on the main routes from Bucharest over which the Germans are pouring reinforcements and supplies to the southern Russian front.

### Shipyard Labor Shifts Left Up to Local Labor

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6 — (AP) — In a surprise move the Pacific coast shipbuilding stabilization conference adjourned tonight and announced that the number and length of working shifts will be left up to local labor and management groups.

In a press statement the conference indicated that the nation's war requirements continue to hold the highest place in the minds of labor and management alike and that petty differences must be ironed out locally without interrupting the war effort.

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### Navy Doctor With Broken Rib Makes 2 Operations in Storm

By NORMAN BELL

NORTH PACIFIC US FLEET BASE — (AP) — Speaking of emergency surgery at sea, how about a couple of major operations on a storm-tossed destroyer—by a doctor with a broken rib?

Lieutenant John M. Hundley was the doctor, the medical officer of a destroyer attached to a north Pacific task force.

"And it was rougher even than it is today," said the task force commander, who told me general facts of the story as he peered at the storm through the dripping pilot house windows of his flag ship.

The task force was patrolling the Bering sea area northwest of the Aleutians at the time, the commander recalled. It was a wild, bitter November day. The ships reeled and lurched under the screaming impact of wind and waves.

Below, men gripped their way along swaying passages. They even had to cling to their bunks, in trying to catch some rest between watches. It was impossible to serve meals. The men lived on sandwiches and gulps of black coffee.

Then a sailor aboard Dr. Hundley's destroyer was stricken dangerously with acute appendicitis. There was no telling when the storm would blow itself out. Dr. Hundley decided an immediate operation was necessary.

The flagship was notified and, on the commander's order, the task force's course was changed, so that the destroyer might ride the seas as easily as possible. But Dr. Hundley's rib was broken when he was hurled against a bulkhead while making surgery preparations.

The patient was strapped to a table; hospital corps men, bracing themselves against bulkheads and stanchions, stood by with the sterilized instruments.

Dr. Hundley, taking advantage of a momentary lull, made the incision and, defying the storm, proceeded with a successful appendectomy.

And, as if that were not enough, he performed a similar operation a short time later.

"The destroyer's no longer with us," the task force commander said, "but those are the general facts." A log, later prepared by the flag secretary confirming major details, added: "He (Lt. John M. Hundley, MC, US navy) was commended by the task force commander for successfully performing two emergency operations of this kind under very trying conditions while he himself was injured."

### Soviets Sink 8 More Ships

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Russian assaults east of the middle Siret river in Romania, but Moscow was silent on these operations as the land front lull entered the third week.

A Russian Tass agency review said Russian planes during April had sunk about 200 ships, including destroyers, minesweepers, torpedo boats and several dozen transports totalling more than 100,000 tons. Most of these vessels sank in the Black sea on the axis sea lanes from the Crimea to Romania, said the review.

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### US Loses 23 High Officers

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damaged bomber returning from Germany.

Navy— Killed in action: Rear Adm. Isaac Campbell Kidd, at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941; Rear Adm. Daniel J. Callahan, off Guadalcanal, November, 1942; Rear Adm. Norman Scott, off Guadalcanal, November, 1942.

Missing in action: Rear Adm. Henry M. Mullinnix, off the Gilbert Islands, November, 1943. Killed in plane crash: Rear Adm. Robert H. English, on the west coast, January, 1943; Commodore James A. Logan, Northern Ireland, September, 1943; Maj. Gen. William F. Upshur, marine corps, Alaska, July, 1943; Rear Adm. John Walter Wilcox was lost overboard in a heavy sea, March, 1942. Vice Adm. Arthur Leroy Bristol died of a heart attack while on his flagship on North Atlantic patrol, April, 1942. Maj. Gen. Charles D. Barrett, marine corps, was killed in an accident while on duty in the south Pacific, October, 1943.

### Service News Letter Goes Out This Week

First of the Cherrian sponsored monthly news bulletins to servicemen of Marion and Polk counties will be mailed out late this week. King Bing Frank Chatus announced Saturday.

Persons who have received cards asking for addresses of servicemen and who have procrastinated in returning the information to Cherrians should hasten so that the men of their families may be on the mailing list which is to be compiled Thursday, Chatus indicated.

Families with men in any of the military services who have not received such cards should not hesitate to volunteer the names and addresses, he said. The Cherrians are anxious to reach every man with the bulletins designed especially to interest them and to present news of their home communities in which they will be interested, he explained.

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