

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

When Dr. William H. Willson laid out a plan for the city of Salem a century ago he provided wide streets. Many times since he may have been condemned for his generosity with the raw land of Chemeketa plain. When there were crosswalks to be built and kept clean by the growing village, when there was grass in the street that needed to be cut, and surely when the agitation arose for paving the streets there must have been many on the council who wondered just why Dr. Willson provided streets 99 feet in width. The central parking strips in blocks along Marion street which survived until a few years ago, doubtless were designed more for economy in the paving of the street rather than for street beautification.

Now with the growth in traffic following the advent of the automobile everyone praises Dr. Willson for his foresight in giving Salem wide streets. Whether it was great vision or accident on the part of Dr. Willson, the example is a challenge to the city builders of today. What can we do in the way of city planning which will be acclaimed as far-sighted a century hence? That is the "question before the house" as we pause in the city's expansion to wind up a big war.

Salem is now a city of 30,000. What provision should we make now for a city of 60,000 or 75,000 which Salem will surely be perhaps within a quarter of a century? What arterial streets? What trunk sewers? What

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### Anthony Eden Joins Churchill, FDR at Quebec

QUEBEC, Sept. 14—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived dramatically tonight by plane from England to join in the Roosevelt-Churchill conferences which turned today from the war in the Pacific to European political issues.

Flying through fog and rain, Eden landed unexpectedly at the Quebec airport after his plane had passed up a scheduled stop at Montreal.

Eden's early arrival speeded up by six hours his meeting with Churchill and President Roosevelt, who still hope to complete their conference this week-end.

A British spokesman asserted that Eden was not coming "as an adviser on any one specific topic," and that he believed Prime Minister Churchill wanted his foreign secretary here for consultations on "general requirements" and "a wide range of subjects."

Before the announcement that Eden was coming, the stress here had been on the battle of the Pacific. Now, however, the major military decisions of the conference, centering around strategy for hammering Japan into submission, are complete.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early told a late afternoon press conference that the question of the creation of a new, so-called super-command for the Pacific area "is not present here and won't be."

### Boeing Chief Dies Suddenly

WICHITA, Kas., Sept. 14—(AP)—Philip G. Johnson, the one-time \$25-a-week draftsman who rose to many high positions in the aircraft industry and directed the building of the B-17 Flying Fortress and the B-29 Superfortress, died today of a stroke. He was 50.

The president of the Boeing Aircraft company, Seattle, died at 8:15 a.m. He was stricken Tuesday night while stopping over on his way home to visit officials of the Boeing plant here.

His wife, Catherine, and their two children, Esther Mary and Philip G., Jr., flew from Seattle yesterday. The funeral services and burial will be there.

### Gestapo Kills 30 Catholic Priests

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 15—(AP)—The French Brazzaville radio said in a broadcast early today that seized German gestapo records had revealed that 30 Catholic priests had been shot and at least 100 others are still in the hands of the Germans, 13 of them being taken to the Reich. The broadcast did not say where in France the purported records were taken.

### Nazis Form 'National Bulgarian Government'

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 15—(AP)—The Berlin radio announced early today the formation of a "National Bulgarian government" headed by Dr. Alexander Zankov in opposition to the Sofia regime which capitulated to the allies.

# American Forces Land in Halmahera Islands; 84 More Jap Ships, 233 Planes Destroyed

## Carrier Planes Hit Again

Enemy's Losses Total 135 Ships, 501 Aircraft

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Sept. 14—(AP)—A navy communique today reported two more days of carrier aircraft strikes against the Philippines, with the sinking or damaging of 84 more surface ships and destruction of approximately 233 more aircraft.

The new announcement brought the enemy's losses for the entire series of Philippines raids beginning Sept. 8 to 501 aircraft and 135 ships, exclusive of sampans. Start Sept. 11.

The strikes were a continuation of the heavy central Philippine raids which began Sept. 11.

The first day of that attack previously was announced and today's communique added that American planes returned to Panay, Cebu and Negros and visited Leyte Sept. 12 and 13. (West longitude date—US time).

The enemy confined his efforts to intercepting American planes. He made no effort to attack US carriers or escort ships.

The breakdown for the newly announced raids showed ships sunk were two large cargo ships, one medium transport, two destroyer escorts, and 35 small craft. Five cargo ships, one medium oiler, 36 small ships and two motor torpedo boats were damaged.

The navy declared many sampans also were sunk but did not specify the number.

## Train Crash Takes Lives Of 21 Vets

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Sept. 14—(AP)—Twenty one air force veterans who had completed up to 50 missions in overseas combat were among 26 persons killed early today in a head-on collision of two passenger trains on a single track three miles north of here.

About 65 others, including several more air force veterans, were injured.

The soldiers, who had just completed 30-day furloughs, were en route to a redistribution center in Florida. They occupied the first three Pullman cars of the 14-coach Chicago and Eastern Illinois Dixie Flyer, which crashed into an express and mail train bound from Florida to Chicago.

The express carried no passengers. Ironically, the only coaches to hurtle from the tracks after the collision were those carrying the soldiers.

## Alaskan Democrat Leads Vote Race

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 14—(AP)—With many large precincts still unreported, E. L. Bartlett, democrat, former territorial secretary of state, apparently won election as Alaska's delegate to the national capital in Tuesday's election. His opponent was John Manders, republican, Anchorage attorney.

## Col. Whitney Makes Escape From Nazis

NEW YORK, Sept. 14—(AP)—Mrs. John Jay Whitney, the former Betsy Cushing, said tonight that she had learned from the war department that her husband, Col. Whitney, had escaped from the Nazis and had returned to his base in the Mediterranean.

## C. R. Dear Re-elected President of Turkey Association; Industry's Growth Emphasized

By Lillie L. Madsen (Farm and Garden Editor)  
C. R. Dear, Independence, was re-elected president of the Oregon Turkey Improvement association Thursday at the annual business session held in the chamber of commerce rooms. Stephen Adelman, Yamhill, was re-elected secretary.

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## TANKS CLOSE IN ON AACHEN

### 1st Army Only Mile From City

New Penetration Of German Soil Made to South

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Friday, Sept. 15—(AP)—The American First army opened a full scale assault on the great Siegfried line citadel of Aachen today, driving to within a mile of the city from the country, and poured tanks and infantry across the German frontier at a number of points in a general offensive extending southward more than 90 miles.

Aachen, an important industrial city as well as a gateway to the Nazi-ruled Ruhr and Rhineland regions, was already partially ringed from the west as well as the south as American armored power plowed through tank traps and pill boxes and rolled through half a dozen outlying villages to close in on the border bastion.

Southward 40 miles the Americans made a new penetration of Germany, driving into Nazi territory some eight miles at a point northwest of Prum. This is 30 miles above Trier, near where the first invasion of Germany was made, and 40 miles west of Coblenz on a main road to that important city.

Near Trier, at the lower end of the 90-mile invasion front, Yankee infantrymen and tanks fought into the Siegfried line for a depth of two miles and widened their breach to four miles through thinly-manned and lightly-armed fortifications.

Far Inside Germany  
American reconnaissance fliers returning to US Ninth air force headquarters in France reported sighting American vehicles 16 miles inside the German border at one point, not immediately identified.

The First army in closing in on Aachen captured Hergenrath and Gemmenich, Belgian border towns three miles south and three miles southwest of Aachen, respectively, and seized the Nazi village of Forstebach two miles inside the border and five miles south of Aachen.

### Poles to Exchange Minority Groups

MOSCOW, Sept. 14—(AP)—The Polish national committee of liberation has signed an agreement with the Ukrainian and White Russian republics of the soviet union for the exchange, on a voluntary basis, of minority populations living in areas which have been the subject of territorial disputes for centuries, it was announced today.

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Approximately 300 turkey growers were in attendance at the sessions.  
The association adopted resolutions favoring the inclusion of \$15,000 in the state budget for pullorum control work, and the appointment of a committee to further this at the state legislature.  
A recommendation also was passed favoring the disposal of flocks found to have paratyphoid infection after they had been tested at a reputable laboratory. More rigid inspection and enforcement of rules and regulations also were urged.

### Yanks Aachen Bound



A three-man American combat patrol cautiously scouts out the little town of Thimister, Belgium, in advance of the main forces heading for Aachen, Germany. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radiophoto)

### Allies Crack Three Outposts Of Belfort Gap

ROME, Sept. 14—(AP)—American and French forces of the Seventh army have cracked three strong outposts of German defenses guarding Belfort Gap and are now 20 miles from Belfort, but the gap itself is still open for the movement of Nazi units north of the Doubs river and west of the Vosges mountains.

The closing stages of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's campaign to destroy or drive out every German soldier in southern France have brought his divisions into the toughest fighting they have encountered so far.

"Considerable opposition" was encountered by Americans advancing northeast from Vesoul, General Patch's headquarters announced late tonight, indicating the importance the Germans are of retreat open. French troops pushing north from Champlitte, 36 miles northwest of Vesoul, are encountering some enemy units who so far have been unable to reach the gap.

In the latest onslaught of the campaign to gain the Belfort gateway, and a foothold from which allied troops could penetrate the upper Rhine valley Patch's army was attacking on a 20-mile front in the Doubs valley area. The attacks, from the south and southwest, are aimed at the fortress city of Belfort.

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### Germany Will Not Capitulate Reports Goebbels to Japs

LONDON, Sept. 14—(AP)—"Germany will not capitulate... Germany cannot be conquered," Paul Joseph Goebbels today assured the Japanese people in a broadcast interview with the correspondent of the newspaper Mainichi.

The Nazis are coming up with "tremendous new weapons," Goebbels told the Japanese reporter, and promised that Germany would fight on with "new divisions" raised by total mobilization.

### Reds Capture Praga, Suburb Near Warsaw

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 15—(AP)—Russian and Polish troops yesterday captured Warsaw's industrial suburb of Praga on the east bank of the Vistula river, and immediately laid siege to the great Polish capital, taken by the Germans in the first month of the war five years ago, by shelling enemy positions on the 130-foot bluffs across the wide stream.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's first White Russian army troops and the first division of Lt. Gen. Zigmund Berling's first Polish army crushed the German garrison of Praga after an all-night street battle, much of it hand-to-hand fighting, a mid-night soviet communique said.

Polish patriots fighting inside Warsaw could see the Russians and Poles coming to their aid. Thousands of Poles have lost their lives in the Warsaw struggle, but Moscow dispatches early today said the Poles still were battling the enemy, and attempting to secure west bank stretches of the river to aid a possibly imminent Russian-Polish crossing from the Praga area.

### Rain Slows Air Assault

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 15—(AP)—Allied bombers roused over the continent during the night in a renewed assault on German targets after bad weather had restricted aerial warfare yesterday.

Nazi radios sounded alerts and the Hungarian radio warned of an attack in the region of Pecs, near the Yugoslav frontier.

With low clouds and rain squalls keeping British-based heavy bombers grounded during daylight yesterday, medium bombers shouldered the brunt of the aerial offensive against the enemy—now rounding out a week of constant attack.

### Beer Supply May Be Shorter Soon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—The beer supply may be still shorter next year unless malt production is increased, the war food administration indicated today after a meeting with members of the brewery industry advisory committee.

### Pfc. Juedes Dies in Action

MT. ANGEL, Sept. 14—Pfc. Norman Juedes, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Juedes, route 1, Gervais, was killed in action July 28 in France, his parents have been notified by the war department.  
Services were held at Trinity Lutheran church here August 27, the American Legion post conducting ritualistic services. The family formerly lived near Mt. Angel and are members of Trinity Lutheran church.  
An older brother, Pvt. Raymond Juedes, is in France, and there are two younger brothers at home, Edmund and Ellard. Also three sisters survive, Mrs. Gertrude Rehn, St. Helens, and Loretta and Bernice at home.

### Next Generation May Live to Age of 130

NEW YORK, Sept. 14—(AP)—Dr. Theodore G. Klumpp, of the Winthrop Chemical company, inc., predicted to the American chemical society today that it is "biologically possible for our children or our children's children to live in good health for 130 years."

## Hurricane Batters Jersey

Ocean Resorts Badly Damaged; At Least 11 Die

By the Associated Press  
Atlantic City and other New Jersey seashore resorts were damaged heavily last night by wind and waves as a 90-mile an hour hurricane swept northward across Long Island toward the same New England area that bore the brunt of the 1938 hurricane.

The storm had caused at least 11 deaths.  
Famous piers in Atlantic City and other Jersey coastal resorts were damaged by waves described by coast guards as the highest they had ever seen, and sections of boardwalks were swept inland or carried away.

Among the piers damaged were the million dollar steel pier, an amusement center, and Heinz pier, both in Atlantic City. A representative of the steel pier's owner said, however, that damage was slight.

With the wind in that area reported to have reached 90 miles an hour, numerous homes and buildings were said to have suffered heavily with a possibility that damage would run into millions of dollars.

The Homestead restaurant on the Ocean Grove, N.J., boardwalk near Asbury Park, was washed into the sea. The restaurant had a capacity of 300 persons, but was believed to have been unoccupied when it was destroyed.

A pier was reported washed out at Asbury park, but details were unavailable.

Bath houses and a pavilion were carried away at nearby Lock Harbor.

A 250-foot freighter, the Thomas Tracy, was driven ashore earlier at Rehoboth Beach, Del., but its crew of 31 were rescued by the coast guard shortly before the vessel broke in half under a heavy pounding by high seas.

## Chinese Fight To Halt Japs

CHUNGKING, Sept. 14—(AP)—Chinese defenders have been fighting desperately to beat back Japanese attempts to storm Paoching, important Chinese stronghold 63 miles west of Hengyang, after enemy units yesterday reached points about four miles from the city, the Chinese announced tonight.

Chinese planes were supporting the ground troops by strafing enemy positions.

In Kwangsi, another enemy attacking force converged on Chuanhsien from positions 12 miles northeast and north of this Hunan-Kwangsi railroad town, situated 75 miles northeast of Kweilin.

In Kwangtung, Chinese captured Tsingyin, 40 miles north of Canton.

## Homecoming Celebration Gets Underway at Willamette Today

Willamette university's 21st annual homecoming celebration, also honoring the Golden Anniversary of football here, gets underway today on the campus. Jim Elliott, a V-12 student from Medford, is manager.  
The Whitman grid squad will arrive in Salem early Saturday to meet the Bearcats in the Homecoming game, to start Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on Sweetland field.  
Friday's events include the traditional bag-rush at 5:30 p.m., followed by the "Whip-Whitman" picnic, serpentine parade through downtown Salem, bonfire ceremony and judging of six platoon-built signs at 8:30.  
Climaxing Homecoming will be a semi-formal dance in the gymnasium Saturday night from 9 to 12 o'clock. Freddie Keller, trombonist, and his Portland band will furnish the music. The Don-Lee Mutual network has arranged to broadcast a portion of the program.  
Other Homecoming committees include: general, Lyman Smart, Jack Stein and Virginia Barber; picnic, Marion Calk and Jack Wittliff; rally, Jack Watson and Dottie Robinson; sign contest, Rosella Bell and Stan Boyd; slogan contest, Jane Huston and Bill Bannecker; bag rush, Fred Parrior, Ken Waldoff and Joe Mijch; publicity, Millard Doughton and Charles Long; advertising and finance, Margaret Hughlett.

## Mac's Men Invade Morotai

Japs Surprised; Resistance Light In First Phase

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Friday, Sept. 15—(AP)—Yank invasion forces, heading toward the Philippines, have invaded Morotai, northernmost of the Moluccas islands within 300 miles of Mindanao—easy fighter plane range—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today in a special communique.

After luring Japanese ground forces farthru south in the Halmahera group by repeated bombings there, MacArthur caught the enemy totally unprepared by moving an invasion force around them and landing against light resistance on Morotai, 12 miles off the tip of Halmahera island.

Heavy attacks by planes and warships preceded the virtually unopposed landings. The invaders' losses were light, headquarters said.

Morotai is 350 miles northwest of Sansapor, MacArthur's most advanced base on Dutch New Guinea.

No naval or air losses were suffered in today's invasion.

"The point of landing was unexpected," the special communique said, "the enemy having anticipated it in the lower parts of the islands where he had accumulated very strong forces in heavily defended positions."  
"In bypassing these forces and landing farther to the north, he was taken by surprise and his initial resistance is being rapidly overcome."

## Nazis Fighting Hard to Hold Gothic Line

ROME, Sept. 14—(AP)—Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring was officially reported throwing the combined weight of all his arms into battle tonight in an effort to hold the Gothic line against the reinforced US fifth army and the British eighth.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army troops struck heavily at the great barrier before the Po valley and Italy's industrial heart. An undisclosed number of American divisions and several fresh British divisions trampled over Nazi outposts on a 25-mile front from Pistoia to Lucca, northwest of Florence.

Eight Nazi divisions were reported opposite the fifth army and eleven divisions opposite the eighth army, whose front runs eastward from Florence to the Adriatic.

The German divisions, possibly under-staffed, are banking more on fortifications and guns of all kinds rather than manpower.

## Fire Destroys Lumber Plant At Mill City

MILL CITY, Sept. 14—Fire of unknown origin swept through the Seitzinger Lumber mill here early Thursday morning, destroying the plant and threatening several acres of timberland.

Breaking out near the head rig, the blaze was discovered shortly after 11 p.m., and local firemen joined with members of the forest service in an attempt to control the fire, finally quelled about 3 a.m.

This marks the third time the Seitzinger firm, owned and operated by Merle Seitzinger, has suffered heavy loss from fire damages. Two planing mills belonging to the outfit were destroyed previously. Thirty men were employed at the lumber mill. The amount of damage is as yet undetermined.

## Gandhi-Jinnah Meeting Gaining Momentum

BOMBAY, Sept. 14—(AP)—Conferences between Mohandas K. Gandhi and Mahomed Ali Jinnah, all-India Moslem league leader, for a communal settlement of Hindu and Moslem problems appeared today to observers to have reached the stage where they are discussing details.

Weather  
Maximum temperature Thursday 73 degrees, minimum 52 degrees, .97 in. of rain, river -4 ft., 2 in.  
Clear Friday and Saturday; rising temperature east portion.