

Salem Schools Over Top, Still Selling Bonds

Although Salem schools, both faculty and students, have gone well over their quota in the Sixth War Loan drive, still further purchases are being reported daily. By the time final reports are made next week the \$52,826 quota will be exceeded by at least 50 per cent, it is expected. So far the total has reached \$60,194.

Students in the eight grade schools and two junior highs have subscribed \$36,708 or more than 150 per cent of their combined quotas of \$23,505. Teachers are over the top with \$12,925 purchases against a \$9321 quota.

Parrish schools are leading all schools with \$15,642 purchases, while Bush school is leading the grade division with \$4000.

With a late start that is expected to bring the drive to a climax early next week, Salem high has reported \$10,560 purchases or well over 50 per cent of quota.

In suburban communities, Chairman Frank Doerfler reported five districts over the top and urged others to make reports not later than Saturday night. More than \$30,000 in purchases is in, but the total is expected to reach \$100,000 when all reports are made. Here are those over their quotas: Willard — Mrs. Helen Paget; Riverdale — Mrs. Retta Jones; Shaw — Mrs. Fred Gilbert; Middle Grove — Theodore Kuenzl; Pratum — Mrs. C. A. Lynds.

Three corporate purchases of short term bonds helped boost Marion county's total. They are Southern Pacific railroad \$50,000, Sick's Brewing company \$50,000, and Mountain States Power company \$5600. Employees at the Portland General Electric company also were reported as well over their quota.

Senate Group Approves 6 Nominations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Chairman Connally (D-Tex) officially reported to the senate tonight the Foreign relation committee's favorable recommendation for the confirmation of six state department nominations.

Connally told a reporter he had received from senator Wagner (D-NY) a proxy favoring the appointment of Archibald MacLish, named as one of five assistant secretaries of state.

The committee previously had recorded a 10 to 10 tie vote which would have called for an adverse report on MacLish's appointment.

Connally previously had reported the committee's favorable action on Joseph C. Grew, chosen as under secretary, and four assistant secretaries, W. L. Clayton, Nelson Rockefeller, James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes.

Retreating Nazis Acting Like Plague of Locusts

MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Germans are "acting like a plague of locusts" as they fall back in Czechoslovakia, stripping the country of all food and movable equipment and leaving its cities piles of ruins, the head of the Czechoslovak government delegation for liberated territory charged today.

Harriman Meets Stalin

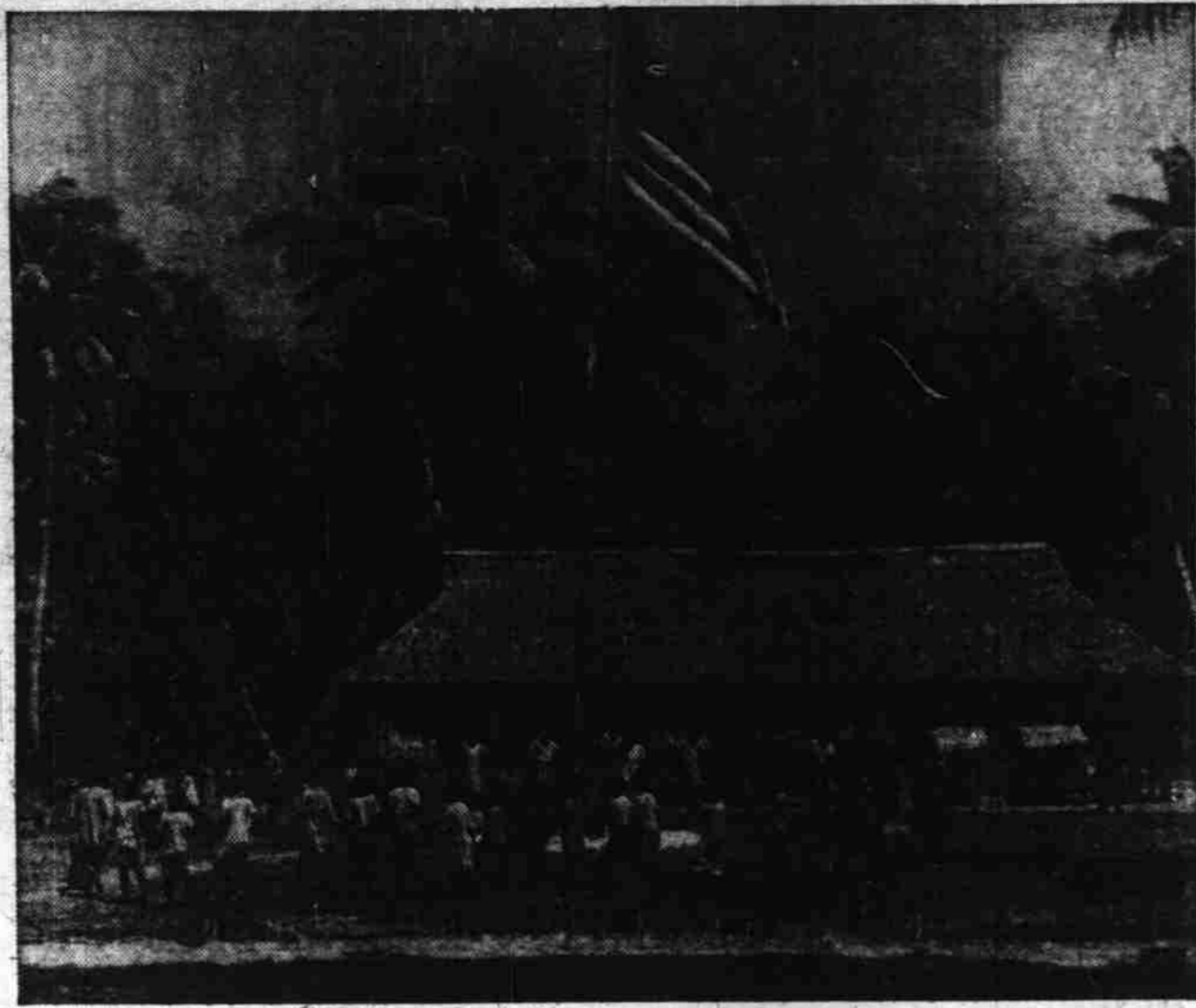
LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that Premier Stalin received US Ambassador Averell Harriman at the Kremlin today. The broadcast said that G. A. M. Dekozov, vice commissar for foreign affairs, was present but gave no further details.

Girls Apprehended

State police reported early today that the two girls who escaped from Hillcrest on December 2 and apprehended in Salt Lake City on December 9 were returned to the institution Thursday.

Senate Okes Armour

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The senate confirmed today the nomination of Norman Armour of New Jersey as ambassador to Spain. He succeeds Carlton Hayes.



RECESS HOUR—A group of native children in a Navy-sponsored school in the Marshalls form a ring around the flagpole during recess.

Seizure of Ward Plants Again Looms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Montgomery Ward and the government appeared headed tonight for a new collision over labor policies such as led last spring to seizure of the mail order firm's Chicago properties.

Officials of the company failed to appear at a war labor board hearing to which they were summoned to show cause why they had not complied with WLB directives concerning four Detroit stores.

WLB chairman William H. Davis then announced that unless the company complies with "all terms and conditions of our orders" by nightfall Monday, the defiance would be referred to economic stabilizer Fred M. Vinson.

Nimitz to Shift Headquarters

US PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 14 (AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz will establish his Pacific fleet advanced headquarters in a forward area he said today in a press release.

An Australian radio report recently said the new site would be Guam.

The fleet announcement said the main headquarters, however, would remain at Pearl Harbor. There was no comment on the Australian radio designation of Guam for the new headquarters.

"Capture of the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas, Ulithi and Palau has permitted moving the center of gravity of operations of the ground, sea and air forces, Pacific ocean areas, far westward," the announcement said.

Scout Explorer Unit Will Be Organized

A preliminary organization meeting for a new older Boy Scout group, an Explorer unit to be sponsored by the junior chamber of commerce, will be held tonight at Scout headquarters. Dean Ellis of the state tax department, is to be leader of the troop, which will feature special interest groups in camping, hiking, mountain climbing, a possible rifle team and possibly horsemanship.

Cruiser Oregon City Hits Water in 1945

OREGON CITY, Dec. 14 (AP)—A navy cruiser names the USS Oregon City will be launched at Quincy, Mass., early in 1945, the chamber of commerce here was informed today.

The ship, built by Bethlehem City Fore River shipyard, will be christened by a woman to be selected by Oregon City's chamber of commerce.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

In professional jargon (his column is, or pretends to be, a conversation piece. Now, there are many subjects about which we are not supposed to converse in this year of our war, but here's one thing the army wants us to talk about. And, I assume that if each of us should discuss this matter with some two or three persons in families where there are children and they, in turn, should spread the tidings, we might save a few lives.

The Oregon state defense council and civilian defenders in Polk county particularly are much concerned over the number of accidents arising out of the unauthorized possession of live ammunition and "dud" projectiles which have already caused the deaths of three children and the serious injury of three others in the Pacific coast area.

With the return to civilian occupancy of areas formerly used by the war department for training of troops, the possibility of the discovery and subsequent handling of unexploded ammunition and "duds" is expected to increase.

The danger to persons inexperienced in these particular types of explosives cannot be over-emphasized, the state CD office declares.

Persons discovering "duds" or unexploded projectiles of any kind should not only leave them alone but should also report such discovery immediately by telephone to the nearest military or civil authorities. This is one specific case where a bird in the bush is worth two in the hand.

The first public coffee house was opened at Oxford, England, in 1650.

Hurry—Buy That Bond

GRAND — Cont. Daily from 1 P. M. —

Now! See the Snake Kiss! Terrific Climax to 1,000 Thrills!



"Dangerous Journey" Filmed by Armand Denis and Leila Roosevelt

CO-FEATURE See it for Fun! Music in Manhattan

SHIRLEY DAVIS and TERRY

News Flashes! Is Hitler alive? Seized German films may answer! Army and Navy grid game!

Nazis Attack Canuck Lines Over Lamone

ROME, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Germans flung all available reserves of armor and infantry into a furious attempt today to contain a Canadian bridgehead over the Lamone river and to save the last road center of Bagnacavallo, 10 miles northeast of Faenza in the Po valley.

Counterattack after counterattack thudded against the four-mile-wide bridgehead, but all were thrown back in savage fighting and at nightfall the Canadians had enlarged their holding, allied headquarters announced.

In a day mingled with successes and reverses the Nazis repulsed efforts by the American Fifth army to gain high ground near Monte Castello, southwest of Bologna, and in turn saw their own counterattacks against Monte Cere, 11 miles southeast of Bologna, rolled back.

British Find Lunatic Hole.

WITH BRITISH TROOPS IN HOLLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—British forces have uncovered the Black Hole of Waansum, a dark, filthy, unheated basement where Monks and civilians have cared for 172 naked lunatics for two months.

A British civil service unit is attempting today to patch up the damaged asylum and has provided blankets and fuel for the unfortunates who literally went underground October 14 to escape the war.

German troops were said to have refused to move the asylum inmates and carried off their clothes and blankets so they would not escape.

The building was shelled, so the inmates, of whom 87 were bedridden, were moved to the basement.

British Pacific Fleet Chief to Meet Nimitz

MELBOURNE, Friday, Dec. 15 (AP)—Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commander in chief of the British Pacific fleet, left today to confer with Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

HOLLYWOOD TONIGHT! "Goodnight Sweetheart" with Ruth Terry and Robert Livingston. "Bomber's Moon" with George Montgomery and Annabella.

Johnson Sees Tough Years For Youths

High school pupils today, with a background of depression and war years, have ahead of them a future of war and an unemployment period when men and women in the service and in war work return to normal peacetime pursuits, Harry Johnson, new principal of Salem high school told their Thursday noon luncheon.

Among the responsibilities which the community owes to its youth, responsibilities parallel with those of the community for its servicemen, Johnson declared, are opportunities for further education, a chance to learn a job in school and at work and the training to develop spiritual and emotional lives.

A number of states now require boys and girls to remain in school until they have graduated from high school or reached their 18th birthdays, Johnson said. Oregon requires eighth grade graduation or passage of 10th birthdays. Oregon should develop further schooling plans, they should probably be along vocational training lines, Johnson suggested.

Salem Man Dies In Montana Town

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 14 (AP)—Joseph Coursey, 53, of Salem, Ore., stationed here since November 10 as temporary examiner of inheritance for the U.S. Indian service, died yesterday.

Coursey's Salem address was 670 North 17th street.

Warner's CAPITOL Starts Saturday — 2 Hits! You'll go KATE-razy about KATE's kapers. UP IN ARMS IN TECHNICOLOR! DANNY KAY, DINAH SHORE, DANA ANDREWS, CONSTANCE BOWLING and the GOLDWYN GIRLS! Hunted by human bloodhounds... but at the last, desperate end of the trail was a girl named Tom!

Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Europe — U. S. 7th army rolls to German border to ground Siegfried line as allies advance along Cologne front.

Russia — Threatens to smash into Slovakia on wide front and drives forward to northeast Hungary, but still fails to capture Budapest.

Italy — German counterattack against Canadians on Lamone river; British enter Tossignano.

Greece — Greek leftists battle with British in Athens for 13th day.

Pacific — Yanks destroy 91 Nip planes in strike on Luzon, advance one mile north of Ormoc; Superforts hit Thailand and Burma.

China — Chinese pursue Japanese, chased from Kweichow province, toward Kwangsi province town of Hochih.

Allied Planes Held to Bases

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The second successive day of hazardous wintry flying weather on the continent today held aerial work against Nazi targets to a minimum.

British-based bombers and fighters, which ripped German rail and oil facilities with more than 15,000 tons of explosives in a 48-hour period earlier in the week were kept under wraps.

Continental-based Thunderbolts of the U. S. ninth air force swirled through cloud banks and attacked a rail yard at Homburg, northeast of Saarbrücken.

The first public library in New York City was established in 1697.

Japs Continue China Retreat

CHUNGKING, Dec. 14 (AP)

Chinese troops were reported nearing the Kwangsi province city of Hochih today amid indications that Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's U. S. 14th air force intends to move right along on the heels of the Chinese advance and reestablish bases which it was forced to evacuate during the Japanese drive westward.

Chennault's pilots are fighting a hit-run battle, blasting the key points of Japanese control in China as well as lending tactical support to Chinese ground forces, but it now is apparent the former leader of the "Flying Tigers" had planned ahead for such emergencies as those created by the recent enemy land successes.

BUY WAR BONDS TODAY EL SINORE NOW SHOWING MAKE IS A DAISY! Ann SOTHERN MAISIE GOES TO RENO THE MOMENT EXTRA SPECIAL! March of Time "What to Do with Germany"

Buy That Extra Bond NOW! STATE — OPENS 6:45 P. M. — Now Playing! A GREAT NOVEL... REAP THE WILD WIND HE'S IN THE MIDDLE... ARE HUSBANDS Necessary?

TWO MONEY-SAVING MARKETS \$AVING CENTER CHEESE 59c BEEF STEAK 25c COFFEE 25c PUMPKIN 10c Ice Cream 23c ONIONS, BOILERS 29c Potatoes 1.49 Austin's Dog Food 39c Sweet Potatoes or Yams 29c RAISINS 39c CHRISTMAS TREES 25c

Back Our Boys - BUY BONDS! LIBERTY Jack Benny versus Fred Allen "Love Thy Neighbor" MASTERY MAN BILL BOYD with Andy Clyde