

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Announcement that within two years the largest and one of the oldest lumber mill concerns in Portland, Clark & Wilson, will wind up operations highlights recent industrial news in this state.

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Weather

Maximum temperature Friday 43 degrees, minimum 20 degrees; no rain; river -2 ft. 4 in. Increasing cloudiness Saturday and Sunday. Local valley fogs. Little temperature change.

YANKS LAND ON MINDORO

U. S. 7th Drives Into Germany

Yankees Enter At 3 Points

103rd Division Makes Crossing First, 45th Next

By Austin Bealmer PARIS, Dec. 15-(AP)—Three divisions of the US Seventh army drove into Germany's industrial palatiniate today at three points along a 12-mile front, four months to the day after they stormed the Mediterranean shore and began chasing the Germans 500 miles across France.

Regency Might Solve Internal Greek Strife

ATHENS, Dec. 15-(AP)—An agreement in principle that a regency might solve the strife in Greece was reported tonight although fighting continued in the rain-soaked capital.

5-Star Rank Given Seven Top Officers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP)—Seven officers—top field and fleet commanders and the over-all army and navy chiefs—were boosted swiftly today to new five-star rank.

Body of Lupe Velez Will Be Buried Monday

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 15-(AP)—Tempestuous was the life of vital Lupe Velez and tempestuous have been the aftermaths of her suicide.

Larger Proportion of Older Men to Be Called After Feb. 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP)—Selective service, announcing a "much larger" proportion of older men will be inducted after February 1, tonight sent out instructions implementing the government's "produce or fight" addict.

Churchill Dumps Present Pobe Government; Backs Russian Frontier Demands

LONDON, Dec. 15-(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill dumped overboard the present Polish exile government today, backed Russia's demand for a new western frontier, and drew a map for central Europe in which Germany would lose vast tracts of her northern and eastern territory.

Soviets Invade West Slovakia, Take Ipolysag

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 16-(AP)—Russian troops, invading western Slovakia for the first time, yesterday captured Ipolysag (Sahy) junction, 85 miles east of Bratislava, Slovak capital, in a bold operation aimed at cutting off German troops far to the east and breaking open the roads to Vienna, 115 miles to the west.

Germany Can't Stand Losses Says Bradley

U. S. TWELFTH ARMY GROUP ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 15-(AP)—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, U. S. twelfth army group commander, said today that German battle casualties are anywhere from three to five times greater than American and that the offensive is being pressed despite poor weather because the Germans cannot long stand these losses.

Salem Area Farmers, 453 of Them, Are Building \$200,000 Dairy Co-operative

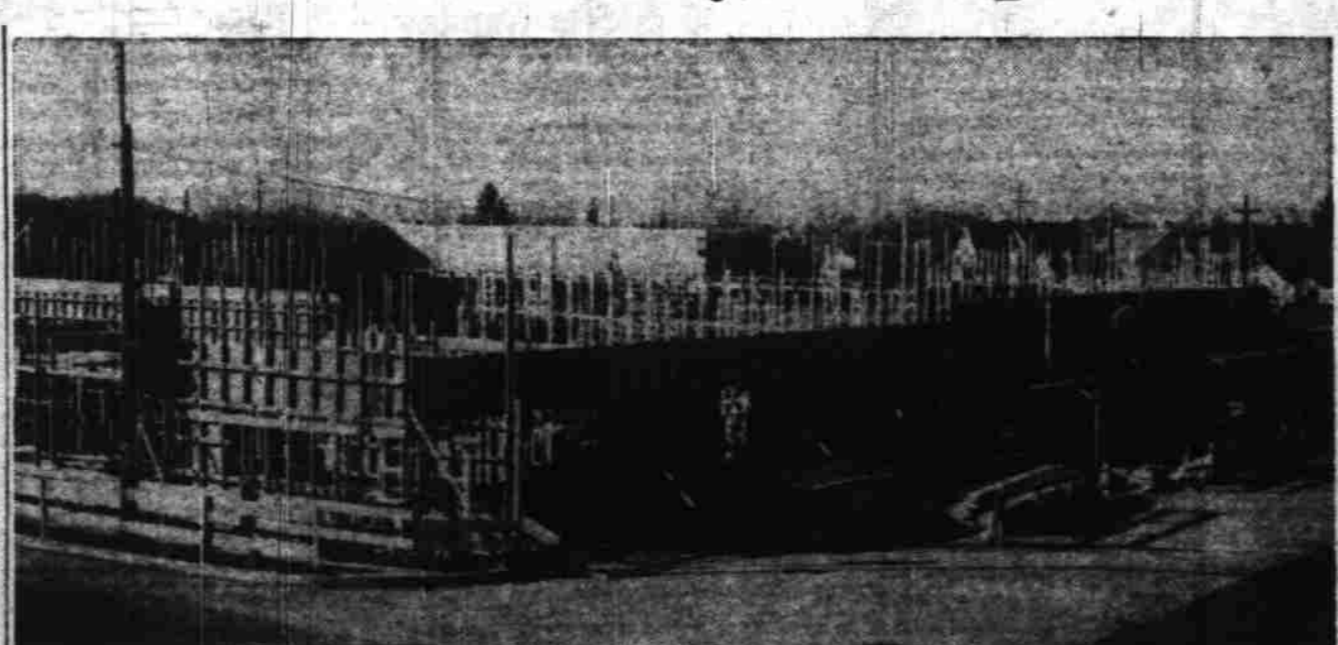
Bulk Milk Storage Capacity of 120,000 Gallons

By Lillie L. Madsen Farm and Garden Editor Four hundred and fifty three farmers are making possible the building of a new \$200,000 co-operative dairy plant on the Fairgrounds road, Salem.

Gas Rations To Stay Same

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP)—The petroleum administration for war today announced a civilian gasoline allocation calculated to permit a continuance of present consumer rations during the first quarter of 1945.

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extend 100 feet back for truck deliveries. The front of the building will be faced with cream-colored glazed tile. The same type of tile will extend back 68 feet on Academy street and 65 feet on the south side. All inside rooms, with the exception of the loading dock and storage rooms, are being faced with the cream-colored tile. Red tile floor covering will be used.

\$350,000 Left For Bond Goal

6th Loan Drive Winds Up Today; Program Planned

SIXTH War Bond workers yesterday were pulling all wires in a last-minute effort to put Marion county over the top today. Nearly \$350,000 remained to be subscribed on the last day, Chairman Douglas Yeater reported last night after checking all reports with Lawrence Fisher of bond headquarters.

Program Planned

Arrangements were being made for appointment of a committee to have charge of the awarding, probably at Salem high school.

Short of Quota

"We're still short on purchases of F, G, and C bonds, however," declared the chairman, "and those who contemplate buying treasury certificates must do so today if they are to get them from banks."

Lt. Marshall Woodell To Succeed Lt. Bliss

Lt. Marshall E. Woodell, executive officer for the Willamette university V-12 unit, has been appointed to succeed Lt. George C. Bliss as commanding officer, Bliss announced Friday.

Jap Officer Sings Same Old Ditty Of Nip Strength

(By the Associated Press) Adm. Isamu Takeshita, retired Japanese officer, is sure that the Nipponese will be able to "take care of the combined naval forces of America and Britain."

Big 3 Meeting Arranged for First of Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP)—A second Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference at last has been arranged—for late January or early February.

Heaviest Fog Grips Sound

SEATTLE, Dec. 15-(AP)—Generally disrupted traffic on both land and water, accompanied by literally hundreds of minor accidents, resulted today as one of the heaviest fogs on record gripped the Puget Sound area for the third day and extended north along the coast of British Columbia.

Island Within 150 Miles of Manila; Opposition Light

Daring Amphibious Move Gives U.S. East-West Lane Through Archipelago, Route to China

By C. YATES McDANIEL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 16 (AP)—A naval-borne US Sixth army force crossed the Philippines and gained a virtually bloodless beachhead on Mindoro island, within 150 miles of Manila, Friday morning (Philippine time), Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today.

Fire Destroys Nursery, Loss Near \$30,000

Fire destroyed the main building of the Weeks & Beardsley nursery, a mile out of Salem and a quarter mile west of the North River road Friday with an estimated loss of near \$30,000.



San Francisco, Dec. 15

(AP)—Tokyo radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the Blue network that a violent air and sea battle is raging in waters off the American invasion beachhead at Mindoro in the Philippines.

Woman Scribe Shoots Friend

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 15-(AP) Pauline Conrad, operator of an art shop here, was in critical condition tonight with three bullet wounds in her chest and back, and a woman reporter for the Eugene Register-Guard was being held by city police.

E Bond Sales Slowly Increase in Oregon

PORTLAND, Dec. 15-(AP)—While the state's total war bond sales kept pouring in, reaching \$119,262,814 with the \$107,000,000 goal far behind, E bond sales slowly increased today.

Finn Payment Refused

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP) The United States refused to allow Finland to pay her \$235,445 war debt installment today.

SHOPPING DAYS Left. ILL BE ON TIME. WILL YOU? BUY YOUR WAR BONDS TODAY.