

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

The weakening of the body finally drew the curtain on the still active mind of Mrs. C. P. Bishop Sunday morning. Death, kindly in its touch, released the spirit which has been lonely since the passing of her husband three years ago. It has taken from Salem one who for over 50 years exercised a leadership to which her endowments of mind and character naturally led her. Her lifetime covered the broadening of the field of women's activities, and in that expansion she was prominent in Salem and the state. Yet her numerous outside interests—church, politics, clubs—never caused her to neglect her home. She was, in a way, a modern matriarch, a mother who held the respect and the devotion of her family, who kept a guiding hand on their lives and work.

A marked characteristic of Mrs. Bishop was her inquiring mind. I think I have never known a woman whose appetite for information and opinion in the field of current affairs was as insatiable. Often in public meetings she would ply the speaker with questions and sometimes she would voice disagreement, for her own convictions were positive. Even in recent years, when illness and injury confined her most of the time to her home, she got out whenever she could to attend meetings and participate in discussion groups, the last being (Continued on Editorial Page)

### Salem C. of C. Report Shows Good Progress

Enlargement of the business volume in the Salem area, establishment of new industries, furtherance of the interests of existing commercial establishments and the promotion of progressive overall improvements in the trade area were listed today as among the achievements of the Salem chamber of commerce in 1944.

The annual report, contained in an illustrated 16-page booklet, was made by Carl W. Hogg, retiring president, the board of directors and committee members, and Clay Cochran, manager. It covers the third year of Hogg's presidency of the chamber. Under his leadership the membership has been tripled, and increased financial support has enabled the organization to become one of the leading chambers in the northwest.

Hogg is succeeded as president by Loyal A. Warner, a director for two years.

### Blood Donors Needed Today

Persons who have not registered as blood donors but who feel they are eligible should go to the First Methodist church between 10 and 12 o'clock this morning, to make their contribution toward saving lives of men on battlefronts. Representatives of Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce declared Monday night.

### Brooks Man Killed in Altercation With Irate Husband; George (Bud) Harris Held in Jail

Charged with second degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting early Sunday morning of Charles Batchelor, 35, George Elmer (Bud) Harris, 33, of Brooks, was in the county jail today. Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton said the charge was not bailable.

Officers investigating the shooting said Harris, who allegedly found Batchelor with his wife, the former Lorene Elizabeth O'Neill, had planned on hunting ducks Sunday in the Scappoose district with Seth Miller of Portland, but in the meantime had left Brooks Friday at 11 a.m. to accompany a Boy Scout troop to Smith creek prior to the hunting trip.

When he retired Saturday evening he set the alarm for 3 a.m. but, according to the story he told state police, the boys re-set the clock for even earlier. When he discovered he was up too early, he explained to police, he decided to stop at his home and get his hunting clothes instead of returning to bed.

Weather  
Max 51 min 28 temperature  
Monday 51 degrees, min 28  
max 41 degrees, 0.3 precipitation,  
river -14 ft.  
Fairly cloudy Tuesday.  
Wednesday cloudy with rain  
in the afternoon in west  
portion. Little temperature  
change.

## Nazis Use Men, Planes in Counterblows; Byrnes Would Put 4-F's in War-Effort Jobs

### Predicts Draft Call Increase

### WLB' Manpower Edicts Would Be Given New Teeth

By Sterling F. Green  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A plan to force millions of 4-F's into military or war-supporting tasks was proposed today by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, in case present man-power measures prove inadequate.

Laws to put teeth into war labor board and manpower edicts also were suggested by Byrnes in a massive report to President Roosevelt and congress, which he elaborated at a news conference.

He predicted increases in draft calls—beyond the jump of 20,000 men monthly which went into effect today—to fill gaps in the ranks of the fighting forces and man new navy ships.

Reconversion Out  
And, in the jarring report on his administration of the office of war mobilization and reconversion, Byrnes swept the reconversion phase into the background and declared last summer's "too early start" on peacetime production.

"The truth is that our soldiers at the front today are not short of ammunition and supplies as a result of any production failures," he said. "However, they may be short a few weeks hence if we fail."

If recent actions to tighten the war production effort fail, Byrnes said he believed congress should clamp controls on those found disqualified for military duty, so "they may render their war service in essential war activities."

Not All Included  
Byrnes said he referred to 4-F men not now in war work. He suggested they be drafted and then either used for limited services in the armed forces or channeled where needed into war industry.

He declined to give details, saying congress should work them out.

Byrnes said congress should give war labor board rulings statutory authority so that WLB could "enforce its decisions in the courts without resort to seizure."

Less than a week after army seizure for non-compliance properties for non-compliance with WLB rulings which Ward's chairman, Sewell Avery, declared unconstitutional, Byrnes observed that seizure is "an inadequate remedy in many cases."

Two of German U-Boat Prisoners Recaptured  
PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Two of 19 German U-boat prisoners still at large after a sensational Christmas eve break here were recaptured tonight.

H. B. Duffey, agent in charge of the federal bureau of investigation, said the prisoners, Capt. Hans Werner Krüss and Helmut Drescher, were apprehended 12 miles west of Casa Grande, Ariz., by a farmer.

Harris told state police he arrived at his home at Brooks about 3 a.m. and, finding the back door locked, gained entrance through a window. He told police he turned on the light in the front room, opened the bedroom door and found his wife and Batchelor in the bed, asleep in each other's arms.

He dragged Batchelor from the bed, he told police, and when Batchelor struck at him with his fist he hit him over the head with the gun. He stated further that he fired one shot, aiming at Batchelor's legs, but missed. A bullet hole was found in the floor, police said.

### Rockets Streak Ashore, Mindoro



A barrage of rockets fired from an LCI boat streaks ashore to batter Japanese defenses as American forces invaded the island of Mindoro in the Philippines Dec. 18. (AP wirephoto from US navy)

### Nimitz Would Welcome Red Participation in Jap War

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Honolulu, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said today he would welcome Russian participation in the Pacific war against Japan.

The commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet also said "We will have to occupy enough of Japan in order to win the peace and enforce the peace" and declared the China coast was still the goal.

He reiterated an assertion of sometime ago that it would be essential to land on the China coast "sometime or another" to secure bases for large-scale air attacks on the enemy's homeland.

Nimitz was asked at a press conference if he would welcome Russian participation "on our side."

He answered "yes" and observed "I'm glad you put that last phrase in—'on our side.'"

Nimitz, back from a visit to Guam, Saipan and other advanced positions, said he didn't think the Japanese would capitulate unless their homeland was occupied.

"I think," he asserted, "that the only safe plan is to assume we must invade their homeland and line up our forces accordingly."

His remark that the China coast goal was not abandoned suggested allied forces might move in that direction and against Japan proper at the same time.

Prominent Catholic Priest Dies Monday  
PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Rev. Gregory Robl, O. S. B., prominent in northwest Catholic circles, died tonight in St. Vincent's hospital.

Father Gregory was pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart here for 40 years. Archbishop Edward D. Howard will officiate at solemn requiem high mass Thursday at 10 a. m. Interment will be at the abbey at Mt. Angel.

Calling All Taxpayers  
First of a series of articles clarifying the federal income tax and the task of computing it appears today on the editorial page of

### U. S. Aces Hit North Of Manila

### Yankee Planes Sink or Damage 8 Nippon Ships

By Jim Hutchison  
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Tuesday, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Planes based in the central Philippines, making their deepest penetration of invasion-menaced Luzon island, swept 150 miles beyond Manila Saturday to sink or probably sink three enemy warships and five cargo vessels at Lingayen Gulf.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the attack today, aimed at one of the points where Japan originally invaded the Philippines and a logical point of Nipponese reinforcement and supply.

Large Force Used  
Low-flying B-25 medium bombers, A-20 attack planes and P-40 fighter bombers made the attack in "substantial force," a spokesman said, flying from new bases on Mindoro.

Returning fliers said they saw some ships go down and feel certain the others also sank.

This was the third straight communique to report a sinking in Lingayen, the others being accomplished by patrol planes.

### FDR Says 'We Still Have Far To Go' in War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, observing the third anniversary of the United Nations, declared today that "we still have far to go" in order to win the war and secure an organized peace.

"We know," he added, "that it is only as united nations that we have it within our power to win complete and final victory in this war, then to win the peace. We know that by maintaining and strengthening the United Nations we shall do both."

Mr. Roosevelt made the statement in a letter to Secretary of State Stettinius which Stettinius read at ceremonies in which France became the 36th country to adhere to the United Nations' declaration, originally signed three years ago by the United States, Britain, Russia and China.

### Balloon Found Near Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(AP)—An enormous balloon, found hanging in a tree ten miles from Estacada, was studied today by the FBI and the army as a possible duplicate of the Japanese-inflated balloon discovered in Montana.

Discovery of the balloon, caught in tree limbs 70 feet above the ground, was reported Sunday by state police to the FBI and the army. FBI agents refused to disclose any details, other than saying that no explosives were found with the balloon.

The balloon found by a farmer near Kalispell, Mont., was made of paper 3 1/2 feet in diameter, and had a gas capacity of 18,000 cubic feet.

### One Person in 20 on Government Payroll

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Nearly one person in 20 is on a governmental payroll in this country.

There are 155,116 separate, active governmental units in the United States, the census bureau reported today, with 6,503,000 civilian employees as of Oct. 1.

### Three Babies, Two Boys, Girl Arrive Here New Year's

Three babies, two boys and one girl, arrived in Salem hospitals on New Year's day.

At 12:33 a.m. the first baby of the new year arrived at General hospital, a daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Scharbach, 790 Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bynum, route one, Scio, became the parents of a son in Salem Deaconess hospital at 6:15 a.m.

The third baby, a boy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Mason, route six, Salem, in General hospital at 8:30 a.m.

### FBI Arrests 2 German Spies; Land From Sub

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, announced tonight the arrest here of two men whom he described as German agents landed from a U-boat on the coast of Maine on November 29 last.

Hoover said the men—one of whom he said was an American citizen—were landed from the submarine in a rubber boat near Hancock Point at Frenchman's Bay, Maine, and then came to New York City after stopping briefly in Boston.

Hoover identified the men as William Curtis Colepaugh, 26, a native of Niantic, Conn., who he said was a former student at the Massachusetts institute of technology, and Erich Gimpel, 35, a native of Merseberg, Germany.

The FBI head said the men had in their possession when arrested a short-wave radio, special ink for transmitting messages and a quantity of fraudulent documents, which he said included blank selective service cards, discharge papers for the United States navy and a Connecticut birth certificate.

### Masonic Head Dies Monday

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(AP)—D. Rufus Cheney, grand secretary of the Oregon Masonic lodge since 1922, died here today.

Cheney, a 33rd degree Scottish rite Mason, was the third Oregon Mason named honorary past grand master—a title he received in 1938. He had the second longest service record of any grand secretary.

His widow and two grandchildren survive. Donald H. Cheney, his only son, a marine, was killed last July in the Port Chicago explosion.

### Romain Rolland, Noted Writer, Dies in France

PARIS, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The noted writer, Romain Rolland, died at his villa, Vezelay, near Clamecy, shortly before midnight Dec. 30, it was announced today.

Winner of the Nobel prize in literature in 1916, Rolland was 78 years old.

## Germans Attempt Great Air Strike Lose 241 Planes

### Enemy Launches Attacks on U.S. Third, Seventh Army Fronts but Gain Slightly at Only One Point

By Austin Bealmear  
SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Tuesday, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Germans gambled men and machines in combined air and land thrusts at the allies on New Year's day, counterattacking against the US Third and Seventh armies and attempting their greatest aerial offensive operation in three years.

It was a gamble for which the nazis paid a staggering cost. They sent out more than 300 planes in surprise attacks on airfields over a wide area behind the battle zones, in a desperate effort to shrink allied air superiority. The Germans lost at least 208 in these fierce actions, and a total of at least 241.

What damage the enemy did to the airfields was not disclosed. Allied air losses during the day were 25 planes, not counting American heavy bombers which pounded oil and rail targets. Their figures were not announced last night.

On land the Germans made a series of five attacks against the northern flank of the Seventh army and punched at the Third army's hold on the Bastogne corridor.

Gain At One Point  
German forces gained some ground in a wooded region south of Bannstein, five miles southeast of Bitch, but were held or thrown back at other points along the Seventh army front.

Front dispatches said the assaults were launched on Sunday and were mostly in small strength. These enemy blows came as information on the fighting against the enemy's bulge into Belgium, still subject to 24 hours or more delay for security reasons, told of gains up to six miles by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army at the southwestern corner of the German salient.

94 Tanks Destroyed  
In fierce armored battles on both sides of the Bastogne corridor the Third army destroyed or damaged 94 German tanks and smashed a counterattack launched at the corridor from the east. In the same area fighter-bombers of the U. S. Ninth air force disabled 123 tanks and motor vehicles before noon today.

Most of the action was in the air, with sky battles raging from one end of the sprawling front to the other as the Allies met the direct challenge of the Nazi air force.

Nazis Repulsed  
Every attempt by Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's forces to reduce the Third army's corridor into Bastogne was repelled, and the nazis' most important gain was one of 200 yards at a point four and a half miles southwest of Bastogne.

The Germans recaptured Moiry, 11 miles west of Bastogne, and gained a mile at another point, but neither enemy advance affected Patton's five-mile-wide relief corridor. Patton's forces launched a sharp attack north of Bastogne at the narrowest point of the Nazi salient and made some progress.

As his bold Belgium adventure backfired and threatened possibly to develop into a major disaster, Von Rundstedt hurled a series of night and day attacks against the American Seventh army in the vicinity of the old Maginot line fortress city of Bitch in the French Saar.

Starts Last Night  
The new Nazi assaults, two of which were in at least battalion strength, began before last midnight and continued through today along a 10-mile front on both sides of Bitch. Allied headquarters conceded that the enemy might have made some progress.

### 12-Year-Old Negro Gives Birth to Baby

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 1.—(AP)—A 12-year-old negro girl gave birth to a daughter weighing five pounds and nine ounces in St. Joseph's hospital today.

Police and hospital authorities believe the girl is the youngest mother in the city's history. Both she and the child were reported in good condition.