

### Air Offensive Against Nazis Going Strong

LONDON, Jan. 3—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the US Eighth air force, continuing the greatest sustained winter air offensive of the war, dumped more than 3000 tons of explosives today on congested highway hubs and railyards along the supply routes for the German Belgian bulge.

Three bombers and nine fighters failed to return from the day's operations, but at least seven fighters were believed safe in friendly territory.

During the afternoon separate forces of RAF Lancasters escorted by Mustangs of the RAF fighter command struck industrial targets in the Ruhr, bombing the Castrop-Rauxel and Hansa plants near Dortmund through thick clouds.

The clouds and snow and rain kept fighter-bombers grounded on the continent, but 1100 American Fortresses and Liberators supported Yank infantry and armor by smashing at German communications for the twelfth straight day, setting a record for sustained winter operations.

### Lt. L. R. Foster Dies in Leyte Plane Crash

Lt. Leonard R. Foster, who died when the army transport plane he piloted went down over Leyte on December 2, had enlisted in the army in June, 1941, after serving with the Coots Bay national guard unit. After training at Fort Monmouth, N.J., he was transferred to the air corps, graduated in August, 1942, from Ellington field, Tex., and in December of that year piloted a plane to New Guinea. He had not since returned to the United States.

Foster, whose mother, Ellen Foster, is house mother at the YMCA dormitory for Willamette university women, was a former Coots Bay Times employe, held the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and several Oak Leaf clusters.

Survivors, besides his mother, are a brother, Pvt. Robert Foster, stationed in Texas with the air corps, and his father, S. J. Foster, now in the state of Washington.

### Auto Wrecking Bid Refused

Marion county court has refused to approve an application of Albert Fried, route two, box 347, Salem, for license to conduct an automobile wrecking business on the Pacific highway in the La-Bish district. County Judge Grant Murphy said Wednesday. The refusal was based on the fact that the business has been operating in the location for some time without conforming to provisions of the law which require that such an establishment shall be within a six-foot-high enclosure.

Licenses for such business operations are granted by the office of the secretary of state but require the approval of the county court of the county in which they are located.

### Benefit Card Party Held by Lyons Lodge

LYONS—Five hundred furnished the entertainment for the benefit card party sponsored by the Rebekahs at the hall Saturday night. High scores went to Bert Morris and Roy Hiebeck, low to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr, Elmer Hiatt had the traveling prize.

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LOST: 700x20 truck tire and wheel on Riv. Rd. Newark. Firstone Stores, Center and Liberty. Phone 9144.

## IN THE... Nation's Service

### Salem Naval Station Signs 13 Young Men

The navy's 1945 enlistment program was off to a flying start Wednesday, with the announcement of Al Friesen, recruiter in charge of the Salem station, that 13 17-year-olds have concluded their preliminary examinations, and are awaiting orders to proceed to Portland for final screening. The better than "four enlistments a day" average, for the first three days of the new year, tops previous records of Oregon substations, it was said.

The recruit enlistment roster follows: Armon L. McDowell, Kenneth M. Crossan, Wesley A. Hamilton, Thomas G. Disbrow, Donald G. McLaughlin, and Harvey W. Young, all of Salem; Blaine R. Veteto, Gervais; Cary L. McIntosh, Perrydale; Arnold R. Snyder, Idanha; Juddie J. Pinson, Woodburn; Leonard K. Galeo, Dayton; Oscar E. Phillips, Chemawa; Paul L. Murphy, Dallas.

"Conjunctive with mid-year graduation of Salem district high school students, we fully expect the enlistment of better than 90 per cent of eligible 17-year-old graduates," Friesen said. "Navy radar, air-crewmembers, and general service programs offer qualified young men an unusual opportunity to supplement their education while in the service, and at the same time prepare for post-war employment."

### Three of Salem's Soldiers Arrive From War Zone

FORT DOUGLAS, Utah, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Ninth Service command said today the following Salem, Ore., servicemen have arrived in the United States on furlough from the southwest Pacific theatre of operations:

S/Sgt. Waldo Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gilbert, route seven, who served 34 months with the infantry.

Cpl. John T. Simons, nephew of the Misses Maud and Mildred Simons, 555 S. 21st street, who served 36 months with the field artillery.

Pfc. Robert E. Fletcher, son of Mrs. R. E. Fletcher, 420 McGilchrist street, who served 33 1/2 months with the infantry.



Lenath F. Holman, seaman first class, has been visiting his wife and daughter at 651 North 20th street, and left Sunday night for Shoemaker, Calif. He recently completed training at quarter-master's school, Farragut. While in Salem he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle F. Holman, route six, box 60. His brother, Elvon Holman is with the army air corps band, Ft. McClellan, Calif.

SILVERTON—Ed Goschie has notified his parents he is in Los Angeles and will be home soon. He is convalescing from wounds received in the South Pacific.



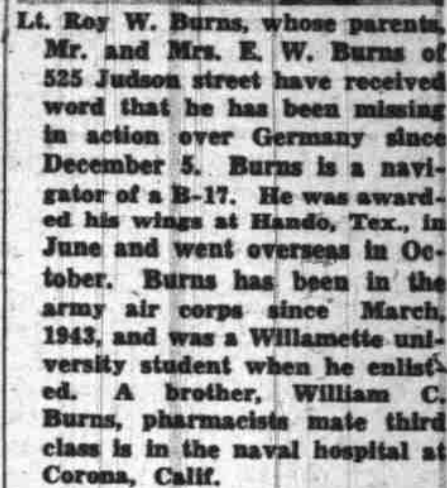
### Wallace Gilchrist Keeps Promise to 'Get Extra Jap'

Ed Schreder had an extra-cheerful smile at his downtown Salem market today—there was a dead Japanese on Leyte for which he felt considerably responsible.

Some time ago, Schreder asked Pvt. Wallace D. Gilchrist, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gilchrist of 115 Liberty road, to "get an extra Jap for me."

The soldier did just that, and informed his father in a recent letter that he "was thinking of Ed Schreder when I drew a bead."

Schreder promptly bought a war bond for the private's little son, Wallace Daniel Gilchrist.



### Lt. Edwin Maerz Back From War

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 3.—(Special)—Returned from overseas via fleet ATC airplane, a Salem, Ore., man was clearing air transport command's Miami army air field today en route home. He is First Lt. Edwin Maerz, 26, of route three, box 620R, Salem, who served 14 months in the European and Asiatic theaters as a B-25 pilot and has flown on 61 combat missions. He has been awarded the distinguished flying cross air medal and three theater ribbons.



LEBANON—Dean Blatchley, now in Baxter General hospital in Spokane is expected home on a three week furlough. Later he will go to Palo Alto, Calif., for surgery on his left ankle. He landed in Normandy June 6 and was wounded in the left ankle. After some months in a hospital in Oxford, England, he was returned to this country in September. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blatchley. His wife is employed in Portland.

Donald Blatchley, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blatchley is now stationed at San Diego where he has been assigned to the advanced boat division.

LYONS—2nd Lt. Lynn Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Roy, came from San Antonio, Texas, to spend a few days with his parents. He received his wings at San Antonio and has gone to Rio Rio, Texas.

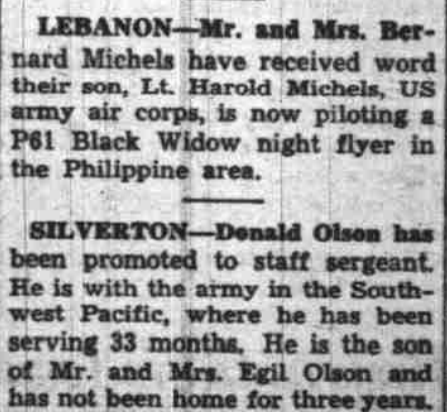
Cpl. Donald Huber, USMC, who has been stationed at Columbia, SC, came Tuesday to spend a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huber.

Pfc. James Nye who is stationed in Texas is spending a furlough with his wife at the home of her mother, Mrs. Fred Bassett.

LEBANON—Lt. Lawrence Schmidt received the distinguished flying cross for reconnaissance work in the area between Coblenz and Karlsruhe. He is assistant flight officer and pilots a P38, member of the tenth photographic group. His low altitude flying made possible exceptionally good pictures for use by the ground forces.

LEBANON—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Michels have received word their son, Lt. Harold Michels, US army air corps, is now piloting a P61 Black Widow night flyer in the Philippine area.

SILVERTON—Donald Olson has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is with the army in the Southwest Pacific, where he has been serving 33 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Egil Olson and has not been home for three years.



HOLLYWOOD "Bargain Night" Ends Tonight! Paramount's THE NAVY WAY Plus "WEIRD WOMAN" Len Chaney, Jr. June Gwynne 20c General Admission 20c



Loren N. Christiansen, 23, son of Mrs. Henry Christiansen of box 171, Salem, who won his wings and was appointed an officer in the army air forces upon completion of twin-engine advanced training at the Fampa, Tex., army air field.

WOODBURN—Promotion of Edwin Daniel Bacon, military police, 1039 Second street, to first lieutenant, was announced Wednesday in Washington, DC.

McMINNVILLE—Second Lt. Drexel Dean Sparks has been ordered to active duty with the US army, the war department announced Wednesday.

Robert G. Busick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Busick, Salem has left for Fort Lewis as an air cadet. He will transfer from there to Keesler field, Miss. Busick was president of the freshman class at Willamette university and master counselor of the DeMolay chapter here.

SILVERTON—Mrs. Loyall Beals has learned that her husband sustained third degree burns while in the Pacific area but does not know particulars.

SILVERTON—Flight Officer James E. Ekman, student fighter pilot, has reported for duty at Van Nuys army air field, one of the largest Fourth air force fighter bases in southern California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ekman of Silvertown.

SILVERTON—Mr. and Mrs. Emil Loe have heard from their son, Pfc. Wendell Loe, reported seriously wounded in action in Europe recently. He wrote that he was recovering in a hospital in England and had met Robert Swanson, also a patient there. Pfc. Loe was wounded in the shoulder.

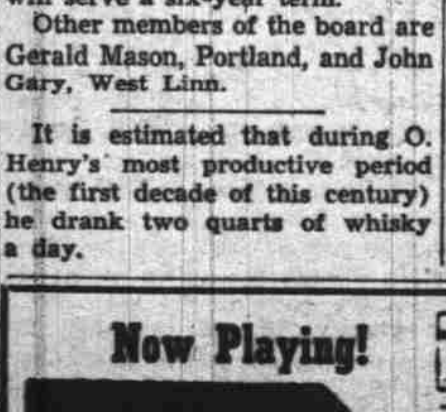
JEFFERSON—Ens. Erel G. Howell, USMS, spent the weekend with his father, E. E. Howell. He was on a transport in Alaskan waters and has just returned from four months training in New York. He expects to be at sea again soon.

Ollinger Reappointed To State Parole Board

Reappointment of Dr. H. H. Ollinger, Salem, as a member of the state board of parole and probation was announced by Gov. Earl Snell here Wednesday. He will serve a six-year term.

Other members of the board are Gerald Mason, Portland, and John Gary, West Linn.

It is estimated that during O. Henry's most productive period (the first decade of this century) he drank two quarts of whisky a day.



Now Playing! LIBERTY Opens 6:45 P. M. James Cagney Humphrey Bogart Rosemary Lane "The Oklahoma Kid" Gay Star-Strudded Co-Hit! HARRY BOGART • SAM CANTOR • BOB DAVIS • FLYNN GARFIELD • HAVILLAND • LESLIE • LUPINO • MORGAN • SHERIDAN • SHORE • SMITH "THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS"

### ARC Recruiting Hundreds for Overseas Duty

A call for applicants for overseas duty with the American Red Cross was issued Wednesday afternoon as the initial action of the new personnel recruitment committee of Marion county chapter, ARC.

Four hundred positions paying from \$150 a month and maintenance to \$250 and maintenance must be filled rapidly by men and women with specific qualifications in the field of social recreation. Adelaide K. Nelson, Pacific area Red Cross field worker, told the committee, which is headed by R. R. Boardman, USO director here.

Most of the 400 will go into the South Pacific to do work which is requested by the army and navy and their service will be in the nature of a distinct sacrifice. Miss Nelson declared, pointing out lack of comfort and danger which Red Cross workers share with members of the armed service there without benefits of pensions or other than meagre insurance coverage.

The new committee here will make possible rapid processing of applications to fill immediate needs, Justice George Rossman, Marion county chapter chairman, declared. Applications for the variety of jobs, ranging from stenographic to athletic, may be secured from chapter offices in the McGilchrist building, above the Woolworth store. Interviews will be arranged to meet the convenience of applicants.

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### John Williams Dies in Action

T. Sgt. John F. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Williams, route two, Salem, was on his 38th mission over enemy-held territory when he lost his life as his plane went down over France on July 19, 1944.

Williams entered the service in 1942 and had been overseas approximately 11 months when he was killed. He was a former employee of the Capital Journal.

Survivors besides his parents are a brother, George Williams, jr., Salem, and sisters, Marie Williams of Salem and Sarah Williams, living in the state of Washington.

### Death Sentence Passed On Plot Ringleaders

LONDON, Jan. 3—(AP)—A broadcast German Transocean dispatch announced today that death sentences in absentia had been passed by the supreme court in Bratislava against six ringleaders of a plot to overthrow the Nazi puppet regime of Joseph Tiso in Slovakia.

### Thumbnail of War!

(By the Associated Press)

Western Front—U.S. first army clamps down on north flank of Nazi salient in Belgium to combine with U.S. third army in huge pincers movement; Germans make gains of five miles in some sections of Alsace-Lorraine.

Pacific—B-29s blast industrial Nagoya on Honshu island in first raid from new Guam base, setting great fires.

Philippines—Yank troops unopposed in two new landings on Mindoro island; bombers sink or set afire 25 Japanese ships west of Luzon.

Burma—Chinese offensive to clear Burma road reaches climax with capture of Wanting on Chino-Burmesse border.

Russia—Nazis launch first counterblow since October in effort to rescue trapped Budapest garrison; grab several towns on Danube northwest of city.

Italy—Fifth army grinds toward Massa, German stronghold in Tyrrhenian area; allied and Nazi raiding parties active all along front; Canadian troops reach suburbs of Alfontone on Rimini-Ferrara highway.

China—Nipponese begin new drive in Hunan province, central China, attempting to close Chinese-held gap in Canton-Hankow railroad.

### 79th Congress Opens Amid Warnings War Not Over Yet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—The 79th congress, which many had termed the congress that would make the peace, convened today amid warnings the war "isn't over by a long shot."

At high noon, senate and house came to order and inducted newly-elected members with simple ceremonies. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, majority leader, sounded the keynote when he said:

"I think events—military and political—have made the congress and the country more conscious of the fact that the war isn't over by a long shot."

Fervent prayer that this may be a congress of high destiny opened both branches with most of the seats taken in the chambers and the galleries packed with visitors. The chaplain intoned the words in the senate; the entire membership of the house said the Lord's prayer.

In 46 minutes the senate quit until Saturday when President Roosevelt submits his message on

### FR Approves Firm Payment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP) President Roosevelt has approved payment of \$5000 to M. Senders & Co., of Albany, Ore., for property taken over by the army.

The firm had certain property near Wells, Ore., under lease and had constructed certain buildings when the army decided the property was needed in connection with nearby Camp Adair.

Congress completed congressional action on the bill during the last few days of the 78th session.

### Santiam Valley Grange Has Watch Night Party

LYONS—Santiam Valley grange members held a watch party at the hall Sunday night. Five hundred furnished the entertainment; high score went to Elmer Taylor; low to B. E. Franklin. A no host supper was served.

### Morley Cuts Finger

UNION HILL—Glen Morley, who is at the home of Mrs. Jessie Carter, cut his right finger with an axe. Several stitches were needed to close the wound.

### ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

She seemed a bit out of place in the brightly-lighted coffee shop with its rows of gaudily-covered fiction magazines. But perhaps the woman in the silky brown fur coat, with the neat blue matching accessories and the smooth wings of brown hair surrounding a delicately-chiseled face, like myself, had found it difficult to get a cup of coffee so late at night in any restaurant to which she was accustomed.

She might have been to a show, I thought after I had heard her comment to her woman companions. But I haven't figured out just which show it was—I'd like to go.

For what she said, in a matter-of-fact voice was simply "Then she laughed from the grave."

ELSNORE NOW SHOWING 62 STARS Warner Bros. "Biggest Ever" "Hollywood Canteen" Directed by DELMER DAVIS Produced by ALEX GOTTLIEB

CAPITOL NOW SHOWING WARNER BROS. Present THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN starring FREDRIC MARCH ALEXIS SMITH with DONALD CRISP • BOB WHELAN • CO-FEATURE Two Girls • and a Sailor

### Vast National Health Set-up Recommended

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—A senate subcommittee recommended today a vast national health program centered about post-war federal-state construction of hospitals and health centers.

The group, headed by Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), also recommended:

(1) Federal loans and grants to aid in providing sewer and water facilities and milk pasteurization plants in communities which lack them.

(2) Full-time public health departments in all communities as soon as needed personnel becomes available, with increased federal grants to state health departments.

(3) Army consideration for increased induction and rehabilitation of men rejected because of mental and physical defects.

(4) Preservation of selective service's medical records and appropriation of funds for study of them.

(5) Immediate steps to provide more medical men with training in psychiatry "with a view to providing child-guidance and mental hygiene clinics on a far wider scale."

(6) Federal scholarships or loans to assist qualified students—both men and women—desiring medical or dental education.

(7) Federal funds be made available to the states for medical care of all recipients of public assistance.

### French Group Formed To Exhale Dead Author

PARIS, Jan. 3—(AP)—A group of writers, painters, newspaper editors and literary leaders today formed a "Romanian Rolland committee" urging that the government name Rolland to be included among the nation's great in the Pantheon in Paris. The Nobel prize winning author died December 30.

### Canuck Casualties for November Total 1998

OTTAWA, Jan. 3—(AP)—Canadian army casualties for November totaled 1,998, the lowest monthly total since the invasion of northwestern Europe, defense headquarters announced today. The war total to November 30, was 60,941, with 16,720 dead, 37,722 wounded and 6499 missing, prisoner and interned.

### Portland Office of State Land Board Will Close

The Portland office of the state land board will be closed, April 1, Lewis Griffith, secretary, announced here Wednesday. Only two employes will be affected.

The manager of the Portland office will be transferred to Salem. Griffith said it was decided to close the Portland office because of a lack of business.

### Army Seizure Of Ward Firm Tension Eases

CHICAGO, Jan. 3—(AP)—The first week of army occupation of Montgomery Ward and Company properties in seven cities ended today in an atmosphere of eased tension.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, military manager who took over last Thursday under presidential seizure order, and his staff methodically went about running parts of the mail order business, replacing some company officials who, they said, refused to cooperate.

A Chicago federal grand jury investigating to determine whether there had been company interference with army operations here recessed until Friday. Federal prosecutors declined to say whether testimony would continue then, although earlier in the day they indicated they might finish with witnesses today and thereafter simply hold the inquiry open.

In St. Paul, Minn., A. R. Wilkes, manager of the mail order house, was replaced by Maj. B. A. Norworthy. Other company officials there agreed to continue in their jobs, but with the army as their boss.

### Patrols Busy In Italy War

ROME, Jan. 3—(AP)—Fifth army patrols have pushed out in the direction of Massa, strongest German position in the Tyrrhenian area as Allied and German raiding parties stabbed into opposing lines virtually all along the Italian battlefield, Allied headquarters said today.

The Fifth army patrols made contact with German positions in the Massa area at several points after inching their way through dense minefields and booby traps.

On the Adriatic sector Canadian forces closing in on Alfontone, on the Rimini-Ferrara highway, were reported in a suburb of the town after overcoming German resistance between the Fosso Vecchio and Senio river.

### Dr. Marcotte Leaves Today for Berkeley

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—Dr. Henry Marcotte, Portland, who has acted as "ad interim" minister for pastorless Presbyterian churches in the Northwest since 1935, will leave Thursday for Berkeley, Calif., where he has been called to the First Presbyterian church.

He expects the temporary assignment to last at least a year, Dr. Marcotte said. Churches he has served include those in Spokane and Bellingham, Wash., and Salem, Ore.

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BENNY GOODMAN AND HIS BAND LINDA DARNELL LYNN BARI JACK OAKIE SWEET AND HOT LOW-DOWN 20th Century-Fox Picture

STATE Opens 6:45 P. M. Now Showing! Two Top Hits! GINGER ROGERS Tender Comrade ROBERT RYAN RUTH HUSSEY

CO-FEATURE! BOGART brings you his most thrilling picture! ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC

CO-FEATURE! A Boy's Delicate Dilemma! DETECTIVE Kitty O'Day

News! War in Latvia... Lithuanian... New U. S. Carrier Launched!

CREEKS 'DOWN UNDER'—Greek fighting men march through the streets of Sydney, N. S. W., to the cacophony to lay a wreath in celebration of Greek national day.