

### Charge Made Ickes Errors In Affidavit

CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP)—The state attorney's office announced today it would investigate an assessor's charge that Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, obtained an \$8548 tax reduction on a building he owned by filing an "erroneous" affidavit.

In Washington Ickes asserted that "Never, to my knowledge, did I at any time make an affidavit to the board of tax appeals." He described the statement that he had as "a strange mixture of smearing tactics and politics of a low order."

State's Attorney William J. Touhy said he had assigned an assistant, Gordon Nash, to investigate the tax case.

The charge that Ickes had filed an "erroneous" affidavit was made by John S. Clark, Cook county (Chicago) assessor, who contended Ickes obtained tax reductions totaling \$8548 for 1943 and 1944.

### Allied Planes Blast Burma Jap Supplies

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26 (AP)—Allied warplanes attacked supply dumps and knocked down at least nine bridges in Burma today in far-flung attacks designed to seal off the retreating Japanese.

Japanese lifelines and key targets around Mandalay bore the brunt of the storm of bombs and machinegun bullets. Ground forces apparently marked time to permit Maj. Gen. George Stratemeyer's eastern air command to get in punishing blows.

(A Tokyo dispatch broadcast by Berlin radio said the British were steadily enlarging their Irrawaddy bridgeheads at Singu and Thabeikkyin, 80 miles north of Mandalay, despite heavy Japanese pressure, and that a fierce artillery battle was in progress.)

### YMCA Leaders Hold Supper

First of a series of monthly social events planned by and for the Junior Leaders club of the YMCA's physical education department, a no-host supper was held Friday night at the "Y." Parents of club members were guests.

Following the meal, the boys, all leaders in YMCA gym and swim classes, played a volleyball game with their fathers and won it by a narrow margin. A swimming exhibition by the boys for their parents was also a feature of the evening.

In the group were Bert Eshleman, Gordon Sloan, Mrs. Marian Sloan, Sanford Weinstein, Darrell Lawrence, Don McCracken, Chet Goodman, Oliver Boline, John Elliott, Glen Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Garrett, Mrs. Mabel Boline, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Bangert, Bill Bangert, John Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Taylor, Bill Olinger, Mrs. Minnie Olinger, Jim Dimit and F. A. Frazier.

### Woodburn Drug Store Proprietor Fractures Skull

Attendants at the Deaconess hospital today described as "fair" the condition of Kenneth McGrath, Woodburn druggist who suffered a fractured skull when he fell down some stairs at his store in Woodburn Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Myers, 52, Lyons, entered the Deaconess Friday morning with lacerations and bruises around the face as a result of an auto collision near Stayton. Her condition was not serious, attendants said.

### Monmouth Woman Will Teach Mehama School

MONMOUTH—Mrs. Metz Hubbard has accepted a teaching position in the Mehama school, replacing Miss Frances Snyder, who has resigned. Mrs. Hubbard will have the four primary grades. Miss Snyder, who has been teaching at Mehama since school opened in September, lives in West Salem and was night telephone operator at Monmouth for a number of years prior to introduction of the dial system here.

### Too Late to Classify

WOMAN to stay with elderly lady during day. Phone 5502.

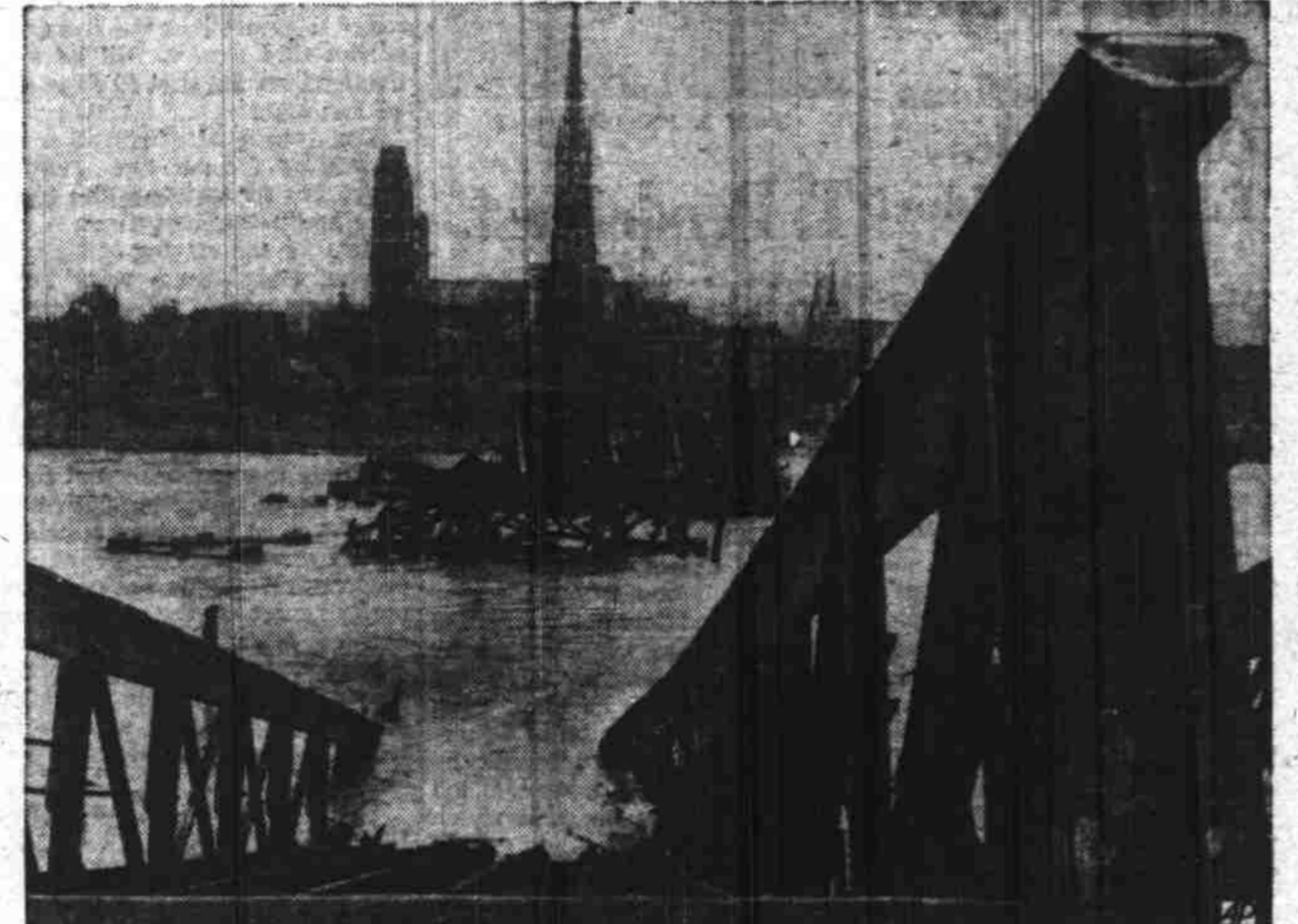
**HOLLYWOOD**  
Salem's Only Broadway Theatre - Ft. Stevens

**Matinee Today**  
Starting at 2 P. M.  
George Raft - Vera Zorina  
And 50 Guest Stars  
in  
**"Follow the Boys"**  
—Also—  
**"Henry Aldrich Plays Cupid"**  
with Jimmy Lydon and Vera Vague

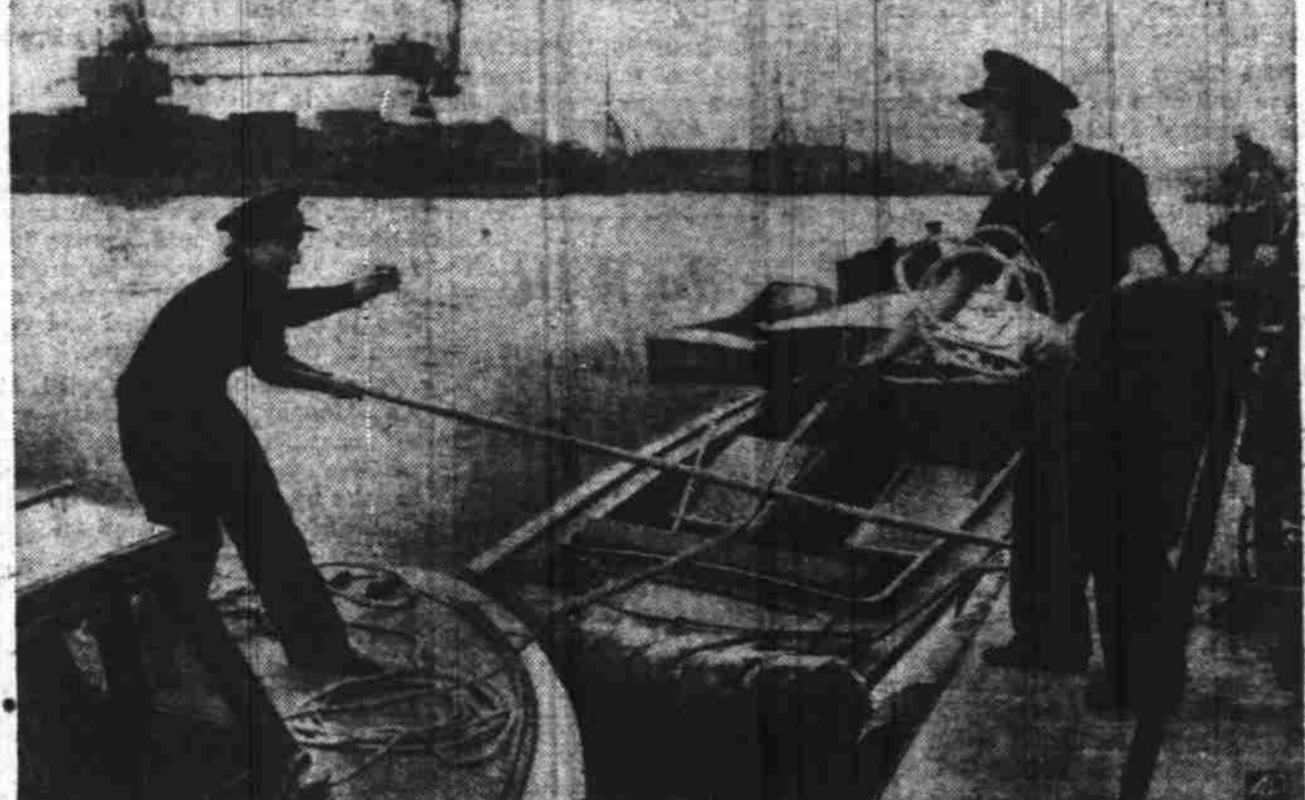
## Warfare on Two Fronts in Europe



Arrows indicate action today on the eastern and western fronts in Europe (heavy lines). Russians, threatening Berlin itself from the area of Poznan, have cut off East Prussia in the north and are fighting along the Oder river in German Silesia to the south. On the western front British and Americans have advanced north of Aachen, and a German offensive north of Strasbourg has been checked. Shaded circle centered on Berlin has a radius of 125 miles. (AP wirephoto)



WAR DAMAGE IN ROUEN—This bridge across the Seine River at Rouen, France, was destroyed by Allied bombing. In background is the famous cathedral of Rouen.



GIRLS AID AIRWAYS—Two English girls handle a job which before the war was done by men—mooring a flying boat's launch to a quay at the Poole Harbor aviation base.

### 2000 New Automobiles Available in February

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Only 2000 new passenger automobiles will be available for rationing in February.

This represents a reduction of one-third from the quota in the four preceding months.

In announcing the cut today, the office of price administration said the estimated supply of new passenger cars available for rationing now is about 12,000.

### American Legation in Berlin Wrecked

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 26 (AP)—The American legation in Berlin, which once before was reported damaged by a blockbuster, recently was virtually ruined during an allied raid, a Swedish national reported tonight upon arrival in Malmoe, the newspaper Dagens Nyheter said.

V.F.W. Victory Club

**DANCE**  
Old-Time Dancing  
**TONIGHT**

Veterans Hall  
Corner Hood and Church Streets

Music by  
**THE OREGONIANS**  
Club Members Only

### Oregon Will Boost Itself

PORTLAND, Jan. 26 (AP)—The Oregon Advertising federation today mapped a state-wide organization to sell Oregon's resort attractions to tourists.

Lamenting that Oregon is the least known of all Pacific coast states and that tourists here are too often going from California to Washington, Arden K. Pangborn, federation president, said the traveling public must be told of our mountains, Willamette and Columbia valleys and seashore resorts.

Committees of the new state-wide group will be organized in about 15 other Oregon towns.

Ann Sheridan  
"Shine On Harvest Moon"

Ends Today!

Bill Boyd  
"Secrets of The Wasteland"

**LIBERTY**  
—Continuous from 1 P. M.—

Tomorrow!  
Nature Amok!  
Passions Loosed!

TYRONE MYRNA GEORGE  
**POWER-LOY-BRENT**  
"The Rains Came"

Co-Hit!

**VIGILANTES**  
RIDE

Co-Hit!

Barbara Stanwyck  
Joel McCrea  
Walter Brennan  
**"BANJO ON MY KNEE"**

### Japs Smash Into Suburbs Of Key City

CHUNGKING, Jan. 26 (AP)—The Chinese high command announced tonight that a Japanese offensive in southeastern China aimed at closing the Chinese-held gap in the Canton-Hankow railroad had smashed into the suburbs of Kungong, provisional capital of Kwangtung province.

Fierce fighting was raging for possession of Kungong, the high command said.

In a surprise attack yesterday northern-based Mustangs of the U. S. 14th air force struck heavily at the Peiping airfield.

Kungong is 125 miles due north of Canton, close to the Kwangtung-Hunan border.

The American fighters destroyed 40 Japanese planes, including five in air battles, probably destroyed six others and damaged two. Returning to their base, the fighters destroyed four enemy locomotives and damaged one. Three American planes were missing from the Peiping and other raids.

### Lt. 'Bud' Taylor Dies in Crash

Twenty-six-year-old Benjamin A. (Bud) Taylor, first lieutenant in the American army air forces, who died in a plane crash in England shortly before Christmas, attended Parish junior high school and Sacred Heart academy in Salem and was employed for six years by the Salem Linsen company. He learned to fly here and joined the Royal Air Force of England in the summer of 1941, trained at Spartan field, Tulsa, Okla., and was last at his home in Salem early in December, 1941.

On the day that Pearl Harbor was attacked he was in Chicago on his way to England, where he arrived the day after Christmas. In July, 1942, with the famed American Eagle squadron on his first operational flight, he was wounded in a raid over Germany. In the fall of that year members of the Eagle squadron were released by the British forces to join the Americans.

Taylor was for awhile an instructor and was later in administrative work. He had been offered opportunities to come home on leave but had expressed a desire to wait until the war had been won. Members of his family said Friday that he had continuously sought combat duty and since last April had undertaken a number of missions of secret nature, often piloting for high ranking officers and on at least one occasion carrying Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The English woman in whose home he lived for two years has corresponded with his mother. Her most recent letter brought to Mrs. Taylor a few of the details of her son's last flight.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Taylor, include the lieutenant's father, James A. Taylor, Vancouver; sisters, Helen Burton, Elizabeth Ricks, Ethel Marker and Rosemary Taylor, all of Salem; brothers, James Taylor of North Bonneville, Charles Taylor of Lebanon and John Taylor of Salem.

### Thumbnail of War!

Western front — Yanks and British storm to within 25 miles of Dusseldorf as Nazi defenses crumple at gateway to Ruhr valley.

Russia — Red army captures Hindenburg in Silesia and Mesina, 136 miles from Berlin; smashes to Danzig free state frontier.

Philippines — Luzon fighting stalemated as Japanese put up bitter resistance on central plains south of Bamban river.

China — Heavy encounters rage at Kungong, provisional Kwangtung province capital, as Japanese strive to close gap in Canton-Hankow railroad.

Burma — Retreating Japanese bombed by allied planes, which hit key targets near Mandalay and destroy nine bridges.

Italy — Snow, rain limit fighting but Fifth army patrols start clashes at German defenses south of Bologna.

### Court Martial Sentences 9 More Yanks

PARIS, Jan. 26 (AP)—A court martial trying black market cases sentenced nine more enlisted men to five years imprisonment today and heard testimony against nine others whose wallets bulged with French currency.

The wallets were introduced as evidence along with looted cigarettes and boots to illustrate the prosecution's contention of an "easy money" lure behind black market deals in supplies stolen from army trains en route to the front. A wallet taken from one defendant at the time of his arrest contained 21,980 francs (about \$425).

The nine sentenced on pleas of guilty of wrongfully disposing of government property, and their home addresses included:

Pvt. Rainald E. Lewis, of Bremerton, Wash.; Pfc. William C. Ferlanie, 19, Moscow, Ida.

### Marsh Will Talk on Legislative Outlook At Chamber Monday

Members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce at their noon luncheon Monday will hear Rep. Eugene E. Marsh, speaker of the house, explain the legislative outlook as he sees it from the chair of the presiding officer.

His analysis, based on long service in the house, will be given with the idea of acquainting chamber members with the things they might expect by the end of the session.

### Prize Airfield Named For Maj. Harold Clark

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Clark field, prize airfield of the Philippines which was captured by American 6th army troops yesterday, was named for Maj. Harold M. Clark.

Army air force records disclosed that Major Clark was killed in a plane accident in the Canal Zone May 21, 1918. Biographical information concerning Major Clark was not available tonight, the army said.

### Grocers Won't Be Prosecuted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Rep. Angell (D, Ore) said today the office of price administration will not prosecute grocers for any sales made before 5:05 p.m. (eastern war time) December 26 in violation of its post-Christmas rationing order.

Angell said he had inquired in behalf of Portland, Ore., grocers who had been threatened with prosecution.

The order, issued December 25, and intended to be effective at 12:01 a.m. December 26, annually was not filed with the federal register until 5:05 p.m. that day. It restored rationing points to a large number of fruits, vegetables and meats which for several months had been unrationed.

### Belgium Heading Into Gravest Coal Crisis

BRUSSELS, Jan. 26 (AP)—Belgium appeared tonight to be heading into her gravest coal crisis of the winter with canal ice immobilizing freight barges and strikes breaking out in the coal fields.

Severe restrictions were imposed on Brussels' street car, gas and electric systems.

### ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Bob Lehman, impresario of the Spa, dropped a five-gallon can of ice cream on one of his big toes and made it bigger the other day; so he has ordered a new gadget with which to lift the big containers—tossed the other one away.

—V—

What we're trying to figure out is just what the old kitchen range could have done to him that he should go back on it. There's a new and beautiful range in the Spa's gallery now. Bob couldn't have dropped the old one on his foot. Ah, we have it, maybe he dropped some of the biscuits baked in it!

**Navy in Monmouth**

MONMOUTH — Men in naval uniform are appearing on streets here, and some houses and apartments have been rented by navy officers and their families.

**SUPPORT**

The Benefit Building Fund for Salem General Hospital and Salem Deaconess hospital.

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FROM SALEM  
**LIONS CLUB**  
MEMBERS

Or at Will's Music Store to the  
**Benno Rabinof**  
Concert

Violinist — Wednesday, January 31st — Salem High School Auditorium

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**"GRAND"**  
Continuous Shows Daily from 1 P. M.

Tomorrow!  
... (Preview Tonight After 12 P. M.)

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IN THE SCREEN'S  
MIGHTIEST MUSICAL  
EXTRAVAGANZA!

Remember! Remember! A Story of Love and Drama! Song Hits! Grand! Comedy! Fun! A Romantic Story That You'll Never Forget!

VERA HRUBA RALSTON  
IN  
**LAKE PLACID SERENADE**  
ROY ROGERS

SPINE CHILLING MYSTERY!  
★  
★  
★  
**THE FALCON**  
IN HOLLYWOOD  
with TOM CONWAY

News Flasher!  
Soviets Take Warsaw! ... Allies Smash Japs in Burma! ... Typhoon in Pacific! ... Winter in Italy! ... Helicopter is Used in Sea Rescue!

Ends Today!  
Cary Grant  
"Arsenic and Old Lace"

Jane Wyman  
"Crime by Night"

**STATE**  
—Continuous from 1 P. M.—

Tomorrow!  
Edna Canton  
George Murphy  
Constance Moore  
Jan Davis  
Honey Kelly

and... all year  
Old Favorite  
Song Hits!

Co-Hit!

Barbara Stanwyck  
Joel McCrea  
Walter Brennan  
**"BANJO ON MY KNEE"**