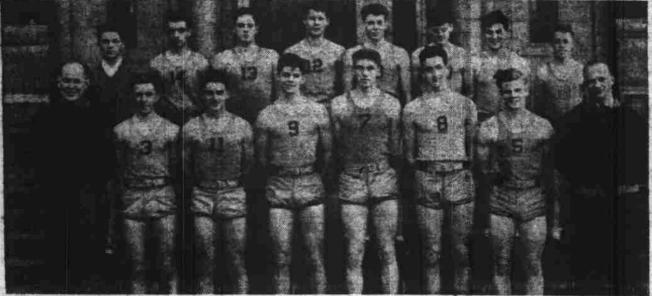
LONGEST LEGISLATIVE MEET IN HISTORY ENDS

They're the State's Best



Washington High's "A" Champions: Front row, left to right: Athletic Director Exley, Bob Lavey, Jack Keller, Bruce Cowan, Jerry Krafve, Willis Urban, Bob Maxwell and Coach Ted Schopf. Back row: Manager Goldman, Nick Sholian, Dar Johnson, Bob Taggesell, Chuck Strader, L. Urban, Bowes and



Clatskanie High's "B" Champions: Front row, left to right, Allen Somfleth, Milton Philbrook, Alfred Goertzen, James Snyder, Robert Ryding, manager. Back row: Coach George Sindberg, Vernon La-Fountaine, Donald Parker, Allen Van, Wayne Erickson, Donald Erickson, Robert Norgren and Superintendent Howard F. Tong.

"A good night for a murder," remarked the old time reporter in an aside to the cub police reporter as the OTR dropped a sheaf of copy in the basket. The night was foul, just the kind that the author of a who-done-it would pick for timing his fictional crime. "But there probably will be none," continued the OTR just as the cub was commencing to sniff possibilities of a by-line story. "The big news doesn't come when you're expecting it," the OTR concluded. "About all we'll get tonight will be a few obits. Storms seem to speed the passing of the mortal

It was just the old time reporter's usual gripe about doing obits. He did them only on the regular's day off, but he didn't like the job. "I thought I was through with that stuff 20 years ago," he'd say, at times when he thought the managing ed. might overhear. Usually he'd let the subject drop with that, but this night with the phones still and only the dull chattering of the teletypes to break the quiet of the city room, the OTR went on with

"You know, kid, obituaries and funerals aren't what they used to be. Even the causes of death have changed. A man used to die of inflammation of the bowels or brain fever; now it's coronary thrombosis or streptococcic infection, and if you don't mention the cause the readers start whispering, 'must have been cancer.'

And the obituaries they run now are nothing but the bare bones of biography. In the old

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Wanted! 125 **Blood Donors**

One hundred twenty five more blood donors are needed in Salem

If this area is to provide the maximum contribution of blood for plasma to be used on battlefronts of the world when the mobile Red Cross unit calls here Tuesday, at least 125 more persons must register, Junior Chamber of Commerce workers declared Saturday night.

Registrations may be made on the telephone by calling 9277, Marion chapter, Red Cross, head-quarters during office hours Mon-

Rain Falls in Detroit On Santiam Saturday

DETROIT, March 17 - While snow was reported falling in the mile high Cascades 50 miles east test. of here, rain was falling here at had fallen intermittently throughout the day but there had been no
appreciable wind.

In the contests in which 11 schools
by approximateappreciable wind.

Second in humorous interpretation was won by Barbara Bauer,

Weather

Washington Wins Prep Hoop Title With 51-41 Victory

Clatskanie Topples Reedsport, 29-26, for 'B' School Crown; **Capacity Audience Sees Finale**

Washington high's height-heavy Colonials of Portland, pegged by the prognosticators as one of the meet's toughies at the beginning, took to the Rose City the first state high school basketball title in 17 years last night after defeating the hosting Ore- Mahoney degon City Pioneers, 51-41, in the 26th annual tournament's final clash at Willamette university. As usual during this 26th classic, jam-packed audience bulged the blue ribbon basket bin.

In the "B" division finale pre- 3 Valley Men ceding last night's main event, Clatskanie high's Tigers topped Reedsport's Braves, 29-26, for the Added to List Clatskanie high's Tigers topped championship in that class.

Not since 1928 when a Center Of War Dead Ed Lewis paced Colonials crew swept to the championship has Portland held a state title. And are added today to the list of war

Final results: "A" Championship Washington 51, Oregon City 41. "B" Championship Clatskanie 29, Reedsport 26, For "A" third place: Medford 51, Baker 49. For fourth place: Eugene 48, Vernonia 35.

"B" consolation:

last night it was another center, All-State Repeater Jerry Krafve, who acted as shepherd for the Ted Schopf coached Portlanders while en route to the throne room. .. The six-foot three-incher looped 19 points in pacing the win and time and again swished counters when the Colonials needed 'em most in

the thrill-dripping battle. For Oregon City, it was her first finish in the money in history. Nine straight years prior to this the Coach Dan Jones club came to Salem, but always left long before the finals. This time the hippetyhopping hosts of district 6, figured strongly at the start, waded right on through to the finale, dumping Medford's top-seeded Black Tornado in the Friday night semifinals after Washington had

ousted Baker. (Continued on page 15)

Two, PFC. Edwin Eugene Powers and Pvt. Robert (Red) Miller, died on Iwo Jima.

The third is William Ed Thomas, 19, apprentice seaman, whose Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Union 28, Arlington 27.

Edwin W. Powers, route five, Saem, was killed February 20. Miller, whose wife, the former Iva Greenwood, and small daughter reside in Salem, was killed February 19. Both were marines. Thomas died of meningitis in 1943 at Avalon, Calif., but his death had not previously been re-

corded among the service dead.

(More details on service page 12)

1200 War Casualties Returning Every Day

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- (AP)-Battle casualties are being returned from overseas at the rate proximately 50,000 more sick and three months ago.

This was reported today by the army in an appeal for more dieticians and occupational therapists.

Roseburg Youth Carries Off **Majority of Speech Honors**

majority of the honors for his pretation. school at the 11th annual high Maurice Deckard, Salem, took closed Saturday on the Willam- and Bill Hedrick of Medford, first the statehouse was all but desertette campus, and proceeded on in extempore speaking. Hedrick ed. Many legislators left for their Saturday also to win the state also won third in serious inter-American Legion oratorical con- pretation. Jerry Igo of Medford leaving today, The state was "on

Medford high school and Salem Boyer of Medford third in ex-high took a portion of the honors tempore speaking, and with Bob and 15). Rahe, Willamette university pro- Corvallis, while Wes Poynter, fessor of speech, directed the two- Hillsboro, tied with Motschen-

Motschenbacher won first in ous interpretation was won by Jeanne Barnes of Hillsboro. Betty Neuman, Corvallis, won third in oratory.

Elliott Motschenbacher of Rose- ond in extempore speaking and burg, single-handed, carried off a tied for third in humorous inter-

bacher for third. Second in seri-

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NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, March 18, 1945

3rd Captures Coblenz

Session Extends 69 Days

Senate Says No To Pension Bill, **Governor Home**

By Wendell Webb (Managing Editor, The Statesman)

The longest legislative session (69 days) in Oregon's history was at end today after determined efforts to pass a firemen's retirement bill had failed.

The house, which relaxed and marked time most of the day Sat-



urday, finally was gavelled into history by Speaker EugeneMarsh at 5:49 p.m. The senate, weary after hours of bickof existence 18 minutes later to

Last-minute business left unfinished were the firemen's pension a home for the governor.

to obtain suspension of the rules to bring the firemen's measure up for final passage, and at one time the senate was idle for 40

precipitated heated remarks di-

which the president adhered. The firemen's program which op ponents said was not actuarily



approved by the ways and means committee but the committee's ed down 16 to 14. Proponents, how-

ever, were unable to muster the gold star is on the Pringle com- thirds vote to obtain suspension munity service flag dedicated this of the rules and thus obtain

> The senate by a narrow margin disapproved the house-passed measure for the governor's home and then declin-

Sen Marshall

Both the senate and house adjourned quietly,

Sang after members had expressed Council Will appreciation for Marsh's work and been thanked in turn for their cooperation, and the senate folding up after Sen Coe McKenna of Portland expressed thanks of members to President Belton for his long supervision from the ros-

versial measure providing for a mah county, and a bill liberalizing tax exemptions for disabled veterans. All previously passed the house. The final motions for adjournment were put by the two

of the session, but by late evening took second in oratory and Bob "its own" for another two years.

> Occasional . Rain Showers

today, except for brief periods of sunshine in the mid-Willamette valley ares, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

Carrier Planes Hit Nip Homeland Stettin's Says Tokyo Radio

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17 (P)- Carrier planes of an American task force are making their third attack in little over a month on the Japanese homeland, an imperial headquarters communique of the enemy announced Sunday at an hour when the raid already had exceeded seven hours.

The official communique, varying from earlier unofficial accounts, said the target was Kyushu island, southernmost of the homeland group, and that it began at 6 a.m. Tokyo time (4:50 p.m. Saturday eastern war

2 Per Cent Cut

WASHINGTON, March 17-(AP)-Civilian meat supplies will be cut 12 per cent next quarter and steps taken toward ironing out unequal

The home table allotment is reduced to "the lowest point in 10 years" for the three months startplan and the proposal to authorize ing April 1, the government said. At the same time, subsidy paypetition among slaughterers come effective.

animals among slaughterers eventually is expected to alleviate short ages in such areas as congested war production centers.

Less beef and pork will be available, said the announcement issued by the office of war information, but the civilian table will Sen. W. A. Moser of Grants Pass get more veal, lamb and mutton. Simultaneously OWI announced "substantial reduction" in lend-

rected at President Belton in re- lease shipment of meat, and ingard to parliamentary law to creased supplies for US army and

sound, was dis-approved by the Deep Slash in Tire Quotas report was turn-

The OPA today ordered a deep Cargo Vessel slash in passenger tire allocations for April because of an acute shortage of the vital tire ingredient carbon black.

The agency announced that ony 1,000,000 tires will be available for rationing next month, as compared with 1,600,000 in March. Steps have been taken to increase the carbon black output.

This 371/2 per cent cut reduces the monthly allocation below the 1,500,000 mark for the first time since last May, and pushes farther into the future any release of new tires for "A" card motor-

Get Gun Bill

An ordinance bill which would prohibit the purchasing of revolver or pistol in Salem without a permit from the chief of police from the ship had just been secur- "crucial" for Finland's future. and providing penalty for both ed ashore when the vessel rolled urday included senate passage of purchaser and seller of such fireappropriation bills, the contro- arms will be introduced at Monday night's city council meeting, registrar of elections in Multno- Lawrence N. Brown, city attorney, said here Saturday.

Twice recently shortarms purchased in Salem have been used illegally on city streets, once in a holdup and once in a street fight. Police charged that both guns had "deans," Rep. Harvey Wells of Police charged that both guns had Portland and Sen. W. H. Strayer been purchased in Salem and that the required record of sale had not been kept by the merchant

Sgt. Applegate Missing

Small Fire Reported

9 p.m., city firemen reported. Not reported. The Bend bound bus at 9 pm Saturday night. much damage occurred.

Defenses Breached '

Russians Attack At Lake Balaton **Berlin Reports**

By Richard Kasischke

LONDON, Sunday, March 18 fire from 1000 heavy guns and hundreds of dive bombers, yesterday knifed three miles into the through all of the palatinate. southern defenses of Stettin, Germany's big Baltic seaport, while Soviet troops in east Prussia capwest of Koenigsberg. While the Germans threw

wounded soldiers into the blazing battle for the strategic northern anchor of Berlin's Oder river defense line, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first White Russian army troops extended their control of the river's east bank barrier to a point four and a half miles south of the Pomeranian capital.

A Moscow radio front report announced that the Red army had Sen. Thomas Mahoney tried re- ment adjustments to balance com- killed more than 20,000 Germans and destroyed more than 600 tanks of Coblenz ripped 15 more miles in repelling German counter-at- across the rear lines of two flee-This together with a plan soon tacks in a 13-day battle near Lake ing German armies and were posto be formulated to apportion live Balaton, southwest of Budapest, sibly only 21 miles from the great capital of Hungary.

In the Balaton sector, Berlin re- Bridgehead Expanded ported that the Russians had opened an offensive of their own, and the Moscow radio said that with the collapse of German attacks, the Rhine, seizing control of a Soviet forces "now threaten southern Germany with the added danger of a link-up between the Red army and allied forces in Italy."

Smashing toward Stettin from the south, Zhukov's troops captured the Oder river villages of Frauenhoe, four and a half miles from the city, Retzowsfelde and Ferdinandstein. Their capture extended the Russian control along the eastern channel of the Oder to six and a half miles north of captured Griefennagen for a possible smash across mile-wide island

Breaking Up; All Crew Safe

COOS BAY, Ore., March 17-(P)-All the officers and crew of the cargo vessel S.S. Alvarado stranded on the rocks offshore near here were safe tonight after 31 men, braving a 95-mile gale, fought their way to the beach on a life raft.

COOS BAY, Ore., March 17-(AP) Coast guard rescue crews battling Polling Places seas to rescue the 31 man crew of a small cargo vessel breaking up on the rock offshore near here said Finns jammed polling places in tonight they could no longer see great numbers today and political

buoy line have failed. A third line which settling over the shoreline.

Yanks Closing **Great Pincers Around All Saar**

Nazi Forces Appear in Collapse; U.S. Seventh Smashing Siegfried Defenses; Bridgehead Expanded

By EDWARD KENNEDY

PARIS, Sunday, March 18-(AP)-Historic Coblenz-(AP)-Russian forces, backed by the biggest prize since Bonn-fell swiftly to the Third U.S. army today as American armor and infantry plunged forward against German forces which appeared in collapse

As Coblenz toppled before the flying columns of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's army, the Seventh U.S. army, operating tured the key costal stronghold of on the southern end of the flaming Saar front, smashed into Brandenburg, nine miles south- Siegfried line defenses for gains of six to eight miles.

With the 45th and Third infantry divisions pacing this assault, the Seventh's momentum carried Americans through Hornbach, only 31/2 miles south

of Zweibruecken. This placed the farthest elements of the Seventh army only B-29s Destroy about 55 miles by shortest overland routes from Third army forces in Rheinboeller and Ellern and created the threat of a great pincers around all of the rich Saar

Meanwhile, fast traveling Third army tanks 30 miles to the south Rhine escape city of Mainz,

First army troops, simulatneously, expanded the 41/2-mile stretch of the Autobahn leading to the Ruhr and capturing several more towns.

Flying tank columns of the Third army's Fourth armored division reached the Nahe river - last barrier before Mainz - with immense, ground-devouring strides that fast were cuttng off all northward routes of escape out of the Sarr and Palatinate. The Germans said the Nahe had been crossed. Peace Rumors Fly

As supreme allied headquarters reported these general successes on all fronts, rumors of armistice and peace ran riot through allied Europe. There was absolutely no confirmation at supreme headquarters that the Germans had asked for a cessation of hostilities.

Eyes were on Switzerland where many felt negotiations might come. Gen. Eisenhower warned civilians in Frankfurt, Mannheim and Ludwigshaven, in the Third army's path, that these big Rhineland cities would be subjected to merciless bombardment and the Germans themselves reported major breakthroughs in the starkest terms ever used in this war.

Finns Throng

HELSINKI, March 17-(A)-The observers predicted that at least Four efforts to rig a breeches 70 per cent of the qualified 2,200,-000 persons would cast ballots in was shot an election generally considered

election in almost six years.

9 Out of 14 industrial area and its defenders. Kobe Factories 21ST BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Sunday, March 18-(AP) Great fires set in a 12 square mile vital area of

Kobe, Japan's leading shipbuilding

city, by more than 300 Superfort-

resses yesterday still cast too great Remagen-Erpel bridgehead east of a smoke pall for photographic checking but latest evidence on last Wednesday's raid on Osaka showed nine of its 14 vital war installations wiped out, Headquarters disclosed that new reconnaissance photographs of the destruction wrought

by 300 B-29s with more than 2000

tons of incendiaries at Osaka

showed conclusively that seven and eighth tenths of a 10 square mile target area was burned out. Among installations destroyed were the Osaka metal industry, Kubota iron and machine works. Nakahama steel company, Nitta leather belt manufacturing works, the Hatsudoki engine works, Japan diestuff manufacturing company and the Kukuzahi steam

Heavier Draft Of Men Over 30 Foreseen

power plant.

WASHINGTON, March 17 -(A) Heavier drafting of men 30 and older from essential jobs was foreseen by selective service tonight as it authorized deferment of some 145,000 younger men in five vital war industries.

The government broke its rule that not more than 30 per cent of retain deferments, for the benefit tion, synthetic rubber and nonferrous mining industries including copper, lead and zinc.

No incidents were reported any- get them under 30 we'll have to with the tide and it snapped. Since where in the country and the polls take older men," said a selective then there has been no sign of life will remain open until 8 p. m. service headquarters spokesman. aboard and darkness was rapidly Sunday in this first parliamentary "The draft calls are not being

Snow, High Wind Closes Santiam Highways; Cars in Ditches All Along Willamette Pass

Snow and high wind left the ped at the junction of the north posed of legislators and members Santiam highways closed today. and south highways.

Cars Saturday night were in the Floyd Hamman of the Hamditches all along the Willamette man Stages, said his west bound highway and the Greyhound buses bus from Bend had been an hour of the party were William A. Niswere 12 hours late into Eugene late arriving and as a result the from the south. Drivers reported outgoing bus was late departing. The storm getting worse. Eighteen Hamman said he took the tickets Morse, Crook county representahimself and his remembrance was

D. E. Applegate, was missing in action in Germany; was received Saturday by Gladys Jewell, 1945 Oxford st., Salem. (More on service page 12).

Small Fire Reported

Sparks from the sawdust correspond at the Spaulding Lumber yard, Front and Ferry sts., were the cause of a small blaze there at 9 p.m., city firement reported. Not

seemed to indicate, police said. with one pasenger had been stop- A caravan of three cars com- that conditions were not good.