

# JAP NO. 2 STEEL CITY SHELFED

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

One of the minor victims of the war is the annual Family Picnic. It long had been a standard custom in this valley, where family trees with roots a century old thrived mightily. There being no "farther west" to migrate to, the descendants have continued their residence here—with some incidental desertions to sunny California. It was the family reunion on a midsummer Sunday that always drew the clan together to make note of the additions and subtractions of the preceding year, to have catalog of the ailments and achievements of its various members. The annual picnic was the one regular occasion which could be planned on months ahead, and so was more largely attended than such special events as weddings and funerals.

Before the wartime immigration the valley seemed to be composed very largely of family clans, descendants of the sturdy stock that crossed the plains in the migrations from the '40's to the '50's. Not all were as numerous and as widely diffused as the Irvines and the Powells and the Butters and the Averys, but still there were scores of families who traced their lines back to the Jedediahs and the Sarahs, the Joshuas and the Rebekahs who made fires of buffalo chips and ate the dust of the Oregon trail on the great crossing of the high plains.

The war has caused most of the family reunions to be cancelled. Gasoline and tires are scarce; adults are very busy; youth are (Continued on editorial page)

## Borneo Harbor Of Balikpapan Open to Allies

MANILA, Sunday, July 15—(AP)—Balikpapan harbor, greatest oil port of Borneo, was open to allied shipping today while Australian amphibious forces pushed 14 miles up the east coast of Balikpapan bay and seized a former Japanese seaplane base.

## Gates Veteran Drowns in U. S.

GATES, July 14—Sgt. Darrell (Dutch) Hayward, veteran of the North African invasion, Salerno and Anzio was accidentally drowned while wading near Ft. Lawton, Wash., Wednesday, his mother, Mrs. Ruby Winters, Gates postmistress, was notified by Ft. Lawton officers. Sergeant Hayward had been an instructor at Lawton recently.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Either swallow that thing or close your mouth—I hate alarm clocks!"

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## Wilson Fire Out Of Hand

### Big Crew Fights To Stem Tide of 3000-Acre Blaze

While 450 soldiers, 150 special crewmen (largely high school boys) and 150 loggers worked with bulldozers and smaller equipment to stem the tide, the Wilson river area fire was still running out of control early this morning.

## Gen. Chennault Resigns 14th Air Force Job

KUNMING, China, July 14—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault, commander of the U.S. 14th air force in China and former colorful leader of the famous "Flying Tigers," said today that he was leaving China and would retire from the army after returning to America.

## Fish Shortage Felt in Salem

Increases in both civilian and government purchases combined with the fact that a number of Oregon coast fishing vessels have turned to the more lucrative catching of tuna and shark have brought a definite shortage in the fresh fish market here, dealers said last week.

## STALIN BOUND FOR POTSDAM

MOSCOW, Sunday, July 15—(AP)—Generalissimo Stalin and Foreign Commissar Molotov left today for the Big Three meeting at Potsdam.

## 13 Killed, One Injured

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 14—(AP)—Thirteen men were killed and one was injured in a crash of a B-29 six miles south of Albuquerque today.

## Postwar Reduction of Army To Half Million Men Forecast

WASHINGTON, July 14—(AP)—Postwar reduction of the army's strength to a half million men was forecast today by Senator Gurney (R-SD) in view of the senate's expected ratification of the United Nations charter.

## 'Big Three' Chiefs Converge On Potsdam for Victory Meet

By Daniel De Luce  
POTSDAM, July 14—(AP)—Here in an idyllic woodland setting still strewn with the wreckage of the German army are Versailles of 1919 and Teheran of 1943 rolled into one, with agonized Europe and Asia alike looking to it for help.

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## Work-Weariness Start Vacation

WASHINGTON, July 14—(AP)—Work-weary congressmen scattered four ways from Washington tonight for the longest house recess of the war.

## U. S. Bombers Continue Raids On Formosa

MANILA, Sunday, July 15—(AP)—American Liberator bombers, continuing their series of strong neutralization raids on Formosa, set fire to oil storage facilities at Toshiy while attack bombers destroyed many rail repair installations on the east coast and fighters beat up airfields, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

## Nisei Produce Refused

WASHINGTON, July 14—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said today he had received numerous complaints that produce farms in Seattle are refusing to handle produce grown by Japanese-Americans in that area.

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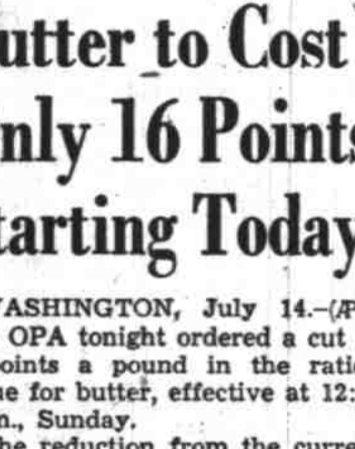
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## Big New Super Battleships in Raiding Force

By Leif Erickson  
GUAM, Sunday, July 15—(AP)—The newest, most powerful battleships of the U.S. navy today shelled Japan's second-ranking steel-producing city of Muroran on the coast of Hokkaido more than 250 miles north of the scene of the fleet bombardment on Honshu yesterday.

## Premier



Joseph Benedict Chifley, who has been named prime minister of Australia in caucus balloting for a successor to the late John Curtin. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Nippons Break Through China Defense Area

CHUNGKING, July 14—(AP)—Japanese troops have broken 35 and 50 miles through Chinese coastal defenses below Amoy and west of Hong Kong in twin drives possibly designated to throw up an anti-invasion wall along China's vulnerable southeast coast, the Chinese high command acknowledged tonight.

## 42 Cars May Be Released

WASHINGTON, July 14—(AP)—All remaining new 1942 passenger automobiles—around 6000—will be removed from rationing to clear the way for new models.

## Jack Quentin Hall Dies On Board Prison Ship

Jack Quentin Hall, former resident of Albany who was widely known in Salem, died on board a prison ship en route to Japan from the Philippines on Oct. 24, 1944, his mother, Mrs. C. C. Hall, now a resident of Seattle, has been notified.

## Milk Shortage, Not Famine, Marks Salem

Shortage but not famine marks the Salem milk market, since reactivation of Camp Adair, merchants and distributors agreed Saturday. Normal distribution to residential areas has not been checked, although some stores are sold out before closing time.

## Perennial Parking Meter Bill To Be in Hopper Monday Night

The perennial parking meter ordinance will be in the hopper when the Salem city council meets Monday night, it was said Saturday in official circles of the municipality.

## Weather

San Francisco	Max.	Min.	Rain
Eugene	84	54	trace
Salem	81	51	0.00
Portland	79	52	0.00
Seattle	73	58	trace

Willamette river - 3.5 ft. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Cloudy this morning but clearing before noon. Temperature about same. Maximum near 82 degrees expected.