

# 2 PLANES CRASH IN VIRGINIA FOG, 5 KILLED

**World Series**  
1st—Boston 3, St. Louis 2  
2nd—St. Louis 2, Boston 0  
3rd—Boston 4, St. Louis 0  
4th—St. Louis 12, Boston 3  
5th—Boston 6, St. Louis 3  
(Details on sports page)

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## Klamath School Voted \$75,000



By Charles S. Sprague

Following months of study, piecemeal reports are coming out of the office of the director of the interim commission to study taxation. The commission itself has prepared no final report or statement of recommendations. That will be done before the legislature meets, in time for publication. It is assumed, so that state-wide study may be given to the conclusions of this important body. Last week the director, S. J. Barrick, gave out some figures respecting profits of the liquor administration, adding the suggestion that such profits be covered into the state general fund and be available for appropriation. At present the funds are appropriated directly into the public welfare fund, aside from the portions allocated to cities and counties.

Barrick estimates that the profits of the liquor commission will approximate \$3,400,000 above the \$12,000,000 appropriated for public welfare in this biennium.

I am not surprised at the figures. The estimate verifies predictions made in this column Feb. 20, 1945.

In his 1945 message to the legislature Governor Snell recommended that liquor revenues be covered into the general fund. In supporting that recommendation I referred to the ultra-conservative figures used in computing earnings of the commission. Using reports of the commission I computed that the commission would have a sum in excess of \$3,500,000 (in cash or increased inventory) beyond its transfers to public welfare. I estimated similar excess profits for the 1945-47 biennium, or \$7,000,000 which would have been.

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## Haag Named To Head 1947 Chest Drive

A. C. Haag, local business man, was elected chairman of next year's community chest drive at a meeting Friday noon at the Salem hotel, Loyal Warner, Salem chest president, announced. Tinkham Gilbert, drive chairman, reported to division heads and the executive board that the current drive fell short by \$889 in reaching the \$40,085. No more report meetings will be held, he said, but "clean-up" announcements would be released as additional returns came in. The newly-elected 1946 drive chairman was chairman of the current drive's pre-campaign committee which raised \$40,000 before the drive started. He held the chairman post of the automotive division in the last two campaigns and has been active in chest drives since their origin 10 years ago. Haag owns the A. C. Haag Tractor company here and is a member of the executive board of the Cascade council of Boy Scouts. In announcing Haag's election, President Warner thanked all concerned with the drive and expressed satisfaction that the newcomers to Salem community had aided in converting this year's campaign from a war to a community chest.

## Animal Crackers



"Do you mean to stand there and tell me the G. I. Bill of Rights don't mention Carrier Pigeons?"

## Anderson, Clark Talk of Meat



WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson (left) and Attorney General Tom Clark confer at the White House door after leaving an hour and a half cabinet meeting today devoted to a discussion of the meat shortage. (AP Wirephoto)

## Meat Lack Reviewed By Truman, Cabinet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—(AP)—Relaxation of the meat controls was reported authoritatively today to be definitely under consideration by President Truman. While a final decision has not been made, the president hopes to find at least a partial solution for the meat shortage by the weekend and to announce it to the nation by radio Sunday night. The situation came to a head at a cabinet meeting today which lasted one hour and 35 minutes, the longest cabinet session Mr. Truman ever has held. An official familiar with what took place in the meeting disclosed the president's tentative plan for a Sunday night broadcast and reported the consideration given to the price ceiling question. The official also reported that the possibility of obtaining meat from overseas, principally Argentina, was another point considered. The statutory ban on fresh meat imports from Argentina which was imposed on the ground that there was a danger of spreading hoof and mouth disease, possibly could be overcome by executive order for an emergency. But it was thought unlikely that sufficient supplies would be available from foreign sources. No Seizure in Prospect. Definitely out was the proposal of some congressmen and others that the government seize livestock or meat supplies. The president was represented as inclined now toward some modification of the meat controls but still opposed to their outright removal.

## Vets to Move Into Hospital

Approval of permits for use of facilities of the naval hospital at Camp Adair by more than 300 married veterans attending Oregon State college was announced by Gov. Earl Snell Friday. The approval reached Gov. Snell in telegrams from army engineers and war assets administration officials, following an appeal made last Saturday when college officials said they had encountered delays in securing the necessary permits. The original agreement was made with the federal public housing administration. But when the time came for the veterans to occupy the buildings, it was found that the navy still had control of the heating and water facilities.

**GIRL HURT AT HOME**  
Beverly Emmons, 14, of 1687 N. Summer st., incurred a possible fractured arm Friday while skating in the basement of her home, according to first aid crewmen who took the girl to Salem General hospital for examination.

## Catholic Yugoslav Leader Sentenced to 16-Year Term

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, Oct. 11 (AP)—Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac, head of the Roman Catholic church in Yugoslavia, was convicted by a peoples' court today of sponsoring organization of Ustashi terrorists and was sentenced to 16 years imprisonment at hard labor. The balding, 48-year-old archbishop, described by Bishop Joseph P. Hurley, the American representative in Belgrade as "the Mercier of our time," received the verdict without emotion, looking straight at the court. (Cardinal Mercier was an outspoken defender of the Belgian people during the occupation of Belgium by the Germans in world war one.) Apparently resigned to such a verdict, Stepinac insisted throughout his trial that "my conscience is clear," and in one of the few times he addressed the court declared that "when there is peace there will be none who will say a word against my archbishopric." Two co-defendants were sentenced to death by the three-man court. Ten others, including the archbishop's secretary and a number of priests, drew prison sentences. Three Franciscan monks for whom the prosecution had asked clemency were acquitted. The archbishop was convicted on all main counts of sympathizing with the axis, the puppet Croatian regime of Dr. Anton Pavelic and the Croatian wartime Ustashi terrorists. He was convicted of approving forced conversion of orthodox Serbs to Catholicism, of glorifying the Ustashi in the Catholic press, pastoral letters and speeches, or sponsoring organization of terrorist units, of being involved in public with German and Italian occupation officers, and of having fanned a hope that the government of Premier Marshal Tito soon would fail.

## State To Apply For Barracks

The state emergency board Friday appropriated \$75,000 for use in establishing a state vocational center at the Klamath Falls Marine barracks site and the state board of education planned to make formal application for the barracks Monday to the war assets administration. Emergency board members voted 5 to 2 for the appropriation after debating merits of the education department's plan to provide vocational training for the war veterans in the 80 buildings, including housing facilities, at the base which WAA had "frozen" pending the state's decision. In voting against the appropriation, Rep. Burt Snyder of Lakeview said he felt the emergency board was usurping legislative responsibilities and Sen. Dean Walker of Independence, voicing alarm over the state's finances, asserted that the \$75,000 asked by the education board was only a small ante in comparison with anticipated future requests for appropriations.

**Enrollment Figures**  
O. I. Paulson, state director of vocational education, told the board he anticipated initial enrollment of 400 to 600 students and eventual enrollment of 1500 students at the school. He estimated operating costs at \$41,000 per month and remodeling expenses at \$35,000.

Sen. Ernest Falland of Condon and Sen. Eugene Marsh of McMinnville, emergency board members, said their favorable votes were cast in the understanding that the project would be only temporary. Until February! The \$75,000 appropriation is to provide funds until February 1 when the state legislature can appropriate regular funds for the project. Paulson told the board the WAA price on the barracks must include a 100 per cent discount in order to put through the purchase. Three other emergency appropriations were approved by the board. One was for \$3000 for the state parole board, of which \$2000 is required for increased salaries of employees. Another was \$3500 for the state apprenticeship council. The third was \$10,000 for the vocational rehabilitation division of the state educational department. These appropriations also run until February 1.

## Trusty Leaves Penitentiary

Ward Ervin Hixon, 33, Oregon state penitentiary trusty, escaped Friday afternoon while working on the prison grounds, prison officials said last night. Word came from Portland shortly before midnight that Hixon was believed sighted in East Portland. Hixon, who had been serving a three-year term from Tillamook county since March, was visited by his wife at the penitentiary earlier yesterday, prison officials said. Hixon had been convicted of larceny by baillee and obtaining money by false pretenses. The escaped man had been employed driving a tractor on the prison grounds in recent days and had a good record as a prisoner, officials reported.

## Police Patrolman Spots Bad Brakes

A vigilant Salem patrolman spotted a defective automobile brakes while watching school traffic at the intersection of Parrish and Capitol streets yesterday noon, and as a result Duane Kotke, route 4, box 128, Salem, was hauled into municipal court and fined \$2.50 on a defective brakes charge. Police said the driver was seen grabbing the emergency brake in his Model A as he approached the intersection and that the car continued about 100 feet before stopping. A check by police was reported to show "no drag" on the foot brake and very little on the emergency brake.

## Butter Price Soars

The price of butter in Salem neared the dollar mark Friday, with some grocers selling it for 99 cents and others generally charging 95-97 cents.

## Hull's Out of Danger!

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—(AP)—Cordell Hull, who was gravely ill ten days ago, today appeared to be "out of any immediate danger," his doctors reported.

## Senator to Request Alumina Plants Be Declared Surplus

The Salem alumina plant is one of three government-sponsored war-built alumina plants which Senator Maybank of South Carolina cited Friday in an announcement that he will introduce to the next congress a resolution that the plants be declared surplus. The other two plants mentioned are in Hartsville, S.C., and Laramie, Wyo. A fourth such plant at Salt Lake City already has been declared surplus, according to Associated Press, which quoted the southern senator's announcement.

## Independence Man Killed in Auto Accident

Herman Sperling, 65, of route 1, Independence, was injured fatally Friday evening in an automobile collision at the junction of highway 99-W and the Helmick Park cutoff road 4 1/2 miles south of Monmouth. Sperling died in a Salem hospital several hours after the accident. Monmouth police told The Statesman last night that Sperling apparently drove his Model A from the cutoff road across the highway directly into the path of a northbound sedan driven by Jack Burris, 2746 SE Stark st., Portland, about 5:35 p.m. Police said that both cars were badly damaged and the Sperling car overturned. Independence ambulance men who took the injured man to Salem said he was cut severely about the head and face. Burris suffered only a slight leg injury, police said. Neither driver had passengers.

## Army Declares Draft Holiday To End of Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—(AP)—With nearly 1,000,000 volunteers in uniform, the army today declared a draft holiday for the rest of 1946. Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, was notified by the war department that some 20,000 men who already had been called up for induction the last half of October, and 15,000 men in the November quota, need not report. For December there will be no quota, but no promises were made beyond the first of the year. The war department said the suspension did not prejudice its right to renew calls if future volunteer enlistments fail to maintain adequate military strength. The holiday was the second this year; there were no calls in July and August.

## State Highway Plans To Conserve Cement

The Oregon state highway commission can be relied upon to conserve cement, along with other vital materials, in its road construction program, Gov. Earl Snell Friday night informed T. J. Edmonds, district director of the office of price administration, Portland. Snell's letter was in reply to Edmonds' request that the state highway department curtail operations so that more materials would be available for housing. The governor informed Edmonds that on one portion of the highway program, involving 55,000 barrels of cement, the commission already had authorized a change in the type of pavement to save this amount of cement. "It should be stressed that at least 40 to 50 per cent of the state program consists of concrete roads and other roads that carry heavy log truck movement," Gov. Snell declared in his letter. "A cut in the state program would mean that the necessary supply of lumber from Oregon forests would be affected and this in turn would have a strong bearing on the construction of homes. Wendell Wyatt, national housing expediter, on a recent visit to Ore-

## Men Said 'Peddling' A-Photos

BALTIMORE, Oct. 11—(AP)—Six snapshots taken on Tinian island of material and equipment relating to the atomic bomb were in the hands of federal agencies today after three men were taken into custody on a tip from alert Baltimore News-Post editors. Federal bureau of investigation agents and military intelligence officers arrested the men on accusations they attempted to peddle (to the News-Post) the unauthorized pictures, described by the FBI as "most detrimental to the security of the United States," for \$7000.

The first announcement of the arrests said that the pictures were of an atom bomb, but a bureau announcement later from Washington said further study of the photographs showed the pictures "were not of the atomic bomb itself but were of material and related equipment to the atomic bomb."

**Former Private**  
One of the men, a former private in the army air force, explained his possession of the pictures by saying he and four other servicemen surreptitiously removed the covering of an atomic bomb and took a photograph on Tinian island in the late summer of 1945, the FBI said in announcing the arrests. But how the private, George Wallace Comer, 23, Bel Air, Md., managed to slip the photographs through security safeguards was without explanation.

**Pair Arraigned**  
Comer, with Miles Frederick Daubenhayer, also of Bel Air, and Capt. James Barnes Rike, Chattanooga, Tenn., were arraigned before United States Commissioner Ernest Volkart here today but were not asked to enter pleas. They were ordered held under \$1000 bond each for another hearing Oct. 23. Fred Hallford, agent in charge of the FBI here, said the department of justice specifically charged that the men "did unlawfully publish a photograph of a piece of classified military equipment without first obtaining the permission of the commanding officer of the army air force based on Tinian."

**Year's Sentence**  
He said conviction on the charge carries a penalty of a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense. The award was directed by Secretary of War Patterson, who instructed Sixth army headquarters from Washington to present the combat infantryman's badge to the leathery old soldier now waging a battle against death at Letterman General hospital. By his bedside were his wife, his two sons, and his three daughters. The 63-year-old hero of the Burma campaign, and Sixth army commander at the Presidio, underwent an operation on October 2 for a liver condition thought to have been contracted in the Burma jungles where, in Stilwell's classic phrase, he "took a hell of a beating."

The combat infantryman's badge—given only to those men who have come personally to grips with the enemy in one of which Stilwell has yearned, and one he has coveted more than any other in his military career of more than 40 years.

**Ex-Albany Postmaster Pleads Guilty to Charge**  
PORTLAND, Oct. 12—(AP)—G. T. Hocken Smith, 73, former Albany postmaster, pleaded guilty in federal court today to a charge of using postal funds for his own benefit. On recommendation of the U. S. district attorney's office, the elderly man was given a two-year probationary sentence.

## Grants Pass Builders Facing Court Edict, CPA Presses Fight

PORTLAND, Oct. 11—(AP)—The battle between the civilian production administration and Grants Pass builders who defied orders to stop construction was carried into federal court today. On complaints filed by the U. S. district attorney, Federal Judge Claude McCulloch directed the A. K. Wilson Motor Co. and Will H. Jones to show cause October 18 why they should not be restrained from finishing the construction of a garage and a motel. Galen Geller, regional CPA compliance manager, said the two actions represented the only violations discovered in Josephine county by the entire CPA investigating staff. Sixteen other builders who received stop-work orders complied, Geller said. Ted Hopkins, president of the Grants Pass realty board, de-

## In Custody



BALTIMORE, Oct. 11—James Barnes Comer (top), George Wallace Comer (center), and Frederick Daubenhayer (bottom) are under arrest here on charges of publishing photographs of atomic bomb equipment. All are former servicemen, and one of them, while serving with a bomber squadron in the Pacific in 1945, is said by the FBI to have obtained pictures of the secret bomb. (Story at left.) (AP Wirephoto.)

## 27 Hurt In Wreck Of Airliner

Entire Crew of Army Bomber Dies in Crash

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Oct. 11—(AP)—Five men were killed in the crash of an army bomber near here tonight, but 27 persons aboard an Eastern Airline plane which was wrecked soon after a few miles away escaped death. A pea-soup fog hung low over the countryside at the time of both accidents, which occurred within an hour of each other. The army plane, a B-25 twin engine job, was enroute from Langley Field, Va., to nearby Andrews Field, Md. Identity of the victims was not immediately disclosed.

Twenty-three passengers, including a baby in arms, and a crew of four escaped serious injury when the DC-4 airliner, enroute north from Atlanta, was wrecked about 3 1/2 miles south of Alexandria. The big plane apparently hit a lumber pile and then a well house, ploughed into a 2300-volt high-tension power line, and burst into flames.

**Breaks in Pieces**  
The plane broke into pieces, debris littering the countryside. The plane was on a Miami to New York trip. It crashed on the farm of Earl Popkins, narrowly missing his house near Groveton, and rammed into a hilly pasture.

Flames flared almost immediately, but the wind fanned them away from the escape hatch through which most of the passengers crawled. One of the passengers, 34-year-old C. H. Elliott, Rome Ga. druggist, said he lost \$25,000 and a check for \$27,955 with which he said he intended to purchase supplies in New York.

**Bound for Home Base**  
At the scene of the other crash, a spokesman for the army transport command said the B-25 was bound for its home base, Andrews Field.

At 11:26 p.m. the plane reported heavy fog and asked permission to land either at Andrews Field, Washington, or at the navy's Bolling Field, across the Potomac river.

It was told to wait a minute, another plane was coming in at the National airport. Nothing was heard from the plane. It crashed in a wooded area, and was found when a county policeman saw the flames. Five were aboard, and all were killed.

## 3 Injuries in Salem Due to Traffic Wrecks

Three Salem persons were injured in three traffic accidents in the city Friday. William Pettit, 84, of 1220 N. Summer st., and Mrs. M. M. Petroff, route 4, box 169B, were reported injured, but fortunately at Salem Deaconess hospital early today, the extent of their injuries not fully determined.

Ten-year-old Ralph Morrison, 1565 Trade st., was released from Salem General hospital after examination for minor back injuries incurred when he was knocked from his bicycle by a car at 14th and Center streets shortly after 8:30 a.m. yesterday. Investigating police identified the car driver as G. A. Young, 675 Bieber st. Petroff was injured when hit by a sedan as he stepped into the crosswalk to cross Center at Church street about 6:45 p.m., according to police who cited the driver, Kenneth Eiert, 750 Thompson st., for failure to give right of way to a pedestrian. First aid men said the elderly pedestrian apparently incurred compound fractures of the right leg and right arm and numerous lacerations. Mrs. Petroff suffered possible broken ribs, authorities said, in a crash involving sedans driven by her husband and Henry W. Baker, 1880 N. Commercial st., on South Commercial at Miller street, shortly before 10 p.m.

## ANSWER TO MEAT LACK

SEATTLE, Oct. 11—(AP)—First shipment of Alaska reindeer meat since before the war will arrive in Seattle Monday aboard the steamship Square Knot.

## QUICKIES



"Why, John, here's that wantful Powers girl's Statesman Band! Ad wanting a job—why don't you hire her?"