



These are some of the brand new, Salem-made toys which will be given to 1,000 children Wednesday, December 24, at the Salem Elks club annual Christmas party for children. The party includes a movie, and tickets are being distributed at Sunday schools. Earl Bennett of the Elks club and Carl Elmund of Salem-Willamette Supply Co., are shown unloading the toys, which were made during volunteer night hours put in by 30 employees of the firm. Union members employed by the F. O. Reppine Co., volunteered to paint the toys. (Statesman-McEwan photo.) (Story and picture on page 6)

Toll 19 in 2 Military Airplane Tragedies

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 16-(AP)—At least 12 men were believed killed tonight when a B-29 Superfortress from Davis Monthan field here crashed and burned during a takeoff. Twenty men were aboard the plane but eight were believed to have escaped.

Major D. D. Burke, public relations officer at the heavy bomber base, said in an official statement that there were "some dead and some survivors" in the crash.

However, Patrolman Walter Sheets of the Arizona highway patrol said he saw eight survivors stumble from the flaming wreckage of the plane.

The plane was attached to the 49th bomb squadron of the second bomb group and had just taken off on a routine long distance navigational training flight to Varnam field, Jamaica, British West Indies.

Unofficial reports indicated that the four-motored plane encountered difficulty a moment or so after the takeoff, started to turn—possibly to return to the base—and plummeted to earth. The craft burst into flames after contact with the ground.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16-(AP)—A patrol bomber and a fighter plane collided 100 feet in the air today as they came in for landings at the Norfolk naval station, killing six of the bomber's seven crewmen and the pilot of the single seat fighter.

Naval spokesmen said the Corsair fighter struck the right wing of the bomber plane as both approached the landing field from the same direction. The Corsair caught fire and its pilot burned to death.

The bomber crashed on its back and partly buried itself in swampy ground 300 yards from the Corsair. Ens. Joseph William Atkins, USNR, 21, of Kingsport, Tenn., was the sole survivor.

Columbia River Tug Damaged

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16-(AP)—An outbound tanker collided with a towed ship in the Columbia river today, damaging a tug to an amount estimated at \$10,000.

The tug, Columbia Queen, one of two towing the tanker Rincon Hills from Astoria to Portland, was owned by Columbia Construction Co. Vancouver, Wash., and operated by the Shaver Transportation company.

The outbound tanker, Rhode Island, apparently was uninjured. Damage to the towed ship had not been determined.

War Bride from World War I to Arrive in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16-(AP)—Miss Amy Graham, 50, of Chester, England, will sail from England Thursday as a war bride of the war that ended 29 years ago.

She met Kindie C. Satterlee, 51, Portland, in Liverpool in 1918, when he was a private, first class, in the U.S. army.

Then Satterlee married her friend, Ethel Tenfold, who kept up a correspondence with Miss Graham until two years ago when Ethel died here. Satterlee assumed the correspondence and last April he proposed.

Her passport designation is "war bride." She will arrive in New York December 27 and in Portland New Year's eve.

Satterlee will be at the railroad depot, hoping he can recognize the woman he last saw 29 years ago.

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Groundwork Laid for New Salem Bridge Drive

Organization Formed to Promote Local Project

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman
A new highway bridge which will serve state-wide traffic as well as solving the immediate Salem-West Salem bottleneck will be the prime object of an organization formed here Tuesday night. Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem was selected as president, with Salem Mayor R. L. Elfstrom as co-chairman of the group, to be tentatively known as the Greater Oregon Bridge association.

Democrats Try To Halt Slash In Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16-(AP)—House democrats launched an 11th hour fight late today to restore \$88,000,000 slashed by the house appropriations committee from the emergency foreign aid program.

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo) assailed the committee's scissoring of the \$597,000,000 program as "picaresque, cheeseparing economy." Rep. Mahon (D-Tex), declaring that "you cannot ignore Europe and look after the best interests of the U. S. at the same time," demanded:

"Does anyone think General Marshall would be so concerned unless he had in mind the military security and the national defense of this country?"

Besides reducing the total sum asked by President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall to help France, Italy and Austria through the winter, the appropriations committee proposed that China -- included in the program at house insistence -- be dealt out.

Zone Hearing Set for Medical Office Building

Plans for a second new medical office building for Salem caused the city planning and zoning commission Tuesday night to reset a public hearing for zone changing to permit a building near Salem General hospital for the medical clinic of Drs. F. K. Power, W. E. Buren, Vern Miller, S. M. Lancefield and A. T. King.

Commission members said they understood plans for a similar building were in the offing to house the eye-ear-nose-throat clinic which, like the other clinic, was burned out in the recent Guardian building fire. Dr. M. C. Findley of the second clinic, however, said last night no decision has been reached on building.

The commission changed to Monday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m. the hearing which had been scheduled for last night but which could not be advertised in time because petitions requesting zone change were not filed until this week and the percentage of property represented by signatures remains to be checked.

The clinic building would be built by Salem General hospital on its property on the north side of Center street east of 24th street. If the residential zone there can be changed to a class III-x zone restricting use of the property to a medical building.

Commissioners examined a sketch and mock-up of the proposed building prepared by architect Robert Wilmsen of Eugene. One of two wings on either end of the building would have a second story, the remainder being entirely on ground level.

Strike in Sicily City

ROME, Dec. 16-(AP)—The provincial chamber of labor at Catania, Sicily, declared a general strike effective at midnight tonight in a demand for unemployment relief.

'Closed' Labor Camp Site of Mud, Strife

By Marguerite Wright
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Prisoners or squatters — opinions differ on the status of 11 families existing in the official-closed farm labor camp near the Salem airport, but it is agreed the entire situation is unhappy.

The U. S. department of agriculture ordered all residents to vacate by September 25 and later the camp was taken over by Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc. (a group of businessmen, processors and growers which provided funds for the purchase of the former airbase property) for transient workers during the harvest season.

Gradually most of the families moved out and Mr. and Mrs. John Gornik were installed by the housing corporation as caretakers of the camp. Members of remaining families interviewed recently said they were being treated like prisoners. Camp gates are locked at 10 p.m. Electricity has been shut off. There is no hot water. News-paper deliveries have been ordered stopped. Residents are allowed no visitors. They are not allowed to take garbage cans out of the muddy camp for dumping and they are not allowed to bring firewood into the camp. They said the operators of the camp threatened to shut off the water supply.

The families interviewed said they came here for farm labor. Now, some claim, they can find no jobs, are living on relief, and cannot find landlords who will accept children. There are two to five children in every family, some of them attending Salem schools whenever they can get transportation volunteered by neighbors. Several heads of families there have jobs and say they intend to move as soon as other housing is available.

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MANASQUAN INLET, N.J., Dec. 16-(AP)—Seven persons were lost in the gale-swept Atlantic today as the fishing boat Paramount V capsized 500 yards from shore after battling stormy seas in a race towards the safety of Manasquan inlet.

Caught in a rip tide just as it was about to nose into the inlet, the ship was toppled by a giant wave which crashed into its side. Nine survivors were rescued from the icy waters. Three bodies were taken from the sea, and the coast guard said the four still missing probably had been trapped in the ship's cabin.

The state highway department reported normal winter road conditions prevailing in most sections of the state. The Santiam highway was said to be almost bare of snow with a few icy spots and some frozen slush.

Columbia Basin Fund Advances

GRAND COULEE DAM, Dec. 16-(AP)—Passage into law of the proposed \$13,584,000 supplemental appropriation for the Columbia basin project would mean resumption of work on the west canal, the Bacon siphon and Long Lakes dam, a bureau of reclamation spokesman said today.

The amount was part of an additional \$81,939,000 recommended to the house by its appropriations committee at Washington today to keep work under way on four big western reclamation projects.

Idaho Dam Urged To Boost Power

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16-(AP)—A proposed \$27,000,000 multi-purpose dam at Albeni falls on the Pend Oreille river in northern Idaho today won the backing of army engineers.

Both the Seattle district and north Pacific division engineers urged construction as "essential at this time to meet urgent present and immediate prospective hydroelectric power needs of the Pacific northwest."

A total of 251,000 kilowatts would be added to the northwest power pool.

Portion of Building Falls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17-(Wednesday)—At least one person was reported killed and a dozen others were injured near midnight in the collapse of interior portions of an old eight-story apartment building in downtown Washington.

More than Century Separates Smiths

LEBANON, Dec. 16-(AP)—The Smith kids will have a Christmas party here next Monday and among guests will be Jim Smith, age 105, and Jim Smith, age 4 weeks.

The elderly Smith is a Civil War veteran now living at Waterloo. He will bring along his younger brother, Ben, 93.

The youngest Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, Albany.

PCA to Back Wallace
NEW YORK, Dec. 16-(AP)—The Progressive Citizens of America announced tonight it had voted to urge Henry A. Wallace to run as an independent candidate for president and that as a result Dr. Frank Kingdon, PCA co-chairman, resigned from the organization.

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