



This upended logging truck and collapsed bridge were the result of a Tuesday accident at Lumber bridge over the Little North Fork of the Santiam near Mehama. Driver Arthur Anderson of Lyons escaped with minor injury when the bridge collapsed as he was crossing it. A Bailey-type army bridge of steel will temporarily replace the Lumber bridge, county officials said Wednesday. The above photo was taken by Raymond Vitato, 225 S. Lancaster dr., Salem, who was a passerby at the time of the accident.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

New Year forecasts are about as short-lived as New Year's resolutions, but according to custom I venture a prognosis for the year 1948.

1. Economic situation: The year will see the peak of postwar inflation. Business, especially at retail, will grow more competitive; bigger volume, lower profits. Wages will go higher under union pressures; groups with glacier incomes will have to lower their living standard. Farm prosperity assured for another year. Some bucking within the business structure before the year ends. Credit will be tighter. Prices of stocks and of railroad income bonds should work higher; yield on high-grade bonds strengthen slightly.

2. Foreign situation: Should improve if no conferences are held. The formula of open covenants openly arrived at hasn't worked; conference proves amplifier for oratory. Striped pants diplomats may be able to work out some compromises. Congress will vote Marshall plan after republican whitening and nagging. Great political stability in Europe will accelerate recovery. Greece may take on pattern of Spanish civil war. Partition of Palestine to be bloody affair for lack of UN policing.

3. The United States will be absorbed with domestic politics all year. Republicans will lose ground in congress, but no control. Presidency too doubtful to predict result now; result depends mainly (Continued on Editorial Page)

## Dream of Death Later Verified

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 31. —(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Ernest Saquist dreamed last night that his friend, George Edwards, 65 year old electrician, was dead, he told the coroner's office today.

So strong was the dream that he went to Edwards' home, nearby Searchlight. He found Edwards lying on his bed, dead, apparently victim of a heart attack, Deputy Coroner Ted Cupit reported.

## Weather

|               | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem         | 47   | 31   | 37      |
| Portland      | 41   | 23   | Trace   |
| San Francisco | 51   | 38   | Trace   |
| Chicago       | 34   | 20   | Trace   |
| New York      | 33   | 21   | Trace   |
| Washington    | 35   | 27   | Trace   |

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy with occasional light showers today and tonight. Highest temperature today 48, low tonight 40.

## Bailey Bridge To Replace Fallen Span

A state highway department temporary steel bridge, which was made available to Marion county Wednesday, will replace the Lumber bridge over the Little North Fork of the Santiam river above Mehama, which collapsed Tuesday.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy said that 100 feet of the 150-foot Bailey bridge will begin its trip to the Elkhorn road site Friday. Assembly will be "as rapidly as possible," he said. The disassembled bridge, acquired from the army, is stored in the state shops on State street.

New Route Roaded

County Commissioner Roy Rice, who visited the area Wednesday, reported last night that a road between Elkhorn and Gates on the Santiam highway is being readied for travel. Residents who are isolated on the north shore of the river can now cross the mountain on this road, he said.

The road is in good shape, Rice said, except for a strip one and a quarter miles long on the Elkhorn side of the mountain, which needs graveling. A county road crew, he said, will begin Thursday or Friday to rock the short stretch and complete the six mile haul across the mountain to Gates.

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## Pope Disclaims Calamity Howlers

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Pope Pius, in a New Year's eve audience for diplomats at the holy see, said today that in 1948 "the world will find itself at the crossroads."

The new year, he said, would be one of "very grave decisions, decisions perhaps irrevocable," but that he did not share the views of those who "count this new year in advance among the most calamitous of history."

## Truman Predicts Eventual Peace in New Year's Note

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. —(AP)—President Truman said in a New Year's message today that he faces 1948 "confidently looking forward to a world peace, on which all nations can agree."

And, he said, the United Nations must be made to work, "for the simple reason that we can't afford anything else."

The president, surrounded by members of his staff and his wife's families, told his final news conference of 1947.

"It is to our selfish interests and to the selfish interests of every country in the world that we do have a workable world peace."

## Blustery Wind Ushers Out 1947 in Salem

Heavy rains driven by a blustery wind ushered out 1947 in Salem and are expected to continue through New Year's day, the U.S. weather bureau at McNary field predicted Wednesday night.

The final day of the old year saw .57 of an inch of precipitation fall and the mercury sink to 31 degrees at 9:30 New Year's eve, but failed to dampen the spirits of hundreds of persons who were in the downtown district at midnight to welcome in the new year.

Rainfall for the month of December was 4.11 inches — 2.33 inches below normal of 6.44 inches, the bureau reported. The greatest amount of rain fell on the 18th of December when .71 of an inch was recorded.

The average temperature for the month was also slightly below normal with a 42.1 degrees prevailing as compared with the normal 41 degrees. Highest temperature of the month was on December 24 when the thermometer rose to 59 degrees, and the lowest occurred on December 8 when the mercury dipped to 27 degrees.

A trace of snow fell on December 10, but was virtually unnoticed by most Salem residents. The month was mostly cloudy with only two clear days, five partly cloudy and 24 cloudy, the bureau said.

## Willamette Debaters Win Speech Contest

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Robert Sayre and Charles Mills, Willamette university debaters, won first place in the senior men's debate competition at a forensic tournament sponsored by the Western Speech association here today.

## Secrecy Violation Probe Set

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. —(AP)—The air force disclosed today it has called the justice department's attention to publication of certain data on the XS-1 rocket plane and asked it to determine whether national security was violated.

An air force spokesman said that "the publication of recent XS-1 data in Aviation Week (a magazine) has been referred to the department of justice for consideration."

An article in the latest edition of Aviation Week reported that the rocket plane had flown faster than the speed of sound. (Sonic speed varies from approximately 600 to 900 miles an hour, depending on altitude and temperature of the air.)

The air force declined, at the time, to discuss the magazine story.

## Man, Girl Hurt In New Year's Eve Accidents

Two persons were in local hospitals today suffering from injuries received in auto accidents New Year's eve, city police reported.

Hospitalized with serious injuries was a pedestrian, Arthur Czarnetzki, Starbuck Auto court, after being struck by a car driven by Donald N. Villinski, Salem road 7, box 262, in the 3000 block on Portland road about 5:15 p. m., police said.

First aid men who took Czarnetzki to the hospital reported he was suffering from fractures of both legs and possible internal injuries. Hospital attendants said his condition was "fair."

Second victim was Jeanne Gullick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gullick, 2305 Breymann st., who was taken to Salem General hospital about 4:30 p. m. after her father's car collided with another driven by Clifford F. Kenyon, 1450 Market street, at North 14th and Chemeketa streets. The girl's condition was described as "good" by hospital authorities late Wednesday night.

## Thief Fortified Against Cold—Inside and Out

A thief who apparently wanted to keep warm — inside and out — stole a bottle of whiskey and a warm blanket from a car parked in front of the home of Pete Tow, 558 S. 17th st., New Year's eve, city police reported.

## Farewell, 1947! Good Morning, 1948!

The area's "best" stories of 1947? YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER'S city staff has been debating that topic for days. There were many "best" news stories for the Willamette valley as a whole, including local events of outstanding character. But after failing to agree on which should be chosen from so wide a territory, the staff finally arrived at its choice of those centered in the state's capital city. "Best," in the sense herein used, means "biggest" in general interest or effect, and the list appears today on page 9.

As for pictures, THE OREGON STATESMAN in 1947 portrayed pictorially more news events than any other newspaper in the valley. The summary result of the year's finest photographic work appears in connection with the year-end roundup of "best" local stories. On page 9 today.

—The Oregon Statesman

# Louisiana Tornado Takes 14 Lives

## B-29 Blast Adds 9 to 'Missing' List

## Blinding Flash Engulfs Alaska Superfortress

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 31. —(AP)—An air force B-29 superfortress, which appeared to be engulfed in a "blinding flash" two minutes after a 12:11 a. m. take-off, added nine more names today to Alaska's roll of missing airmen for the year's final week.

It raised to 14 the total of men missing, and probably dead, in two B-29 mishaps since Christmas day.

Elmendorf field authorities reported today's apparent disaster came after the B-29, starting on a routine long range weather observation mission to the San Francisco bay area, sent an emergency call that the No. 3 engine was out, "stand by."

A few seconds later the men in the field control tower saw what they described as "a blinding flash" on the plane's line of flight, directly to the west across the Knik arm of Cook inlet.

(The army air transport command said at San Francisco that the big ship was one of the long-range planes flying regularly between the Fairfield, Calif., army air base and Anchorage on ATC's Operation Stork — weather observation and reconnaissance.)

While a fruitless air search was launched promptly, despite a snowstorm, a ground party set out by army weasel (a tracked vehicle) for an arduous, round-trip to the crash site.

Search planes got into the air during intermittent breaks in the snowfall today, but Maj. Charles Mosse, Elmendorf operations officer, said they had failed to find a trace of the plane or wreckage under the poor visibility conditions.

The area near Anchorage is approximately 600 miles south of the scene of a B-29 crash December 23. The pilot and navigator of that plane, Lts. Vern H. Arnett and Frederick Sheetz, were being sought today by aerial and dog team searches in below zero weather.

## New Year Brings Start Of Ban on Recordings

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 1. —(AP)—The stroke of midnight that brought the new year 1948 also brought the start of James C. Petrillo's "never again" ban on recordings and transcriptions.

And the ban's zero hour summary halted last minute recording sessions during which record and transcription firms — and musicians — sought to get under the wire with as many numbers as possible.

The final New Year's eve rush climaxed weeks of stepped up activities by recording firms — and musicians — to build up a backlog of recorded music prior to the midnight expiration of the American Federation of Musicians' contract with recording companies.

AFM President Petrillo announced last October 18 that when the contract expired union members "never again" would make recordings which he contended destroy employment opportunities for musicians.

Since then, recording firms have spent an estimated \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 building up a supply of records and transcriptions for use during what a Columbia Records news release referred to as "Petrillo's great silence."

While Petrillo attributed the ban to his contention that recordings reduce employment for musicians, industry leaders say they believe a major factor was the Taft-Hartley law. A provision of the law prohibits union collection of royalties on each record sold, as under the present contract, for the AFM's welfare fund.

## 200 Injured as Twister Cuts 100-Mile Strip

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 31. —(AP)—Fourteen persons were killed and an estimated 200 injured today when tornadoes ripped through 100 miles of Louisiana and Arkansas.

Ten persons were killed at Cotton Valley, La., one at Village, Ark., one at Leton, La., one at Haynesville, La., and another at Dykesville, La.

One-third of Cotton Valley was reported destroyed and Haynesville and Gilham, Ark., were hit.

Five persons were injured at Haynesville, while at Gwolsheim there was considerable property damage but no casualties.

Cotton Valley, worst hit of the communities, is a small oil and railroad town, northeast of Shreveport. Most houses there were of frame construction.

Col. W. D. Schaeffer of the Louisiana national guard said Mayor Sam Coyle of Cotton Valley reported 500 persons there were homeless and estimated that 200 were injured in the storm.

Search for additional bodies and injured persons at Cotton Valley was hampered by a rain and darkness. An emergency lighting system was sent there from Minden, La., to replace the Cotton Valley plant which was destroyed.

There were 35 persons reported hospitalized at Minden hospital, 15 at Charity hospital here, 20 at Spring Hill, La., and five at Haynesville.

Toby Haynes, about 35, superintendent of the Village, Ark., school was killed when a tornado demolished the high school gymnasium there tonight.

Haynes and some 15 students were practicing basketball in the gymnasium when the twister struck. Columbia County Sheriff Otto Hest said the boys escaped without injury.

## Red Tape Bonds Keep English Girl from Salem Husband-to-Be

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 31. —(CP)—The New Year's bells may not be so hollow, as first expected, for pretty Constance Hall, young English girl, who came here to marry Lawrence M. Waltz of Salem, Ore.

The groom-to-be was refused entry to Canada because he did not have \$1,000, and the bride-to-be couldn't get to the United States because a 10-day visa had expired.

## Butter Price At New High

Salem shoppers will pay from 95 to 96 cents a pound for a pound of butter when stores re-open Friday as a result of a one-cent increase which went into effect Wednesday.

Wednesday's boost sent the golden commodity to its highest mark of 1947 — well above the average 1947 price of 90 cents a pound. Butter cubes here were quoted at 97 cents per pound.

In Portland, where a new all-time high with some prints selling at \$1 a pound. The general price range there, however, was from 92 to 98 cents a pound.

Wholesale butter price in Salem Wednesday: Grade A, 95-96 cents. Retail: Grade A, 95-96 cents. Egg prices were unchanged.

## Surging Revelers Fill Times Square In Face of Freeze

NEW YORK, Thursday, Jan. 1. —(AP)—Times Square, jammed as usual with hundreds of thousands of shouting, surging revelers, welcomed the new year with a traditionally mighty roar.

But police estimated the throng at 750,000 — last year it was 1,000,000.

Despite frigid weather, crowds began to pack the famous gathering spot early last night. Streets in the area had been cleared of last Friday's record snow in time for the celebration.

A thousand police were on hand to keep order.

## FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

PORTLAND, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Collection of foodstuffs for the Northwest Christmas ship will continue in Oregon until January 10, with loading of the Gretina Victory scheduled here for February 2-3. State Chairman Ray Smith reported Wednesday.

## Social Security To Cover Fruit, Vegetable Packers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Many thousands working for commercial processors of fruit and vegetables today were brought under the social security system by a change in internal revenue bureau regulations.

Under the regulations they will be subject to taxes, along with the employers for old age insurance and unemployment benefits if they handle, dry, pack, package, process, grade, store or deliver fruits and vegetables.

Reason for the regulation change was a decision of the United States ninth circuit court of appeals holding that the services performed by a packing plant which buys its fruit from farmers are not in "agricultural labor."

## Animal Crackers



# All-Time High Total of \$6,866,675 in Building Permits Issued in Salem During 1947

By Winston H. Taylor  
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Doubling previous records for the second consecutive year, Salem's construction program in 1947 set a new all-time high of \$6,866,675. This was the building permit figure, to which could well be added many more large projects within a few miles of the city.

Only new dwelling construction suffered a loss from the 1946 figure, although house building in newly developed areas just outside the city appeared to be maintaining the previous year's rapid pace. Only 369 new house permits were granted by the city engineer's office, compared to 431 in 1946. Average cost was an estimated \$5,000.

The state of Oregon and local educational institutions took a preponderant lead in the year's construction, both in dollar value and in number of projects.

Many State Contracts

Into providing much-needed space for the ever-expanding state institutions, centered in Marion

county, the state has during 1947 awarded contracts for \$6,527,715 worth of buildings. Largest of the group is the new treatment building at the state hospital, at more than \$1 1/2 million. Adjoining it are the rising ward building, nurses' dormitory and a pedestrian and service tunnel to the main hospital across Center street—aggregating another \$1 1/2 million.

Only a few blocks away, penitentiary inmates have laid the foundations of a new cell block and a new and more expansive wall.

At Cottage Farm

Outside the city, the state's construction well under way includes a ward building at Cottage farm; an inmates' cottage, laundry building and employees' dormitory at Fairview home; a segregation cottage, school building, vocational shop, boys' cottage and a gymnasium at the boys' training school near Woodburn. Outside of Salem, the costs total nearly \$2 million.

Willamette university stands

high on the list of 1947 builders. Its three-quarter million dollar Baxter hall is to be finished during January for dormitory use by 220 fraternity and independent men. Also new on the campus are four remodeled surplus structures, employed for infirmary, art classes and band rehearsals.

High School Buildings

Salem senior high school's group of auxiliary buildings grew with the new double gymnasium, heating plant which also serves Parrish and junior high through a tunnel under the railroad and the garage and shops for buses.

Other new school construction involves a four-classroom addition and a gymnasium at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic school and quonset huts as classrooms for Bush and West Salem schools.

Heavy construction activity in the north end burgeoned along arteries such as Broadway street, Fairgrounds and Silverton roads and Cherry avenue and centered in the Hollywood business district. To

the south it opened up new industrial areas south of Mission street.

Largest Buildings

To the latter area and to the long-established Paulus Brothers cannery goes the title of "largest." For the new cannery and warehouse, completed during the summer to replace a downtown plant and scattered warehouses, has 6 1/2 acres of floor space under one roof. Several smaller industries have also selected this area. Just to the northwest, construction of a \$125,000 Coca Cola bottling plant began during the year's final week.

In Hollywood, completed structures include the Willamette Valley bank, a professional office building and several store buildings. The Dairy Cooperative association has started using a new garage and storage building, while Curly's dairy has erected the walls of a structure which will greatly expand capacity.

Drive-In Restaurant

Along the streets radiating from

Hollywood, construction is rapid—progressing on a new commercial garage, a drive-in restaurant, numerous store and apartment structures. On Silverton road, expansions are under way by the Eyerly and the Interstate farm equipment companies.

At the edge of the city, Saley's Nut Growers' cooperative completed its new \$250,000 plant in time to process the 1947 crop. The plant had been razed by fire in another location.

Within the downtown business district, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. dominated new construction. Steel girders have been riveted in place and considerable concrete poured as a fourth floor and a new rear section were added. The company is also to occupy a nearby garage and shops building under construction.

New Bank Building

Salem's branch, First National Bank of Portland, opened March 24 in its new half-million dollar home.

Just out of the business section, construction is within a few weeks of completion for a four-story Larmer Transfer and Storage warehouse, a new garage for Herrall Owens company, and an addition to the W. W. Rosebraugh Co. foundry.

Already in use are the J. P. Lucy store on North High street, and a large number of other small business structures just north of Center street.

Among the unusual new structures during the year was the seaplane hangar built by H. C. Lamb on the bank of the Willamette river between Market and Gaines streets.

Widespread construction in West Salem included radio station KOCO, a large apartment building and several smaller projects. Nearby Salem College and Academy completed a large classroom building.

Both business and residential

portions of the Keizer community on North River road have expanded greatly.

Jewish Temple Completed

Church construction in the area includes completion of the Jewish Temple Beth Shalom, near completion of Hayesville Baptist church and beginning of the Gospel Tabernacle.

Dwelling permits in the city rose from nine in January to a high of 43 in March. More than 30 were issued monthly from then until late fall. However, these did not include extensive housing projects on the city's flanks. On North River road, F. I. Bressler completed the Marvin Gardette development of 75 houses and is engaged on another of 93 houses on the former county farm property. Carl B. Damask has finished work on most of more than 50 houses in two groups along Sunnyside avenue.

Buildings Turn Down

Meanwhile, at least 29 dwellings

in the city yielded to the demands of business expansion. Two were replaced by parking lots. Twenty-seven, four of them not yet razed and some of them relocated, were in the two-block area near Capitol and Center streets, where a \$2,000,000 retail trading center is to be started early in 1948.

And it appeared that the building boom here was far from over. The center of interest for 1948 appears to lie within three blocks just north of the state capital. In the first square, the state plans to contract for a \$2,000,000 office building; in the next, the state highway commission plans a structure of about the same cost; and just to the northeast of these is the two-block trading center. Other proposals almost sure to see actual work during the year are a Greyhound bus depot and at least one major public school building, the start of a long-range district expansion program.

