

Salem folk will take Dr. Ross T. McIntire's word for it. When he says, as he does in an interview published in U. S. News and World Report that there is no truth in the statement that Roosevelt was a "dying man" in 1944, they will accept his testimony.

Dr. McIntire recounts the medical history of his famous patient through 1944: an attack of influenza in early 1944 followed by a persistent bronchitis, but after a month in South Carolina Roosevelt bounced back and by summer seemed fully recovered.

The photographs which show an aging FDR are not reliable as an indication of falling health, said Dr. McIntire. As a precaution against overloading the heart he had prescribed a diet to take off about ten pounds in weight, and Roosevelt liked it so well he took off another five pounds.

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Airborne Squeeze Clears Imjin Area Flares Raise Hopes for Lost Airplane

53 Persons Aboard Giant U.S. Transport

LONDON, Saturday, March 24.—(AP)—A U. S. air force officer at Shannon airport said early today the pilot of a search plane reported sighting flares and wreckage along the Atlantic route followed by a huge U. S. airforce C-124, missing for 24 hours with 53 persons aboard.

The vast armada of search planes which had been sweeping the 800-mile stretch of ocean was sped to the area where the flares were reported, some 450 miles due west of Ireland.

The pilot of a B-29 superfort radiated the hope-giving report of seeing flares and wreckage. His message was picked up at several points. A Royal Air force control officer at Uxbridge, Eng., said he also reported what he believed was a life raft.

Army Slashes April Draft Call in Half

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—In a surprise move, the army today slashed its April draft call from 80,000 men to 40,000.

The army explained that it was getting twice the number of volunteers and losing far fewer men in Korea than was expected when the April call for 80,000 draftees was issued Feb. 1.

Defense officials said another factor in the draft reduction was the need for a greater proportion of junior officers to help the army train and absorb recruits.

Despite the change in draft plans the army expects to meet its 1,600,000-man goal by June 30. It now has about 1,400,000 men.

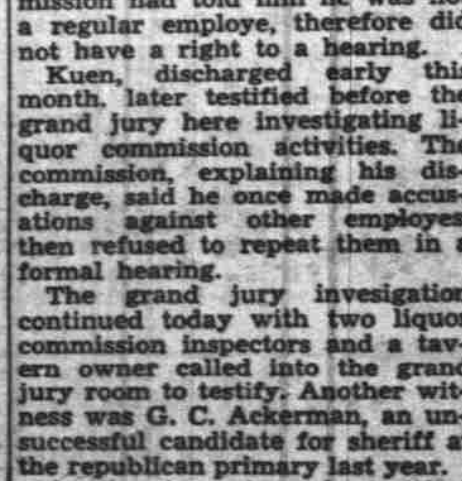
It hopes that volunteering will continue at the monthly rate of 23,000 established during January and February. If the May and June drafts are held to the April figure of 40,000 and the volunteers keep coming in at the current rate, the army will be only 11,000 short of its mark at the end of June.

The announced draft call for May is 60,000. No figure has been given for June.

CONTRACT BILL SIGNED

WASHINGTON, March 23.—(AP)—President Truman today signed legislation authorizing the government to renegotiate defense contracts and recapture excessive profits.

Animal Crackers



She's just like a refrigerator—gotta be defrosted every week.

Easter Egg Hunt Readied by Salem 20-30



These "Easter rabbits" will be hiding candy eggs small fry to find. They represent Salem 20-30 club which will sponsor its second annual Easter egg hunt for children one to eight years old, starting at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Denver Area Gets Atomic Energy Plant

DENVER, March 23.—(AP)—A \$45,000,000 atomic plant for a major secret type of production will be built northwest of Denver.

Construction will start late next month and be completed next year. The plant, small in size compared to giants at Hanford, Wash., and Oak Ridge, Tenn., will be nestled on barren land against the foothills of the Rockies.

Announcement of the plan caught state and city officials by surprise. They have been boosting the state as a haven for atomic warfare, starting a movement by industry and military installations to the area.

There were a few hints on the purpose of the plant. An atomic energy spokesman said it will not produce bombs or atomic weapons "as such."

The plant will be under the AEC's Santa Fe operations office. This is the office in charge of research, of research, development, testing and production of atomic weapons at Los Alamos, N. M., 400 miles to the south.

The plant will be run by Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, Mich. The plant site covers 2,500 acres—about four square miles. It is on aptly-named rocky flats. That's eight miles south of Boulder, home of the University of Colorado and the new U. S. bureau of standards radiological laboratory.

His 24 miles northwest of the state capitol in Denver, second only to Washington in the number of federal employees who call it home.

Sunrise Service to Open Easter Worship Events

Joyous commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ will begin in the Salem area with the sunrise Sunday, Easter, one of the principal events of the Christian year, will be observed in worship and pageantry throughout the day.

Salem's opening program will be the annual union sunrise service at the capitol at 6:30 a. m., sponsored by the Ministerial association. Speaker will be the Rev. Oscar Brown, pastor of South Salem Friends church.

The service will include a prelude by the 65-piece Leslie junior high school band, directed by Raymond Carl; congregational singing led by Ronald J. Lush; prayer by the Rev. G. B. Rundstrom of Central Lutheran church; selections by Salem academy choir, directed by Willis Riemer; trumpet solo, "The Holy City," by David Doerken; scripture by the Rev. Harold Black of West Salem Methodist church; benediction by the Rev. John Goodenberger of First Presbyterian church.

The Rev. O. W. Clemens, pastor of First Church of God and association president, will preside. Boy Scouts will act as ushers and direct traffic. The program was arranged by a committee headed by the Rev. Eugene Stowe of First Nazarene church.

Other communities also plan sunrise services. To accommodate the expected crowds, several churches have scheduled double morning services this Sunday. In Salem these include Court Street Christian, First Christian, St. Paul's Episcopal, Englewood Evangelical United Brethren, Christ Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran, First Methodist, Jason Lee Methodist and First Presbyterian.

(Additional church news on pages 8 and 12.)

Brightwood Man Killed by Auto

OREGON CITY, March 23.—(AP)—Joseph Lee Rossen, 70, antique shop owner, was killed at Brightwood tonight when struck by a car as he pulled a wagonload of groceries along the highway.

State police said the driver, Kenneth E. Hellinger, 30, Portland, said he did not see the man in time to avoid hitting him. He was not held.

Typhoon Aims 110-Mile Winds Toward Eniwetok

PEARL HARBOR, March 23.—(AP)—A typhoon with winds up to 110 miles an hour held steady on a course today that would skirt the U. S. atomic proving grounds at Eniwetok.

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.

Mac Extends Peace Talk Offer to Reds

TOKYO, Saturday, March 24.—(AP)—Allied paratroopers and ground forces forged a solid front today 20 miles north of Seoul, seizing most of the Reds' last-stand territory below the 38th parallel.

General MacArthur, flying to the front today, said the daring operation virtually ended all organized Red resistance anywhere in South Korea. His troops were as close as two miles to the artificial boundary for North and South Korea.

More than 3,000 men, with artillery and supplies, parachuted Friday at Munsan, eight miles from the 38th parallel. They sought to cut behind and kill Reds. But they killed only between 150 and 200. Eighty-seven Reds were captured. Enemy opposition generally melted in favor of flight.

Allied planes flew a record-smashing 1,254 sorties Friday—three-fourths of them in support of the biggest paratroop drop of the Korean war. An air force summary today said this display of air power exceeded by 132 the previous sortie record of March 16.

Last night planes tore into 17 Red supply trains, knocking out seven. General MacArthur said in a statement, issued before he left by plane for Korea, that Red China's hopes of winning Korea with sheer masses of manpower have been bloodily crushed.

He expressed readiness to meet in the field with the enemy's commander-in-chief and discuss means of ending the bloodshed. Troops roll forward. But the U. N. commander made it clear that the U. N. objective of a unified, independent Korea is the only acceptable formula.

Allied troops rolled forward Friday for gains up to six miles. They killed or wounded 3,420 Reds—boosting to about 185,000 the enemy's casualties since the allied offensive began last January 25.

The main concern appeared to be eliminating an enemy salient that dips south between Chunchon, 45 miles northeast of Seoul, and the new U. N. position at Munsan, 21 miles northwest of the capital.

Turkish troops attacked and captured two hills in stiff fights 15 miles northeast of Seoul. They drove a Red company off each hill. Farther to the northeast, American troops repelled a Red attack last night near Hangye, a town now in allied hands. It is 15 miles southeast of Chunchon.

\$500,000 Fire Sweeps Through Seed Warehouse

RICKREALL, March 23.—Fire of blast-furnace intensity tonight destroyed the Burlington-Meeker grain plant with loss an owner estimated at \$500,000. Cause was not immediately determined.

About 125,000 bushels of grain went up in the blaze which quickly enveloped the plant, located at Derry a mile east of Rickreall on the Salem-Dallas highway.

Firemen crouched behind huge metal shields as they battled to confine the blistering blaze to the seed plant.

A battery of fuel tanks 150 feet from the fire was threatened. They belong to the Farmers Union Oil Cooperative association. Firemen poured water on them for more than an hour. The tanks have a capacity of 95,000 gallons.

"I believe they might have exploded in another 10 minutes," said Walter Steele, oil co-op manager, and one of the first at the scene.

Fire trucks from Salem, Independence, Monmouth and Falls City also responded. Highway traffic was rerouted for several hours.

Witnesses said they believed the fire broke out in one of the plant's 55 grain bins. Fire Chief Walter Young, Dallas, said the plant was a mass of flames when equipment arrived.

Firemen pumped water from Rickreall creek, south of the plant, and a mill pond located north of the fire scene. The fire scorched power poles in the area and broke out on a railroad water tank near the plant. The tank was not destroyed.

A locomotive removed three freight cars threatened by the fire. Destroyed facilities of the grain plant included front offices, a 40-foot elevator, seed-cleaning department, a new 90-foot elevator, fumigating rooms and storage space.

Phil Meeker, Amity, an owner, estimated damage to the buildings alone at \$125,000. The 90-foot elevator was built last summer. It was of heavy frame construction with aluminum siding.

"There were 1,000,000 feet of lumber in that building alone," Meeker said.

"Our loss is partially insured, a fire like this is never completely insured," Meeker said.

"No customer will lose a cent," he added. The plant served at least 400 farmers in a wide belt around Rickreall who brought their grain here for processing and shipment.

The NPA advised the rubber industry that the amount of rubber available for civilian use in April will be about 7,500 long tons less than the monthly average during the first three months of this year.

Figures made public by the government agency indicated military use of rubber in April will jump to 14,000 long tons from a monthly average of 8,500 long tons in the first quarter.

The tire and tube deliveries for new passenger cars may be cut deeper than the reduction already ordered in steel for passenger car production during the second quarter.

The NPA recently ordered passenger car makers to use 20 per cent less steel in the second quarter of this year than they did in the average quarter in the first half of 1950.

Police Catch Two Escapees

Two Woodburn training school escapees were apprehended in Eugene Friday, less than 24 hours after they attacked a guard at the institution and fled.

State police said the pair was nabbed at the Eugene railroad yards where they had broken into a boxcar containing a military shipment and taken clothing and shoes.

The boys were clad only in T-shirts and overalls when they escaped. Authorities presumed they had reached Eugene by "hopping" a train.

Police said the boys were Lawrence Porter, 16, Coos Bay; and Orville Hanson, 15, Portland.

Old East School Well Photographed



Salem's old East school (Washington) turned out many a graduate while it still went no further than the 8th grade. The above 1933 photo is owned by Mrs. J. Ray Fawcett of Bicknell (see Evans and Bushnell in the picture). Shown in the graduation photo (left to right) are: Front row—(first person unidentified) Eva Adair, Allie Davis, Marguerite Alderson, Laura Hammer, Annie Talbot, Helen Matthews, Maud Kress; second row—Curtis Starr, Ida Harris, Ida Sanders, Jessie Smith, Hattie Morlock, Hope Gane; third row—Cora Benson, Fleming, Mary Atkins, Salomon, Lenora Brucke, Emma Evans, Ernie Bushnell, Grace Cleaver, Jay McCormick, Sam Evans, Archie McCulloch; back row—Eben Singleton, Chester Murphy, Charles O'Flynn, Ernest Wilson, Rex Davis, Ed Thompson, Dillon Flanodan, Savage, Theophilus Mesthaupf.