

## Fire Prevention In City Is Appeal

"Thousands of trained firemen are in the armed services, leaving home town fire departments to get along with inexperienced skeleton crews," points out Eugene Fire Chief W. E. Nussbaum, in making an appeal for an early spring clean-up to clear away fire hazards.

"One large city alone has lost 600 men," he continued. "Replacements are insufficient. As a result, most fire departments now are understaffed, but the war effort must come first. Accordingly, it is the duty of every citizen to safeguard his property by means of preventative measures."

The increasing danger is reflected in a mounting toll of destruction throughout the nation, the chief declared. The national board of fire underwriters estimates 1944 losses from fire as \$423,000,000 compared to \$380,000,000 in 1943. In Eugene, the 1944 loss is expected to run round \$70,000 as compared to \$26,000 in 1943, Chief Nussbaum reported.

"In view of this situation," he said, "it is especially important to take all possible steps to prevent fires. I recommend the following:

"Act promptly to get rid of the winter's accumulation of trash and papers. Route them out of the attic, cellar, closets, and garage—or wherever you find them.

"Cooperation with the salvage

drive means more than assembling materials. Tie up all papers and deliver them to salvage headquarters as soon as possible.

"Look for hazards that may start spontaneous ignition fires. Many folks engage in winter repair work and painting. If they postpone cleaning up after these jobs, there is danger of spontaneous ignition from accumulations of paint rags, oil rags, and saturated sawdust and shavings. Also, housewives should keep oil mops and cleaning cloth in tightly closed metal cans.

"Check electrical equipment and appliances now because they have had extra use during the long winter nights. Replace or repair any frayed cords. Look in the fuse box and make sure all fuses are of the correct size (usually 14 amperes) and that no dangerous substitutes have been used in replacing blown fuses. Employ an electrician for new or repair work.

"In spring cleaning or any other cleaning don't use gasoline, benzene or naphtha, as these fluids vaporize quickly and explode violently when ignited by the smallest spark. Even if a source of ignition is not present, the fumes may be ignited by a static spark developed from the action of rubbing material together in gasoline. Use a non-explosive cleaning fluid and be safe.

"All who cooperate in the spring clean-up drive will be aiding the war effort," the chief declared, "because preventing fires

## Navy Wants Pictures Of Japanese Areas

If your album contains the right sort of pictures, if you have certain maps in your home, you're in a position to help the navy in its Pacific war strategy.

The 13th naval district today appealed to residents of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming for pictures and maps of the Japanese-controlled areas in the Pacific. Specific areas of interest are the Japanese mainland, Formosa, The Kuriles, Korea, Manchuria, the China coast, and Siam and Indo-China.

Analysis of ground-level photographs adds immeasurably to data gleaned from aerial photographs. In particular, shore-line photographs aid planners of landings on hostile areas in determining exactly the best zones for invasions and in estimating the requirements for operations preliminary to the invasion.

Persons willing to loan or give maps and pictures are requested to communicate with the district intelligence office, thirteenth naval district, 526 Exchange building, Seattle, Wash.

**AIRMAN BUSY**  
WASHINGTON — (AP)—Sharp-shooting carrier airmen of the U. S. 3rd and 5th fleets have destroyed at least 1610 Japanese planes since Dec. 1, a navy spokesman reports.

saves precious materials. All are needed to bring final victory nearer. We must prevent waste."

## 16 Lane Deaths

Lane county ranked second in the state in number of traffic accidents in 1944, with a total of 1519 according to a report from Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell.

Lane ranked second in number of persons injured—280. In number of fatalities it was fourth, with 16, an increase of 100 per cent over 1943, when there were eight.

Multnomah led in number of accidents, with 18,951, and in number of persons injured, 3263. Multnomah also was first in fatalities, with 69, compared to 74 in 1943. Marion county was second with 22, an increase of 13 over its toll of nine in 1943. Clackamas was third with 20, compared to 15 in 1943.

Lane Co.'s 1519 accidents in 1944 compared with 1348 in 1943. The 280 injuries compared with 184 in 1943. Fatalities of 1944 were lower, however, than in 1942 when the total was 19.

Lane's accidents in 1942 totaled 1421, and injuries in 1942 were 261. In fatalities in 1944 Klamath county was just behind Lane, with 15 deaths. Klamath's 1943 death toll was only four.

Seven Oregon counties had no traffic fatalities in 1944. They are Baker, Gilliam, Harney, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa and Wheeler. For Sherman it was the second year in a row without a fatality.

## Discharged Veteran Seeks Living In Crime

**CHICAGO**—(AP)—Local authorities are holding James Jobe, 21-year-old survivor of the aircraft carrier Wasp, who confessed he turned to crime when service injuries prevented his return to his old foundry job.

Two badly burned hands suffered when he swam for four hours in a sea of blazing oil after the carrier was sunk Sept. 15, 1942, led to Jobe's arrest. The father of a three-weeks-old child, Jobe told police he had lured David Levin, 39, to a hotel room on the pretext of selling an automobile. When Levin resisted a demand for money, Jobe said he hit him three times over the head with a brick.

He was arrested in his basement apartment where he was traced by Levin's description of his scarred hands and arms.

Jobe told police of losing or quitting three jobs since his return to civilian life last October. None of them paid enough, he said, to enable him to support the schoolgirl sweetheart he married in 1943, while still in a navy hospital, and a son born three weeks ago. He said he received a pension of only \$57 monthly.

He was hospitalized for more than two years after the sinking of the Wasp and received a discharge in October after being awarded the purple heart.

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## Operation Nulls Two-Legged Bomb

**SAN FRANCISCO**, March 1—(AP)—After 47 days as a human bomb, Dewey Duppre, 20, is able to take a hard knock now without blowing himself up.

Twelfth naval district headquarters disclosed today that a successful operation had been performed at the naval receiving hospital here to remove a fused, 20 mm. projectile from the body of the seaman, second class, from Opelousas, La.

He was at his station as gun loader aboard a battleship at Lingayen gulf Jan. 9 when an air attack came. "The first thing I knew," said the bluejacket, "I was lying on the deck with a compound fracture of my left leg and other injuries about my chest."

Duppre was moved to an advanced base for treatment, then to a hospital here. Convalescing nicely, he told doctors last Saturday that he felt there was "something" inside of him low in his body. Surgeons, thinking they had missed a piece of shrapnel, ordered X-rays. The pictures disclosed the fused shell.

"Because the projectile was of such a sensitive type and might explode on contact even with an operating instrument," the navy said, "the situation still remained full of danger." Bomb disposal experts as well as medical men were consulted. In a tense atmosphere, Commander J. I. Hall, (MC) USNR, operated successfully.

## 'Pandora' Arrives Here

Copies of "Pandora," 12th successful book of former University of Oregon art school student, Clare Turley Newberry, have been received by several people on the University campus.

Called by Thomas Craven, art critic, "a singularly fortunate artist who by natural interests was

attached to the subject," the book has made particularly good use of Clare Turley Newberry's portraits of children and Mrs. Newberry's pastels, pen and ink drawings.

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