



Play Near Bomb Shelter—Youngsters play in the shadow of one of the largest Berlin bomb shelters. The walls, 12 feet thick, were wrecked by three charges of explosive.

### Decker Variety Store Will Open in Salem Tuesday

Official opening of a new variety store, "Decker's," located at 237 North Liberty street, will be at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Decker, is finished in brilliant contrasting colors, with the ceiling in a light fuchsia, a wide border of California lime below that and the lower part of the wall and fixtures in a darker green.

The Deckers came to Salem from Sandpoint, Idaho, where for four and a half years they operated a variety store. That store burned May 21 of this year and in looking for a new location they found the one in Salem in August. With their 14-year-old daughter, Shirley, they came to Salem permanently in early September. Prior to the store at Standpoint the Deckers had one at Davenport, Wash.

**Backed by Experience**  
The store is to be managed by Mr. Decker, who has 10 years of merchandising experience, and assistant manager will be Robert Stowell, who came to Salem from Essex, Iowa, after merchandising experience there. Coming to Salem with him were his wife and year-old son. In charge of the office and keeping the firm's books will be

Mrs. Decker, who worked with her husband in the other stores. The store, which will carry kitchen ware, household appliances, infant's wear, stationery supplies, toys and candy, has been designed to give fast service to those wanting it. Also persons wanting to take a longer time to shop will have an opportunity to look at merchandise in a leisurely manner.  
**Opening Day Features**  
An island arrangement for displaying the merchandise is to be used that is new to the variety type of store. Persons at checkstands will check the purchases. Exceptions to this service will be the candy and greeting cards.  
Two features have been planned for Decker's for their opening day. There will be gifts for the kiddies and a radio broadcast over KOCO of an interview with the manager of Decker's by Dick Nason.

### October Skies Reviewed by Oregon College Astronomer

**By J. HUGH PRUETT**  
Astronomer, Extension Division, Oregon Higher Education System  
All the signs in the sky—the orderly and legitimate astronomical signs and not those connected with superstitions—proclaim definitely that summer is past and autumn is well on the way.

The sun is now above the horizon less than 12 hours. In late June it was shining 15 1/2 hours at latitude 45 degrees; longer, farther north; and somewhat less to the south. The sunset point is now south of due west. When an extended period of good weather prevails, October brings us the dreamy season of Indian summer with days of pleasant warmth and hazy horizons. This autumn we have the early twilight sky adorned with the most brilliant of the planets: Venus in the southwest and Jupiter in the south. Early in December they will appear very close together, a gorgeous pair.

The planets Mercury, Saturn and Mars—upward in the order named—now lie in a long straight line in the eastern sky at dawn. An hour before sunrise, Mercury is just clearing the horizon about due east. By October 19, it will be high enough to be seen well and will be quite bright. Saturn and Mars are about equally spaced along the planetary path and are much higher in the sky. The bright star Regulus is in this line a little below Mars.

Let us locate the bright stars of the evening sky at around 8 p.m. Orange Arcturus is twinkling a little above the skyline in the west northwest. It is at the base of a large figure of fainter stars forming a kite, the top of which inclines toward the right. Not far west of overhead brilliant Vega holds sway near a quadrilateral of four faint stars. Almost in the zenith Deneb heads the Northern Cross, which extends toward the southwest.

Note the familiar Big Dipper low and right side up and somewhat west of north. Three hours from now the bowl will be due north as it swings eastward around the North Star. An imaginary line drawn through the two eastern stars of the Dipper and extended upward in the sky will finally meet the North Star, which is of about the same brightness as the Dipper stars.  
In the northeastern part of the sky look for yellow Capella as it glitters well above the horizon. At this time every year, many become alarmed over the scintillations of this bright star, and fear it is some sort of enemy aircraft. Toward the south, Altair shines. The only other first-magnitude star in view is Fomalhaut, quite low somewhat east of south.

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### Once-Sleepy Village Is Now Focal Point in A-Bomb Race

By JOSEPH L. MYLER

Washington, Oct. 10 (AP)—Authoritative sources today reported big atomic doings in the New Mexican plateau country outside Albuquerque.

There, in the once sleepy village of Sandia on the edge of the Manzano mountain range, industrial engineers are translating the abstruse data of science into the fantastically violent weapons with which this country intends to hold its atomic lead over Soviet Russia.

Even before President Truman announced on Sept. 23 that the Russians had achieved an atomic explosion, operations at Sandia were booming.

They are moving even more urgently now, and in any rejiggering of atomic energy commission plans and projects, Sandia will not be overlooked.

It is the focal point of the far-flung U.S. atomic project where the A-bomb finally emerges from the blueprint into the production stage ready for manufacture.

It is to the AEC what Wright field is to the air force, or Aberdeen to army ordnance. It also is the place where atomic science and technology come together with the military men who will employ them if war comes.

Hard by the AEC's bomb engineering laboratory—which report says has gone underground—is the armed forces' "special weapons" field base.

Together they will spawn the atomic weapons of the future—guided missile warheads, atomic torpedoes, and whatever else may now exist only as "a gleam in a scientist's eye."

Right now, however, the AEC's Sandia lab is concerned with atomic weapons of the present, the vastly improved bomb designs tested at Eniwetok and now being manufactured on an industrial basis.

It was Sandia's job to take these designs, produced by the Los Alamos bomb science lab some 70 miles away in the Sangre de Cristo foothills, and convert them into a serviceable field weapon.

Having engineered the manifold and complex components which go into the new weapons Sandia then had to farm out their manufacture in industrial plants around the country. This it has done—and is doing. It is not a static business, the design and manufacture of atomic bombs. Refinements are being made constantly. More efficient production methods continually suggest themselves.

And the people at Los Alamos are always coming up with new ideas for the people at Sandia to convert from scientific possibility into engineering fact.

When the atomic energy project moved into Sandia in 1945, it was to establish liaison with the military. Gradually it grew into a branch of the Los Alamos laboratory.

### Atlantic Storms Battered Dutch Liner

Southampton, Eng., Oct. 8 (AP)—Delayed 24 hours by storms, the battered liner Nieuw Amsterdam arrived here today with several persons aboard injured in a rough Atlantic crossing.

Rep. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.) had his head cut when he was thrown across the ship's lounge at the height of a storm last Sunday night. The ship's doctor took three stitches to close the wound.

The flower of the month for February is the violet, the birth stone amethyst.

### Moscow Pokes Fun at U.S. Atom 'Control'

Moscow, Oct. 10 (AP)—The Moscow press lampooned American "atomic monopoly" in verse and picture today.

The government newspaper Izvestia carried a cartoon depicting a balloon labeled "atomic monopoly" blowing up in the face of the U.S. after being punctured by Tass, the Soviet news agency's communique, announcing that the Russians also have atomic weapons.

The cartoon was accompanied by a verse which read: "They blew it up every day and every hour. They threatened everyone, scared everyone. 'But as a result miscalculated. 'Tass informed the world simply, modestly, without boasting. 'That the atom bomb you have and we have! 'Yes! Yes!'"

### Rotarians Help Scouts

Sheridan—Membership of the Rotary club has been called upon by Charles Gould, chairman to raise money for the Boy Scouts with solicitation getting under way this week. The local troop is sponsored by the Rotarians. The troop has a membership of 27 boys with Ed Strombeck scoutmaster.



**AFL President!**—Actress Peggy Dow has been elected president of Hollywood's AFL, but not the AFL you're thinking of. The Hollywood AFL stands for "Anti-Falsie League" and was dreamed up by some of the screen's lovely ladies to prevent any false fronts in pictures. Acme Telephoto

### Four Killed in Train Wreck

Meade, Kan., Oct. 10 (AP)—Four persons were killed and 75 injured early today when the east bound Rock Island streamliner was derailed, three miles east of here.

Ambulances from Meade, Garden City, and Dodge City, Kan., were rushed to the scene.

A washout was blamed for the wreck. The streamliner was held up at Liberal, Kan., for several hours last night and left shortly before midnight. The accident was said to have occurred about 1:30 this morning.

Mayor Ted Gardner, of Fowler, Kan., said a fireman walked most of the way to notify authorities.

The mayor said a volunteer crew of about sixty persons rushed to the scene from Fowler to aid the injured.

Gardner said four cars were derailed.

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