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### STILL BATS HIGH Doc Stork Keeps Score Level Up; 2223 Babies in County

#### By DOUGLAS THOMAS

Old Doc Stork was busier than ever in Marion county during 1949, statistics for the year released by the county health de-partment disclosed today, but he showed signs of weakening under the strain of the booming baby market. During the frist 11 months of the past year a total of 2,223 births were recorded in Marions

for the same period in 1948, a year which marked a decline from the all-time peak in 1947 of 2,445.

of 2,445. Although more births were re-ported in 1949 than in 1948, the birth rate, based on a compari-son between the number of new arrivals and the total popula-tion, showed a decline from 5.32 to 24.02 in 1949. The slipping birth rate in-dicated that the population of officials said.

Marion county is growing by immigration faster than the reservoir level is still far un-

Immigration taster than the reservoir level is still far the weary old bird can go. The figures for 1949 prepared by the county office showed that 424 of the births in Marion coun-supply for the city, Chief Waty were credited to persons out- ter Engineer Edward J. Clark side the county who underwent said.

Despite the climb in the num-ber of clizens in Marion cooun-Portland, Jan. 2 (R)ber of citizens in Marion cooun-ty both by immigration and by tic records put 1949 on the books ty both by immigration and by new additions from Doc Stork, the number of deaths in the county from all causes skidded from the 630 reported in 1948 to 556 in 1949. There were 33 traffic fatili-ties, the lowest since records were started in 1925.

The greatest single cause of death in Marion county was heart disease and associated disorders. A total 183 persons suc-cumbed to heart disease alone, while an additional 81 were stricken by arterial disorders and 60 more died of apoplexy. Cancer rated as the second bichost killer causing 10.5

**Excellent Record During '49** 



'Miss Cheesecake' - Mary Collins (above), 20, of Beau-

mont, Tex., was selected as "Miss Cheesecake of 1949" by Stars and Stripes, U. S. news-paper, in Frankfurt, Germany. Miss Collins is a model in New York City. (AP Wirephoto)

# Former Prisoners of War May Make Claims Tuesday

cumbed to heart disease alone. while an additional 81 were stricken by arterial disorders and 60 more died of apoplexy. Cancer rated as the second highest killer, causing 105 deaths in this county for the first eleven months of the year in comparison to 94 for the same period in 1948. Nearly 600,000,000 acres of western lands in the United States are classed as semi-arid and arid. May Miake Claims internet in the Secure Use of the same ments are expected to begin in early spring. The claims will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis. Pay-ments are expected to begin in early spring. The claims forms may be obtained at 70 regional Veterans Administration offices and the state agencies set up by governors Those eligible for compensa-in the European theater are not eligible.

eligible. Four Corners Firemen Make Excellent Record During '49

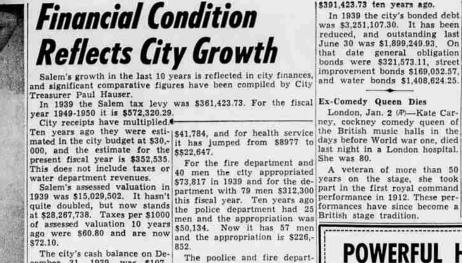
nees died in internment camps or since.

Four Corners, Jan. 2-The annual report of the Four Corners volunteer fire department covering the rural fire protection district for the year 1949. Twenty-eight runs were made with one false alarm. Two were outside the district. Called for assist-pensation. In case of death proper surance from Salem twice and assisted Salem once. Total value of

ance from Salem twice and assisted Salem once. Total value of property at risk including build-4 The war claims act provides that \$1 a day be paid for each day a member of the U.S. armed property at risk including bulk-ings and contents \$980,000. To-tal loss incurred approximately \$93,000, of which \$60,000 was the Pen Annex fire reducing the total fire loss to our district to approximately \$33,000. Fire tal number of the calls. Thursday even in g between to her music students. Musical games and favors provided en-larities for fires totaled 88 with no fire s getting out of hand. Forty-four fire hazards were re-ported with 39 eliminated. Social activities included the annual dinner with the firemen's wittees as guest the amnual St.

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The city's cash balance on De-cember 31, 1939, was \$107.-881.28 and on the same date in 881.28 and on the same date in 152, are bigger by \$147,728.27

The city had no parking me-ters then, but has 1507 now, and roundly then will return this fiscal year \$110,000. And there was no sewer rental charge to water users then, but for 1949-50 this i em will produce about \$100,000. Budgeted items for city ex-

penditures have increased correspondingly. In 1939 there was budgeted

for the airport \$432. Now the item is \$15,200. For play-grounds, parks and band the increase has been from \$8368 to

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feet above sea level in his single place sailplane. London, Jan. 2 (P)-Kate Car

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Four Corners - The Four Corners Garden club will hold their January meeting Thursday evening, January 9, at the com-munity hall. Program commitmunity nail. Program commit-tee, Mrs. Raymond Hough, Mrs. Floyd Green, Mrs. Homer Bales, Mrs. Buena McKee. Hostesses will be Mrs. Harold Halfman, Mrs. Arlo McLain, Mrs. Cecil Snook, Mrs. Warren Shrake, Mrs. Ross Chrisman. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rickman

wives as guests, the annual St. Valentine's dance and the decor-ated horse-drawn fire engine float entered in the civic divi-

float entered in the civic divi-sion of the Cherryland Festival in Salem for which they receiv-ed second sward. Chief W. R. Gould and Assistant Chief Wal-do Miller extend their appreci-tion the concention of the

ation to the cooperation of the

wolunies of the district in so will-ingly supporting the fire con-trol program for the past year and look forward to increased efficiency for the coming year.

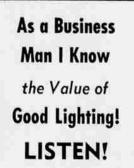
and family drove to Astoria on Thursday to celebrate the birthday anniversary of their daughter Mrs. James G. Taylor.

Four Corners-Social events take precedent as the holiday season draws to a close. Mrs. Cecil Snook, 145 N. Elma avenue complimented her daughter, Ma-rilyn, on Thursday afternoon occasion being her 12th birthday anniversary. Games were in play and the birthday

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