

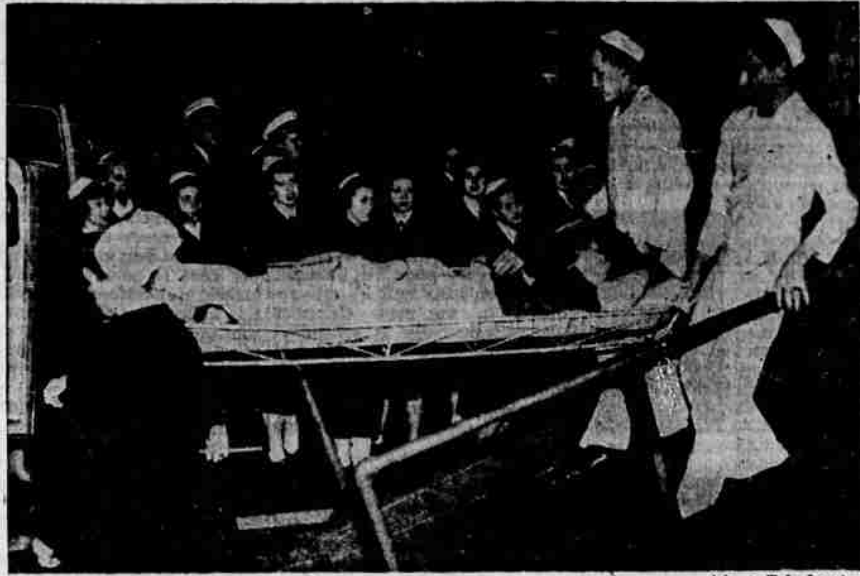
GI'S TALE OF WOE
 Ft. Lewis, Wash., Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—Pfc. Sol Katz, of the Bronx, N. Y., had a woeful tale to tell his buddies when he got back from a furlough home. First, jewelers told him a watch he had left for repairs had been lost. Arriving home he sent his uniforms to the tailors and the building burned down. He lost one of his medals on the train back and his garrison cap was stolen. The last straw—he arrived back at camp a day early.

CHEST DIRECTORS DIVIDE RECEIPTS AMONG AGENCIES

With the 1944 campaign substantially completed, Medford Community Chest directors acted last week on the report of the budget committee headed by Otto Frohnmayer, and divided available funds among the various participating agencies. Total raised in the campaign to date is \$39,900.94. After deduction of campaign expenses of \$371.29, largely printing and postage, the directors authorized payment of \$20,000 to the National War Fund



Philippine Sea Battle Survivors Return



(Acme Telephoto)
 This wounded veteran of the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea is carried from Navy transport to ambulance at San Francisco dock, where the ship docked with 1200 survivors of vessels lost in the action. Crewmen of the heroic baby flat-top Gambler Bay, sunk by Japanese battleships and cruisers, and the destroyer escort Abner Read, lost as result of undefined "berils of the sea," comprised most of the contingent.



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and allotted the balance of approximately \$18,500 to local agencies including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, Girls' Community Club, Public Health Association, Recreation Association, and Teen-Age (Y. M. C. A.) Club. Some downward adjustment of agency requests was made where cash surpluses or anticipated income were shown on agency statements, but no impairment of agency operations is contemplated, directors stated. Last year's campaign raised \$40,791.64, while quota for the current year had been set at \$37,500. General satisfaction with the results in consideration of the decline in Camp White activity, was expressed, and tribute was paid the extensive volunteer participation in the campaign, said to have resulted in unusually thorough coverage of the city. Late pledges and payments on deferred pledges should be sent to the treasurer, Elwood Herberg, at the First National Bank.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Defends the Generalissimo

To the editor:—In the press I have read questionings about China in her war effort and criticism of Chiang Kai-shek. So it seems to me desirable to consider the record, and also the fact that a good share of the criticism comes from Moscow. About 25 years ago Dr. Sun Yet Sen, the George Washington of China, headed the revolution which threw out the misrule of the old empress, and started a new government with democracy as the final goal, patterned largely on that of the greatly admired U.S.A.

Among Dr. Sun's devoted followers was the young Chiang. Then after the death of Dr. Sun, China was for years torn by civil war. There were many conflicting interests—Independent war lords more interested in their own ambitions than in uniting China under the new government. Probably the strongest opposin' group was that of the communists which were backed by the communist party in Russia at the same time that same Russian communist party was so active in the United States.

Chiang Kai-shek rose as the one among millions with the ability, courage and moral force to unite China for eventual democracy in opposition to communist. He was succeeding to a most remarkable extent when Japan struck, and the terrible, bloody war started. "The Chinese incident" as Japan calls it. For at least six years China has withstood Japan, with no heavy industry to produce tanks and artillery, and with little help from the allies. (Possibly two per cent of our lend-lease material was delivered to China.) Madam Chiang tried her best to make our government see the terrible need for more help to China and what her defeat would mean in prolonging our war with Japan.

Isn't it a reasonable guess to suppose that although Stalin may need all his forces to fight Germany and so can not give aid to fight Japan, he also may be perfectly willing to see China beaten to the extent of the downfall of Chiang? Then later Stalin may step in and help beat Japan and at the same time communist Russia will dominate China and the United States will have lost the great opportunity of holding China as a most valuable, friendly, democratic ally.
 Horace W. Thompson.

NUBBINS HAS COLD
 Denver, Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—Nubbins Hoffman had the sniffles today. His physician Nubbins took him on the excursion Nubbins took around Mercy hospital last week. The little fellow just had to see what went on in the big institution, where he was brought to gain strength for an operation which attendants hope will save his life, and he caught cold.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

BAILEY LEAVING FOR STATE PEN EARLY THURSDAY

Fred Alva Bailey, San Quentin prison camp escapee, sentenced to a life term for the slaying of Ira Clyde Carman, millworker, here last September 3, will be taken to Salem tomorrow, Sheriff Syd I. Brown reports.

Both Sheriff Brown and District Attorney George W. Neilson will make the trip. They have invitations to the gas chamber execution of Richard H. Leyton, scheduled for Friday at 8 a. m.

Since his conviction and sentence a week ago, Bailey has been a model prisoner in the county jail, and has expressed satisfaction at his escape from the gas chamber, the extreme penalty for his crime. The jury composed of ten men, and two women recommended life imprisonment, which under Oregon law, is mandatory upon the court. The jury's request for a "no parole" clause in the sentence was disallowed.

Records introduced by the prosecution at the trial showed that Bailey since 14 years old had been involved in a half dozen bouts with the law, in his home town of Marion and other Indiana cities. He was sentenced to San Quentin prison from Beverly Hills, Calif., to serve seven years for forgery. He would have been eligible for parole next February, had he not escap-

ed from the prison camp near Yreka last fall.

LOWER 13 SLAYER TO DIE JANUARY 3

Albany, Ore., Dec. 6.—(U.P.)—Robert E. Folkes, Los Angeles negro, was resented today to die in the state prison gas chamber at Salem Jan. 3 for "lower 13" murder of Mrs. Martha Virginia James in a Southern Pacific sleeping car Jan. 23, 1943.

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling, who presided at Folkes' trial, set the date for Folkes' execution this afternoon. First sentence was stayed pending Folkes' appeal to the state and U. S. supreme courts.

Immediately after sentence was pronounced today, Folkes was taken back to Salem to await the time of his execution.

DESERTER, ROBBER IS TURNED OVER TO NAVY

Grants Pass, Dec. 6.—With the consent of Leonard Williams, owner of the Williams Garage, who was robbed of \$300 and a .25 caliber automatic pistol, Chief of Police Carl Dallas last night released to a navy armed guard William Clarence Christian, 26, navy deserter who had been employer at the garage.

Herb Crain, navy recruiter at Medford, questioned the man and wired Washington about his naval status, learning he had been a deserter for six months, Dallas said. His home is in Kansas and he enlisted in the navy

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BIRTHS

HARRIS—To Mr. and Mrs. Lester, Rt. 4, Dec. 5, 1944, boy, Danny Lester, 7 3/4 lbs., at home.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
 Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly colder.
 Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly colder west and north portions tonight.

Local Data
 Temperature a year ago today: Highest 44; lowest 24 degrees.
 Total monthly precipitation .06 inches. Deficiency for the month .39 inches.
 Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 5.59 inches. Excess for the season .74 inches.
 Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 99%; 4:30 today 100%.

Tomorrow
 Sunrise 8:26 a. m.; sunset 5:40 p. m.
 Past 24 hours: High 48 Low 37

Boise	48	37
Boston	49	31
Chicago	35	31
Denver	50	39
Eureka	51	47
Havre	32	42
Los Angeles	70	42
Medford	43	38
New York	52	33
Omaha	33	26
Phoenix	67	35
Portland	58	49
Reno	55	19
Roseburg	51	44
Salt Lake	42	28
San Francisco	62	44
Seattle	59	45
Spokane	53	46
Washington, D. C.	54	27
Yakima	40	38



This is probably the first time you've ever seen War Bonds fishing

That man in the boat up there is Bill Brown. In about five minutes he's going to land the biggest bass in the world—well, almost the biggest. The time is 1954. And even Mr. Brown doesn't know yet about the big one he's going to land. But Bill is working hard today—in 1944—saving money—and buying War Bonds and still more War Bonds. After all, the Browns have two boys in the Navy and as he says, "It's little enough that we do, but it's the best we know how."

The happy side of Mr. Brown's saving is that he's laying the ground work for a secure old age for his wife and himself. And according to Mr. Brown, "that means fishing." 1944 is a good year for saving money. Because of the war there is a shortage of purchasable material. Because of this shortage prices are higher and dollars can't buy as much as they probably will 10 years from now, say. If you will plan your saving now—work it out with pencil and

paper—your spending later will be more profitable to you and your family. And the best way to save now is to buy War Bonds. Another good way is to add regularly to your bank account so that you will have ready cash for emergencies. Your bank account may help you to hold your War Bonds straight through to profitable maturity.

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