

**EDDIE BRACKEN'S ROCKET BOMBERS  
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CRATERIAN'S BILL OFF BONIN ISLES**

Joel McCrea and Betty Field  
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Beulah Bondi.

Starting today at the Craterian Eddie Bracken in "Hail the Conquering Hero."  
Audiences will laugh until they cry at the humor and then they'll cry some more at the pathos that are alternately jam-packed into this wholesome comedy about a medically discharged marine who is precipitated into an unmerited hero's berth by as funny a set of circumstances as a screen writer ever conceived. The picture is a triumph for Preston Sturges who wrote and directed and it solidly cements youthful Eddie Bracken's claim to ranking stardom. Other players in the cast are Ella Raines, Raymond Walburn and William Demarest.

At the Rialto is Joel McCrea and Betty Field in "The Great Moment." Also on the same bill is "She's a Soldier," with Beulah Bondi, Percy Kilbride, Nina Foch and Jess Barker.

**NEW GENERAL'S INSIGNIA**  
Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—The new generals of the army will wear an insignia consisting of five silver stars arranged in a circle, the war department announced today. The insignia will be the same color and about the same size as a lieutenant colonel's maple leaf, and at a distance the two might be confused.

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Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 24.—(U.P.)—Mitchell bombers, manned by marine pilots, attacked Japanese shipping with rocket projectiles in the Bonin and Volcano island groups Thursday in the 15th daily renewal of raids on the chain of islets guarding the southern approaches to Japan. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Pacific strategic air force Liberators commanded by Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon joined the attack again, hitting Iwo island, 750 miles from Tokyo.

Leatherneck airmen flew the swift Mitchells more than 700 miles to blast targets in the islands which the enemy used as aerial staging bases.

Results of the joint attacks were not announced in today's Pacific fleet headquarters announcement.

Harmon's B-24's bombed airstrip installations at Iwo both Wednesday and Thursday.

At the other end of Japan, 11th AAF Liberators bombed and strafed targets on Onnekotan island in the Kurile chain, encountering only meager anti-aircraft fire. All participating planes returned safely to their bases.

Nimitz' pre-Christmas communique reported marine fighters bombed and strafed supply and ammunition dumps on Balathuap, largest enemy-held island in the Palau group, Wednesday and Thursday.

**LEGISLATURE TO GET BIG BUDGET**

Salem, Ore., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—A budget calling for the expenditure of \$195,816,426 during the next two years will be submitted to the 1945 legislature in January, the budget division of the state announced today.

The sum approved by the budget division is \$3,285,718 less than the total amount of requests submitted, Governor Earl Snell, who is also chief budget officer, said.

Approval was given for the expenditure of \$28,777,500 for the administration of state government and the operation of departments and institutions supported from the general fund. This amount was the result of trimming the requested amount of \$30,038,541.42.

**EXPECT SHORTAGE OF SAWDUST FUEL**

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—A shortage of sawdust fuel expected to continue until January 15 or later may have far-reaching effects on planing mills when the emergency is over.

George W. Curry, district OPA fuel rationing specialist, said representatives of more than 30 Portland sawdust distributors conferred with OPA officials today in an attempt to insure delivery to the neediest users.

Reconversion of household furnaces to wood and coal was urged by the OPA, which explained that present wood and coal stocks are ample for Portland's needs.

**WHITE CHRISTMAS FOR SOME AREAS**

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Southwestern Oregon can expect light snows for Christmas, while the southeast part of the state may celebrate the holiday with snow, the Portland weather bureau said tonight.

Two out of every three births in the United States last year took place in hospitals, averaging 21 every half hour.

**Morse Finds Horses Easier Housed Than Family In Capital**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Oh! To be a horse.  
At least that's what the family of Senator-elect Wayne Morse, Republican, Oregon, is beginning to sigh.  
Mrs. Morse has found a home here for their two saddle horses. But none for the family. The family, awaiting arrival of Mr. Morse, has been taken in by friends.

**BOSS PENDERGAST JURIST IS DEAD**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—Federal District Judge Merrill E. Otis, the jurist who sentenced the one-time Kansas City political czar, T. J. Pendergast, to prison, died today in a Kansas City hospital following a heart attack. He was 60 years old.

**NEW AIR COMMANDER**

London, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The U. S. strategic air force announced today that Brig. Gen. Clarence P. Kane, San Diego, Calif., has been appointed commander of the air service command of the U. S. army in the European theater of operations.


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