

## Thos. A. Herbison Dies in Roseburg

Thomas Allen Herbison, 69, died at his home on Ella street, Roseburg, early today following a two months' illness. Born at Maiden Rock, Wis., August 11, 1871, he came to Oregon in 1933 and resided for three years at Myrtle Creek. He made his home in Roseburg for the past five years, being engaged in the real estate business.

Surviving are two daughters, Eunice Pearl Herbison, Roseburg; Mrs. Alvin Jarvis, Eugene; a son, Private First Class Thomas A. Herbison, Jr., U. S. marine.



## In Government Wards-

By M. GARLAND

In Government wards the beds we know  
Stand side by side, and row on row;  
They mark the place wherein must lie  
Our living dead,  
As day by day the years roll by.

They are our men, who years ago,  
When freedom called, were first to go.  
In War's grim battles, won or lost,  
They are the ones who pay the cost.

Their failing hand we fondly clasp;  
The torch they threw we firmly grasp.  
The pledge is ours, we hold it high,  
We won't break faith with you who lie  
On Government beds, while years roll by.  
(With apologies to "In Flanders Fields")

## U. S.-To-Alaska Highway Project Recommended

WASHINGTON, May 23. — (AP) — Immediate construction of a \$25,000,000 highway from the United States to Alaska, approximately 1,600 miles, as a precaution against invasion from Siberia was recommended to Secretary Hull yesterday by the Alaska International highway commission.

The commission's report, made public by its chairman, Representative Magnuson (D-Wash.), said that Russia, if so disposed, could attack from existing bases in Siberia.

Accompanied by maps and descriptions, the report said supplies could be transported over the new road from Prince George, B. C., northern terminus of the present U. S. - Canada road system, to Fairbanks, Alaska, site of a huge army base, in 60 hours. Seven or eight days are now required for the trip.

The report was intended to aid the state department in negotiating a treaty with Canada to construct the highway. It called attention to a tentative understanding between Japan and Russia in discussing the possibility of invasion from Siberia.

It added that the commission was of the opinion the highway could be built in 18 to 20 months.

tioning names of the licensees on a radio program constituted financial assistance.

## Italians Indicted for Damaging Seized Ship

PORTLAND, May 23. — (AP) — A federal grand jury indicted 21 officers and crew of the damaged Italian motorship Leme yesterday on charges of sabotage and conspiracy.

Captain Giovanni Polonio, most of his officers, two ship's radio operators, the ship's carpenter and a large portion of the engine room force were named in the indictment.

Coast guardsmen who seized the vessel here found engines, navigating instruments, the radio and other equipment badly damaged.

## Mrs. Mary Whitmer of Roseburg Passes Away

Mrs. Mary Whitmer, 85, died Thursday evening at her home at 715 E. Lane street, Roseburg, following a long period of ill health. She was born in Fayette county, Ill., Sept. 18, 1855.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Roseburg, six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking parlors at 2 p. m. Saturday, Rev. John A. Barney officiating. Interment will be in the Oak Creek cemetery.

## Enlarged Air Armada Latest Goal of U. S.

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lines and Britain needed them, there appeared to be little doubt that she would get a substantial share under the lease-lend program.

If anything happened to Britain in the meantime, they added, the United States would have an enlarged modern air fleet calculated to bolster its security against any threat.

F. D. R. Predicts More Ships  
President Roosevelt predicted yesterday that "more and faster ships will be built" in this country and that "they will carry through the open waters of the seven seas implements which will help destroy the menace to free peoples everywhere."

In a letter to Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission, the president said: "Today as never before in our history, our merchant marine is vital to our national welfare. I do not mean vital merely in the conventional sense that it makes an important contribution but in the stronger sense that it is a crucially decisive factor in our continued existence as a free people."

"If we are going to keep away

from our shores the forces that have convulsed the old world and now menace the new, the job will be done in large measure by the ships and the sailors of the merchant marine and by the working men who build the ships and supply them."

## Federal Force Urged to End Shipyard Strike

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and AFL machinists struck for double overtime and wages of \$1.15 an hour, compared with time and a half overtime and \$1.12 cents an hour offered by the companies.

On Wednesday, some AFL ship craftsmen led a march back to work, through machinists' picket lines at two of the struck yards. Yesterday navy truck manned by uniformed sailors and marines took some 600 workmen through the lines.

The 11 yards hold \$500,000,000 worth of defense orders.

Coal Deadlock Tackled  
The mediation board entered the soft coal wage dispute for the second time, finding the situation completely deadlocked. A board panel arranged to confer today with representatives of the CIO United Mine Workers and the southern Appalachian operators, and tomorrow with the union and northern operators.

After a nine tie-up which lasted throughout April the northern owners acceded to the union's demands for a \$1 raise to \$7 a day while the southern operators entered a tentative agreement to increase their scale from \$5.60 to \$6.60. However, the southern group declined to eliminate the sectional differential and meet the \$7 northern scale. UMW President John L. Lewis has insisted that the same scale be paid throughout the industry.

The southerners also object to the union's proffered contract because it provides for a 10-day vacation shut down of all mines once a year with \$20 vacation money for each miner, and further because the contract reserves to the union the right to strike any time, and place to maintain "the integrity and competitive parity of the contract."

Coal experts said there is only 10 or 15 days coal supply above ground.

CIO Victor Over Ford  
A count of ballots in a national labor relations board election at Detroit showed that the CIO Unit-Automobile workers had won collective bargaining rights at the Ford Motor company's River

Rogue and Lincoln plants. R. J. Thomas, UAW (president) declared the election result marked the "end of an era in American industry... the defeat of the type of uncompromising anti-unionism represented by Henry Ford." Harry Bennett, Ford personnel director, commented "It's a great victory for the communist party."

Thomas said the union would start negotiating immediately for a contract to include a flat wage increase of 10 cents an hour. Ford's current wage scale has not been disclosed.

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**GREYHOUND**

corps, San Diego, Calif., now here on special furlough; a stepson, R. F. Harvie, Roseburg; three grandchildren and four sisters, Sadie Sterling, Eugene, Minn.; Pearl Herbison, New London, Wis., and Mary DeWitt, Wisconsin.

He was a past grand master in the I. O. O. F. lodge and a member of Roseburg Townsend club No. 1.

Funeral services will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors at 2 p. m. Sunday, Rev. Charles A. Edwards officiating. Interment will follow in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## Prisoner Starves Self, Squeezes Out of Jail

PHILADELPHIA, May 23. — (AP) — Dieting has its good points in jail, too.

A paroled convict awaiting trial in 20 chain store holdups starved himself from 168 to 130 pounds in a month and squeezed to freedom last night through a foot-wide gap in the bars at a district police station.

## Battle of Crete Said Turning Against Nazis

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left aflame by bomb hits.

These reports supplemented those of yesterday's action, which Germans asserted constituted a sweeping victory for Nazi air power over Britain's seapower in the eastern Mediterranean. Her previous claims:

Four cruisers, several destroyers and one submarine sent to the bottom by the Luftwaffe yesterday and the day before.

One battleship, two destroyers and a number of smaller vessels hit.

British Also Score  
In a dramatic side phase of the Mediterranean struggle, the London admiralty announced that British submarines torpedoed and sank a 9,000-ton troopship and a 7,000-ton tanker attempting to reach axis forces in Libya, North Africa.

In addition, the admiralty said, an Italian destroyer was probably sunk, and a large ammunition-carrying schooner was sent to the bottom.

Cairo dispatches said crowded boatloads of Nazi troops trying to reach Crete had been "blasted to bits" by British naval guns amid a developing battle between the British fleet and the German Luftwaffe's Stuka dive-bombers.

Heavy damage was said to have been inflicted on a 30-boat axis convoy, and Italian ships were seen picking up survivors.

Tobruk Siege Pressed  
Axis forces have tightened their ring about the British-held Libyan port of Tobruk in the past few days, Berlin reported today.

Shock troops, assisted by ar-

tillery, were said to have worked themselves close to British positions, with some of the axis forces advancing deeper into Tobruk's outer fortifications.

Little activity was reported about the Egyptian frontier outpost of Salum, which the Germans said remained in their hands.

The 11,000-ton tanker Canadote, which the British reported missing yesterday, actually has been captured by the German navy as a prize, informed sources reported today.

The tanker was said to have been seized while on route from Freetown to Venezuela.

German submarines have sent 110,300 tons of British shipping to the bottom of the Atlantic in recent operations, the Nazi high command asserted today, but it acknowledged that Germany's ace U-boat commander, Guenther Prien has been given up for lost with his ship.

Prien sank the British battleship Royal Oak at Scapa Flow Oct. 14, 1939, when the war was less than two months old, and his feat in raiding a home base of the British fleet won praise even from the British for its daring.

German reports have acknowledged since April 30 that he is missing, but the British have refused to say whether Prien is dead or captured.

## School Closing Program Planned at Days Creek

DAYS CREEK, May 23. — A most interesting program for the closing days of the school year at Days Creek has recently been announced. On Friday evening, May 23, the eighth grade graduation exercises will be held in the school auditorium with Miss Bess Clough as the speaker of the evening. Following these exercises the senior dance will be enjoyed in the gymnasium.

On Sunday evening, May 26, the Baccalaureate services will be held, Dr. C. A. Edwards of Roseburg will deliver the sermon. Tuesday afternoon the class day program will be presented by the members of the graduating class and Wednesday evening has been set as the date for Commencement. State representative C. C. Hill will deliver the address.

Thursday, May 29, the "last day" picnic, a time honored event in this community, will be held on the school grounds. There will be contests of various kinds, a picnic lunch at noon and the regular annual meeting of the Days Creek Alumni association.

To Assist in Poppy Sale — All

Roseburg Camp Fire girls desiring to assist the American Legion auxiliary in the annual two-day poppy sale are requested to get the poppies at the gas company office today and tomorrow.

## Extortion Charges Hit Theater Union's Chiefs

NEW YORK, May 23. — (AP) — William Bioff, leader of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and George E. Browne, president of the union, were indicted under the federal anti-racketeering laws today and accused of extorting \$550,000 from four leading movie producers and distributors through threats to tie up the entire movie industry with a strike.

The government charged that Bioff, once convicted as a pandarer, and Browne, used their union positions to extort the half million dollars for themselves and threatened to tie up the industry by calling out about 35,000 men and women in the industry's mechanical crafts.

## MARKET REPORTS

LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., May 22. — (AP) — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — HOGS: Steady; strong; top 10 higher; good-choice 170-215 lb. drive-ins largely \$9.50-60; several outstanding lots up to \$9.70; off grades down to \$9.35; 225-290 lb. weights \$8.75-9.00; light lights mostly \$8.75; packing sows \$8.00-25; choice 120 lb. feeder pigs \$10.00; 85-lb. weights \$10.50.

CATTLE: Calves active, fully steady; medium-good steers \$9.50-10.35 including grass-fat steers at \$9.50-10.00; common grades down to \$8.00; common-medium heifers \$7.00-8.50; odd head \$9.00; canner and cutter cows mostly \$5.50-6.50; fat dairy cows \$7.00-50; good beef cows up to \$8.25; medium-good bulls \$7.75-8.90; vealers steady with Wednesday's 50-cent advance; good-choice grades \$11.00-12.00; common down to \$7.00.

SHEEP: Steady; good-choice spring lambs \$10.50-65; few to \$10.75; medium-good \$9.50-10.25; common down to \$9.00; medium-good shorn old crop lambs \$6.75-7.25; few fat ewes \$3.00-25.

BOSTON, May 23. — (AP) — The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow: "The wool situation is substantially unchanged from the position of a week ago. Mills are fairly covered against their nearer requirements and are not forcing the situation. Hence, activity in wool is very moderate although consumption is heavy. Prices are firmly maintained."

In "the west, there has been scattered buying with prices firm and usually against the buyer, so that some consignments have been made where dealers would not advance their limits."

"Some slight flurry in wools of three-eighths quality, especially scoureds has been caused by the informal request of the government for tenders on such quantities of blankets, equivalent to army specifications, up to 350,000, as the various mills might offer for delivery in 90 days."

"Foreign markets are generally firm but not especially active. "Some let-down is reported in the civilian demand for men's wear, although flat demand for women's wear is expanding somewhat."

"Mohair is moderately active and firm."

PRODUCE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 23. — PEAS—Oregon No. 1 68c lb. Other produce prices steady, unchanged.

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Ind's RR's Ut's St's

FRI to come

Prev. day 56.4 16.5 30.5 39.8

Month ago 55.2 16.6 31.7 39.5

Yea ago 53.8 13.1 31.1 37.8

1941 high 63.9 17.9 35.5 45.0

1941 low 54.8 15.4 30.3 39.1

BONDS

20 10 10 10

RR's Ind's Ut's Fgn.

FRI to come

Prev. day 64.7 104.5 101.0 44.7

Month ago 64.8 104.3 101.0 43.6

Yea ago 48.7 99.2 90.5 37.9

1941 high 66.5 105.3 101.5 45.9

1941 low 60.2 104.2 99.0 38.0

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