

Reiling to Head Food Firm Unit

Local Packing Plants
In New Division of
General Foods Concern

Arthur L. Reiling of Hillsboro has been named manager of the western production division of a newly-formed operating unit within the organization of General Foods corporation, according to information released here this week. The new unit will include the recently acquired Ray-Maling division and B. E. Maling, Inc., a subsidiary, among other General Foods organizations.

Offices of the western production division will be located at Hillsboro in the Commercial building, according to Reiling, who was formerly secretary-treasurer of the Ray-Maling division. Present quarters are now being remodeled and additional offices are being taken over. The western production division at present includes three company-owned packing plants at Hillsboro, Woodburn, Ore. and at Yakima, Wash., and two contract operations at Pasadena and San Jose, Cal. It is possible that other units may be added to the division in the future or that the present plants may be expanded, Reiling stated.

Five Units Included
The new operating unit will be known as the Birdseye-Snyder division. It is comprised of Birdseye Sales corporation, Q-F Foods sales corporation, Q-F Foods sales, Inc., recently acquired Snyder and Ray-Maling divisions and B. E. Maling, Inc., a subsidiary. Burt C. Olney, formerly manager of the Snyder division, has been appointed general manager of the new organization.

In the western production division office here, Reiling will be assisted by Carl Huber, assistant production manager who was formerly general superintendent of the Ray-Maling Co., Inc., with headquarters at Woodburn.

Local People Retained
John Ross, who was vice-president of B. E. Maling, Inc., will be in charge of accounting for the western division under the new set-up. He will be assisted by B. Hall, formerly director of Ray-Maling Co., Inc., and office manager.

W. O. Joos, who has been serving as purchasing agent for B. E. Maling, Inc., will act in a similar capacity for the western division. Russell A. Barr will be western traffic manager with Neil D. Myers as assistant. Barr formerly held (Continued on page 7)

Big Resource Increase Shown By Local Bank

Gain of more than \$2,000,000 in resources for the second consecutive year has been recorded at the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro, according to a statement of condition released as of December 31, 1943. Increase for the past year amounted to \$2,017,254.14, while 1942 showed a gain in resources of \$2,092,961.91.

Total resources of the bank totaled \$7,150,391.12, according to the report, as compared with \$5,133,097.98 at the end of 1942. During the past 10 years resources have increased \$6,143,088.17 from \$1,007,302.95.

Steady gains of the bank are indicated by the resource totals for the December 31 statements of condition for each of the 10 years just past: 1933—\$1,007,302.95; 1934—\$1,288,580.44; 1935—\$1,459,076.74; 1936—\$1,720,204.62; 1937—\$1,870,541.60; 1938—\$2,092,961.91; 1939—\$2,293,096.10; 1940—\$2,449,872.04; 1941—\$2,040,136.07; 1942—\$5,133,097.98; 1943—\$7,150,391.12.

Condensed statement issued by the bank shows deposits, discounts \$1,145,272.24, bonds and warrants \$4,450,625.60, Federal Reserve stock \$9,000,000, bank notes \$53,400, furniture and fixtures \$28,056.96, other resources \$1,007,302.95, cash and due from banks \$1,461,034.22, capital stock \$125,000, surplus \$175,000, undivided profits \$27,754.70, deposits \$6,282,636.42.

Chamber Luncheons to Resume Next Tuesday

Chamber of commerce luncheons will be resumed Tuesday, noon January 11, following the holiday lay-off, according to J. H. Garrett, forum chairman. Ben Hazen, Portland savings and loan executive, will be the speaker. Mrs. Perry Dumas will give a vocal solo. Forum committee will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce rooms.

Colonel Clark Warns Against Trend To Centralization of Government

Trend toward centralization of power in the federal government and government by edict of federal bureaus and agencies was decried by Colonel A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, in speaking before the Hillsboro Rotary club Thursday. W. G. Hare was program chairman.

Colonel Clark asserted that the reconstructed supreme court had interpreted laws to a point where the federal government can control and regulate every phase of economic endeavor. All old decisions have been thrown overboard so that anything that in any way relates to interstate commerce is subject to federal regulation.

Way of Life Big Resource
Our ambition, enterprise, way of thinking and living, the products of our form of government, are the things that have made this country great and are the greatest resources we have, according to Colonel Clark, who said we must guard well the ramparts that we watch so that we may go forward to greater heights. Our boys, he said, are not fighting to protect a bureaucratic oligarchy, but to preserve our form of government and the rights of other people to develop their own systems.

The form of government under which we live is probably the most important factor in our lives, according to the speaker, who said it determines whether we are to

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CENTURY OF POSTAL SERVICE—Nearly 100 years of service have been given by these three employees of the Hillsboro postoffice—left to right Sam Hibbs, rural carrier on route four; Miss Angie Harrington, clerk; and Art Miltenberger, carrier on rural route one. Miss Harrington and Miltenberger retired last Friday after 32 1/2 years of service each. Hibbs will retire February 1 with nearly 35 years of postal service, 15 of which were with the local office.

Two Postal Workers Earn Retirement Here

Combined service record of 65 years to Hillsboro postoffice patrons was culminated last Friday afternoon with the retirement of Miss Angie Harrington, genial postal savings and money order clerk, and Art Miltenberger, jovial mail carrier on rural route one. On February 1 residents of rural route four will lose the services of Sam Hibbs, carrier on that route for the past 15 years.

Miltenberger, who has gained a reputation for saying the unexpected during his 32 1/2 years as a mail carrier, topped off his retirement in typically unexpected style. Saturday night he fell down a stairway in his home and started his well-earned rest in the Jones hospital with a broken left leg. Art always said he was going to sleep for 48 hours straight after he retired, but no one expected him to go to such extremes to assure realization of his ambition.

Miltenberger started his service with the Hillsboro postoffice on June 1, 1911. During the 32 1/2 years that followed he carried the mail through all kinds of weather and in all kinds of conveyances, starting with a horse and buggy and ending up with a "pre-war" horseless carriage. Roads and mud were synonymous when he started "packing the mail."

Miss Harrington came to the local postoffice the month after June 1, 1911. During the 32 1/2 years and five months to her credit when she retired last Friday, her period of service goes back to, and beyond, the advent of war savings stamps in World War I. On her day of retirement, she was doing her bit again selling the savings stamps and bonds of World War II.

Both Miss Harrington and Miltenberger were sworn in by the late B. P. Cornelius, postmaster in 1911. Since that time they have had five different postmasters as "bosses" and have served in five different post offices.

B. P. Cornelius was succeeded by the late J. C. Lankin. Next was H. C. Ball, followed by Fred Holz-nagel, and now L. T. McPheters. Back in 1911 the Hillsboro postoffice was located on South Second avenue where Smith's grocery is now situated. The next office was just across the street in the building now occupied by Good-

Postal Receipts Rise During Past Year
Postal receipts at the Hillsboro office increased about 12 per cent during the past year, according to a report this week by L. T. McPheters, postmaster. This was a continuation of the steady increase that has been experienced locally for the past 10 years, he said.

Christmas business here was well over the previous year, McPheters stated. He commended the public for their cooperation in starting holiday mailings early, but declared that the inevitable last-minute rush was nearly as heavy as usual.

The local staff, with the help of temporary workers, was able to keep up with the holiday rush, he reported. All of the Christmas mail that came in was distributed on Christmas Day.

Divorces in Lead

The divorce courts bested the efforts of Dan Cupid in Washington county during 1943. County Clerk W. A. Tupper reported 199 divorces to 127 marriages during the year. Peak of divorce activity in the county was reached in September when 27 divorces were granted.

When the legislative and judicial branches abdicate their functions of representative government ceases and liberty is jeopardized. Clark pointed out. He said that the very form of government that President Roosevelt and other statesmen have warned against is becoming pretty firmly established in the way of bureaucracy.

The first move, he said, was the NRA, which was as complete an abdication of powers as the Reichstag act in conferring powers on Hitler. The supreme court, as constituted at that time, declared the NRA unconstitutional and said that if it was sustained there was nothing to hinder congress from placing totalitarian powers in the hands of the executive.

Rabbi Levine of Berlin, Germany, will speak at the luncheon meeting this noon (Thursday) on conditions in Germany. L. E. Hall will be program chairman.

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Annual Polio Drive Opens January 14

Need for Funds Great; Lions Club to Conduct Campaign in Hillsboro

Need for funds to combat infantile paralysis—the great crippling disease this year than ever before due to the great increase in polio recently. This was the declaration of Mervin W. Brink, chairman of the Lions club committee which will conduct the annual Hillsboro campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, in announcing the local drive from January 14 through January 30.

While infantile paralysis now is on the wane, Oregon has just passed through its worst epidemic, according to Dr. Frederick D. Strickland, state health officer. Oregon last year had nearly 400 new victims. It was worse than in 1910 and 1927 when other bad years were recorded. Deaths in the state are between 25 and 70 cases annually.

Local Aid Given
Half of each dollar raised in Hillsboro will remain in Washington county to aid needy sufferers of infantile paralysis. Brink pointed out. The balance of the money is allocated to study and research work toward stamping out polio by the national foundation.

At the present time there are more than 500 cases in Washington county of people crippled in one way or another by infantile paralysis. While there is no known cure for these people, many of them can be helped by braces, chairs and treatments.

The annual infantile paralysis campaign will be conducted this year by the local Lions club under the direction of a central committee headed by Brink. Other members of the committee are Francis Sturges, Gerald Gray and Kenneth Peterson. Plans for the drive are now being formulated and will be announced next week.

Ray L. Antum of Astoria is again Washington county chairman for the annual drive. Campaign organizations are being organized by Antum in all parts of the county in an effort to exceed funds raised in previous years. The county quota is \$3000.

Second Pork Bonus Given

Another pork ration bonus was announced Sunday by the office of twice administration, spare stamp No. 2 in ration book, four being validated for the purchase of five points' worth of fresh pork and all sausage. The stamp will be good from Sunday, January 2, through Saturday, January 15.

The new special stamp will not be good for buying smoked or cured pork, such as smoked ham and bacon, it was pointed out. It will be valid for all fresh pork and for any type of sausage, except that canned or in glass, regardless of pork content.

District Division Hearing Scheduled

Hearing on the proposed division of the Roberts school district between Scoggins Valley and Cherry Grove districts has been called for 10 a. m. Wednesday, January 19, in the county commissioners' office at the courthouse. Notices have been posted in the three districts involved.

School is not being held in the Roberts district this year and only three children are listed in the school census, it was explained. Residents of the three districts may attend the hearing.



HEADS DRIVE—Mervin W. Brink, chairman of the Lions club committee which will conduct the annual Hillsboro campaign to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis starting January 14.

Local Rationing Board Observes 2nd Anniversary

Second anniversary of the establishment of the Hillsboro price and rationing board was reached Wednesday with Ferd Langer of Sherwood gaining recognition as the only member of the original board appointed by Governor Sprague still in the "harness." Recognition of the faithful service of the volunteer workers on the various boards and panels was accorded Wednesday nationally.

The first price and rationing board for the Hillsboro district was established two years ago to handle the tire rationing program. Elmer Johnson of Hillsboro was named chairman of the group and county ration administrator. Serving with him were Langer and Mrs. Doris Stipes of Beaverton.

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Pair of Girls Winners Annual Baby Derby

Little Miss Susan Cheryl Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Young of Hillsboro route 4, with her birth date officially registered at 9:25 a. m. Saturday at the Jones hospital, won first honors in the annual Hillsboro Merchants' Baby Derby for the area outside of Hillsboro and within the trading area.

Putting in her appearance at 8:15 Saturday night, championing Miss Judith Nora Shoop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shoop of 748 East Walnut street, Hillsboro, took the title as the first baby of 1944 in area I, which includes territory inside the city limits.

Susan Cheryl checked into the world at seven pounds and 14 ounces. The Youngs have two other children, both daughters, and Susan Cheryl rounds out a trio of charming femininity. Young Miss Judith Nora started the New Year weighing six pounds and 12 ounces and is the second child in the Shoop family. The other youngster is a boy. The mother is the former Judith Schneider.

By being the first baby born in 1944 to parents within the city limits, Miss Judith Nora Shoop and her parents will receive the following gifts from Hillsboro merchants: Kramer's Palm Drug store, baby gift box of soap, cream, oil and powder; Delta Drug store, Ducky sheet and blanket fastener; Bristol Hardware, bathroom thermometer; Sprague-Reitz Co., Baby Poppins rubber blanket; Lester Ireland & Co., Hankersart baby bottle warmer; Clem's Place, box of cigars; Hillsboro Bakery, cake; Hill-Venetian theatre, \$2.50 book of tickets; Pat's Beauty Shop, shampoo and finger wave for the baby's mother; Commercial National bank, \$2.50 savings account; Home Laundry, 50 per cent discount on first bundle of baby laundry; Hillsboro Argus, one-year subscription; and Gold Leaf Dairy Products Co., Birdseye chicken.

Miss Susan Cheryl Young and her parents will be the recipients of the following gifts, because she (Continued on page 3)

Jack Literal Missing in Ship Blast

Local Sailor Serving On Destroyer Blasted On East Coast Monday

John Thomas (Jack) Literal, 18-year-old torpedoman 3-c of Hillsboro, was reported missing in the U. S. S. Turner which blew up in the entrance to New York harbor early Monday, according to reports received Tuesday night by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Literal of Hillsboro route 4.

The young sailor left Hillsboro union high school in his junior year to enlist in the navy on October 9, 1942, and completed his "boot camp" training at San Diego, Cal. He had been at sea for nine months when the accident occurred.

Explosion Violent
Cause of the original explosion which doomed the ship, on which young Literal was stationed Monday, has not been released by the navy. After the first of a series of blasts, the crew of the ship put up a heroic 45-minute fight to save the destroyer in the midst of bullets whizzing from detonating magazines. The U. S. S. Turner, a 1,500-ton destroyer, commissioned only last April, carried a crew of between 200 and 230. The navy reported that at least 163 crew members survived.

Jack Literal was born in Hillsboro August 29, 1925, and was the Literals' only son. He attended the local grade school and high school, playing football, basketball and baseball at Hills. In 1941 he played first base for the Hillsboro squad in the last American Legion junior baseball tournament held in Hillsboro.

The telegram from the navy department was signed by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, and stated that young Literal "was missing in performance of his duty and in the service of his country."

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J. T. KOVALY of Hillsboro who has resigned as chairman of the Washington county salvage committee and W. G. Ide (below), also of Hillsboro who has been appointed as Kovaly's successor.



Change in Head County Salvage Body Announced
Resignation of J. T. Kovaly of Hillsboro as chairman of the Washington county salvage committee and the appointment of his fellow townsman, W. G. Ide, as his successor was announced this week by O. Phelps, county civilian defense co-ordinator. Kovaly's resignation was tendered to be effective January 10.

Press of private business in connection with the petroleum industry was given as the reason for Kovaly's resignation after serving as county salvage chairman since October, 1942. In his letter to the state salvage committee, he declared that both the salvage work and his employment in the petroleum industry were extremely important in the war effort and that he could not do justice to both jobs.

Cooperation Appreciated
Kovaly expressed his appreciation for the co-operation given him by members of the county salvage committee and by the public. He also stated that he wished to "thank the newspapers of Washington county, and especially the Hillsboro Argus, for the wholehearted assistance given in publishing and exploiting the various salvage drives to the public."

He declared that he would continue to be actively associated with the salvage campaigns in the county.

Appointment of Ide as the new county chairman was made by the Washington county defense council and has been confirmed by the state salvage committee, Phelps declared. The new salvage chairman has been active in the real estate business locally and in local affairs for many years. He served at one time as manager of the Oregon harvesters of commerce, and later as appraiser for the federal government on a number of projects.

In the more than a year he has served as salvage chairman, Kovaly has developed a county-wide organization and has successfully conducted salvage campaigns for scrap metal, silk and nylon hose, discarded clothing, waste kitchen fats, rope and waste paper.

License Rush On

Rush for temporary automobile licenses has been on in earnest at the county sheriff's office ever since last Friday. On Monday 223 temporary permits were issued. Earlier in the week, when the rush was at its height, as many as 100 were issued daily.

Many of the temporary licenses were issued to new drivers who had just passed their tests at the county sheriff's office. The rush was particularly heavy on Monday and Tuesday.

These harvest jobs were accomplished by the efforts of the U. S. employment service in organizing

Study Given To Post War Plans Here

Program Advanced by Barney; Meeting for Charter Talk Slated

A post war program for the City of Hillsboro as presented by City Manager J. W. Barney was endorsed by the city council Tuesday night. Total estimated project value was set at \$715,807.67.

The suggested list, together with rough estimates, is as follows: Replace water transmission main and develop additional source of supply, 20 miles of 18-inch water main, diversion dam, etc.—\$500,000. Additions to sewerage disposal system, provide relief for overtaxed existing mains and develop sewerage disposal farm—\$30,000. Miscellaneous street improvements, resurfacing, widening, grading, macadamizing curbs, gutters, storm drains, etc.—\$150,000. Construct garbage and refuse incinerator—\$20,000. Street lighting system, business area—\$30,807.67.

To Serve as Guide
Barney in his report to the council said the estimates shown on the various listed projects are only rough approximations, as labor and material costs are, and will be, very flexible and indefinite for some time. He said, however, that it might serve as a guide to the council in making a further study of the needs of the city and that it might be of some help to the committee planning the overall picture for the state.

"In estimating the street fund item of \$150,000," Barney said, "I feel that this is the minimum amount that should be expended on the city streets within a period of 5 to 10 years. The need for war and would cover such items as widening of First avenue from Jackson street north; the widening of Main street from Sixth to Eighth, and resurfacing existing pavements together with grading and macadamizing and oiling streets in the residential area. This item would and should be regulated entirely according to the need of the particular development and to the availability of funds at the time."

Other Items Suggested
"Other items that should perhaps be taken under consideration are: traffic signals on Baseline street, swimming pool, improvement of park and playground facilities, permanent off-street parking facilities in the business district, and an armory or civic auditorium in or near the business center; also, in case of a nominal increase in population in the city, it will only be a matter of a few years until additional space will (Continued on page 2)

Talbot Bennett Reported Killed Pacific Action

Lieut. Talbot S. Bennett, former deputy district attorney and Hillsboro resident, has been reported killed in action with the United States marine corps somewhere in the Southwest Pacific area. The young man, who was a second lieutenant in the marine corps reserve and a member of the third marine division which made initial landings on Bougainville island in the Solomon Islands.

Lt. Bennett came to Hillsboro as deputy district attorney October 1, 1933, shortly after his graduation from the Willamette university law school. He served that capacity until January 1, 1941 when he accepted a similar position in Marion county. He also served one term as president of the Hillsboro Lions club.

He enlisted in the marine corps on June 19, 1942. After boot camp and officer's training school at Quantico, W. Va., he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the reserve in January, 1943.

Lt. Bennett was born at Drake, N. D., May 12, 1916, the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Bennett, now living at Milwaukie. After graduation from Milwaukie high school, he attended Willamette university, where he was student body president and captain of the university tennis team. He twice held the northwest conference tennis singles championship.

In January, 1940, he married Miss Elma A. Bennett of Forest Grove. A son, James Seal, whom Lt. Bennett never saw, was born October 8, 1943. Mrs. Bennett and the son are now living with Lt. Bennett's parents at Milwaukie.

He was a member of the Oregon State Bar association, the Young Republican club, Knights of Pythias and the Lions club. He was a relative of J. W. Kelley of Hillsboro.

Co-operation of County Groups Credited with Cutting Crop Loss

Washington county farmers can now look back upon the harvest season with a certain amount of satisfaction knowing that only very nominal crop losses occurred because of a lack of sufficient labor, reports Palmer S. Torvend, county agent.

Very few crop losses occurred from labor shortages and usually where that did occur the crops were located quite some distance from the labor supply. Taking the county as a whole, all the crops were harvested either by wholehearted co-operation of the men, women, and children in that particular community or neighboring town, or by the aid of Mexican nationals.

Summary of farm labor work done by Washington county youth indicates that they spent a total of 107,155 days working in the crop harvest. In addition, Portland youth, organized into platoons, worked a total of 9,000 days. This was mainly in strawberries and some came fruit work.

These harvest jobs were accomplished by the efforts of the U. S. employment service in organizing

Purdin Reported As Killed in Action

T. Sgt. William H. Purdin, husband of Mrs. Georgia L. Purdin of route 1 Forest Grove, has been reported killed in action in the Southwest Pacific area.

Lt. Clinton A. Gruber, former Pacific university student, has been reported missing in action in the Southwest Pacific area. Gruber was a pilot.

Savings Firm Makes 37th Dividend Friday

Thirty-seventh consecutive dividend was declared last Friday by the Washington Federal Savings & Loan association of Hillsboro at the rate of two and a half per cent. A letter accompanying the notice stated that the institution did not contemplate any reduction from the current rate during the next six months.

Crews 2nd Lieutenant

Delbert Freeman Crews has been appointed a second lieutenant of field artillery, according to a war department list of appointments released January 5.