

Civil Defense Group to Aid Fire Fighting

First civilian defense organization within Marion county not of a strictly "volunteer" nature is in process of formation here this week, County Coordinator Byron H. Conley revealed Monday night as he outlined plans for the forest fire fighters' service.

Men who volunteer for the service may have special training in fire fighting methods if they are willing to utilize some spring evenings for class work, Conley said, and they may be called upon to work in event of fire in rural areas or in forest sections of the county.

When called upon to fight forest fires, the members of the organization will be paid, Dan D. Robinson of the state forester's office, who is now contacting leaders of Salem civic organizations for help in starting the service, has told Conley.

Classes are to commence as soon as sufficient interest in the organization has been shown to make possible establishment of a training schedule, Conley said Monday, explaining that probably one night a week would be asked of volunteers.

Upshaw Named US Marshal

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(P)—Lt. Comdr. Frank B. Upshaw, US navy retired, was appointed acting United States marshal Monday by Federal Judge Claude McCulloch and James A. Fee.

He will hold office until President Roosevelt appoints a successor to the late Frank Hamm. Upshaw said he was not a candidate for the job.

A former state manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation, Upshaw entered active duty in 1940 and returned here under physical retirement September 1.

Khaki Dominates License Records

Marriage license applications for January, up approximately 25 per cent from the record of January, 1942, reflect the presence of Camp Adair in this area, County Clerk Lee Ohmart suggested Monday as he pointed out that 31 of the male applicants were service men.

In January of last year four of the 47 prospective bridegrooms were in some branch of the service, although many were shipyard workers and otherwise engaged in war activities, while in January, 1941, only one of the 19 male applicants wore a uniform.

Axley Services Today, Portland

Funeral services for James Earl Axley, auditor in the commissary department at Fort Stevens, will be held at 4 p.m. today in the drawing room chapel of Holman and Lutz, Northeast 14th and Sandy, Portland. Commitment will be at the Portland Crematorium.

Axley was the son of the late James Axley, formerly a teacher in the Salem schools. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Augusta Axley; three brothers, Rollo, Portland, Seth, San Francisco, and Ray, Portland; and an aunt, Mrs. J. R. Anderson of Salem.

Pastor Selected

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 1—(P)—The Rev. Owen J. Beadles, Methodist pastor who came here five years ago from Chehalis, said Monday he had been transferred to the pastorate of the Centenary Wilbur church at Portland.

Fall Injuries Fatal

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(P)—George W. Hall, 40, shipyard worker, died Sunday of injuries from a fall off a four-foot scaffold last Thursday.

Host to FDR



En route home from the historic Casablanca conference, President Roosevelt passed in Liberia on the African west coast to pay his respects to that country's president, Edwin Barclay (above), and to review American Negro troops stationed there.—Associated Press Teletext.

Axis Supply Dumps Go Up in Smoke



A heavy black cloud of smoke rises from axis supply dumps in Tripoli. They were set afire by Bomber's forces fleeing before the British Eighth Army. (This is an official British photo received in the United States via radio from Cairo.)—Associated Press Teletext.

Interpreting The War News

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By every available portent the month of February, 1943, seems destined to bring twin crises to a head for Hitler on his soviet Russian and Tunisian fronts. They could spell the beginning of his doom.

On the two far-separated sectors something like a million axis troops are already dead, captured, or in imminent peril of sharing the fate of the "suicide" garrison of the Stalingrad pocket.

Moscow reports, documented by statements obtained from captured German staff officers, now set Nazi losses in the Stalingrad clean-up at a third instead of a quarter of a million men. Another 250,000 or so are reported all but trapped below Rostov in the northwestern Caucasus between the Kuban and the Don, with their backs to Kerch strait and the Crimean escape route. Still another 25,000 to 50,000 appear cut off to the north by the Russian sweep toward Kursk.

The excuse offered by Hitler's spokesmen for the sacrifice of the army before Stalingrad is that it made possible preparation of a new defense in Russia. Just where that front in the south runs is not yet clear, but it is hourly becoming more doubtful that it can include the Rostov anchor on the Don estuary or embrace any part of the Caucasus.

Just where the main Russian thrust at Rostov is to fall cannot be discerned. It seems obvious, however, that an element of Soviet strategy for that crucial drive to fling the foe back of the Dnieper and out of the Donets basing is the attempt to cut off and trap the remnants of Hitler's army of the Caucasus below the Don. The speed of the Russian advance beyond recaptured Maikop to close in on Krasnodar suggests Nazi recognition of that danger. A German flight to the Crimea via Kerch strait may already be in

McKenzie Named Judge for Union

Appointment of Alex McKenzie as Union county judge was announced by Gov. Earl Snell Monday. He succeeds Judge U. G. Couch, La Grande, who died recently, and will serve the unexpired term ending in January, 1945.

McKenzie is now serving as county commissioner of Union county and is a member of the executive committee of the County Judges and Commissioners association. He was born in Union county, is 52 years old, and is a successful farmer. McKenzie is a republican.

Gabriel Found Insane

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(P)—An alienist pronounced Ennis E. Gabriel, 50, accused slayer, insane Monday, and Circuit Judge Louis P. Hewitt committed him to the state asylum at Salem. Gabriel is accused of shooting Rollo W. Ellis in Gabriel's confectionery last August. Judge Hewitt continued the first-degree murder charge indefinitely.

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Netz Services Held Monday

A military funeral was held Monday afternoon in Christ Lutheran church here for Lt. Stanley G. Netz of the US army air corps, who died in a bomber crash near Alamogordo, N.M., on January 24. Rev. F. H. Theuer conducted the service for Lt. Netz, who was employed by a local newspaper for 17 years.

The pallbearers, soldiers from the state fairgrounds encampment, were: Tech. Sgt. Howard D. Metz, Staff Sgt. Herman W. McLaughlin, Staff Sgt. Jay E. Oberman, Sgt. Harry E. Bender, Sgt. Marlin K. Kelly, and Sgt. Charles E. Askins. Lt. H. A. Kalliozes accompanied the body to Salem from Arizona.

Staff Sgt. John R. Hoffman directed the firing squad which honored Lt. Netz at the Belcrest Memorial park. Pvt. George Bartley was the bugler.

Army Repairs Books Here

Salem is one of six western cities at which branches of the army's Ninth service command library are being set up to process, repair and distribute books donated for the use of soldiers, according to an announcement from command headquarters received by The Statesman Monday.

Mrs. Ruth K. Stratton, formerly of the city library staff, is in charge of the local branch. It is operated at the state library, whose head librarian, Miss Eleanor Stephens, directed the Victory book campaign in Oregon.

The army library branch takes the place of a WPA project that had been set up, also with Mrs. Stratton in charge, for the same purpose. The service was stopped recently when WPA was liquidated.

Brothers to Close Food Store Here

Western Food market, 137 South Commercial street, is going out of business, a war casualty, the proprietors, Isaak Brothers, announced Monday. Lack of merchandise was given as the immediate reason for impending closure of the store which they opened six years ago.

The two proprietors, owners of homes here, expect to continue to live in Salem, and plan after the war to reenter the grocery business. They operated a store in McMinnville for 11 years before coming to Salem.

Valentine Mail Heavy

The girls they left behind them haven't forgotten, judging by the Valentines mailed to service men overseas during January, reports Postmaster Henry R. Crawford. It's enough to make the mail carrier feel like Cupid, and with the 'hearts and flowers' month just arrived, a local boom in Valentine mail is expected.

January receipts at the post-office showed an increase of \$1,397.68 worth of business in January, 1943, over January, 1942. Last year's total was \$41,769.52 while in the month just gone by, postal clerks transacted \$43,167.20 worth of business.

Two at a Time

PORTLAND, Feb. 1—(P)—Obtaining only \$1.99 in hardware store burglary here Sunday night, a burglar hammered out a wall section and found himself in a drug store where he helped himself to \$22.

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Clam Chowder lb. can **19c**

Tomatoes Each **14c**
Lg. No. 2 1/2 cans—Per case—\$3.05

String Beans Each **19c**
No. 2 Cans—Per Case—\$4.49

Raisins 2 Lbs. **25c**
Bulk Sampson Seedless

Raisin Bran 2 for **25c**
10 oz. Pkg.

DASH 2 1/2 Lb. **39c**
Washing Powder

Bug Geta Bait Pkg. **19c**

Mechanic Soap **25c**
Mt. Hood Brand, 6 Bars

FLOUR

Flagstaff Brand Hard Wheat, 49 lb. **\$1.52**

Red, White and Blue Or Kitchen Queen—49 lb. **\$1.98**

Fisher Blend or Drifted Snow, 49 lb. **\$2.05**

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British Flax Mills Sought

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1—(P)—Possibility that Oregon may get some unused British flax fabrication machinery is being investigated by Senator McNary (R-Ore).

G. R. Hyslop, head of the division of plant industries at Oregon State college, wrote the senator, asking the procedure under which British machinery might be obtained under the lend-lease act. He said production of flax has expanded beyond the capacity of local mills and he believes a spinning and weaving plant

might be started if the machinery were available.

Believing that many fiber flax machines must be idle in Great Britain, he thought they might be made available to the Oregon industry.

The senator asked Hyslop for additional data on the type of equipment needed.

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