

BIRMINGHAM ARMS CENTER

Area Turns Out Shells And Guns

City Is Probably Greatest Metal Working Spot In World

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—The Birmingham region, objective of one of Germany's heaviest attacks from the air, is possibly England's greatest manufacturing area, according to a bulletin from the National Geographic Society.

"The importance to Great Britain of Birmingham and its closely knit industrial area is evident in the British claim that this district is probably the greatest metal working area in the world," the bulletin states.

Crafts Glorified

"The value of Birmingham industries in the waging of war has been both direct and collateral. Innumerable rifles, machine guns and other small arms were made there, while the extensive brass and copper works have supplied immense quantities of cartridges for guns of all sizes and fuses for bombs and shells.

"The city has also turned out much rolling stock for the British railroads, and, in addition to the extensive output of the tire factories supplied the motor industry with automobile parts in aluminum and other non-ferrous metals and alloys, as well as manufacturing automobiles.

"The development of this great industrial center is an outstanding chapter in the history of a country whose growth has been based largely upon manufacturing. In 1801 it had a population of 75,000; today Birmingham's population is more than a million, second only to London among English cities.

"In the beginning Birmingham was aided by its location in the Black country, with its coal and iron. As the iron supply dwindled Birmingham began making brass, and developed the rolling of brass and copper, and brass foundry work. Brass manufacture became the leading industry in the city.

"Not being on navigable water, Birmingham also turned early to the making of smaller, easily transported products of value. In the luxurious day of Charles II and later, Birmingham had contributed many refinements to a more advanced standard of living.

"The discoveries of gold in California and Australia gave great impetus to the manufacture of jewelry in the early days of Queen Victoria, and in time 7,000 artisans were working in the many small jewelry shops of Birmingham, and the industry rose to fourth position in the city and well to the front nationally in the making of gold chains and other jewelry.

"The electrical industry was expanded rapidly in post-war England, and Birmingham found itself in excellent position with its supply of highly skilled labor to turn to the manufacture of electric motors and other electrical machinery for power plants.

"Since the early days, when Birmingham's many anvils supplied the immediate needs of the surrounding farms, the city has depended largely upon imported materials. With continuing improvement in transportation, Birmingham became independent of geographic handicaps, and spread its industrial activities to more than a thousand trades.

"Steel was made in Birmingham until the close of the 18th century, and after that the factories turned to such fine production as steel pens and needles. Birmingham had almost a monopoly of the English screw industry, and its mills turned out thousands of miles of wire. Tables glisten with Birmingham glassware, as well as electroplated ware in which the city early became interested.

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

Forest Warehouse at Pineville Destroyed

Pineville, Dec. 13 (Special)—A fire which completely destroyed the Ochoco forest service warehouse was reported yesterday morning about 2 a. m. to the Pineville fire department. After reaching the fire in zero weather the department had to lay hose for one-quarter of a mile to reach the fire, and managed to save the adjoining buildings. No one seems to know the cause of the fire, but forest officials state that it seemed to have started from the side where the stove was located.

The loss of the building, including equipment within, will amount to about \$35,000. The warehouse was built about four years ago and the forest service members had worked very hard in the last years to secure the required fire fighting equipment and other worthwhile equipment that was stored in the warehouse.

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TO STUDY EFFECT OF WAR ON FARMS

Committee Will Meet at Redmond Next Week

Redmond, Dec. 13.—The place of agriculture in the national defense program, and the immediate and long time economic outlook for agriculture in Deschutes county as affected by war conditions, will be the major topics of discussion at a meeting called for Wednesday of the five committees to the 1938 economic outlook conference.

Expected to attend are the central, land use, crops, livestock, and home and rural life committees appointed at the 1938 conference, and which have continued in office since that time. New members have been appointed as necessary by the chairman of the central committee. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m., and will be in the banquet room of the Redmond hotel.

Paul Carpenter, extension economist of Oregon State college, will present information upon which much of the discussion will be based. The national defense problem, as related to agriculture, and the effect of war conditions on this agricultural district, are topics on which Deschutes county farmers should have the latest available information. County Agent G. Y. Haglund points out.

At Wednesday's meeting it also is planned to examine recommendations of the 1938 outlook conference and note action which has resulted since then, and see how these views stand under present and expected future conditions. The meeting will be a forerunner of educational work to follow. All committee members are urged to attend.

Family Needs Passport To Get Daily U. S. Mail

Fort Fairfield, Me. (AP)—George Peikay and his family must have passports to get mail from their rural delivery post box.

They live in Canada but the boundary line crosses their front yard and the mail box is in the United States. New war-time restrictions require persons crossing the border to carry passports.

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DISCUSS CHANGES IN INSTITUTIONS

Reports Made at Meeting Of Women Voters

Appointment of a commissioner and commission to replace the state board of control as the governing body for state institutions was recommended last night by Miss Eleanor Bechen as the objective of the League of Women Voters.

Following two months of study of state institutions, the league held a public meeting in the Pine Tavern last night to present their reports of the study and their recommendations concerning the personnel and work of the institutions.

In stead of the present system of personnel appointments through the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer, who are the board of control, Miss Bechen advocated use of the merit system throughout the institutions.

The state commissioner, under the league's plan, would be a trained social worker appointed by the board of control after an examination of applicants. The commissioner would appoint a commission, and the commission would appoint the personnel on a merit system basis.

Mrs. W. J. Emard explained the workings of the merit system in the state unemployment commission. Three members of a board of examiners pass on the applicants, who receive both written and oral examinations. Applicants who gain the highest standing in the examinations are given six months' probationary employment. No mention is made in applications of religious, social, or political beliefs.

County Judge C. L. Allen spoke briefly on local commitments to boys' and girls' institutions.

Mrs. Duane Eames, president of the league, introduced Mrs. R. E. Johnson, chairman of the social welfare committee, who introduced the speakers.

Others who presented reports were Mrs. E. O. Stadler, state industrial school for girls; Mrs. Ralph Crawford, state industrial school for boys; Mrs. Thomas Fitch, school for blind; Mrs. H. A. Davis, school for deaf; Mrs. E. W. Williamson, state hospital for insane, and Fairview home for feeble-minded; Mrs. Winifred Fulington, Oregon state tuberculosis hospital; Mrs. H. E. Beach, state penitentiary; Miss Olive Jameson, county commitments to institutions.

Bend Woman's Father Is Buried at Roseburg

Word has been received here on the death in Roseburg of Walter C. Printz, 65, father of Mrs. Ralph C. Crawford of Bend. Death occurred Monday, following a brief illness. Services were held in the southern Oregon town on Wednesday, the Roseburg News-Review reports.

Mr. Printz, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, was born April 26, 1875, at Greenwood, Ind. He made his home in Roseburg since 1922. Mr. Printz served as a private in Co. E, 2nd U. S. infantry, a regular army unit, during the war with Spain. He was a member of the George Starmer camp, U. S. W. V., which he served as commander.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Crawford, of Bend, and a son, Harold Printz, Roseburg.

Spanish-American war veterans assisted with the funeral Wednesday and burial was in the veterans' cemetery, in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford left for Roseburg early this week.

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5:00 This Week in Sports
5:15 Tiny Hill
5:30 Bulletin News
5:45 Bob Crosby
5:50 Melodeers
6:00 Concert Hall of the Air
6:15 Four Tones
6:30 Homes on the Land
6:45 Music Graphs
7:00 Symphony
7:30 From A to Z in Novelty
7:45 Piano Solos
8:00 Victor Arden
8:30 Al Donahue
9:00 Organ Classics
9:30 Russ Morgan
10:00 Sign Off

Sunday, December 15, 1940

8:00 Songs of the Week
8:15 Rhythmic Romance
8:30 Salon Music
9:00 Gospel Hour
9:30 Concert in Brass
10:00 Johnny Messner Orchestra
10:30 Sunday Symphony
11:00 First Baptist Church of Bend
12:00 Alfredo Antonini Orchestra
12:25 Camera Club
12:30 Henry King Orchestra
1:00 Gilbert & Sullivan
1:30 Trinity Lutheran Church
2:00 Violin Solos
2:15 Zion Gospel Singers
2:30 Howard Barlow, Concert Orchestra
3:00 Western Serenade
3:30 Lud Gluskin Orchestra
4:00 Organ Reveries
4:15 Pentecostal Mission
4:45 Rainbow Trio
5:00 Danceable Tunes
5:30 Sunday Serenade
5:45 Herb Jeffrey, Songs
6:00 Hit Parade
6:30 Melody Pastels
7:00 Quiet Hour
7:30 Harmony Hall
7:45 Novatones
8:00 Sign Off

Mt. Holly, N. J. (AP)—Supervising Principal Ernest L. Saul protested to the board of education that township children salute "too much like Hitler." They must be trained to turn palms upward instead of downward, to differentiate from the Nazi salute, he said.

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