

Locals

Enlisting in the navy reserve in Portland yesterday were Norman V. Baker, Salem; Ross M. Eagy, Albany and Charles S. Bennett, Corvallis. Vernon H. Jalmson, Salem, enlisted in the construction regiment of the navy.

Savings—Insured to \$5000.00—are earning 3 1/2% at Salem Federal, 130 South Liberty.

The federal employment service will remain open all day Monday. W. H. Baillie, manager, announced yesterday. The action was requested by Donald M. Nelson, chief of the war production board, in line with services of importance to national industrial and war efforts to disregard the holiday.

Lutz, Florist, P. 8592, 1278 N. Lib.

Fifty men who have had military training responded to a call from the civilian defense council and met at American Legion hall last night and offered themselves as drillmasters for civilian defense units. The 50 were divided into four squads under the leadership of L. C. Austin, Phil Ringle, Lloyd C. Demarest and John Tessele. The leaders will be under the tutelage of Captain Stanley Jorgensen, an army advisor. The corps of 50 men will be increased.

Turkey dinner at the Klingwood Legion hall, Parkway Drive, 12 to 2 p.m. Sun. Adults 50c, children 35c, 45c.

Royal Neighbors of America will meet at the Fraternal temple Monday evening, February 23, at 8 o'clock. State Supervisor May Logan and District Deputy Maud Davis will be present at this meeting.

Window shades delivered day you order. Reinholdt & Lewis, P. 8991, 45c.

Sixteen firemen from the Salem fire department met at the North Salem station last night to assist in the training course for civilian defense workers. The next meeting will be Monday night at the East Salem station.

An unoccupied house owned by A. M. Hansen was destroyed by fire early today at 1745 South Liberty. The fire had gained such headway before discovered that firemen were unable to save the building. It was a 1 1/2-story house.

90% FHA and other loans. Rich L. Reimann, 167 S. High, P. 9203, 45c.

Building permits: E. J. Donnell, to alter garage at 873 South 12th, \$100. Price Shoe store, to alter two-story building at 135 North Liberty, \$45. Walter W. Mears, to repair a one-story dwelling at 1235 North 18th, \$40. Ralph Hein, to alter and repair a 1 1/2-story dwelling and garage at 1020 North 19th, \$800. Ben Reimann, to build a one-story dwelling and garage at 2495 Myrtle, \$2,000. Chester Pickens, to repair the roof of a two-story dwelling at 2205 Center, \$70. R. E. Jackson, to re-roof a two-story dwelling at 520 North 18th, \$85.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting Monday, 8 p.m. All comrades welcome. C. A. Robertson, com'der, 46c.

A new suit of clothes that had not yet been worn, valued at \$40, and \$20 in money from a billfold were stolen Thursday night from Joe Brown while he slept in his apartment at 1290 Oak. The theft was reported to the police.

Oregon Mutual Fire of McMinnville has saved its policy holders more than \$3,000,000. Ask us about rates on your next policy. Seclairs & Foley, agents, 143 S. Liberty, 45c.

Fifteen gallons of gasoline were stolen Thursday night from the automobile owned by Otto Johnson, 125 East Lincoln, says a report to the police.

Avis' Tavern, formerly the Humphrey Dumphy, now serving sandwiches and chile. Open 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. 45c.

When Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Schwabauer awoke Friday morning they discovered that someone had broken one of their windows by throwing a .45-caliber automatic pistol cartridge through the pane.

County Engineer Hubbs yesterday afternoon inspected the three roads

in the LaBranch addition at the four corners east of Salem which property owners petitioned be taken over as county roads. He stated while there is some gravel on some of the roads considerable work will have to be done to bring the roads up to specifications before they will be considered by the court. Court members had looked over the same roads earlier.

Log hauling permit has been granted by the county court to Vilas Hastings.

The committee recently appointed to take local charge of the campaign to raise funds for the Louise home for delinquent girls in Portland, will meet Monday noon to arrange its program. The committee consists of Dr. Guselle A. Niles, Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, Guy N. Hickok, W. E. Hanson, E. E. Thomas and Dr. Vernon A. Douglas.

2 orch. seats, Seattle symphony Feb. 24, Portland, \$1.25 each. P. 3071, 45c.

Walter D. Kallenbach, Ph. D. and Th. D., will speak at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday noon on "Today's Challenge." Dr. Kallenbach is blind, having been accidentally shot when he was a young man. He has been featured in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" and "Who's Who in America." It is said that he has addressed more people in the United States in the last two years than any other man with the exception of President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie.

The Merrill Davis school of commerce, 420 State street, is announced as a new member in the weekly bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce. The membership was obtained by F. A. Doerfler.

Among the temporary promotions of 74 second lieutenants in the U. S. marine corps announced today three residents of the valley have been advanced to first lieutenants. These are Markon E. Carl, Hubbard; Kenneth H. Black, Independence; and Luther R. Seiber, McMinnville.

The South Santiam highway was reopened to traffic last night, the state highway department announced today. Slides that caused the road's closure on December 26 will necessitate one-way traffic at several points until crews can complete the task of clearing the right of way.

In the half day the office was opened today 140 dog licenses were issued over the counter at the county clerk's office with only four days left in active working days before the penalty of \$1 a license goes on. With Monday a legal holiday and the office closed that day the time is shortened for applicants to get under the wire before March 1. Up to now only 1536 licenses have been issued as compared with a total of over 5600 for last year, so over 600 or more licenses a day will be required to hit anywhere near even. Of the total so far issued 1279 are for county dogs and 257 for Salem city dogs.

A standard first aid class, sponsored by the Red Cross, will start Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the armory. This is a mixed class and is open to the public. Anyone interested is urged to attend since it will be some time before another "open" class is organized.

Governor Charles A. Sprague today proclaimed the week, February 22-28, as Victory Garden week in Oregon.

Mrs. David Wright, who heads the Marion county committee for inventory of women's skills, reports that many of the small communities have completed their registration and that the women assisting with the drive have met with favorable response from all women. Registration of working women has been considerably slower than that of housewives, due to the fact that they must be contacted after working hours. The first district to complete the registration of their women was Arbor Grove near Aurora, which turned in its completed cards shortly after noon Monday, the opening day of the registration.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Allen as executors of the estate of James P. Duncan have been granted an order to distribute \$2785.43 among the heirs and also to divide the securities held by the estate and are to be given final discharge on making such distribution.

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Violation of the basic speed rule: David P. Furlough, 2050 S. Church.

Marriage Licenses
Bert Merrill Neatbit, 31 mill worker, Albany, and Mildred Forzy, 25 housekeeper, 950 Broadway, Salem.

Killed by Fall
Portland, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—A 95-foot fall from a boatswain's chair to the floor of a dry spillway at Bonneville dam killed L. M. Ockert, about 50, of Carson, Wash., yesterday.

Silverton—Miss Hazel Svarvari, a niece of Ed Svarvari of the Silverton community, was brought home Tuesday following a severe illness at a Portland hospital.

Transfer Workers To Essential Agencies

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt, by executive order, called today for transfer of competent federal employes from agencies less essential in the war effort to agencies where their work will count for more.

The order established a priority classification of federal departments and agencies with respect to their importance to the war program. The budget bureau will determine the priority ratings and the civil service commission will make the transfers of workers. An official statement said consent of employes would be required before transfer.

Pocket Ships Go to Trondheim

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—Newspaper dispatches reported from Stockholm today that the new 35,000-ton German battleship Tirpitz, one of the most powerful in the world, and two 10,000-ton cruisers were on their way to the new German naval base at Trondheim on the Norwegian coast.

It was believed, the dispatches said, the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen which in escaping from Brest, steamed past the British coast, would join them at Trondheim as soon as damage suffered in British plane and warship attacks had been repaired.

Stockholm quoted German sources that the Germans had built gigantic steel shelters at Trondheim to protect all classes of ships from battleships to submarines.

The dispatches said the German ships would be based at Trondheim both to keep a part of the British fleet busy on the watch and to raid convoys taking supplies to Murmansk, Russia's Arctic port.

Naval circles here admitted there had always been a possibility that German ships such as those reported might be sent to Trondheim, but said they believed today's report to be untrue and that it was probably put out by the German consulate at Stockholm.

Court News

Judgment for \$300.27 and interest has been filed in the case of Rex O. Alaman and Harry Bramel vs. Paul Woodroffe, doing business under the firm name of Saving Center and Harold Klewer. Application for a place on the motion docket has been filed in the same case.

Default order has been granted in the case of A. J. Flint vs. Leo Slander and Lemuel Richardson.

Order staying sale of real property has been granted in the case of Union Central Life Insurance company vs. Walter W. and Lottie Rutherford.

Second semi-annual account of F. G. Delano as executor of the estate of Belle Cornforth shows receipts of \$473.20 and disbursements of \$189.91.

Report on sale of property of the Angela Holmstrom estate by Clara A. Hettler, executrix, shows sale to Madeline Cook for \$1800.

Final account has been filed by Palmer Williams as administrator of the estate of Joe Williams and final hearing is set for March 28.

Addie A. Sutton has been named executrix of the estate of Lottie Victoria Minaker and F. E. Graber, A. D. Sutton and Beattie M. Elosen, appraisers. The estate is valued at \$1900 in real property and \$100 in personal property. A will leaves \$500 to a niece, Allie Esther Howard, and the rest to a nephew, Kenneth Victor McKenzie.

George Weckman has filed petition for a guardian for Hettie Wachtman whose estate consists of a \$112 interest as heir to her mother, Mary Erb. Hearing is set for March 9.

Anton Hans Hansen has been named administrator of the \$500 real property estate of Marie Lepik.

Gail H. Pathel has been named executrix of the \$3300 real property and \$600 personal property estate of Robert S. Kutuch.

Final decree has been granted Walter B. KleinSmith as administrator of the estate of Christine KleinSmith.

Bettyrae Wenderoth has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Henry J. Wenderoth showing disbursements of \$422.75 and \$577.25 in cash on hand. An appraisal by Evelyn G. Haugen, P. S. Lampert and Lyle J. Page values the estate at \$1000 in cash.

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18 Jap Ships Sunk in Great Sea-Air Battle

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Allied planes also hit a transport and damaged a 5,000-ton merchant ship in a raid on Japanese sea forces in the Banks straits, off Sumatra.

The battle began Thursday morning with Japanese invasion of the island of Bali, only a mile east of Java, but it spread throughout yesterday and today to Japanese-held Sumatra on the west flank of this island.

The enemy offensive was still hammering heavily against the outer defenses of Java and the big Soerabaja naval base, with Japanese bombers striking at both ends of Java island in an attempt to knock out allied aerial defenses.

All Around Bali
Bali was submerged by a Japanese attack from all sides, including the main airport on the south coast, despite furious counterblows by American flying fortresses and dive bombers, Dutch cruisers and United States and Dutch destroyers which inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, set one cruiser aflame and blew up another in a huge explosion.

The allies losses included a destroyer sunk by a torpedo and another ship damaged with the loss of 10 lives.

More than 18 Japanese vessels were bombed in the allied attacks on Thursday and Friday, according to today's communiques, but it was pointed out that there may have been some duplications.

Mission Ends 6 Day Program

Concluding six days of religious efforts, the final session of the National Christian Mission was held at the senior high school auditorium last night with Dr. Ralph Walker of Portland preaching a sermon on "The Secret of a Consistent Life."

The Mission, only one to be conducted in Oregon this year, brought to Salem several nationally prominent leaders in religious and Bible work from a number of denominations. The annual State Pastors' conference which conducted meetings Wednesday, Thursday and Friday attracted a sizeable group of Oregon ministers.

The six-day program was under the joint auspices of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; the Oregon Council of Churches and the Salem Ministerial association. All of the speakers donated their services and were given nothing more than their expenses.

Local leaders of the movement expressed themselves well satisfied with the results.

Ewing Convicted Of Raping Girl

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—A federal court jury today convicted Orman W. Ewing, former Utah democratic national committeeman, of raping a 20-year-old government stenographer last October 26.

The jury of 11 men and one woman deliberated less than two hours.

Ewing stood silent and with no show of emotion as the foreman announced the verdict.

"We find the defendant guilty as charged."

The government announced at the start of the trial that it would ask the death penalty if Ewing were convicted. Ewing declared he was innocent.

Five members of Ewing's family, including three daughters, were on a bench near the front of the courtroom.

East Salem Home Opened to Guests

East Salem—Mrs. June Marshall and daughters, Debba Jo and Imogene Woodward entertained a group of friends at their Willow Glen home on route 6. A four o'clock dinner was served and the evening was spent in the recreation hall dancing. Guests were Sergeant Lee Bynum, P. F. C. Bill Jackson, Corporal Dan Raper, Corporal Renard F. Haywood, P. F. C. Dewey E. Lewis, Miss Beverly Barnick and Miss Lyn Woodward.

Mrs. Cornelia Olson, mother of John Olson of Monroe avenue, left this past week for her home in Charter Oak, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Stories have moved into the home recently vacated by the J. M. Sleghter's family on route 5.

Honor Pennant To Portland Firm

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Williamette Iron & Steel Corporation will become on Monday the third Portland Shipbuilding plant to be awarded the navy's pennant for excellence. Governor Sprague will speak at the ceremonies.

Woman Fatally Hurt
Klamath Falls, Feb. 21 (AP)—An automobile skidded off a highway near Modoc point yesterday, killing a woman identified as Clara Elizabeth Leonard, about 45, of San Francisco, lone occupant.

Powell Clayton Back in Marines

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Powell E. Clayton, Oswego, state police sergeant from 1931 to 1935 at Salem and Oregon City, was back in the marine corps today, 20 years to the day after his first enlistment.

Clayton, who was with the state patrol division when Smedley D. Butler, retired major general of the marines, set up Oregon's state police, enlisted in the limited marine reserve for naval base guard duty.

Baby Crop Largest in Two Decades

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The census bureau today acclaimed the 1941 crop of American babies as the largest in two decades.

The births numbered about 2,500,000 and were second only to the 2,600,000 record set in 1921.

One reason for last year's big crop was the fact, the bureau said, that a large number of the record 1921 babies themselves were married and producing children last year.

The draft, which helped boost marriages to a record of 1,865,000, also may have had something to do with it. Marriages have been so unusually numerous the last couple of years, in fact, that the bureau predicted another big crop of babies this year, "even if large numbers of married men are inducted into the armed forces."

In 1921 there were many babies because the AEF had just come home from France and was busy re-establishing family life.

The baby crop was so big last year that it exceeded deaths by 1,090,000, thus increasing the nation's population by an amount approximately equal to the population of the state of Oregon.

The bureau added that experts could not agree on whether the recent increase in the American death rate—now 18.8 per 1000 population—was temporary or represented a long time trend. The American birth rate fell almost steadily for two centuries up to 1933 and has increased gradually since then. The low point in 1933 was 16.6 per 1000 population.

In Germany, the bureau added, the birth rate has been dropping since the war and was last reported at 20 per 1000 population in 1940.

Germans Claim 17 More Ships Sunk

Berlin (From German Broadcasts), Feb. 21 (AP)—German submarines have sunk 17 additional ships totaling 102,000 tons to boost the list of the American coast to 80 ships registering 532,900 tons, the high command declared today.

"In continuation of these operations in the Caribbean sea," a special communique asserted, "one of our submarines forced its way into Paria gulf west of Trinidad and sank two ships, one of which was a tanker, in the roadstead of the British harbor of Port-of-Spain."

(U. S. army headquarters at Port-of-Spain announced Thursday that two ships at anchorage in the Gulf of Paria had been damaged Wednesday by explosions apparently caused by U-boat torpedoes, "but both remained afloat and there were no casualties.")

American Ship Attacked Off Chili

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 21 (AP)—Officials of the ministry of defense said today that the Chilean naval radio had picked up an SOS reportedly coming from a United States ship, "the Admiral Coles," reporting that the crew was taking to its lifeboats.

They said the ship's position was not given. They added that the navy had heard requests for aid from four other ships attacked by submarines.

A 3285-ton vessel, the Admiral Cole, owned by the Admiral Orientel line, with San Francisco as her home port, carries a normal crew of 31. She was built in 1920 at Newark, N.J., and formerly was named Surialco.

Earl Nixon Invited To Higher Office

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—The war production board is seeking Earl Nixon, Oregon state geologist, as a member of its mineral production board, Representative Mott (R-Ore) said yesterday.

He said Nixon, who would expedite production, has asked Governor Sprague for permission to serve part time.

Nixon already has conferred with WPB officials on Oregon chronicle.

Mrs. Boyd Honored
Lincoln—A group of old friends and neighbors surprised Mrs. George Boyd Thursday afternoon and showered her with gifts. Mrs. Boyd is confined to her home by illness. Those visiting her were Mrs. Jesse Walling, Mrs. C. F. Merrick, Mrs. Ivan Merrick, Mrs. W. R. Edwards, Mrs. Lois Crawford, Mrs. J. Neiger, Mrs. C. Lewis Burch, Mrs. Harry Walling and Janice Merrick.

Problem of Jap Aliens Agitates Coast

(By the Associated Press)

The problem of Japanese aliens and their activities in the northwest continued to agitate officials and private citizens last night.

In Tacoma, six Japanese were arrested in the waterfront area, an FBI announcement said, but five were released. Special agent Howard Fletcher said one man was kept in custody because of his connections with Japanese organizations. He declined to give names of any of those arrested.

At Wenatchee, L. O. Melton, spokesman for certain employes of the Great Northern railway terminal, said 85 workers at a mass meeting had demanded immediate removal of Japanese workmen now in railroad employe. Melton said 10 Japanese in this area had been laid off by the Great Northern December 8 but later had been re-hired.

The Klickitat county civilian defense council at Goldendale passed a resolution urging removal of all enemy aliens from the state. Copies of the resolution were sent to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie and members of the congressional delegation.

Aroused by reports that Japanese from British Columbia coastal areas were arriving at Kamloops in the interior and attempting to buy land there, the council of the Kamloops board of trade urged Prime Minister Mackenzie King expressing opposition to "infiltration of any person of Japanese origin or enemy alien except under strict government supervision." Earlier, the Kamloops branch of the Canadian Legion had passed a resolution calling for internment of all male Japanese of military age.

Soldier Boys Will be Hosts

Reversing the order of the dances that have been given here for the soldiers stationed in this area, the army boys are to be "hosts" to the women of the various hostess groups of Salem in the dancing pavilion at the state fair grounds next Tuesday evening.

Women and girls over 18 years who wish to attend are invited to assemble at the armory at 8 o'clock, from where they will be transported to the fair grounds and returned to the armory in army conveyances.

Music will be furnished by the 115th Cavalry orchestra, which played last night for 250 soldiers and their hostesses at the armory, and hill-billy music, tumbling and acrobatic stunts such as were staged at last night's dance by the boys will again be an intermission feature.

The dances are all sponsored by the United Hospitality association.

Funeral Arranged For Loyd Pierce

La Grande, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Funeral services were being arranged today for Loyd Pierce, 46, son of Congressman Walter M. Pierce (D., Ore.), who died unexpectedly of peritonitis here Thursday night.

Pierce was a prominent Union county wheat grower and a director of the Pendleton Production Credit association. He was graduated from Oregon State college and was a veteran of the World war.

Surviving him, besides his father, are his widow, who is a sister-in-law of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, and two sons, Robert and Walter; four sisters, Mrs. Lucille Hall, Portland, Mrs. P. J. Stadelman, The Dalles, Mrs. Edith Whitten, New York and Mrs. Helen Wilson, Salem.

Spokane Minister Called to Lebanon

Lebanon—Rev. Harvey John Schmidt of Spokane has been called to the pastorate of the Lebanon Presbyterian church, it was announced following the church meeting Sunday. Rev. Schmidt spent several days here the fore part of the month.

He is a graduate of Wooster college, Iowa, and of the McCormick School of Theology at Chicago. He conducted services in Montana before coming to Spokane five years ago. He is married and has two children.

Rev. Schmidt will fill the pulpit left vacant by the death of Rev. John S. Burns in November.

Oregon Dispute To Labor Board

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins today certified to the war labor board a dispute between the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Springfield, Ore., and the International Woodworkers (CIO) involving 200 workers and union demands for wage increases, a union ship and paid vacations.

Killed in Bomb Shelter
San Francisco, Feb. 21 (AP)—Fifty to eighty persons were killed today by a direct hit on a bomb shelter during a Japanese raid on Banjuring, easternmost town on the island of Java, said a Netherlands East Indies communique picked up here by CBS. The communique was broadcast by the Batavia radio.

22 Entrants in Forensic Finals

McMinnville, Feb. 21 (AP)—Speech contestants from 22 western colleges entered the finals of the 12th annual intercollegiate forensic tournament today at Linfield college.

Among the finalists are: Senior men oratory—Eugene White and Carl Killenburger, Oregon State.

Senior women oratory—Vivian Crist, Oregon State. Impromptu—Ralph May, Willamette.

Labor Hearing Creates Plane Bottleneck

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Some United States planes were reported today to be grounded in the far east, the middle east and in this country for lack of parts whose production may be further curtailed by a national labor relations board investigation of a dispute in two Curtiss-Wright plants.

War and navy representatives were said to have objected to the proposed NLRB hearing on grounds it would hamper production by disrupting the plants. But the investigation now is scheduled to proceed under authority of the NLRB.

One responsible official estimated the number of grounded planes in the hundreds and said half of them were in combat areas. Checking other sources, however, the United Press was informed the number of grounded planes was comparatively small and that the parts situation—which had been acute—had shown recent and basically satisfactory improvement. Information was conflicting whether the planes had been shipped to combat areas without necessary parts or whether the shortage was in spares now needed.

NLRB headquarters here told the United Press that the Curtiss-Wright case was pending in the New York regional office. But headquarters here was vague as to its status or whether a hearing would take place.

Mrs. Elinor Herrick, New York regional director of NLRB, advised the United Press by telephone, however, the board headquarters here had formally authorized the issuance of a complaint and the hearing would proceed at the board's direction.

Nazis Withdraw West of Tobruk

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 21 (AP)—German troops and armored forces withdrew to the north after an encounter with British patrols on the Tmimi-Mechill lines west of Tobruk, the British announced today.

The war bulletin said: "Operating over a wide front west of Ain El Gasala, our fighting patrols again reached several points on the track from Tmimi to El Mechill."

"Parties of the enemy including tanks were encountered but the general tendency of enemy patrols was to withdraw northwards."

"Some of the enemy were observed at Tmimi and considerable enemy forces were in and around El Mechill."

"Owing to adverse weather conditions, air activity on both sides were curtailed seriously."

World War Fliers To be Given Chance

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—The "Bald Eagles" of Portland—fliers of the World war who want to get into this one—today were advised they may soon get a chance to do so.

The assistant chief of the air service command at Wright Field, Ohio, advised Maurice B. Hill, acting executive secretary of the group that all of the more than 50 Bald Eagles may apply for air corps service. If they meet requirements, they will be given a chance