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## America Calling! Register Now for Home Defense!

Register at Selective Service Headquarters, Masonic Building, Estacada

### Pioneer Called By Death

MARY M. SURFUS DIES AT AGE OF 89 YEARS; CROSSED THE PLAINS IN COVERED WAGON

Funeral services conducted by the Chapman Funeral home for Mary Matilda Surfus were held from the Elwood church Wednesday, December 24th at 2 p.m. Rev. Bert Henderson of Salem officiating. Interment and final services were in the Elwood cemetery.

Mary Matilda Park was born in Illinois March 22nd, 1852 and died December 20, 1941 at the age of 89 years, 8 months and 28 days. In 1873 she was united in marriage with Isaac Surfus who preceeded her in death in 1904. In 1883 with her family she crossed the plains by wagon train locating first in Oregon City, later moving to Maple Lane and in 1902 located in Elwood where she has since made her home. She was a member of the United Brethren church affiliating with that denomination in early life.

Surviving relatives are one son, C. E. Surfus of Estacada, two daughters, Mrs. Wyona Stahlnecker of Elwood and Mrs. Izella Osterud of Ashland, Va., two brothers L. M. Park of Estacada and James Park of Overland, Kas., and one sister Mrs. Amanda Hatch of San Diego, California. 15 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

GARFIELD PIONEERS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Friends and relatives of Mr and Mrs. Lee Wills of Sandy Boulevard former pioneers of the Garfield district are invited to attend open house after 2 p.m. Sunday December 28th in honor of their golden wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Calagno. Go to 148th and Sandy Boulevard, turn south one mile and turn left on private road.

HORACE DAVIS DIES AT ABERDEEN, WASH.

Horace Davis, brother of Elmer Davis of this place died on Thursday, night of last week at Aberdeen, Wash. Elmer Davis, Anna Lowden, Clara Ross, Herman and William Davis and Grace White went to Aberdeen this week to attend the funeral.

SUGGESTIONS MADE IN REGARD TO SIREN

It has been suggested that the blowing of the siren at 12 o'clock noon every day in Estacada be discontinued until after the emergency. The Japs are clever and if they staged an air raid at noon Estacada residents would most likely think it was just the regular 12 o'clock siren instead of an air raid alarm.

APPOINTMENT OF MORALE COMMITTEE IS ANNOUNCED

Realizing the importance of morale in civilian defense a committee with Mrs. Lester Underwood as chairman has been appointed for the Estacada community. Other members are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teats, Denzel Piercy, L. D. Meade, and Bernard Schoenbuech. To date members of the committee have not been advised the scope and extent of their duties.

CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

There will be a continuous show at Broadway theater in Estacada on Thursday, January 1, New Years day from 2:15 p.m. Feature picture is the great technicolor masterpiece "Dive Bomber" starring Errol Flynn and Fred MacMurray.

### DARKNESS—ACTION—LIGHT

Mary Martin and other actresses may "kiss the boys goodbye" but the people of Garfield at long last have kissed the lamps farewell. Now they are able to see what they are looking at, at any time after sundown.

It was unfortunate that the Co-op got started during a national emergency. There are enough setbacks to such an undertaking during normal times but during this period every setback brot along a large and annoying tribe to cope with.

It is not given to many persons to watch their dreams come true but the dream of light in rural districts has now materialized.

The wandering spirits of Indians who roamed this district long ago will likely be astonished to see houses and barns brilliantly lighted these winter evenings or hear the rhythm of the pumps supplying the former bucket carrying housewives with hot and cold running water.

But isn't it the irony of fate that just as the light came, Japs and the blackouts arrived.

This was the first self-help project in Oregon and the members of the Co-op early got into the neighbor help frame of mind that is fostered by the REA, the American spirit.

Members met members from as far away as twenty miles, acquaintances ripened into real friendships.

The road was often rocky and dim, full of discouraging bumps and ruts but it was remarkable how sunny all the members kept. They cheerfully gave time, use of cars, the officers received no pay.

There were some obstructionists it's true, real progress has never run on a green lit grade.

To the friends and neighbors who had electricity but who stood on the side lines and cheered a big "thank you" tied up in holly and tinsel and to the splendid people of the Co-op in Garfield and all the other districts who now enjoy the benefits of lighted homes and to the editor of the Clackamas County News who gave generous publicity space a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.—Mary Helen Dice.

### New Personal Property Forms

Clackamas county personal property tax payers are now receiving blank forms from the Clackamas county assessors office for return of taxable personal property owned or in possession in Clackamas county as of January 1, 1942.

In former years the assessors office has tried to contact personally all residents of the county owning or having possession or control of personal property subject to assessment for taxation. That process was slow, expensive and wasteful of time.

This year the office is using the economical and business like method of supplying blank forms listing personal property returns. The law in the matter will be found in a display advertisement elsewhere in this newspaper.

In preparing the return the taxpayers are asked to state the true cash value actual or estimated of the several items of personal property owned. No percentage or ratio of true cash value is to be applied. The assessors office will equalize the assessment of your property with assessment of other properties in the county.

Taxpayers are asked not to delay the important matter of filling out these personal tax returns as required by law and to have such return in the assessors office by March 2, of 1942.

### ALBERT KITCHING INJURES HAND IN TURKEY TUSSE

While attempting to argue a turkey into getting ready for the holiday dinner Albert Kitching last week accidentally stabbed himself in the left hand. The wound was rather deep and painful but Mr. Kitching says he'll be O. K. again soon.

### May Establish Hospital Here

#### CO. COURT CONSIDERING OLD HIGH SCHOOL AT ESTACADA AS HOSPITAL SITE

The Clackamas county court is considering the old high school building at Estacada now owned by grade school district No. 108 as the possible site for a county hospital.

Although the heating system in this building has been condemned the building itself is in fair shape and could be converted into a hospital as a nominal expense.

With war dangers growing hourly the need for an emergency hospital in the county to take care of sick and wounded is becoming a necessity. The present hospital facilities in Oregon City and Portland could not begin to cope with the situation should a real emergency occur.

The establishment of an emergency hospital in the old high school building at Estacada would cost less and get bigger results than most any other war preparation this county could do at the present time. Such a hospital would serve the entire eastern half of the county and relieve the load which otherwise would have to be carried by the Oregon City and Portland hospitals.

Don't delay, Remember Pearl Harbor.

### Register Today!

Every citizen of this territory both men and women should register at once for home defense. Registration blanks are at the office of Clackamas county selective service board No. 2 in the Masonic building, Estacada with F. E. Dooley in charge.

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### CASCADE RIDERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Ted Wahlstrom the eagle eyed elk hunter from up Selwood way was elected foreman of the Riders of the Cascades at the annual election of officers of that organization held on Saturday night of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gill in Redland. Other officers chosen by the local western riding club were,

Top hand, Roy N. McIntyre of Sellwood; tally, LaFaye Fouts of Redland; Gold Digger Roseanne Meade of Estacada; sheriff Lester Rupp of Canby; and drillmaster Stanley Fouts of Redland. From among the old cowhands the following wranglers were elected. Richard Wagner of Redland, "Buster" Tunnell of Curninsville, Ray Tracy of Viola, Larry Meade of Estacada and Walt Green of Portland.

George Jackson foreman of the Territorial Riders of Oregon City was a distinguished guest and made a fine talk.

An interesting part of the evenings program was a discussion of various breeds of horses each member of the club relating some personal experience with their favorite horses.

A Christmas party and refreshments topped one of the most enjoyable meetings in the history of the Riders of the Cascades who will celebrate the first anniversary of the founding of their club sometime next month.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held at the home of Miss Janet Pederson in Dodge.

### MRS. J. F. REEHER DIED ON TUESDAY

Mrs. Agnes Reeher wife of J. F. Reeher of this city died Tuesday at the Oregon City hospital at the age of 82 years.

Funeral services which will be in charge of the Chapman Funeral home of Estacada are now pending.

### Lawrence Heads Defense Council

#### ESTACADA DEFENSE COUNCIL FORMED AT MEETING AT THE CITY HALL MONDAY EVE

S. E. Lawrence commander of the Carl Douglas post of the American Legion post was named chairman of the Estacada defense council at a meeting held Monday evening in the city hall and which was attended by approximately 100 people of the community. Frank Chevron was elected vice chairman and Miss Dorothy Kiggen secretary.

Sheriff Fred Reaksecker made a talk in which he outlined the principals of civilian defense paying particular attention to blackouts and fire fighting. He also covered communications bridges, transportation etc. Sheriff Reaksecker described the method of combatting this menace. He said these bombs burned from 15 to 55 minutes and that above all things a fire extinguisher should not be used on them but that the bomb should be lightly sprayed with water or sand.

Another speaker was Robert Mulvey deputy district attorney who talked on supporting the local defense units officers.

Mrs. Alice Maxwell Red Cross chairwoman who has charge of first aid, nursing, housing, etc. was unable to be present.

The theme of the meeting was to build defense for permanency. Included in the program was the cataloging of all buildings in Clackamas county in event of evacuation. It was pointed out that there is going to be particular danger in these parts during the hot summer months when extra lookouts will be required in the national forest.

The Estacada defense council has been named as a supervising unit of defense work in this territory and will work in coordination with the defense units of Springwater, Garfield, Eagle Creek and other nearby communities.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

Due to the date of our next regular Community Red Cross meeting falling on New Years day the meeting will be held on Friday, January 2nd. We expect a large attendance.

After this as usual our meetings will be held at the city hall on the first, third and fifth Thursday. Please mark your calendar.

### Red Cross Drive Declared Success

The Red Cross roll call for its 1942 membership is now completed.

The Estacada district responded nobly to this membership enrollment.

This district is substantially the same as the Estacada union high school

district and every section of the district is well represented by members.

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### RAINS DAMAGE CARVER ROAD

About 200 feet of the pavement on the Clackamas river road between Carver and Barton has settled two feet or more mostly on Saturday night, due to the heavy rains. The road was closed on Monday and traffic was being detoured.

Orechids (if we had any) would go to Postmaster Al Fasel and his staff of workers at the Estacada postoffice. They did an excellent job of handling the mails during the Xmas rush.

### R. R. COOKE PRESENTS TROPHY AT PROGRAM

The annual Christmas program of the student body of the Estacada union high school was given Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium.

Award of the Cooke trophy was made at this time by R. R. Cooke.

A program of Christmas songs and Christmas music together with a pantomime "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" completed the program.

### CHEVRON ADVISES KEEPING TAX RECEIPTS

Frank Chevron had an experience the past week which leads him to believe it is advisable to keep your tax receipts. It seems the county was going to foreclose and sell property belonging to Mr. Chevron on which the taxes had all been paid including the 1941 taxes.

The error in bookkeeping was corrected when Mr. Chevron produced his tax receipts.

### Village Verses

If you find yourself believing, This old world's a total loss, Why not perk up and start knitting Sox and sweaters for the Red Cross, They're needed.

If you think life's against you, And you've more than you can bear, Why not write a cheery letter, To a lad in camp somewhere, It's needed.

If the blackouts and the war news Make you jittery and tense, Why not go at once and sign up With Civilian Defense, You're needed.

A. Nonny Muss.

### 60 Seconds Given to "Blackout"

Estacada and Sandy homes and places of business must be able to blackout in one minute under orders set forth by the 4th army headquarters.

Both cities have passed "blackout" ordinances violations of the provisions of which will call for a maximum fine of \$300 and a 30-day jail term.

### WOMEN'S CIVILIAN DEFENSE TO ORGANIZE

All women of Estacada and vicinity are urged to attend a meeting at the high school auditorium Monday December 29th at 2 p.m. to meet with Mrs. Alice Maxwell, Red Cross county executive secretary for organization of a women's unit of civilian defense in Estacada. This is a very important meeting and all women are urged to attend and learn how they may help in an emergency.

### ESTACADA RANGERS WIN DOUBLE VICTORY

Both the junior and varsity basketball squads of the Estacada union high school won over Sandy in a game which was played last Friday at Estacada.

The varsity game was close. The score at the half was 17 to 8 in favor of the Rangers and in the last half both sides scored 18 points making the final score 35 to 26 in Estacadas favor.

Estacada's junior squad easily won by a score of 39 to 16.

### GERMAN EXILE TO SPEAK AT SCHOOL

Dr. Martin Hall a German exile will speak at the local high school auditorium on January 8th his subject being "Inside Germany." One of the most important points of his talk will be a relation of interviews with Hitler.

Frank Shelton, Estacada District chairman, Clackamas County chapter.

### EGGIMAN HERD IS GIVEN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A cow in the herd of William H. Eggiman, Oregon City, has completed an official record in the herd improvement division qualifying her for admission to the advanced register of the American Guernsey cattle club according to Karl B. Musser, secretary.

A 3-year old cow in the Eggiman herd, Jane's April of Oldacres 523-062 produced in 365 days 6113.4 pounds of milk and 335.7 pounds of butter fat in class EHI.

Alfred T. Newman who is a carpenter in the CCC camp at Silver Creek Falls spent several days this week visiting at his home in Currinville.