



PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 11—The United States is at war with Japan. In all probability a like declaration will be made against Germany and Italy in the very near future. However, the war did not come as a surprise. Most everyone was expecting it, and we Americans were prepared to meet the issue—and meet it we will. But there is, among other things, one important fact that all good Americans should firmly keep in mind, namely, no witch hunts. Remember that here in Oregon, as in every other state in the union, we have many thousands of native-born Americans and American citizens with German, Italian or Japanese names; many of them now wearing the uniform of our armed forces. It would be most un-American to look upon or treat them in any manner other than as being good Americans—one of us—which they are in every sense of the word.

This writer well remembers world war No. 1 as an armed soldier who was in it from the start until many months after the finish. I also remember the many unfortunate acts of hysteria which were directed against many fine American citizens just because some had German names. It is our sincere hope that it will not happen again, but war is war. Only yesterday it was reported that several American-born Japanese children were chased from school by their classmates. These youngsters know nothing about Japan and hold no loyalty to anything but America. They were born and are being raised and educated here, and know no other language than English. Many of these a little older are property owners and taxpayers who have successfully taken their place in our business and professional life. They have also been liberal purchasers of our defense stamps and savings bonds. Last Monday the American-Japanese society wired President Roosevelt pledging absolute loyalty and full aid against the aggressor nation, Japan, which they will fight to a finish. So, once again, let us remind all Americans, keep your feet on the ground and be careful about witch hunts.

Fate plays peculiar tricks at times. The war news which broke last Sunday put the quietus on politics, and, incidentally, several important political announcements which were scheduled for this week. All the boys and girls could talk was war, and no one wanted to talk anything else. Radios were going until the wee small hours of Monday morning and many were late getting to offices and places of business the next day. No one wanted to talk business Monday. Everyone glued his ear to the radio, wanting to hear the president's message to congress. Stores and business houses reported hardly any sales at all. Military patrols were all over the city rounding up soldiers, who were away on week-end passes, and ordering them back to duty. Everyone seemed stunned at the news, although expecting it. Large crowds gathered around radios in hotel lobbies and other downtown spots, and it was a field day for the newspapers, which put out several extras, and sold out.

While very little, if anything, has been heard in Republican circles on a candidate for United States senator, other than McNary, no one has heard one word or peep out of the Democrats on the subject until late last week. Then two prominent names began going the rounds, more or less in the nature of trial balloons—namely Joe Carson, former mayor of Portland, and G. Bernard Noble, professor of political science at Reed college. Carson just got the bug lately, while Professor Noble has been secretly harboring the idea for some time. Most everyone thought that Mr. Carson had given up politics for at least two years when he was elected state commander of the American Legion last summer for a term that does not expire until next July. If Carson decides to run he would have to resign his Legion connection before his term of office expired, and the psychological reaction to such a move must be bad. Professor Noble, on the other hand, is a novice in the field of practical politics and is being urged to run by a group of so-called liberals, many of whom are his former students. The next few weeks will bring forth some very interesting developments on the Bourbon side of the fence.

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CIVILIAN DEFENSE ACTS QUICKLY IN EMERGENCY CAUSE

MASS MEETING IS SCHEDULED SUNDAY

The city of Hermiston will cooperate to the fullest extent with other cities of the northwest in organizing civilian defense groups. J. D. Todd, civilian defense chairman of Hermiston, is announcing a mass meeting Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the high school gymnasium. Every family in Hermiston should be represented at this meeting at which time instructions and other steps of organization will be discussed.

Sam Moore has been named to head the various groups of civilian defense, namely: police, firemen, first aid, air raid precautions and airplane observance. Mr. Moore is busy organizing the various groups and has named heads of the different departments.

A complete blackout will be attempted in Hermiston Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. The blackout will be for a 20-minute period and all residents are expected to cooperate to the fullest extent. Two long blasts of the city siren will be the signal for "all lights off." When the city street lights go back on the duration will be over.

Instructions for a blackout are quite numerous and will be explained fully at the mass meeting Sunday. In short it means that no light of any sort must be visible from the outside of the homes, stores and other buildings. Residents are urged to select one room in the house which can be blacked out. Blankets or other dark material should be hung over windows, shades not being sufficient for a blackout.

Sam Moore, organizer, has announced plans for auxiliary police to aid the city police force in case of emergencies. City auxiliary police will be W. W. Felthouse, A. F. Rohr. (Continued on page 7)

CHARLES HODGE JR. AT PEARL HARBOR

Hermiston residents, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodge, have anxiously been awaiting word of the welfare of Chas. Hodge Jr. who is stationed at Pearl Harbor, aboard the U. S. S. Henley, where the Japanese attack struck without warning last Sunday. Although details of the invasion have been coming in at intervals, no definite word has been received by his parents.

Other Hermiston boys who are in the war zone are Bob Follett, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Follett, who is in the navy in Pacific waters, and James Reid, who is with the engineering division stationed in Honolulu. Word of their welfare is anxiously awaited.

STANFIELD MASS MEETING CALLED

Clyde Kenison, civilian coordinator of Stanfield, is issuing a call for a mass meeting of Stanfield residents at the Stanfield high school Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Representatives from every home in that city are asked to attend the meeting at which time the purpose for organization and instructions will be discussed.

The above meeting is in line with similar projects in other cities of the state.

SAFETY RECORD IS EXEMPLARY

"Correct work habits make for safe construction jobs," First Lieutenant Victor G. McLeod, Safety Officer of the newly completed 13-million dollar Umatilla Ordnance Depot, explained this morning.

The Depot has an exemplary safety record, according to Dr. F. B. Belt, Supervising Physician, with only one death and three serious injuries during the several months that high speed construction was in progress. At the peak, more than seven thousand employees kept construction humming 24 hours daily, he pointed out.

Only one safety engineer was used (Continued on Last Page)

HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM THURSDAY

The annual Hermiston high school Christmas program will be presented next Thursday evening, December 18, in the high school auditorium, according to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen. A full evening of excellent presentations has been lined up by G. C. Humphreys, director of music.

The program will begin at 8:00 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The numbers follow:
Section I—Band: 1. Medley of Christmas Carols; 2. Andante Cantabile, Tchaikowsky; 3. Cantique de Noel, Adam, Cornet Solo, Bill Penney; 4. (not yet selected); 5. The Heavens Are Telling, from "The Creation" by Haydn.

Section II—Pageant of Bethlehem. Atmosphere music, (a) Crusaders' Hymn (Chorus); (b) Silent Night, (Bells). Curtain opens, Adeste Fideles, chorus. Narrator (St. Luke 2:8 to 10) "Fear Not", soprano solo, Johanna Casper. Narrator (St. Luke 2:16) Medieval Lullaby, sextet. Narrator (St. Matthew 2:1,2) We Three Kings, male choir.

Intermission. Silent Night by the audience.

Atmosphere, Little Jesus Came at Eve, octet. Curtain opens. Narrator (St. Matthew 2:6) Chimes of the Holy Night (Full choir). Narrator (St. Luke 2:17) Nocturne—From Midsummer Night's Dream—Mendelssohn (Girls' voices).

Narrator (St. Luke 2:18) Silent Night—Gruber—(Full choir) Narrator (St. Luke 2:19) Joy to the World—Handel. (Choirs and audience).

SCHOOL VACATION TO BEGIN DEC. 20

Students of Hermiston schools are looking forward to a 10-day Christmas vacation which will begin Saturday, December 20, with classes again opening Monday, December 29. According to Supt. W. G. Kersbergen there will be only one day of vacation that week, New Year's day. Regular classes will be held Friday, January 2.

The above schedule was arranged in order that school may be dismissed somewhat earlier next summer when hot weather interferes with class work.

HEPPNER HERE FOR TILTS SATURDAY

Heppner high school will bring two teams to Hermiston Saturday night in an attempt to break the victory string of the Hermiston Bulldogs. The two B squads will tangle at 7:30 with the main attraction of the evening following the preliminary.

THIS YEAR GIVE...
DEFENSE
Bonds *** Stamps
The present that not only is appreciated by the one who receives it, but benefits every one in America.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO OPERATE LOCAL U.S.O. BUILDING

Don T. Orput, field recreation representative of the Federal Security Agency, was in Hermiston Wednesday evening and met with a group of local citizens for the purpose of organizing a committee which will be placed in charge of the local Federal Community building at such time when present U.S.O. personnel will be withdrawn. This committee will begin activities at once and will cooperate with Miss Mary Lou Johnson in the program which she has already begun.

The first big project of the committee will be the dedicatory program of the building which will be held some time after Christmas. Further announcement of this ceremony will be published in the near future after more details are arranged.

A. M. Thrasher, manager of the Hermiston office of P. P. & L. Co., has been named chairman of the committee. Other members include Major Scott of the Ordnance depot, Mrs. J. D. Todd, Mrs. F. B. Belt, H. M. Thompson, Lee Quiring and Harold Rankin.

HERMISTON HIGH WINS OVER HELIX

The Hermiston High Bulldogs continued their winning ways Friday night by trouncing Helix on the latter's court in a low-scoring affair, 16 to 7. Both teams stressed their defense throughout and seemed content to let the other lead the way.

The locals are undefeated to date.

Lineups:
Hermiston 16
Tiller 3 F..... 2 Binder
Wilcox 3 F..... Newtor
Holloman 4 C..... 4 Tereson
Rugg 5 G..... 1 Montgomery
Naughton G..... Hawkins
Cullen 1 S..... Hargett

The Hermiston grade school defeated a similar quint from Helix by a score of 32 to 8 in a preliminary. Coach L. S. Burrell's aggregation looked quite impressive in their initial start of the season.

HERMISTON LEGION RENEWS DRIVE FOR LOCAL AMBULANCE

The local post, American Legion, this week is launching a campaign for an ambulance to be used for all emergencies in this territory. Some months ago the Hermiston Legionnaires sponsored a carnival at which time a sum of \$400.00 was raised. This sum was immediately placed in an ambulance fund.

The post has been promised a similar sum, \$400.00, by the Episcopal Guild of Hermiston. This amount, however, carries the stipulation that it shall be the final sum of the amount to be raised. It has been estimated that a properly equipped ambulance will cost between \$1200 and \$1300. Garage facilities, drivers and other expense will be donated.

The big problem now is the raising the sum of approximately \$500 to complete the total fund. An urgent appeal is made to the various groups, clubs, organizations and individuals to aid in this cause. Money may be left at the bank and labeled "Ambulance Fund."

CIVILIAN DEFENSE FIREMEN NAMED

Fire Chief B. A. Doyle, as chairman of the civilian defense fire-fighters of Hermiston, has announced a list of men as key men for emergency fire fighting measures here. The group will meet Monday evening, December 15, at the U.S.O. building where the men will receive instructions from Fire Chief Blackie Batchelor of Pendleton.

Hermiston men named in this group include: W. R. Allen, Vernon Backus, Fred Rauch, Leander Quiring, Al Quiring, Alton Sisson, Jack Jackson, Paul Van Patten, Emil Sater, Craig Percy, Charles Pierson, Harold Thompson, Fred Rankin, Walt Pearson, Bob Alstott, Tom Lenhart, Sherman Wells, Ray Oviatt, Bob Russell, Chas. Wilcox.

Further information concerning these appointments may be obtained by seeing Mr. Doyle at his home after 7:00 o'clock in the evening or by phoning 2861.

THREE COUNTRIES DECLARE WAR ON THE UNITED STATES

JAPAN ATTACKS WITHOUT WARNING

These United States are in another World War. This fact was brought home by a sudden, brutal attack by Japanese bombers on Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, last Sunday morning. Without warning, without declaration and without any thought of fair play, a country which the United States has befriended and aided in recent years, struck while our backs were turned.

This dastardly act has been augmented by a declaration of war by Germany and Italy. These three countries have formed a pact with the agreement that no one can sign a peace treaty unless all are in accord.

On the other side of the picture are the United States, who will be aided by at least 18 other countries of much lesser strength. The general opinion is that it will be a long, drawn-out affair with natural resources, building strength and morale the deciding factors. The American continent compares very favorably in all three classes and in President Roosevelt's own words, "We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows." In his radio speech to his nation President Roosevelt further added: "We are now in this war. We are in it—all the way. Every single man, woman and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertaking of our American history. We must share together the bad news and the good news, the defeats and the victories—the changing fortunes of war."

Early news of the conflict has been decidedly black. Due to the suddenness of the attack, casualties were extremely heavy in Honolulu and other islands in the Pacific. However, at the very latest reports (Thursday evening) the tide was turning somewhat with U. S. bombers striking back and warding off further attacks.

Locally news of the war was taken only as war news can be taken. Mothers immediately became worried, fathers began to plan and the bolder youth began to itch for action. However, one thing all have in common, the thought that the Japanese attack was so cowardly. This fact will not be forgotten during the duration of the war.

A civilian defense police meeting of representatives of Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla was held Wednesday evening in the Hermiston Legion hall at which time an organization was set up. Lloyd Russell, Legion post commander here, was elected chairman of the group, and Sam Moore, vice chairman. Also present at the meeting was Sheriff R. E. Goad of Pendleton.

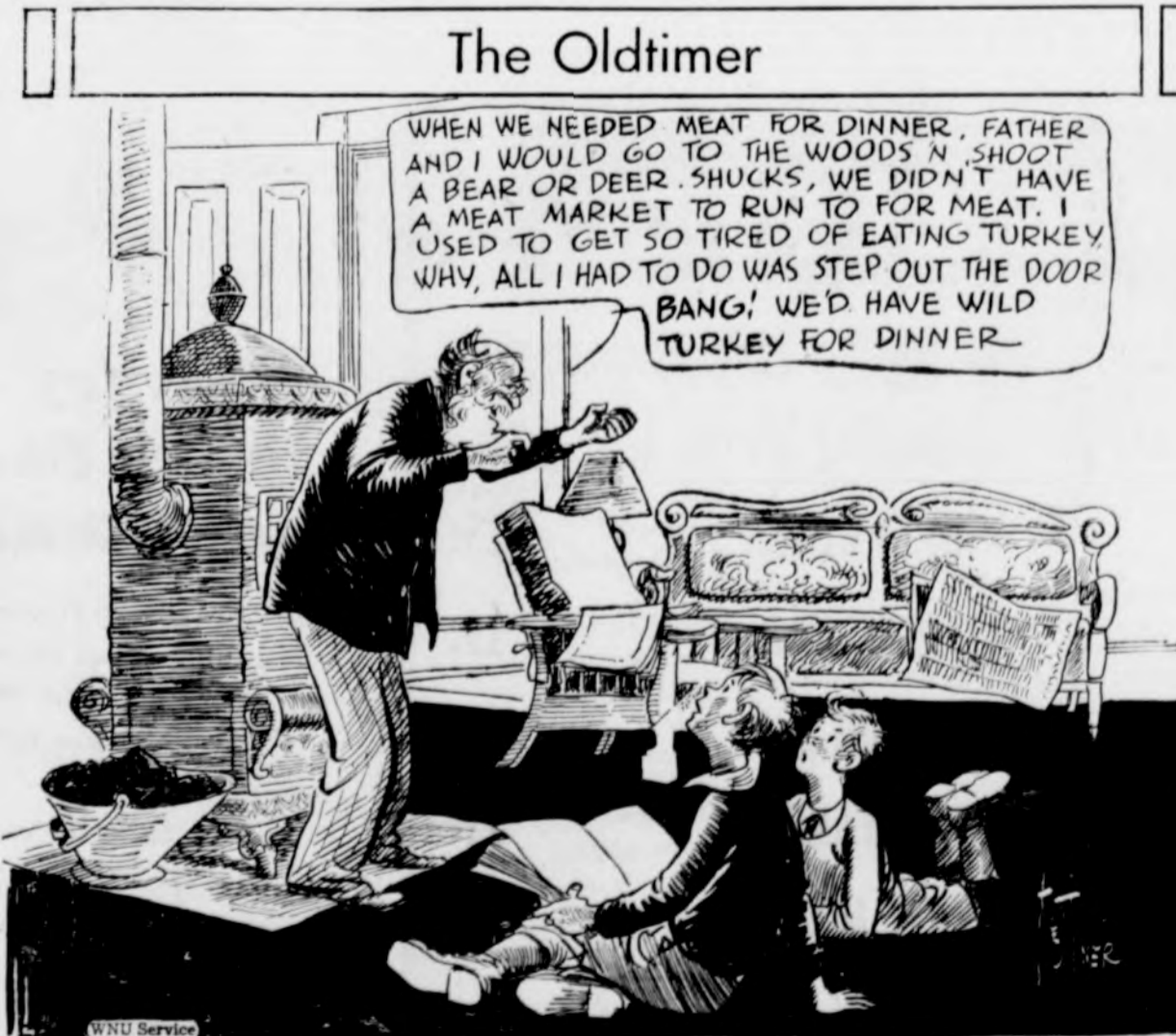
Various phases of civilian defense were discussed during the evening and leaders named for each city. Those named were C. H. Esselstyn, Echo; Lloyd Russell and Clyde Kenison, Stanfield; Sam Moore, Hermiston; and Leland Smith, Umatilla. These men will head the organizations in their respective towns and meet at intervals to discuss progress being made and to assist each other in the problems which arise.

NEW RED CROSS DRIVE LAUNCHED

Due to the renewed war activities, the Red Cross is launching a new campaign for funds to be used for local and national emergencies. According to Judge Carl Chambers of Pendleton, Umatilla county has been asked to raise \$5,300.00 in this renewed drive.

Mrs. F. B. Belt, Hermiston chairman, has received orders to solicit funds in this city. She stated Wednesday that no house-to-house canvass was planned at this time but appealed to the citizens of Hermiston and surrounding territory to do their utmost in aiding this worthy cause. Contributions may be left at the First National Bank with A. H. Norton, The Herald office, or at Dr. F. B. Belt's office.

President Roosevelt will make a request Friday for 50 million dollars for war relief purposes. An intensive drive will be made for one week.



Basketball Saturday Night - Heppner vs. Hermiston Bulldogs - Two Games