



PORTLAND—When word came from Washington last week, via Senator McNary, that Oregon stood a chance to lose the hard won aluminum fabricating plant, ground for which is being cleared at Troutdale, a Japanese air raid could scarcely have created greater bedlam among the rank and file of Oregon people.

Talk about action — there was plenty of it, the lethargy and the do-nothing attitude which had been characteristic of many of the so-called business leaders took a sudden change. The boys, big and small, couldn't have shown more action if they had been on the receiving end of a good shot of turpentine. For once they abandoned the good old Oregon custom of "let George do it." The whole state took up the cry of keep the aluminum plant here. Senator McNary has been working day and night battling the brass hats of the war department, who have insisted that the plant be moved east of the Cascades in order to be "safe" from threatened air raids. McNary immediately informed the home folks he would need every bit of help possible in order to keep the plant here, and the whole state responded. The war department is all-powerful, especially in war time, and its recommendation that the plant be located elsewhere may prevail. The story that we get from our listening post in Washington, D. C., is that the brass hats have sold the idea to President Roosevelt. If that's the case, it's going to be just too bad for Oregon. Work has been stopped on the project, and unless a miracle happens this huge new industry will be lost to the state. A tough break, to say the least.

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The pinch of war and the many sacrifices that go with it came into reality this week. Two of the largest automobile distributors in Oregon will close up shop this month. No new cars or tires to sell, and from the looks of things there won't be any for a long time to come. These two firms employ close to 300 men, who are now trying to get jobs in the shipyards or elsewhere. Several large exclusive tire distributors are faced with the same prospects and have announced they are closing shop for the duration. From now on the second-hand business should be good.

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Scores of Portland folks and Oregonians all over the state are mourning the passing of popular Wm. H. (Bill) Switzler, of Umatilla, who died in Portland last week. Bill, as he was known to his thousands of friends, was for many years president of the Pendleton Roundup and also active in many other civic affairs until illness forced his retirement a year ago. The Roundup won't seem the same with Bill Switzler gone.

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Well, the cigaret tax of two cents per package is with us. It is estimated the tax will add over one million dollars a year to old-age pensions. Five-sixths goes to the oldsters and one-sixth to the vocational fund. Townsend leaders now have another idea for the next legislature which they figure will add another million to the old-age pensions, namely, a tax on punchboards and a further tax on pin ball machines. The Townsend folks are all set to start an early campaign for these new taxes to augment the pensions fund, and prospective candidates for the legislature will go a pledge card asking that they sign on the dotted line to vote for any such bill.

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The politically ambitious are mashing at the bit, to toss their hats in the ring. They can hardly wait to make their announcements for the numerous offices to be filled this year. But the one thing that is holding the boys and girls back is the war. Too much war news. So they are of the opinion that next month will be better as the time to tell the folks about it. In the meantime much medicine is being made and the brew will be all ready for Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public in a few weeks. By that time the primary election will be less than three months away and the boys just won't be able to stand the suspense any longer.

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PAST YEAR BRINGS NEW EXPERIENCES TO LOCAL CITIZENS

ORDNANCE WORK PLAYS MAJOR ROLE

The year 1941 has been an eventful one in Hermiston. Projects, large and small, have been completed; pioneers have passed away; new business firms have opened doors; boom activities have been experienced; mail has been robbed; weddings performed; records established. All in all, it will be a year that won't soon be forgotten by local residents.

The paragraphs below present a brief resume of the happenings as they were recorded in the 52 issues published in The Herald.

January 2—Funeral services for Mary Rankin held. Lost life in an accident which also took the life of Mrs. Mabel Lynch of Keyser, W. Va., and severely injured Miss Lavina May Lynch, Virginia Wells and Elbert Moore. Funeral services held for W. J. Logan, project pioneer. J. W. Messner buried at Baker.

January 9—Post office announces record in sales. Wm. A. Hineline dies at Pendleton.

January 16—Commercial club reelects George Harkenrider as club president. Other officers also reelected. Government files suit to acquire land for ordnance depot. First definite information as to construction of igloos.

January 23—Stevens & Koon given contract to survey ordnance site for munitions depot. Tentative plans announced for new city jail with construction to begin soon. Miss Constance Luehrs added to high school teaching staff. Land use group completes map for this community.

January 30—S. L. Carson dies following traffic accident. Large shipment of superphosphate distributed here. Mrs. Curtis Dyer passes away. Chas. Burk moves store to Stanfield. Employment office opens. Depot employees begin to arrive.

February 6—J. A. Terteling & Sons awarded contract for construction of Umatilla ordnance depot. Mrs. (Continued on page 4)

FRESSLEY STILLINGS PASSES THURSDAY

Fressley C. Stillings, son of Hiram J. Stillings of near Stanfield, passed away Thursday morning in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) from Bomboy's Funeral Parlors in Pendleton at 2:30 p. m.

Fressley has lived on the project all his life and was well known in Hermiston. He has worked at the local post office for several years as night dispatcher.

He is survived by his father and two brothers, W. T. and Hiram J. Stillings Jr.

TIRE RATIONING TO BEGIN SOON

Governor Charles Sprague this week made appointments for local tire rationing committees. Named in this district are N. R. Mueller of Hermiston, and Claude Meyers and Kate Stanfield, both of Echo. As this group has not met for organization little information has been released to date. However, one thing is certain, there will be very few tires to pass around until the emergency is over.

Umatilla county's quota for passenger cars, small trucks and motorcycles is 35 per month, and 128 for buses and trucks. According to Gov. Sprague, no tires or tubes will be allowed for private use.

RED CROSS SEWING CLASS TO CONTINUE

Sewing for the American Red Cross will continue every day except Saturday, according to Mrs. F. B. Belt, local chairman. Yarn for knitting can be obtained hereafter from Mrs. J. R. Huffman. A new shipment of yarn is expected any day.

It is urged that all sewing which is out now be turned in as soon as possible in order that it can be turned in to the county headquarters.

LOCAL GROCERS TO COOPERATE WITH EGG PRODUCERS

All grocery stores in Stanfield and Hermiston are cooperating with local egg producers who are candling and grading their eggs in order to have all locally produced eggs on the market. Since the state egg grading law requires that all eggs sold to consumers by retailers be candled and graded, it has been necessary for some of the stores to purchase graded and candled eggs from Washington and Idaho in the past.

Through the efforts of Cleo Fogelson, representative of the state department of agriculture, a sufficient number of local egg producers were lined up to produce candled and graded eggs to supply the local demand. By so doing, these producers are able to receive a somewhat higher price for their eggs.

The local grocery stores felt also that they will benefit from this program since they will probably be able to offer fresher and a better quality eggs to consumers, as well as being able to give the local egg producers the benefit of their markets.

The egg producers in the Hermiston and Stanfield districts who are now producing graded and candled eggs are: Mrs. Joe Udey, Mrs. Geo. Genn, V. L. Warren, L. L. Hammer, C. L. Upham, R. E. Campbell, Hermiston; R. G. Penney and Jim Kistner, Stanfield. A few of the other egg producers candle and grade the eggs they sell locally.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The first meeting of the year for the Hermiston Commercial club was held Tuesday evening in the high school dining room with President George Harkenrider in charge. Committee reports and discussion of plans for the new year followed the dinner which was served by the Rebekahs.

The following officers were elected for 1942: President, Leander Quiring; vice president, E. P. Dodd, and secretary, Chas. Hodge.

Noon meetings will be held within the very near future.

BUILDING PERMITS HIGH FOR YEAR

The year 1941 proved a banner one for Hermiston building permits, according to Charles Taylor, city recorder. In the commercial division the figure was \$81,342 and the residential, \$104,335. These figures did not include the \$24,000 U.S.O. building which also could be added.

The only regretful thing about the building permits, according to city fathers, is that fact that it did not include more permanent residences.

The Quickest, Surest Way YOU Can Help Win This War ...

Buy Defense BONDS—STAMPS Now!

'BILL' SWITZLER, NOTED PIONEER, PASSES FRIDAY

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

WILLIAM H. SWITZLER
William H. Switzler, better known to his friends as "Bill," passed away January 2 in the Portland Convalescent hospital after a long illness. Mr. Switzler, age 63, was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Switzler, made his home while a child on the Switzler island in the Columbia river and in Horse Heaven. He followed his father in the ferry business and up till 1936 when the Wallula cut-off was built, owned the ferry here, and the present Maryhill ferry.

For years Mr. Switzler served as star pick-up man for the round up at Pendleton and seven years served as judge and was president of the round up in 1939-40, resigning in November of 1940 because of ill health. He had never missed a round up until last year when illness prevented his attendance.

He served as county commissioner since 1937.

The passing of Bill, who had a way of making and keeping friends and was loved by everyone who knew him, saddened the hearts of everyone in Umatilla.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Deed Switzler, and his sister, Mrs. Minnie Sharpstein of Walla Walla.

Funeral services were held January 6 at 2 p. m. from the Marshall, Calloway and Hennessy parlors in Walla Walla.

Pall bearers were George Stangier and Judge Carl Chambers of Pendleton, Harry Hull and Harry Rodenbough of Umatilla, and Lew Russell and James H. Sturgis of Portland.

Mrs. Switzler is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ankeny.

Many local people went to Walla Walla to attend the funeral.

MRS. THORNBURG PASSES AWAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Charlotte Effie Thornburg were held Monday afternoon at the Central Church of Christ with Rev. C. Warner in charge. Mrs. Thornburg passed away last Saturday. The Thornburgs have resided here since 1935. Burial was in the Hermiston cemetery.

The deceased was born January 3, 1874, and passed away on her 68th birthday. She was married to E. A. Thornburg in August, 1891, and to this union were born four children. The family came west in 1910, settling near Philomath. In 1914 they moved to Enterprise and then to Hermiston in 1935. Mrs. Thornburg's father was a soldier in the Union army of the Civil war.

Surviving are her husband, E. A. Thornburg, R. Thornburg of Hermiston, Mrs. Perry Dillon, Cosmopolis, Wash., Cole Thornburg of Ontario, and Mrs. John Ganser of San Jose, Cal.

POLITICIANS SHOW LITTLE INTEREST IN MAY PRIMARY

To date very little interest has been manifested in the coming May 15 primaries as far as county positions are concerned with no new candidates filed as yet. Politicians are aware, however, of the fact that a lot of offices expire at the end of the year and that candidacies may soon appear. The filing deadline is not until April 1, 45 days prior to the May 15 election.

Terms of office expiring with the end of 1942 follow, with incumbent and his party also listed:

State senators, Rex Ellis and Dr. J. A. Best, both republicans; state representatives, Alfred Cunha and Carl Engdahl, both republicans. State senators serve four-year terms, representatives two-year terms.

County judge, Carl W. Chambers, republican.

County commissioner, position vacant at present following death of W. H. (Bill) Switzler, democrat.

County clerk, Mrs. E. B. Casteel, republican.

County treasurer, Bettie DeHart, republican.

County recorder, Jack Folsom, republican.

County coroner, Allen Folsom, republican.

County surveyor, Frank Hayes, democrat.

All other county and district officials' terms expire either two years or four years from now, depending on whether they were elected for four or six-year terms.

Registration books are open and will remain open until 30 days before the election.

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FEDERAL COMMUNITY BUILDING DEDICATION SCHEDULED TUESDAY

RADIO BROADCAST TO BE HIGHLIGHT

The Hermiston federal community building, to be known hereafter as the U. S. O. center, will be formally dedicated next Tuesday evening, January 13, with a fitting ceremony. A major part of the program will be broadcast over KFRC, Pendleton radio station. A feature of the evening will be a regiment band from the U. S. army now stationed near Hermiston.

The ceremony is slated to get underway at 8:00 o'clock with the general public cordially invited to attend. Feature speakers of the evening will be Walter May, state defense recreation chairman, and a speaker from Don Black's office in Portland, head of the civilian defense speakers association. The latter is expected to speak on "Morale."

Other notables who will be present include: Don T. Orput, field representative of the Federal Security agency of Portland; Major Ralph Cook Scott, Umatilla Ordnance Depot; Major Harry J. Schuppner, constructing engineer of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot; J. W. Terteling, contractor; E. J. Griffiths, state administrator of W.P.A., Mayor F. C. McKenney and several others.

An open house will follow the program which will not last much more than an hour.

O. E. S. INSTALLATION NEXT WEDNESDAY

Installation of the officers of Queen Esther Chapter No. 101 O.E.S. will be held at an open meeting Wednesday, January 14, with the following officers to be installed: W. M., Lucille Middlesdorf; W. P., Jess Arnold; A. M., Frankie Lane; A. P., Miles Barager; Sec., Nettie Sloan; Treas., Hattie Hamm; Con., Nell Arnold; A. Con., Rachel Jackson; Chap., Ila Ripley; Marshall, Buelah Simons; Warder, Marjorie Keller; Sentinel, Elva Berry; Ada, Clara McReynolds; Ruth, Ann Sommerer; Esther, Catharine Sommerer; Martha, Inez McCormick; Electa, Sue Lloyd; Musician, Helen Belt.

Friends are invited for the installation.

MAC HIGH TRIMS LOCAL QUINTET

The Hermiston high Bulldogs took another merry ride down the skids Friday night when Milton-Freewater administered a 23 to 18 defeat on the local floor. This was the third five-point margin loss of the year which started off in great fashion, only to bog down in the last two weeks.

Intensive drill has been the dish this week to prepare for the Pilot Rock contest here Friday night. The Bulldogs are determined to break out of the slump and get back into the win column.

Score:

Hermiston 18		25 Mac High
Longhorn 2	F	2 Yantis
Tiller 4	F	11 Magruder
Holloman 2	C	6 Heidenrich
Cullen 3	G	2 George
Rugg 6	G	2 Monehan
Wilcox 1	S	Metsker

BARAGER RELATIVE TELLS OF ATTACK

Mrs. H. R. Tucker, a niece of Mrs. Miles Barager of the Columbia district, has written relatives here concerning the Japan attack on Pearl Harbor. She states that war planes flew so close to her bedroom window that she could plainly see the pilots in the cockpits. The Tuckers' home, in Honolulu, was so badly machine-gunned that splinters of wood littered the floor.

Mrs. Tucker, the wife of a naval officer, reports her family came through the raid unharmed. She and her three small sons were evacuated recently to a house near Diamond Head. Now, when a plane flies overhead, the boys look up and ask, "Mother, is that one of ours?" Mrs. Tucker wishes only to forget that Sunday of death and destruction.

The New Year

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COMES ON A SUNDAY

MARY'S BABY WAS BORN ON THE 12th OF MAY AND SUSAN'S BABY WAS BORN ON THE 6th OF APRIL THAT'S ALL TO ADD TO OUR BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

OH THERE ARE THREE FRIDAYS THIS YEAR IN 1942

WHAT DAY DOES CHRISTMAS COME ON

I WON'T HAVE A BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR EITHER—BAH

BORN ON THE 29th OF FEB

GRAND PA'S CALENDAR

IM GLAD TO SEE THANKSGIVING DAY BACK IN ITS OLD PLACE

4th OF JULY IS ON A SATURDAY

HUMPH, MARCH 15th INCOME TAX SCHEDULE DEAD LINE IS ON SUNDAY

Basketball Doubleheader - - Pilot Rock vs. Hermiston - Friday