

WAR News

The so-called "mystery" of the Aleutian battle is merely a mystery of weather—of fog and slow gray rain—coupled with a desire to keep the enemy in the dark, according to a Navy spokesman of the Thirteenth Naval District.

"If the public is confused about the situation in Western Alaska, then so is the enemy—and that is all to the good," he said. "You can't make a statement about a battle until the battle is decided. As Admiral King has told the American people, the battle for the Aleutians is continuing."

"It's a weird, wild country up there. There are great patches of fog and rain in which the enemy can hide, as a band of guerillas may hide in the bush. There are literally thousands of small bays and inlets. The Japs know the country, but so does the Navy."

"Why haven't the Army and Navy already driven the Japs out of the Aleutians? The weather explains that, in part. It's one thing to get at them in clear skies and another to get at them when the weather is foul and thick and snow is in the air and quick-forming ice burdens the wings of planes. You can depend on it, they are getting smacked whenever there is a rift in the fog banks. Some of the greatest stories of the war, some of the finest contributions to Naval tradition, will come out of this struggle of give and take in the Aleutians."

"I wouldn't want to be one of those Japs up there. Suppose you had spent years as a Jap fisherman in Alaska, or a bus-boy in Seattle, and had gone back home a few weeks before Pearl Harbor. Then suppose, because of your experience, you were sent on this Aleutian expedition—to occupy the outer islands, to try to take the Alaska outposts and, if successful in that, to establish bases in Alaska from which to attack British Columbia and the Northwest."

"Such a Jap knows where he is, but he also knows with whom he is dealing. He knows the type of men who are above the fog, and out behind the snow and rain squalls, looking for him. This Jap knows that if he isn't gone today he will be tomorrow, because these men are determined that even though the American flag was lowered in the Philippines, it will not be lowered on the North American continent. And Canada will have a welcome hand in the battle also."

"These are real men up there, standing between us and the enemy, and they are facing realistically the problem presented by the opening of a new front where we meet the enemy for the first time under conditions where the difficulties are equal on either side."

STATE NEWS

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Shangra-La is no myth. According to the hopes of millions of harassed Poles, Czechs and other Europeans, all virtually living in slavery, the land of Shangra-La is none other than the United States.

Never before in the history of the world has such tremendous responsibility been placed on a single nation as now rests upon the United States. Upon the successful culmination of the war by the United States depends the survival of civilization. With due respect to Russia and Great Britain, the fact remains that the "hope for the future" rests with us.

Dopesters win and lose. Political wise men in Oregon predicted a 41 per cent vote at the recent primary election, and they were correct—in a way. The figure is right when "figured" this way.

The republican vote was 50.4 per cent of that party's registration, while all the democrats could do was to produce 30.7 per cent registration vote. Add these two per cents together, divide by two, and you obtain that 41 per cent—nearly.

But there was one factor in the primary election which the republicans overlooked, and that was the value of that invaluable factor, "personal following". Even Earl Snell's most astute advisors, and he had some plenty smart men in his campaign camp, failed to predict such an overwhelming favorable vote, which in truth, must be admitted was the result of his "personal following".

Legislative Program Looms. An inkling of some of the labor legislation which will gain the spotlight at the 1943 session of the state legislature which convenes in January is seen in reports from the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention recently held at Marshfield.

A resolution adopted objects to the rights of employers in having a voice
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YOUTHS REGISTER TUESDAY, JUNE 30, IN FIFTH DRAFT

REGISTRATION IN LEGION HALL

By proclamation of the President, Tuesday, June 30, has been designated as registration day for those young men who have attained their 18th or 19th birthday on or before June 30, or their 20th birthday after December 31, 1941, and on or before June 30, 1942, and who have not heretofore been registered.

In Hermiston registration will take place next Tuesday at the Legion hall with J. D. Todd in charge of the board. He has announced the hours of 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. Anyone living in this area is advised to report during this time.

This is the fifth of a series of selective service registrations under the Selective Service Act of 1940. It is urged by Governor Chas. A. Sprague that in order that there may be full cooperation in carrying into effect the purposes of the Selective Service all employers and government agencies of all kinds—federal, state and local—to give those under their charge sufficient time in which to fulfill the obligations of registration incumbent upon them under the said act.

The persons required to register are those listed below by the proclamation of the President of the United States:

"Every male citizen of the United States, and every other male person residing in the continental United States or in the Territory of Alaska or in the Territory of Hawaii or in Puerto Rico, other than persons excepted by Section 5 (a) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and by Section 208 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, is required to and shall on June 30, 1942, present himself for and submit to registration before a duly designated registration official or selective service local board having jurisdiction in the area in which he has his permanent home or in which he may happen to be on that day if such male citizen or other male person has attained the 18th or the 19th anniversary of the day of his birth on or before June 30, 1942, or the 20th anniversary of the day of his birth after December 31, 1941, and on or before June 30, 1942, and has not heretofore been registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and the regulations prescribed thereunder."

PRIOR PASSES AWAY MONDAY

William David Prior, Westland pioneer, passed away Monday night at his home in the Westland district at the age of 76 years and seven months. Mr. Prior, who had been ill for the past two years, had resided in Umatilla county for the past 22 years.

Mr. Prior was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on November 6, 1865, coming to Oregon in 1894 settling at Oakland.

Surviving Mr. Prior are one sister, Mrs. W. C. Green of Modesto, Calif.; and the following children, B. H. Prior of Westland, Geo. W. Prior of Campo, Colo., and Mrs. Gale Walker of Lebanon.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from Prana's Funeral Parlors with the Rev. M. B. Ballinger in charge. The Westland Grange also assisted with the services with Guy Shaw, Master, and Mrs. Seeliger, Chaplain, in charge.

Burial was at Oakland, Oregon.

GARDEN CLUB RESUMES WORK

At a recent meeting of ladies interested in home gardening and flower raising, plans were made for resuming the activities of the Hermiston Garden club. This group has been very active in recent years but did not function last year during the many changes here due to the U.O.D.

Official appointments made were: Mrs. T. A. O'Grady, president; Mrs. F. B. Belt, secretary; Mrs. B. A. Doyle, treasurer. Four committees were deemed necessary for the proper handling of the activities as follows: horticulture, flower show, publicity and program.

After a year's absence, the Garden Club Chats will again appear in The Herald and are now being written by Mrs. B. A. Doyle.



ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Approximately 80 guests attended the annual ladies' night of the Hermiston Commercial club held Tuesday evening in the U.S.O. building. The dinner was prepared by Ernie Anderson of the Igloo Inn and served by the Hermiston Unit of Ambulance Girls who netted \$17.00 for the evening's work to place in their funds.

Mark Moulten, Kennewick attorney, delivered the principal address of the evening. His talk centered on the values of the four freedoms now enjoyed in America—freedom of press, freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of fear. He particularly stressed the latter, stating that it was up to the individual to preserve this privilege. His remarks were well received by the audience.

Entertainment of the evening was furnished by Jack Jackson who rendered several numbers on the piano and Ben Gerking who sang two solo numbers. Short talks were made by E. P. Dodd, Sam Moore and Mrs. A. F. Rohrman. Dodd somewhat deviated from his usual style and read a self-penned poem dealing with various vital questions.

Delegations were present from the ordnance depot and from Stanfield.

CIVILIANS BUSY DEFENSE WORK

At a meeting of senior and junior wardens Wednesday night, it was decided to open a civilian defense control center in the very near future. Hermiston coordinator, Sam Moore, was present and discussed various plans as to future activities of the local setup.

Arm bands and other defense insignia has been ordered for use by Hermiston workers. The organization is becoming perfected rapidly and will soon be able to work efficiently in case of emergency.

RUBBER DRIVE CONTINUES HERE WITH SUCCESS

There is no age limit for donors in the great nation-wide drive to build up Uncle Sam's salvage rubber pile. Old and young alike are going heads down through old packing cases and trunks. They are rummaging attics, closets, scrap heaps and basements.

President Roosevelt's plea for the coast-to-coast salvage campaign is not only bringing forth long forgotten caches of rubber odds and ends but is helping housewives to rid their dwellings of many a curious treasure trove. The collection of gadgets that Dad has preserved down through the years and the closet full of old hats that Mother herself has cherished for a decade reveal dozens of rubber items that are added to the tonnage. The rubber drive has turned into a big national housecleaning as well.

Hermiston service stations and oil companies are cooperating 100 per cent in the rubber drive and many tons of materials are being turned in. It has been estimated that about 30 tons of scrap rubber will be available in Hermiston by the end of this week.

After June 30, the end of the rubber drive, the tons of old tires, tubes, garters, gloves, bathing caps, baby panties, cuspidor mats, and wornout raincoats that have been driving Mother mad on housecleaning days will be converted into useful material. Every ounce of un-needed rubber that can be spared around the home, shop, and garage may help to offset the possible inconvenience of gasoline rationing.

Knifer Caught in Yakima

The long arm of the law stretched from Hermiston to Yakima over the week end to bring back George Beckus who is accused of attacking a fellow worker in a local camp. He is lodged in the county jail in Pendleton awaiting sentence. Chief of Police Nation had notified Washington police prior to his arrest there.

MERCHANTS TO OBSERVE BOND AND STAMP DAY

Last minute announcement of a national stamp and bond day will be observed by Hermiston merchants on Wednesday, July 1, when all business houses are asked to stop business from 12:00 to 12:15 to devote that period towards promotion of the sale of stamps and bonds. In business houses where stamps are not on sale it is suggested that customers are urged to buy stamps and bonds.

On Page Three of this week's Herald appears a full page devoted to this cause. Those merchants whom it was possible to contact were 100% in favor of lending their efforts to the success of the venture. It is hoped that by this special undertaking, much money will be raised for the all-out war task.

Radio programs and other special features will be announced over the week end.

It was impossible to contact all the merchants and business men of the city but it is hoped that Hermiston will be 100% in favor of this worthy cause. It is urged that all persons read the message on Page Three in order that the proper setting may be realized.

HARTS OBTAIN HOTEL BUILDING

The second major real estate deal in recent months was completed this week when Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Hart purchased the interest of Mrs. Anne Durfey in the Hermiston Hotel. The sum is understood to have been well over \$13,000. Mr. and Mrs. Hart will make several major alterations soon, including new bathrooms, a new dining hall and banquet room.

The hotel has been in the Durfey family for many years, beginning in 1916. It was operated for 16 years by Mrs. Catherine Durfey who in turn turned it over to Jarvis Durfey, her son. The latter passed away two years ago and since that time has been under the management of Mrs. Anne Durfey.

The sale comes as quite a surprise to Hermiston residents. Mrs. Durfey has not announced her future plans but will probably not remain in Hermiston. The transaction was made by E. P. Dodd, real estate agent.

MRS. FRAKER ON SCHOOL BOARD

C. J. Jackson, 21 votes; N. R. Mueller, 21 write-in votes; Mrs. Edith M. Fraker, 3 write-in votes—Mrs. Fraker wins. This oddity was the result of the annual election for School District U-9 held Monday at the high school. Mrs. Fraker receives the appointment because she represents the Cold Springs district which has not been represented for some years. Her term will be for five years. A. H. Norton easily won the election for a four-year term.

Mrs. Fraker comes well recommended for the position. She has been connected with school work for many years and at one time was a candidate for county school superintendent.

STATE GUARD OFFERS DANCE

Members of the Hermiston unit, Oregon State Guard, have been busy this week selling tickets for a benefit dance to be held Saturday, June 27, in the Townsend dance pavilion east of Hermiston.

A good share of the proceeds will enter the guard funds to be used for local purposes.

Mulkins Buys Fine Bull

Wayne Mulkins, prominent Hermiston farmer, recently made a fine addition to his dairy herd when he purchased a high pedigree bull from the Astoria branch, Oregon State experiment farm. The animal is of the Guernsey strain and is valued at over \$175.00, according to Mr. Mulkins.

Retail Clerks May Organize

Roy White, business agent of the local Carpenters Union, has issued a statement that all local retail clerks who are interested in becoming affiliated with the union should contact him at his office in the Labor Temple.

I.O.O.F. Lodge To Elect

Notice is hereby given that the annual election of officers for the local I.O.O.F. lodge will be held Monday night, June 29, at the lodge hall. All members are urged to be present.

AIR RAID FILMS SCHEDULED FOR WEST END CITIES

PUBLIC URGED TO PARTICIPATE

Every resident of west Umatilla county is urged to see the air raid films which are to be shown, under the auspices of the local civilian defense committees, as follows:

Monday, June 29th, Stanfield high school at 8:00 p. m.

Tuesday, June 30, Echo theatre at 8:00 p. m.

Wednesday, July 1st, Hermiston high school at 8:00 p. m.

Thursday, July 2nd, Umatilla high school at 8:00 p. m.

The civilian defense committees in this area point out that recent developments in the war of the Pacific have brought radio blackouts for several nights in succession, and it is well known that air raids by enemy planes are emergencies which may have to be reckoned with in this area owing to its proximity to military objectives.

These films, which are primarily for the instruction of air raid wardens and other squads upon which will fall the major duties in the event of raids, are also for the instruction of civilians whose homes may be involved in air attacks. The information to be had from these films would be of immense value to residents in time of emergency, according to the air raid committees, and they urge everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to learn at least some of the things which occur in air raids and how to deal with the emergencies created.

LOCAL YOUTH IS COUNSELOR

Bill Belt returned to Hermiston Sunday from Beaver Boys State, American Legion citizenship camp at Corvallis, where he served as a junior counselor during the week session.

Bill was in charge of one of the four counties into which the 200 attending boys were divided, and his duties included organizing an orchestra and several other musical groups that were heard on the nightly KOAC broadcasts from the Legion's mythical 49th state.

FARM BUREAU PLANS PICNIC

The Farm Bureau and auxiliary are sponsoring a picnic on July 4th in the Columbia park. All friends are cordially invited to attend. Those wishing to attend should bring a picnic lunch, dishes and utensils, and coffee will be furnished.

These picnics have always proven popular in the past and are usually well attended.

ECHO RANCHER DIES FROM FALL

Peter Jacob Rohde, aged 52, prominent wheat farmer of the Echo district, died Tuesday evening at the Pendleton hospital from injuries sustained in a fall at his ranch east of Echo. Rohde was removing electric wires from a post on the farm when his ladder slipped and he fell to the ground, knocking out some teeth and fracturing his jaw. He was taken to the hospital where the broken jaw was set but death occurred while still under the anesthetic.

Mr. Rohde is survived by his widow and four sons, Ernest, Dean, Roy and Glenn; his mother, Mrs. J. P. Rohde of Pendleton; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Reese and Mrs. Tins Weltzin of Echo; and two brothers, Adolph of Echo and Edward of Pendleton.

Funeral services are expected to be held in Pendleton Friday.

KINDERGARTEN STARTS MONDAY

A kindergarten for children from the ages of 4 to 6 will be held in the basement of the local Methodist church beginning Monday, June 29. Miss Maude Alexander of Baker, Oregon, will be in charge.

Miss Alexander, who comes to Hermiston highly recommended, wishes all parents who are interested to come to the church Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock, so that definite arrangements can be made.

HE LOST HIS PANTS



Too young to "lose his pants" at the races, Master Peter Cooper donates his waterproof wardrobe to the current rubber drive—but gladly. He's following the lead of the grown-ups who are turning in everything with a stretch in it—to help snap back at the axis.