

ALASKA HOME DEFENSE PUT IN OPERATION

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 10 (P)—Anchorage civilian home defense guards carrying rifles, like the minute men of old...

Women storing in bath-tubs...

Fairbanks communications, utilities and transport facilities closely guarded despite 30 and 40 degree below zero temperatures...

Ketchikan Filipinos placing all their manpower and resources at the disposal of the civilian defense unit...

Those were some of the reports of Alaska's progress in home defense preparations which trickled through censorship in delayed US army signal corps messages today.

Blackouts were ordered every night in Anchorage, particularly between 5 a. m. and sunrise, when attack is most likely to occur—if it occurs at all, a message read.

It said 300 Anchorage civilians, most of them armed with rifles, guarded utilities and other points in the city, with a special lookout for saboteurs. A request for 400 more civilian guards was issued. The federal bureau of investigation ordered all Japanese to remain at their present city location until further orders, with the warning they are subject to arrest if they try to travel.

The city council was adopting strict blackout regulations. The Red Cross established first aid centers throughout Anchorage, with nurses on duty. Housewives filled their tubs with water in case the water works should be decommissioned. Sparks crews were being formed, and Boy Scouts were making stretchers.

Both Petersburg and Cordova reported themselves on a full war emergency basis, with 24-hour guards placed over oil tanks, waterworks, power plants, docks and—at Cordova—the railroad. Cordova appealed to Governor Ernest Gruening for troops to augment civilians on the job.

Fairbanks reported hundreds enrolling in emergency services. Other groups of volunteers began assisting the army in relieving its patrol in guarding communications, utilities and transport facilities in bitter 30 to 40-degree below zero weather far in the Alaska interior.

Ketchikan's Filipino colony of about 50 persons placed itself at the disposal of the civilian defense unit. The Filipino council, after calling an emergency meeting, labeled Japan a "dastardly aggressor."

Meanwhile, here in the territorial capital at Juneau, officials kept in close touch with civilian and military authorities.

Cunningham Brothers Running British War in Africa



Meet the Brothers Cunningham—Admiral Sir Andrew Browne, left, and Lieut. Gen. Sir Alan Gordon, right—who are running the current "show" in Africa for the British. Sir Andrew is leading the new unexpected British advance by sea as commander of the British Mediterranean fleet and Sir Alan is making it hot for Axis forces on land.



German covers glowering Russian captive caught trying to escape from blazing building in background, according to Berlin photo with this dramatic German photo.

PTA Notes

FAIRHAVEN

One of the most enjoyable days of the year at Fairhaven school was that of November 14, when teachers and room mothers held open house. From 10 a. m. until 3 p. m. the various rooms were visited by parents and at noon luncheon was served to 60 in the new cafeteria. Tea was again served in mid-afternoon followed by a program during which the Fairhaven band gave several numbers, and the upper grades Glee club sang two numbers. A clever play by the fourth grade was given.

Following this play a short business meeting of the Fairhaven PTA was held at which plans were made to hold a sale of defense stamps, and it was also decided to purchase a defense bond.

Mr. Robinette announced a show at the Pelican theatre to be sponsored by the Fairhaven school on December 11 and 12. Parents are urged to support this project.

On December 12, the "Dads' Night" meeting will be held. Mr. Robinette is chairman of this meeting assisted by Mr. Scharfstein. A splendid program has been arranged, refreshments will be served by the men and an evening of fun is assured those who attend.

Please remember "Dads' Night," December 12. Everyone is cordially invited.

Automobile Pins Guard on Bridge

DEPOE BAY, Dec. 10 (P)—A civilian defense guard was fatally injured by an automobile on the Depoe Bay bridge yesterday.

The guard, Orville Garrison of Taft, was pinned against the bridge railing by an automobile driven by Jerry Sittser, publisher of the Delate News-Guard. Sittser was seriously injured.

Miss Emily P. Bissell conducted the first Christmas seal sale in the United States at Wilmington, Del., in 1907.

PTA SINGERS TO BE REORGANIZED

Great interest was shown at the last meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association council when it was announced that the Mother-Singers would be reorganized. Mrs. D. Reed, an experienced musician particularly in the choral field, has generously agreed to direct the group of singers. It is hoped that many PTA members will take advantage of this opportunity.

For several years the Mother-Singers, affiliated with PTA, contributed a great deal of enjoyment at the various meetings of that organization as well as many others in the city. It is with pleasure that interested persons learn of the singing to be resumed at this time by the group.

Those interested are asked to watch this column for further information or phone 3785.

MODOC POINT

A Christmas tree and gift exchange, a panel discussion, "Christmas in Many Lands," by members, and the singing of Christmas carols, makes up the program as announced by the president of the Modoc Point PTA, Mrs. Robert Carson, and the program chairman, Mrs. S. E. Rife, for Thursday, December 11, at 2:30 p. m. in the community hall.

All parents and interested persons are cordially invited and those attending are asked to bring a Christmas gift valued at not more than 25 cents for the exchange.

Refreshments will be served. The association sponsored a dance November 22, which was well attended. Music was provided by the Shepherd orchestra from Klamath Falls.

MILLS

Mills PTA sponsored the third defense stamp sale at the school on Wednesday, December 3. This sale was the most successful held. Total amount of stamps sold on that day was given as \$178.55, it was reported. The next sale will be held December 12 at 9 a. m.

Members of the PTA will hold their December meeting on Wednesday in the school auditorium. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria, at 2:30 p. m. by Mrs. Downs, refreshment chairman, with a meeting held at 3 o'clock.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. Frank Peyton was elected vice president of the Klamath County council of Parent-Teachers at the executive meeting held at Fremont school on Monday, December 1. Mrs. Sid Peterson was appointed chairman of Summer Round-up.

Mrs. L. E. Juniper, music

chairman, wishes to contact all members interested in Mother-Singers.

There will be no January meeting of the council. The next meeting will be "Founders Day" to be held at Fairview school on Monday, February 2, with a pot-luck luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

RIVERSIDE

The December meeting of Riverside PTA will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 16, at which time there will be a Christmas program. School will close the afternoon of December 19, at which time the room treats will be presented and it is hoped by Principal Verne Speirs that room mothers will be on hand to hand out the gifts. Names have been drawn in the various Riverside rooms.

Riverside children purchased \$10.70 worth of defense stamps Monday. This is much less than on previous Monday mornings but the amount is expected to pick up after the holidays. The regular time devoted to the purchase will be continued.

Study group meetings will be held at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, just before the regular PTA session.

WEYERHAEUSER CAMP 4

Art Cooper headed a committee of men members of the Weyerhaeuser Camp PTA who served as hosts for the regular meeting on December 5. The president, Mrs. Tom Tennery, appointed the following committees. Christmas treats, Mrs. W. M. Jones, Art Cooper and Gordon Good; play shed roof, W. M.

Jones, Gordon Good and Earl Cruikshank; and guard posts, Tom Tennery and H. H. Ogle.

The following announcements were made: Study club will meet with Mrs. C. E. Hollingworth on December 11. There will be an evening card party December 12 and women are asked to bring salad or sandwiches. The regular afternoon card party will be held on December 17, with Mrs. Tom Tennery, hostess. After the business meeting, square dancing was enjoyed, after which box lunches were auctioned by Col. A. H. Dudley. Prize for the most attractive box was won by Mrs. A. H. Dudley and for the most attractive child's box by Beverly Jones. Charlotte Griffin won the door prize.

Portland Newsman Enlists in Navy

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (P)—Winifred J. (Bill) Brazeau Jr., winifred attendant in the Portland

bureau of The Associated Press, took leave of the news business today for the duration.

Brazeau was one of the hundreds who enlisted in the navy at the Portland recruiting office since the outbreak of war with Japan. He will leave for San Diego Monday.

The first Christmas seal sale was held in Denmark in 1904, the result of an inspiration of Elmar Holboell, a postal clerk.

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Community Spirit Undimmed by War

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 (P)—The San Pedro junior chamber of commerce's enthusiasm for its home town briefly marred the world's initial blackout there. Glaring boldly through the darkness was the chamber's huge illuminated sign: "San Pedro Welcomes You." Alert citizens complained and the sign was blacked out.

STAYS ON JOB

SALEM, Dec. 10 (P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague said today he has cancelled all appointments out of the city, and that he would remain in Salem indefinitely.

Railway Express Wage Dispute Ends With 10 Cent Boost

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (P)—The wage dispute of 42,000 Railway Express company employees was settled today when representatives of management and labor signed an agreement accepting a 10 cents an hour pay increase.

Wayne Lyman Morse, chairman of President Roosevelt's emergency fact-finding commission, announced the signing of agreement less than six hours after he had informed the company, upon authorization from the White House, that it must accept the recommendations of the commission for the wage hike.

Earlier, the union announced a strike might be called to enforce the wage demands.

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