

GM REVEALS PRODUCTION OF M-4 TANKS

DETROIT, July 24 (AP)—General Motors corporation disclosed today with war department approval that the new army tank plant built by its Fisher body division has been completed and is rolling out the all-welded M-4 type of land dreadnaught in trainload quantities.

Lines of freight cars loaded with tanks wrapped in protective covering now leave the plant on a special track almost daily, the announcement said.

When the United States entered the war, the welded M-4 tank was only in a blueprint stage. In January Fisher Body received a contract to build the new type of battle wagon, and although the first tank was not scheduled to be built until the new plant was completed, engineers went to work immediately in another factory. The first of the M-4's was turned out in 47 days. By the time the new plant was finished large numbers of the new tanks had been started on their way to the battle front.

"General Lees" The M-4's are designated "General Lees" by the British, the war department in Washington said, and some have already seen action on the Egyptian battle front. The tanks are 28 to 30-ton machines, about the same size as the "General Grants."

Among the principal developments in the M-4 tank over its predecessors is increased fire power and improved location of the 75 mm. gun in a turret that revolves in a complete circle. In addition it is highly maneuverable and is protected by a tough hide of heavy armor plate.

It was at this tank plant, at Grand Blanc, Mich., where a strike recently delayed work. The plant resumed normal activities Wednesday with the end of a week-long walkout.

State Meat Dealers Asked to Join in Nation-Wide Supply

PORTLAND, July 24 (AP)—The Portland OPA office received a request from Price Administrator Leon Henderson today that Oregon livestock and meat dealers cooperate in a program to supply all parts of the country with meats in usual amounts.

The request admitted this might entail some temporary sacrifices.

Voluntary allocation of available civilian supplies is suggested in an effort to "tide the country over its temporary summer seasonal period of meat shortage, which is accentuated by the large demand from the armed forces and lease-land."

OPA Puts Control On Lumber Suited To Aircraft Use

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—The office of price administration today placed west coast hemlock and noble fir suitable for aircraft use under the price controls applying to aircraft spruce.

The war department recently determined to accept the hemlock and fir as substitutes for spruce in airplane production as a means of enlarging the supply of aircraft lumber. The price established by OPA is the same as that prevailing for aircraft spruce.

Only aircraft grades of these lumbars are affected.

MILLS IDLE

SHELTON, July 24 (AP)—Two Simpson logging company lumber mills at McCleary were idle today as the result of an AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute. Charles Savage, business agent for the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) said the AFL-affiliated Sawmill and Timberworkers unionists struck to force 75 IWA members into their union. The tie-up affected 400 workers.

Attention Masons

All Masons are asked to report at the Masonic Temple, Saturday, July 25th, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of conducting funeral services for Brother D. A. Kenyon at Ward's Funeral Home.

Also Please report at 2:45 p. m. at Earl Whitlock's Funeral Home for the purpose of conducting funeral services for Brother James B. Burnett. J. F. FLOCK, W. M.

Unglamorous Little Tub Plays Nursemaid to Big Catalinas in Aleutians

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of stories by Staff Correspondent Keith Wheeler of the Chicago Times on action in the Aleutian islands.)

By KEITH WHEELER
ABOARD U. S. SEAPLANE TENDER IN THE ALEUTIANS, June 24 (Delayed)—The wind is a wild 70-knot gale hurling whitecaps across the bay, and tonight no planes will be in the air—neither ours nor the Japanese.

The battle of the Aleutians is not yet over. The Japs are still in Kiska.

But tonight it's all right to relax a little and consider how things have been with this unglamorous little tub and her brood of lumbering PBY Catalinas flying boats.

She's a little ship, old and cramped. Once she was a four-piper destroyer but they ripped out half her power plant and used the former firerooms to store extra food, aviation gas, bombs and men. Then they sent her out to nurse the Cats.

Not even her most charitable friend could call her a warship. She's no more a fighting ship than are the 15-ton flying boats she serves. But the war has produced no more valorous chapter than the stubborn fight the cats and the tender are making against the first invasion of American soil since 1812.

For Kiska, after all, is American soil. Bleak, remote, dreary and useless as it is, Kiska is still America.

Baptism of Fire
The little tender lay in Dutch Harbor on June 3, when the Mitsubishi first howled through the clouds mantling Mt. Ballyhoo's frosty crown. It was there she received her baptism of fire, and when a Zero caught a Cat on the water and burned it up the tender's crew saw the first of her charges destroyed—a heart-breaking sight, to be repeated more than once in the savage days that followed.

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When the Jap planes went away, they left two Zeros and a Mitsubishi shot full of the tender's machinegun fire and burning on Mt. Ballyhoo's flanks.

In the days that followed, the Catalinas flew ceaselessly up and down the island chain in the eternal miasmic fogs. And where the Cats went the tender followed, lugging gasoline, fresh bombs, hot meals and a few hours shelter from one foggy danger cove to another.

Once in her uncharted wanderings I am told she caught a Jap submarine on the surface. She isn't a fighting ship, as was said before, but she stopped long enough to drop four depth charges and saw the crushed undersea boat rise to the surface, roll over and sink.

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In time the PBY crews were haggard wrecks and their planes weren't much better. Some men flew 102 hours in two weeks and the planes were beached for repairs only when they would fly no longer. Whenever a plane cracked up in the surf, beary-eyed repair crews stripped off its usable parts to patch planes shot to tatters by the Japs.

Sarcastic Humor
The Cat pilots, worn as they were, viewed with sarcastic humor the chores required of their elephantine craft. They were flying patrols and searches, fighting Zeros, carrying torpedoes and using their clumsy crates as dive-bombers. A PBY is as big as a barn, and maneuvers like a battleship.

Wryly the pilots dubbed their outfit the "PBY interceptor command" and designated Dutch Harbor "PBY elimination base."

At one time quite a few hulking planes were basing on the little tender. Men took two-hour turns in her unmade bunks and then were routed out to fly their reloaded planes to Kiska—making room for other, even wearier crews to rest. The tender's cooks served meals 24 hours a day and a crew that landed judiciously could have its choice of breakfast or lunch. Mealtimes ran together and sometimes overlapped.

One crew flew three round trips to Kiska with only three-hour rest periods between the long hops.

One PBY found itself shadowed by a faster Japanese four-motored seaplane. The Jap showed no disposition to attack and seemed willing to tag along forever. The PBY captain refused to go home and thus lead the enemy to his base. When their strange game of hide-and-seek had gone on eight hours the PBY skipper grew bored with waiting for attack and decided

to bring the matter to a close. He turned to attack the Jap plane. It ran away.

PBY Nose Dives
Dive bombing a PBY turned out to be something the designer had never thought about. Over Kiska the pilots would force the nose down and go rumbling through the soup like a landslide. The heavy plane would plunge into the clear over the Japs. The bombs would fall clear and both pilots would have to leave back on the yoke to pull their plummeting juggernaut out of its dive. The big boats would pull out with their long panels flapping like a seagull's wings and nobody knows how they hung together.

One plane shadowed a Japanese carrier 18 hours, ducking in and out of the soup. Finally a Zero closed with him and shot off his rudder. He gave up then and flew home, unable to turn except with aileron control. His crippled plane gave up almost within sight of the base and he landed at sea. A patrol boat rescued the crew.

Another plane was cruising along just under the clouds when the pilot heard gunfire. He thought his own gunners were testing their weapons but changed his mind when he looked around and saw tracers crisscrossing the two feet of space between himself and the navigator.

One Hit
An aerial cannon shot carried away a wing strut and other bullets slashed open the gas tanks. One man was hit in the leg. The pilot plunged for a cloud, eluded the three Japs on his tail and started home.

Three hours later the last gas run out through bullet holes and they came down at sea. Despite efforts to plug the holes with bandages and cotton the bullet-torn hull sank and the crew took to their rubber boats. They were rescued the next day.

Another plane dodged six hunting Zeros for two hours and finally eluded them. Every time he came out of the soup he saw Zeros. But his gas outlasted theirs and finally he went back to shadowing the Jap ships.

The time finally came when the tender and her Cats could no longer maintain their precarious location. They loaded the flying boats with the last of the gasoline, took aboard the villagers, two white men, one white woman and a dozen or so Aleuts, burned the village and pulled out.

Now, reprovvisioned, refueled and ready for more, they're settled in another base, ready to fight or move without notice.

Godwin to Head OCD's New Forest Fire Fighters

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—David P. Godwin, assistant chief of the United States forest service fire control division, has been appointed national coordinator of OCD's new forest fire fighters service, Civil Defense Director James M. Landis has announced.

The service will be comparable in structure to the civil air patrol and would cooperate with other governmental agencies in mobilizing man power needed to safeguard the nation's timber resources during the war, Landis said.

FDR Consults Chief Justice Stone on Rubber Situation

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt told reporters today he had consulted Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone on the rubber situation, but had not asked him to make a survey of the problem.

Asked whether he intended to ask the chief justice to take such an assignment, the president said he doubted it.

SUGAR HILL, N. H., July 24 (AP)—Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone said today that he did not intend to accept the task of making an independent inquiry in the rubber situation to end present controversies over the problem.

Here for his summer vacation, the chief justice, when told stories had been published to the effect that President Roosevelt had asked him to make such an inquiry, said:

J. V. OWENS SPEAKS AT ROTARY CLUB

TULELAKE—J. V. Owens, sales manager for the California-Oregon Power company and guest speaker at the Tulelake Rotary club Wednesday luncheon, urged continued support of the fighting forces who must have equipment to hold against the axis forces. Consistent buying of war bonds is the only way in which many of those at home can help, and he stated that the company for which he works is pledged 100 per cent for a 10 per cent investment of incomes.

The Rotary club has been invited to hold its meeting next week at Newell and will be entertained in the staff mess with Otis Roper as chairman. Chairman for this week's meeting was Rance Stover, manager of the Tulelake power office. Rotarians of Klamath Falls have also been invited to Newell next week.

Rotary guests were Nicholas Long and A. H. Patterson, Klamath Falls, Vince Court, Alturas, Charles Scharfenstein, manager of Mason-Ehrman, Klamath Falls, was also a guest of the club.

ODT Orders Cut In Mileage For Carriers

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—Aiming at more rigid conservation of trucks, the office of defense transportation Thursday ordered that, effective August 1, over-the-road or long distance contract and private carriers must reduce their total mileage by at least 25 per cent as compared with the corresponding month of 1941.

Certain adjustments will be allowed for increases or decreases in business during the past year.

All farmer-operated and all tank trucks are exempt from the entire order.

A general permit also was issued exempting for three months any private or contract carrier from certain provisions of the order when engaged in transporting farm products to market, processing places, warehouses or to other carriers or in hauling supplies back to the farm. The permit exempts such trucks from the 25 per cent mileage reduction and existing limits on the number of deliveries.

20-30's Plan Installation For Saturday

Installation of new officers of the 20-30 club is scheduled for Saturday evening at Cal-Ore, according to an announcement made today. Past and present members and their wives are invited to attend.

At its regular Wednesday meeting, the club decided to take over repainting of the safety signs used at school street crossings, and plans to have them fully reconditioned by the time school opens.

The 20-30 membership drive is now in full swing, it was pointed out, and those interested in joining were urged to contact Redmond Coghlan, John Sandmeyer or Stewart Patty.

If it's a "frozen" article you need, advertise for a used one in the classified.

Churches

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First Methodist Church
"In the Heart of the City," at North Tenth and High streets. Rev. Victor Phillips, minister, residence 1005 High street, telephone 3688.

Morning worship at 11 a. m. Mrs. William Terwilliger, director of music, Mrs. E. S. Veatch, accompanist. The prelude will be "Aria," by Giordani. The offertory will be "Theme," from the "Fifth Symphony," by Tschalkowsky. Barbara Powers Burgoyne will play a violin solo. "Thais," by Massenet, Olla Mae Carter accompanying. The minister will preach on the subject, "God's Road Builders."

Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 7 p. m. The young people who attended institute at Suttle lake will give reports of the week's study, recreation, and fellowship.

Church Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. Don R. Drury is the general superintendent and Dr. Peter H. Rozendal, the assistant. Trained teachers and graded lessons.

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Altamont Community Presbyterian Church

Services are held in the Altamont Junior high school on South Sixth street. Rev. Hugh Bronson is the minister; Mrs. Kenton Knight, director of music; A. C. Olson, superintendent of the Sunday school.

Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. Attendance last Sunday 108.

Morning worship begins at 11 a. m. and will include reports by Margaret McClellan, Harold Peyton, and Dale Gilson who attended Fir Point Young People's Summer conference. The prelude will be "Humoresque," the offertory "Let Him In," the choir anthem "Trusting in Jesus," and the postlude "Following Jesus."

Sigma Pi C. E. will go to Lake o' the Woods for an evening vesper service.

Junior high C. E. meets at 7 p. m. Choir practice on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. Worship service at Mt. Laki community church at 9:45 a. m. with Rev. Hugh Bronson in charge.

First Baptist Church

Eighth street at Washington. "The Church With a Message." Rev. Cecil C. Brown, pastor. Residence, 414 North Eighth street. Phone 7439. H. G. Shirey, music director.

Bible school, 9:45 a. m., with interesting classes for every age group and consecrated teachers in charge. George O. Welch, superintendent.

Morning worship service, 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor, C. R. Larson is general director of the BTU which meets at 7 p. m. each Sunday. There are six unions adapted to all age groups from beginners to adults, and inspiring programs are presented in each union.

The pastor will speak again at the 8 o'clock worship service. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Choir rehearsal Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Radio service each Sunday morning over KFJI from 8:30 to 9 o'clock.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 8 a. m. Church school and morning prayer, 11 a. m. The services will be conducted by Reverend J. Henry Thomas. This will be the last Sunday Rev. Thomas will be here as he

NO EXTRA RUBBER SUPPLY, WPB SAYS

WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—The war production board is examining the rubber industry's plans for meeting the civilian tire problem but thus far has found that "there is no rubber of any kind available for anything except the most essential purposes."

A statement issued by Rubber Coordinator Arthur Newhall said the rubber industry's program called for use of 33,188 tons of thiolok retreading material and 32,475 tons of butyl synthetic rubber, but that only about 15,000 tons of the two substances would be made this year.

Newhall added that the rubber industry program could be adopted only "if we can spare the reclaimed rubber, the crude rubber, the thiolok and the butyl, and if all motorists would engage only in essential driving and if motorists will cut speeds to 40 miles an hour and if they take the best care of their tires."

Timber Entitled To Same Coverage As Farm Crops

TACOMA, July 24 (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company reported today the war damage corporation had recognized timber as a crop and as such listed it as entitled to the same coverage earlier accorded general farm crops.

Weyerhaeuser said it consequently had placed war damage insurance on its standing timber in the Douglas fir region of Oregon and Washington lying west of the Cascade range and extending to the sea.

Wooden Transport Plane Developed For Production

PORTLAND, Ore., July 24 (AP)—A wooden cargo transport plane model is being developed by local wood plane engineers and designers for possible large-scale

construction, F. H. Kelley, head of the Yates Aircraft corporation, Portland, said Thursday. The Yates company was organized in 1940 to produce a "basket-weave" type of wooden trainer but was later blocked by orders freezing the output of trainers.

Kelley said 20 engineers and designers of his firm were constructing a test model under government contract in the Troy, Ohio, plant of the Waco Aircraft company. As soon as static tests are completed a flying model will be made.

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