

SPRINGFIELD PLANT DECISION STILL PENDING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—A war production board spokesman said today no final decision has been made on whether the \$2,750,000 Willamette Valley Wood Chemical company plant at Springfield, Ore., will be completed.

"Not Necessary" The WPB chemicals bureau, however, has recommended that the project no longer be considered as necessary. The matter is before the WPB construction requirement committee for consideration.

It is a commercial alcohol project originally backed by defense plant corporation funds. With the end of the war, however, the government's need for alcohol has dropped.

Partly Completed The spokesman said that even should it be decided to drop it as a government sponsored project, that the company could continue construction if it desired since government control over industrial plant construction has been removed.

The plant was about 38 percent completed on August 1 and, when finished, was expected to produce about 4,000,000 gallons of commercial alcohol a year.

MORSE TO SUGGEST LOWER WATER RATE

MALIN—Proposal for a lower rate for irrigation water will be one of the suggestions that Senator Wayne Morse, now on vacation in Salem, will take back to Capitol Hill with him from constituents in Oregon.

Senator Morse was visited early this week by A. M. Thomas, secretary of the Enterprise Irrigation district, and by John Craven and Ben Pickett, property owners served by the Shasta View district which is being reorganized.

Landowners are seeking a contract with the U. S. bureau of reclamation. Water was turned into new ditches serving the tract only a few weeks ago and crops being raised on new land are promising.

Weather Nippy But Basin Area Escapes Frost

No actual frost was reported in Klamath basin last night, although several citizens lighted fires this August morning for the first time in months.

Weather reports set the minimum temperature last night at 45 degrees. Tonight's temperature is expected to drop to 40 or 45 degrees, and today's high is expected to reach 65 or 70. Maximum temperature Friday was 71.

Light showers were predicted for tonight, and breaking cumulus clouds were forecast for Sunday with probable scattered showers.

Boys At KFPA Camp To Return Home

Boys at the Klamath Forest Protective association camp at Penny springs returned to town this week after spending the summer on forest crews. Most of the group will return to school in a few weeks.

Two other camps operated by the KFPA at Kings Cabin and Fort Klamath will close for the most part this coming Friday when the boys return to town.

KFPA Reports 2 Small Fires

Two small fires were reported yesterday by KFPA and one by the Klamath Indian reservation, none of them very serious.

Two of the blazes were lightning spot fires in the Kings cabin area, but one has not yet been found. Crews were out on them Saturday.

A fire which covered about one acre south of the town of Sprague River was under control today. The blaze was man-caused and was in timberland.

INJURED IN FALL BONHAM, Tex., Aug. 25 (AP)—

Speaker Sam Rayburn fractured his left elbow Thursday when he fell as he was helping drive cattle on his ranch 12 miles from Bonham.

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POSTWAR PLANS TOLD BY SAILOR

THE PHILIPPINES — "My postwar ambition is to re-enter the forestry service just as soon as I possibly can," says David L. Harbison, radio technician, USNR, of Lakeview, Ore.

"I enjoy the forestry service much more than killing Japs and fighting the heat and mosquitos of the tropics," he said.

"I've been overseas 18 months and am ready to return to the States any time, but I realize that there's still a job ahead of us before the Nips are finished," he continued.

Harbison participated in the invasion of Hollandia in New Guinea in 1944 and in last winter's invasion of Luzon. His unit established radio stations during both invasions. He is now serving at a radio transmitter station of the 7th fleet in the Philippines.

Before entering the service, he attended the Southern Oregon College of Education. He received recruit training at Faragut, Ida.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Milford W. Harbison, box 561, Lakeview, the young sailor wears the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon and the Philippines Liberation ribbon with one star.

Serviceman Buys \$1000 War Bond

A NAVAL AIR BASE ON GUAM—Phillip B. Hemann, 30, aviation chief machinist's mate (propeller), 10 Michigan, Klamath Falls, Ore., has received the congratulations of Capt. C. F. Greber, USN, upon his purchase of a \$1000 war bond during a campaign held here recently.

He was one of 21 men who became charter members of the "Thousand Dollar Bond Club." They were welcomed into membership by Capt. Greber, commanding officer of the air base.

Hemann was born in Park, Neb. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hemann, live at Klamath Falls. He enlisted in the navy early in 1941.

TERRIFIC JOB FIRST BASE AID DEPOT, Warrington, England—

History books will record May 8 as the day the war ended in the European theater of operations, but for PFC William O'Connor, a welder at the largest air service command depot in England, the end of the operations came only recently when he helped complete the work on the 33,313th aircraft engine to be overhauled in the depot's shop.

O'Connor is the son of Mrs. Ellis O'Connor, 1705 Main. Before enlisting in the army in December, 1942, he was employed by Kaiser shipyards at Portland. He graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1942.

RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS PFC Stanley Larson, 25,

of 1734 Crescent, Klamath Falls, has returned to the United States from overseas duty by way of the air transport command in Miami, Fla.

He has been overseas for 33 months in the infantry. He arrived in the States on August 13.

He has been awarded the Bronze Star medal, the Presidential Unit citation, with one cluster, the Croix de Guerre and Fouteguerre and eight battle stars on his ETO ribbon.

Lt. Carl M. Biehn, whose wife, Maxie, now resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, has recently been assigned to duty at the Waycross army air field, Waycross, Ga.

Lt. Biehn is a graduate of Klamath high school and was employed by the Crane Lumber company in Sprague River, Ore., before entering the army in December of 1939.

Having enlisted in the army prior to Pearl Harbor, he saw much action in the Southwest Pacific in the early days of the war while still an enlisted man. He has been awarded the Silver Star, the DFC, the Air Medal, four Presidential Unit citations, American Defense ribbon, Asiatic theater ribbon, and the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon.

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7 PWS HANGED FOR MURDER AT LEAVENWORTH

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Aug. 25 (AP)—Stoical, and still allegiant to a nazim they refused to believe was beaten, seven German prisoners of war—former members of wolf-pack submarine crews—died early this morning on the gallows for the "traitor slaying" of a fellow-prisoner.

The men—Helmut Carl Fischer, 22; Fritz Franke, 21; Gunther Kulsen, 22; Heinrich Ludwig, 25; Bernhard Reyak, 21; Otto Stengel, 26, and Rolf Wizuy, 23—were executed at the U. S. disciplinary barracks here.

Slayed Fellow PW They went to their deaths one year and nine days after an army general court-martial found them guilty of the murder March 15, 1944, of Werner Dreschler, a fellow-prisoner whom they had accused of giving information of military value to the United States.

The seven nazi submarine sailors confessed, the army reported, beating and choking Dreschler, and then hanging him from a rafter at the Papago Park, Ariz., prisoner of war camp.

OSC INSTRUCTORS WORKED ON BOMB

CORVALLIS, Aug. 25 (AP)—Four Oregon State college faculty members worked on the atomic bomb projects—but only one of them can disclose the nature of her work.

Dr. R. R. Dempster worked a year in research at the University of California. Dr. L. E. West was sent to the Tennessee atomic bomb plant; and Dr. J. G. Roof spent a year on a phase of research at Northwestern university.

Dempster is associate professor of physics here, the other two assistant professors of chemistry.

Only faculty member who can tell what she did is Mrs. Buena Maris, dean of women who directed women's recreation and activities at the Pasco plant.

Will Halsey Ride The White Horse?

MANILA, Aug. 25 (AP)—It's still anyone's guess whether Admiral William F. Halsey will ride Emperor Hirohito's white horse through Tokyo.

Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, fifth fleet commander, was asked for his opinion in a press conference aboard his flagship here.

"I can't predict . . . I don't know whether the emperor's white horses survived the bombing. And I also don't know," he added, with a twinkle, "how long it has been since Halsey has ridden a white horse."

GN Depot Fire Extinguished

A small fire in the loading docks at the Great Northern depot Friday brought out the fire department, but no damage was done.

Other small fires Friday afternoon were at Main and Broad where a seat in a car had blazed up, and a blaze in a trash pile near Mills school.

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Around Oregon

By The Associated Press The Medford weather bureau is training four civilians to operate rawin equipment—a device which follows signals from radio transmitters in balloons. Federal land near Elk lake will be open to huckleberry pickers during certain hours August 26-27 and September 2-3. . . . Clackamas county farm labor officials report bean picking over the peak but need more pickers to finish the job.

The annual Clatsop county 4-H Club show opened at Astoria with 310 exhibits. . . . Pacific university, Forest Grove, is having trouble—like the University of Oregon—in providing housing for married veterans. . . . The OPA is surveying 2400 Portland area stores to check ceiling prices.

LARGE CELLAR WILL HOUSE SEED SPUDS

TULELAKE—White Rose certified seed potatoes grown in the largest potato field in Oregon on lake bed land near Algoma will go into one of the largest cellars to be built in the basin at digging time this fall. Work on the cellar, which is owned by G. W. Osborne and Sons, Tulelake, and Scott Warren, Algoma, is well underway.

The group have under cultivation 250 acres at Algoma which will be ready for digging about September 20. The crop is sub-irrigated and is being raised on black lake bed soil. This is the second year that potatoes have been raised on the ground, which is 14 miles from Klamath Falls. Warren makes his home there.

Seed from this field will be distributed from Alaska to Florida. G. W. Osborne stated Friday. Seed grown on the land last season was stored at Tulelake where Osborne and his two sons, Edgar and Gilbert, also have large ranch holdings. The Klamath Falls operation is known as Algoma Farms.

The big cellar, which will be of hollow masonry block construction, will have a bin capacity of 60,000 sacks with a floor space of 60 by 250 feet. Cellar walls will be eight inches thick. Cost of construction will be \$25,000. Karl Gentry, Tulelake, is the contractor.

Iron Fireman Loss Set At \$300,000

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25 (AP)—Loss in the Iron Fireman Manufacturing company explosion was estimated today by President T. H. Banfield at \$300,000, fully covered by insurance.

Banfield said most of the plant except the heat treating department would be operating within 10 days. Iron Fireman products can be sent out for heat treatment; therefore, production will not be handicapped, he reported.

Restriction Lifted WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)

The government today removed restrictions on the use of fruits and berries in making wines, liquors and other alcoholic products. Restrictions were established during the war in an order designed to make maximum amounts of fruits and berries available for food for civilian and military needs.

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U. S. CIVIL SERVICE LIMITS APPLICANTS

Applications for positions with the United States civil service commission have been discontinued so far as the general public is concerned. Applications for entry into civil service will be accepted from only those persons with military preference entitled to have examinations reopened for them. Among those eligible would be men or women veterans, wives of totally disabled veterans and wives of deceased veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921; army of occupation of Germany November 12, 1918 to July 11, 1923; China service July 7, 1936 to September 7, 1939; World War II December 12, 1941, to the present time, and many lesser campaigns.

Agencies will discontinue civil service examination and appointment publicity. If it later becomes necessary to announce examinations in order to meet the needs of the service, this will be done.

Lookout Resigns To Study Forestry

Chuck Shinn, who has been at the Schonchin Butte lookout station near the Lava beds since the beginning of the fire season, has resigned his position to enter Oregon State college in the school of forestry.

His place will be taken by Phillip K. Bakke, returned serviceman, who has been discharged from the air corps. He was an aerial gunner.

Jack Best, on the fire suppression crew at the Lava beds, has also resigned his position and will visit with relatives in Washington.

LIONS TO SPONSOR ALL STAGE SHOW

Members of the Lions club have announced that they are bringing the Great Virgil, a magician, to Klamath Falls for an all stage show to be given at the Pelican theatre on September 5 at 8 o'clock.

Proceeds from the program will go to the Lions sight conservation program, and money will be kept in Klamath Falls.

The Lions club will open a ticket headquarters in the Esquire theatre building on August 27 and this office will be open from 2 until 4 every afternoon until September 5. Tickets will also be sold at the Sunset grocery, Curries for Drugs, Pelican Cafe and Castleberry's drugs.

City Police Make Traffic Arrest

One traffic arrest was made by city police yesterday. Mabel Shaddock, route 3, Klamath Falls, was cited to appear in police court charged with violation of the basic rule.

Five drunks and one drunk and disorderly case appeared in police court this morning and one drunk bailed out. Fifteen parking tickets were paid yesterday.

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Strike Situation Still Quiet Here

The strike front here remained unusually quiet today, with no public statements coming from either management or labor for several days. Four major operations are still down with about 2250 idle.

The CIO-IWA, sponsor of the strike, was formally certified today by the NLRB as bargaining agent for Weyerhaeuser's Klamath Falls branch. This was assured some time ago when an election showed 187 votes cast for the CIO, 78 for the AFL, and 8 for neither union. The bargaining unit includes all production and maintenance employees in the mill.

Maybe Wife Makin' Catsup

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 25 (AP)—A thief broke into the beer stock in Albert Mills' tavern and quietly carried out seven cases. Mills estimated his loss at \$4.20. The bottles were empty.

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No Cut Seen In NAS Training Plan

There has been no cut in the training program at the Klamath naval air station, according to officials there. It is not known how long the full training program will continue but no orders have come through to discontinue any of the flight activities.

Night flying has been a part of squadron training for the past week.

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