

NOME TURNED INTO MILLION DOLLAR MESS

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 31 (AP)—Merchants along the main stem of this storm battered town were gathering yesterday to clean up the mess... a million dollar mess which now lies jumbled in the calm of what may be the last sunshine of this year.

As the howling winds which blasted in from the Bering sea and wrecked buildings and one large hotel subsided, the town turned out along with the army to put things back in shape. Still under martial law, Nome is trying to get put back together before the heavy winter settles in... with a mighty freeze.

A telephone call from Carl Lomen in Seattle to his firm at Nome, the Lomen Commercial Co., verified that the Lincoln hotel, most hard-hit structure along Front St., had been "broken in half."

Heavy damage was reported also at the Polar bar, the Miners and Merchants bank, and a drug store owned by the city.

No Fatalities
There have been no reports of fatalities.

Food has been flown in by the army to replace vital winter supplies lost when basements were flooded by the pounding seas.

Some 250 feet of revetment along the Snake river gave way and one of the Lomen tugs, the Helen B. sank in the river but can be refloated. The motorship North Star reported earlier as being in danger is now reported unharmed.

Earlier reports of devastation at the village of Unalakleet were exaggerated and buildings there are still standing. There were no casualties. Along the coast to the southward, Moose Point was littered with debris and there was some damage from the mountainous seas.

2 MORE FIRMS BUY HOUSING AGREAGE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31 (AP)—Two more west coast firms today reported purchase of acreage in the Guild's lake housing project and asked removal of homes for industrial construction.

Just after Standard Oil bought 28 acres for a \$1,000,000 asphalt plant, Pacific Chain and Manufacturing company acquired 12 acres to build the "only modern chain factory on the west coast" as soon as materials become available. The firm made ship anchor chain during the war, but expects to produce commercial types.

The Mt. Hood Soap company announced purchase of an eight-acre tract to build a plant four times the size of its present structure here.

Harry D. Freeman, Portland housing authority director, said about 252 housing units must be razed to make way for the asphalt plant.

Building Materials Under OPA Control

PORTLAND, Oct. 31 (AP)—Essential building materials have been placed under control of the district OPA, officials reported today.

The OPA reported wholesale and retail dealers will be named to an industry advisory committee to help establish prices for materials which include stock millwork, doors, plywood, stock screen goods and possibly installation charges.

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Sabotage Hinted In Hospital Blaze

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31 (AP)—The army suspected sabotage in the destruction by fire June 23, 1942, of the airbase hospital at Walla Walla, Wash.

The fourth AAF said today in a release the hospital was destroyed "with a loss of \$200,000 and sabotage was suspected."

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Oregon's Postwar Highway Program Gets Underway With Awarding Of Bids

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31 (AP)—Oregon's postwar highway program was underway today, with awarding of \$1,215,087.75 of bids by the state highway commission.

The commission authorized a survey of Sullivan's gulch, historic gulch in Portland's east side, to determine its possible use as an express highway.

The commission asked that industries not be located near the gulch until the \$15,000 year-long survey is completed. The gulch provides right-of-way for Union Pacific lines from the east.

A low bid of Beebe Co., Fallon, Nev., on reolling 34.57 miles of the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada highway in the flight strip McDermitt section was referred to the state engineer with power to award.

Similar action was taken on Pendleton Sand and Gravel company's \$11,750 bid for Mission-Meacham rock production project in Umatilla county.

Biggest projects awarded were: Pudding river bridge, Pacific highway; J. F. Johnston, Newberg, \$140,847.

Oregon's Blue Book Published Today

SALEM, Oct. 31 (AP)—The Blue Book, Oregon's official directory, was published today, and will be sold by the state department for 25 cents a copy.

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said he would publish 30,000 copies, compared with 17,000 two years ago. The increase, made possible by increased legislative appropriation, was granted to allow more copies to be placed in schools. The book is published every two years.

BABY DIES
MONTREAL, Oct. 31 (AP)—A six-pound baby boy, born here Sunday with his heart outside its chest wall, died early today after an operation.

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Coast highway in Clatsop county; J. R. Maginnis, Portland, \$119,500.

Surfacing 10.41 miles with bituminous macadam on Madras-Juniiper butte section of The Dalles-California highway; J. N. and M. J. Conley, Portland, \$266,310.75.

Surfacing 18.8 miles of Central Oregon highway in Harney county; Rogers Construction, Portland, \$235,479.

Surfacing 15.3 miles of Central Oregon highway in Malheur and Harney counties; Rogers Construction, Portland, \$164,423.

ROAD TO BARRACKS TO BE BEAUTIFIED

Plans for beautification of the Marine Barracks access road were discussed today by a committee of the Kiwanis club headed by Ralph Howard. Responding to a proposal by Capt. L. T. Coggeshall of the Marine Barracks that the Kiwanis club make this a club project, President Joe Hicks named a committee which has started work.

The committee considered various types of trees and shrubs for plantings along the road. Chinese elms, poplars, and aspens were among tree types suggested. Committee members leaned strongly toward plantings of native shrubs, such as wild plum, choke cherry and service berry bushes in part of the roadside stretch.

Efforts will be made to bring about improvement at the garbage dump and on private property along the route.



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Aluminum Plant To Close Down

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 31 (AP)—The aluminum production plant at Troutdale, operated by Aluminum Company of America for the government during the war, will be locked up at midnight tonight.

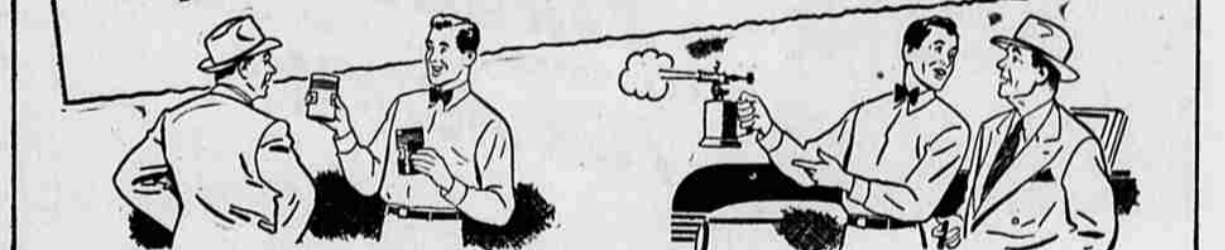
The few employes left since

potlines halted in early September will leave. Manager George R. Stout returns to the Vancouver Alcoa plant as production manager. Several engineers will also be transferred there.

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