

# County News

## St. Helens

### GRADUATION AT HIGH SCHOOL DUE MAY 19

St. Helens high school will graduate a class of approximately 84 seniors at exercises planned for Wednesday, May 19, but about 30 per cent of the class will receive their degrees in absentia because nearly that many students will be in the armed forces, Francis Gill, acting superintendent of city schools, said last week.

Speaker for the graduation exercises which are to be held in the high school auditorium, may be Governor Earl Snell, who has been extended an invitation to be present.

### COUNCIL PASSES DOG-RESTRAINING LAW

From now on, dogs in St. Helens had better stay in their own back yards and confine their wandering to peering nostalgically out at the inviting streets and gardens where once they romped unrestrained.

Otherwise—and on a strictly legal basis, because the city council passed its much-anticipated canine-restricting ordinance Monday, April 5—a boogey-man in the shape of one of the St. Helens officers is likely to put the snatch on them and transport them to the new municipal pound. This last is a fairly commodious structure built under the direction of City Engineer Dave Slaght and located near the city reservoir.

The new ordinance, which was inspired by the protests of Victory gardeners and others anent the destruction wreaked by marauding dogs, was passed unanimously and had the emergency clause attached.

## Clatskanie

### FALL IN RIVER RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH

The body of Jack Widows, well-known and popular Clatskanie restaurant man, who had been missing since Sunday, April 4, was recovered from the Clatskanie river the following Wednesday afternoon about 1:30.

Wednesday, L. S. Hattan found a quarter lying on the end of the dock back of the National Bakery. A hunch led him to start looking for the missing business man. Norman Cobb was called and after using a grappling hook three times the body was found and recovered.

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### WESTPORT STARTS NIGHT SHIFT AT MILL

Westport Lumber Co. has announced that it is starting the night shift at its mill on April 16, after a close down of that shift for several weeks.

The Westport plant is working overtime on important war orders. The company has issued a call for all former employees to any millworkers who desire positions at the mill. There are some positions open on the day shift as well as people being needed for the night crew.

A good portion of the night crew previously had been made up of personnel from this surrounding territory.

### EXPENSES OF RAID LARGE

A single night raid of 1,000 bombers over the Rhineland calls for \$375,000 of gasoline plus a million dollars for bombs dropped and an average of 11 million dollars as the cost of planes lost through enemy action.

## Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

The government is deploying its forces and clearing its decks for the long, hard pull. Chairman Nelson of WPB has simplified his organization structure and clearly defined lines of authority among vice-chairmen. The president has "drafted" Chester Davis as "food czar." WMC has created a new nine-man labor-management policy committee for greater efficiency and better representation among the three major economic groups—industry, labor and agriculture.

The WPB realignment will give Mr. Nelson more time to look after broad policy matters and work out major problems. The magnitude of the new program was made known when Mr. Nelson told the senate military affairs committee that the United States will carry 80 per cent of the United Nations production burden.

WPB changes came at a time when the agency faces a tremendous task of rescheduling of war orders to meet shifting strategic needs. This means some disruption for war material manufacturers, quick negotiation of new contracts conversion to new types of production and, in many instances, resumption of some civilian production on a limited scale. It also means a vast increase in smaller prime contracts and in subcontracting as well as changing emphasis on such vital issues as manpower. Stressing this point, Secretary of the Navy Knox asked this question: "Isn't it true that the speed of production of all implements of war has exceeded expectations because manufacturers, when they got into production, found that they could produce far more rapidly than the original estimates?"

Mr. Davis, president of the St. Louis Federal Reserve bank, was given complete charge of food production and distribution activities of the agriculture department and at his own request, control of farm labor. He also would be given control over farm prices and enough steel to meet farm machinery needs.

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Congressional attitude toward business was reflected in the overwhelming vote which the senate and house cast in favor of legislation to revoke the president's \$25,000 salary limitation and toward agriculture in the passage by both houses of the Bankhead bill which would eliminate benefit payments in computing parity. The latter move, Administrator Brown said, might raise the retail price of foods by 7 per cent and add \$1,500,000,000 to the consumer's food budget.

### RUBBER USE REDUCED

Through U. S. Army measures for conserving rubber, the use of crude rubber in war materials has been reduced by 45 per cent and at many posts, camps and stations animal-drawn vehicles are used in certain jobs to save tires.

## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

**A NEW LIFE-SAVING DEVICE** AUTOMATICALLY OPENS A HATCH, INFLATES AND EJECTS FROM A PLANE. A RUBBER BOAT ALL READY FOR THE FLIERS FORCED DOWN AT SEA.

**HELP WANTED** SOME MISSOURI FIRMS HAVE TAKEN TO POSTING HELP WANTED ADS IN BEAUTY SALONS.

**THE FIRST NON-METAL BEDS** ORDERED BY THE ARMY IN HALF A CENTURY ARE COLLAPSIBLE AND ARE BEING MANUFACTURED OF SYNTHETIC RESIN-GLUED HARDWOOD.

**50 SHELLS A MINUTE - DAY AND NIGHT - A TOTAL OF 1,932,000 HIGH EXPLOSIVE PROJECTILES WERE TURNED OUT BY AMERICAN ORDNANCE MANUFACTURERS IN FEBRUARY**

**LUNCH BOXES, NOW MADE OF TRANSPARENT PLASTICS, MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR GUARDS AT WAR PLANTS TO INSPECT THE CONTENTS EASIER AND QUICKER.**

## OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

Logger at Harvard . . . Hols Holbrook is the one logger with bark on who was ever invited to lecture at Harvard University. More, Hols was so honored three years in succession. He hit that intellectual jackpot three times without benefit of college education.

In his rugged schooling he had graduated, cum laude, from the war in France as a top sergeant of the Field Artillery; then from the University of Logging with the degrees of River Pig, Choker Setter and Ink Slinger. With such equipment, Hols had set forth on a career of historical writing.

A number of us have come out of the woods to write pieces for the papers and story books. But Holbrook is the lone historian of eminence the woods have produced. It is genuine eminence. Harvard is the authority, and there is none higher. And Harvard is backed up by the top editors and literary critics of the East. Hols, for example, has for years been a regular contributor of reviews on books in his historical field to the weekly book section of the New York Herald-Tribune. Every fall he is called East on lecture tours and for appearances on the circuit of book fairs, amid the most elegant and effulgent of the nation's literati.

Holbrook wrote fire-warning stories for the newspapers which were in newspaper language. His production for radio was professionally tops. And his tours among forest communities had effect because he talked the language of the woods. It was that simple—work unadorned and unpretentious, striking a common chord of response everywhere, doing a plain job in a plain way, without ballyhoo and bushwag.

The KWG success inspired a Keep Oregon Green program, which rose to a high peak of results in forest-fire prevention last year.

Hols has completed another history book. This one is on American forest fires. It should be his best book to date. Years of hard and deep digging for facts have gone into it, along with his general knowledge of the plain history of our land and people, his love of green forest country and hatred of tree burning, and his rare gift for writing which is rugged and vital—and scholarly to boot.

Hols could be a Harvard favorite yet, living the literary life at its top crest in New York and Boston, but he's sticking to his mission in the woods. That mission is to fight forest fires with words. Most of us who work with words are unable to make more than popgun weapons out of them. Hols, the old top sergeant, makes words operate like field artillery.

"The Sense of the Saviour." Passion week Services every evening except Saturday at 8:00 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

**Assembly of God Church** Rev. Clayton E. Beish—Minister 9:45—Sunday school with classes for all ages. 11:00—Morning worship 7:30—Evangelistic service. 7:30—Wednesday evening, mid-week service 7:30—Friday evening; Young People's Christ Ambassadors service.

**Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints** Sunday school convenes at 10 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall under the direction of Charles Ratkie, superintendent.

**First Christian Church** —The Livingstones, Ministers 9:45 A.M.—Bible school; classes for all ages. 11:00—Junior church. 11:00—Communion and preaching. Subject: "I Am the Truth." 6:30—Young people's meeting 7:30—Evening song service, question box, Communion and twilight chat. Subject: "The Hour of Hope."

**Church of the Nazarene** Located in old post office building —Rev. George Hartzell, pastor 9:45—Sunday school. Brother L. D. Jackson, superintendent. 11:00—Morning worship. 7:30—Evening services. Cottage prayer meeting every Tuesday evening. We welcome everyone to our services.

**Evangelical Church** —Rev. Allen H. Backer, Minister Palm Sunday 9:45—Sunday school; Mrs. Madge Rogers, superintendent. 11:00—Morning worship service. Theme: "Who Is This?" 7:00—Junior and Young People C. E. 8:00—Evening service. Theme:

## Town and Farm in Wartime

### MEN OVER 38 WILL NOT BE DISCHARGED

The war department on March 31 stopped the discharging of men over 38 years old. Hereafter such individuals will be transferred to an inactive status in the enlisted reserve corps subject to the following conditions:

A. The man must request transfer to an inactive status to enter an essential industry, including agriculture and accompany his request by a statement from the war manpower commission to the effect that his release is desired.

B. The man will be recalled to active duty upon request of the war manpower commission.

### WIVES OF SERVICE MEN TO GET MATERNITY CARE

Maternity care for wives of service men and care for their infants will be available shortly for those who apply to state health departments, according to Katherine F. Lenroot, chief of the children's bureau of the U. S. department of labor. Following appropriation by congress of \$1,200,000 to meet estimated need to July, plans are being rushed to extend such aid to women in the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The care will be available to the wife or infant of any "Buck" private, private first class, corporal or sergeant in the army and comparable grades in the navy, marine corps or coast guard. It is not available to wives of men in higher ranks.

### TIRES FOR FARM EQUIPMENT

Tire dealers or persons selling or servicing farm equipment are now entitled to keep on hand a maximum of six rear-wheel tractor tires. Dealers who have the replenishment portions (part B) of rationing certificates calling for truck tires may restock with tires suitable for farm equipment instead.

### GAS FOR SCHOOL BUSES ALLOWABLE

School bus operators who did not receive revised certificates of war necessity before April 1 may obtain supplemental gasoline allowances if necessary. ODT has announced. An appeal form may be obtained from the nearest district office of ODT's division of motor transportation, completed and presented to the public school superintendent for his recommendation and returned to the district office.

### EXAMINATIONS FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Since the outbreak of war, the U. S. public health service has given X-ray examinations for tuberculosis to nearly a quarter of a million people. Slightly more than one in every 100 persons examined have significant tuberculosis of the lungs. From 55 to 60 per cent of the cases are in the early state most amenable to treatment, usually without sanatorium care. From 35 to 45 per cent of the cases discovered by the public health service are moderately advanced and only three to four per cent far advanced.

### MORE ICE BOXES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

About 400,000 household refrigerators, 148,847 electric and gas-operated and the rest "ice boxes", will be available to the general public this spring, according to the consumers durable goods division of WPB. Only those who cannot be served by other types of refrigerators are eligible to buy gas or electric refrigerators, the order provides.

### LEGAL HELP AVAILABLE FOR SOLDIERS

Free legal assistance will be available for all military personnel under a plan sponsored jointly by the American bar association and the war department. Legal as-

sistance offices will be established at each post, camp and station in the U. S. a qualified commissioned officer who is also a licensed attorney is to be appointed by the commanding officer of the post as the legal assistance officer. Assisting the legal assistance officer, will be volunteer civilian lawyers from nearby communities.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION DISCONTINUED

Distribution of foods through state welfare departments to local communities for use in school lunch programs is being discontinued on April 30, according to the department of agriculture. Under a new program announced in February, schools are able to purchase foods locally for their lunch programs and receive reimbursement in part from the food distribution administration.

### 2000 SACKS OF ARMY MAIL LOST

Through enemy action more than two thousand sacks of U. S. mails carried on United Nations ships and destined for American soldiers overseas in recent weeks have been lost, the army postal service reports. In making this announcement, the war department said that the loss of these mails was a striking illustration of why V-Mail should be more fully utilized in communicating with soldiers overseas since 30,000,000 pieces of such mail have been handled thus far without the loss of a single letter. This is made possible by holding the originals at the ports of embarkation until the duplicate copies arrive safely at their overseas destinations.

### USED COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PRICE CONTROLLED

Used commercial motor vehicles have been brought under price control by the OPA. By establishing ceilings at a percentage of the value of the vehicle when new, the new regulation is expected to halt the activities of speculators which have resulted in some instances in prices that are 200 per cent or more over the normal value of the used truck.

### COMMISSION CLASSIFIES TEXTILES "ESSENTIAL"

An order establishing textile yarn and fabric as "essential" for military and civilian needs and classifying important positions in cotton, wool and rayon plants as "necessary" will soon be issued by the war manpower commission. The cotton fabric and yarn industry has been urged to increase its 1943 production by at least 10 per cent.

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