

MARINE

SEA TRADE NEWS
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VALUED SERVICE OF KPE RETOLD

Closing of the Seattle Harbor wireless station, ordered by the City Council, recalls to the waterfront the valuable service it has performed during the many years it has been flashing messages to ships at sea and rendering assistance in marine tragedies.

Known as KPE, the station was established by the late A. A. Payson, post warden in 1914. Its first duty was to receive messages from ships reporting their time of arrival and other ship's business.

The station has been operating 24 hours a day under Navy censorship. Recently Fire Chief William Fitzgerald, who has been placed in charge of the Harbor Department, recommended that the station be closed. He said there was not enough business to justify its operation as few ships use their radio in wartime and many of the merchant vessels are in government operation.

The station has four operators, Frank Hartman, Willis Cornell, Chester Gordon and Edward Belling. On March 1, Hartman completed 20 years as a harbor wireless operator. Cornell has worked 19 years, Gordon 17 years and Belling 15 years.

Time records for long-distance operation have been made by the station, KPE working ships in the Indian Ocean, in Japan, China, the Philippines and at Nome before the war.

Rear Adm. Howard L. Vickery, vice chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, said yesterday that strikes caused the loss of 5,000,000 man-hours of work in American shipyards during the first ten months of 1941—a figure which, he said, was the equivalent of ten Liberty-type ships.

Despite the fact ships now were being delivered at the rate of one a day and plans called for a step-up to three a day by 1943, he told the Greater New York Safety Council, the number delivered during February was unsatisfactory.

Vickery expressed the belief that the Maritime Commission might have some difficulty in meeting its 1942 quota, but said that he might get the 5,000,000 tons in 1942, however.

Concerning the general question of ship production, the admiral declared that "unless we meet this problem, it is fatal to our tanks and airplanes except if we expect to use them in fighting here in the United States."

Three Ships To Go Down Ways In Sound Area

Thirteenth Naval District officers today were completing arrangements for three launches. A Navy transport, not yet given a name, will be sent down the ways from the plant of the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding Corporation in Tacoma at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Navy transport will be christened by Mrs. J. R. Tate, wife of Commander Tate of the Naval Air Service. Mrs. Howard L. Merrill of New Orleans will christen the Carmick. Mrs. E. L. Moore, Jr., wife of Commander Moore, U. S. N., will be the Abscon's sponsor.

The transport has only a hull number, but the name to be given the vessel will be received from Washington, D. C. by the 13th Naval District before the launching. The vessel was designed as a C-3 Maritime Commission cargo ship and taken over on the ways by the Navy.

Down at Jim Warren's moorings, 1325 W. Spokane St., Fred H. Foster, 80-year-old miner and fisherman, is planning another trip to Alaska, this time in search of the giant king crab.

For the last few years he has been building a trim little motor vessel and in the spring will head for Glacier Bay. He plans to name his vessel the Patten after a town in Northern Maine, near which he was reared. Foster lives in a small log cabin at the Warren moorings, near his vessel, which soon will be completed.

Born June 28, 1862, at Portland, Me., Foster came out of Alaska in 1899. That was in the '80s. "In those days, you didn't amount to much unless you had some sea," Foster said. "It was part of the training young fellows on the Maine coast had to have before developing into manhood."

Foster came to the Pacific Northwest in 1895. In 1897, he joined the Alaska gold rush. "I went to Skagway, then over the pass and down the river to Dawson," Foster said. "My partner and I had a claim on Kettle Creek, which we worked for a while and then gave it away. Later we learned it sold for \$40,000."

Foster went from Dawson to Nome and came out of Alaska in 1899. For the last few years he has been an Alaska fisherman. "Well, I'm going north again, this time for king crab," Foster continued. "I'll work from Hoonah to Glacier Bay. I have seen king crab up there that measured 33 inches from tip to tip. Some of the big fellows are frozen and shipped south, others are canned."

While not working on his boat, Foster writes poetry. He has just completed a poem he calls "A Sailor's Dream," which he presents to visitors at Warren's moorings.

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JAP OUSTER HITS OYSTER INDUSTRY

OLYMPIA, March 5.—(UP)—Washington's oyster industry, which produces 90 per cent of the oysters on the Pacific Coast, is headed for difficult times as a result of impending evacuation of Japanese oystermen predicted today.

Virtually all the labor employed by the industry is Japanese, since the larger variety mature faster than \$1,000,000 a year worth of Japanese or Pacific oysters and \$250,000 worth of the highly-respected Olympia oyster, all of which are grown in Puget Sound or Willapa and Grays Harbors.

Labor Shortage Due
Oystermen of this area predicted they would have difficulty in finding white men to work the oyster beds and canneries when the Japanese are evacuated.

Slowing-down of the industry will hit the Pacific oyster growers harder than the Olympia, since the larger variety mature faster. E. N. Steele of Olympia, one of the Pacific operators, declared war with Japan cut off the supply of Pacific oyster seed.

This will not be serious, however, because many oysters are being produced now in Washington waters," he said. "Growers are trying to catch some of the seed, now that they cannot buy them from Japan."

There will be a shortage of oyster workers when the Japanese are evacuated, even though we can find white men who know how to do the work. White men do not like to work the night tides in winter, for some reason."

All Union Workers
Steele said there were more than 50 Japanese oystermen in the area and several hundred over the state. All of them belong to the A. F. of L. oyster cannery workers' union and draw good wages so the problem for white help to replace them will not force prices up.

George Drahman, president of the Olympia Oyster Company, said the oyster industry slacks off during summer months, but he said he would be so hard hit by an evacuation as if it came in the fall or winter. Lack of pickers in the beds will not hurt the Olympia oyster crop since they will live several years without losing marketability.

New Director For Reserve Is Named Here
Lieut. Comdr. Niels S. Haugen, director of the Coast Guard Reserve and Auxiliary in this area, has been ordered to sea and will be succeeded by Lieut. Comdr. J. H. Adams, training officer of the United States Maritime Service training ship American Sailor, it was learned today.

Organist Tells How He Slew Father, Mother
LOS ANGELES, March 5.—(AP)—Mild-mannered, moody Courtney Fred Rogers, a bespectacled church organist, sat in a bare jail cell today as the district attorney's office reviewed his purported confession of guilt in the strange deaths of his mother and father.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

5+10 JEWELRY COUNTER, NOTHING OVER 10¢



"I want something to give a girl so she'll forget me."

In the 5 to 6 o'clock going-home jam on a Madrona motor coach, two men, wearing "hard hats" of shipyard workers were among passengers who had to stand. The two men grumbled wearily. One complained about the jam.

"That doesn't apply to me. I work in an office and haven't been shopping. And when I get home I have to cook dinner for my husband and two children. Then I have to wash dishes and do other housework. All you have to do is eat and then rest. I think my hours are longer than yours."

Another woman occupying a seat also spoke up.
"I'm another woman with a job and a family to cook for after my day's work. And don't think my feet aren't tired!"

A third woman, elderly and buxom, rose from a seat.
"I've been shopping today and have no alibi for not going home earlier."

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Strolling Around the Town

cheek, pondered a minute, and then began a lengthy recitation.
"Well," she said, "there's the valerian, the sweet william and the iris and the fuchsia in the black beds; the primroses and the gladioli in the front beds, along with the iris; then there are the lupins and the delphinium any more," interrupted the husband, his head swimming with the strange names.

Raspberries for background along the fences; strawberries for a border around the back-yard flower beds (which have been widened by ten inches); carrots in an even row behind the primroses in the front beds; green onions around the iris and gladioli; beets behind the valerian and the fuchsias; parsley in the rockery along with some radishes, and peas and lettuce in the garden tract where the raspberries used to be.

Mother of Ten in Politics
SALEM, Or., March 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Hattie I. Henderson of Nehalem, Or., styled herself an expert on home problems when she filed for state representative from Tillamook County today. She is the mother of 10 children.

Frederick & Nelson's Downstairs Store
Marked during a Sunday afternoon "conference," held by three back-yard gardeners in the North Park District:
"Sure, that's that air-raided again. They blow it for fires. They blow it to call volunteer firemen. They blow it at noon. They blow it to get it. They blow it for air-raid drills."

For a long time, a friend of The Stroller pondered about the problem of finding space—at a high premium because of his wife's extensive flower beds—in which to plant his "victory garden."

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8,400 ALIENS ON EVACUATION LIST

An estimated 8,400 persons eventually will have to leave Seattle under Army evacuation orders, a check of population statistics and alien registration figures disclosed yesterday.

Of these, about 3,500 are American-born Japanese; 2,500 Japanese nationals; 1,400 Italian aliens, and 1,000 German aliens.

The proclamation issued Tuesday by Lieut. Gen. J. L. De Witt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, stating that all enemy aliens and American-born Japanese eventually would have to leave the coastal area of Washington, is expected to affect a total of 14,500 persons.

Although General De Witt urged persons affected to move voluntarily, few in Seattle are doing this. The United States attorney's office reported that since the proclamation was issued it has received only one or two applications for travel permits, which all enemy aliens must obtain before leaving the municipality in which they live.

James Y. Sakamoto, American-born Japanese publisher in Seattle, said leaders of the Japanese community are urging their people to be prepared to evacuate but not to leave hastily.

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74-Year-Old School Unsafe, Abandoned

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HIGHWAY NAMED FOR M'ARTHUR

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill changing the name of Conduct Road in the District of Columbia to MacArthur Boulevard in honor of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.



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