

# BRITISH PLANE SCHOOLS DOUBLE

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AT AN AIRCRAFT REPAIR DEPOT, England, April 18.—The Royal Air Force, which last July opened a technical-training school where skilled members of its ground staff learn the maintenance of American-built aircraft, already is planning to double its size to meet problems created by the increasing flow of United States planes to this country.

The school, which adjoins the only depot devoted exclusively to the repair, maintenance and assembly of American aircraft, is teaching many trainees the intricacies of Allison, Cyclone and Wasp engines, hydraulic undercarriages, electrical wiring systems, turbo superchargers and Stromberg carburetors.

**Trainees Doubled**

Soon the number of trainees will be doubled and an additional course for pilots will be added to the curriculum, teach them how to get the best performance out of American planes.

The repair depot near the school is feeling the expansion of America's part in the war. It employs several thousand men and women and soon will expand. In the engine-repair section, for instance, British men and women who 18 months ago had never seen an American engine now can completely overhaul one in a few days. The crews average about 40 per cent women, and work a 63-hour week under two-foot-high signs urging them to "Remember Hong-Kong."

In a section devoted to the repair of crashed Douglas planes the crews consist of 10 women supervised by one skilled man engineer. The depot even has a magazine called "The Havoc." Britain's term for the Douglas night fighter.

When it became apparent that it would be impossible to send enough R. A. F. personnel to America to learn about American engines, aircraft and instruments, the school was created quickly—so quickly, in fact, that some of the crates in which planes arrived here were used to build the "school houses."

**Perilous Beginning**

The trainees—skilled mechanics, fitters, electricians and instrument makers—take up instructional duties at other technical schools being established all over England when they are "graduated" from this parent school.

The school had some anxious moments when it started. British engineers, who had had no experience with American electrical systems, had to make their own charts and diagrams by a trial-and-error method, and the working model of a hydraulic undercarriage was assembled from parts of crashed planes. Soon, however, American manufacturers came to the rescue with models, diagrams and some tools.

# Boy, 15, Keeps Hive of Bees In Bedroom

CLEVELAND, April 18.—(UP)—Tom Paisley, a 15-year-old high-school sophomore of suburban Shaker Heights, keeps thousands of bees in his bedroom.

The bees, in fact, have their own private entrance to the bedroom.

Through a hole in the bedroom window frame the bees enter a small passageway that leads to their glass-enclosed hive.

Young Paisley became interested in bees several years ago, and took a correspondence course in bee culture, which is conducted by Ohio State University. He has eight hives on his family's farm in Mentor, Ohio, but maintains his bedroom apiary as well.

# Oregon Airport Bids Opened

PORTLAND, Or., April 18.—The Warren Northwest, Inc. of Portland submitted a bid of \$81,909 for paving and the rental of equipment for the Astoria airport. Babler Bros., Portland, submitted a low bid of \$68,400 for work on the Redmond airport.

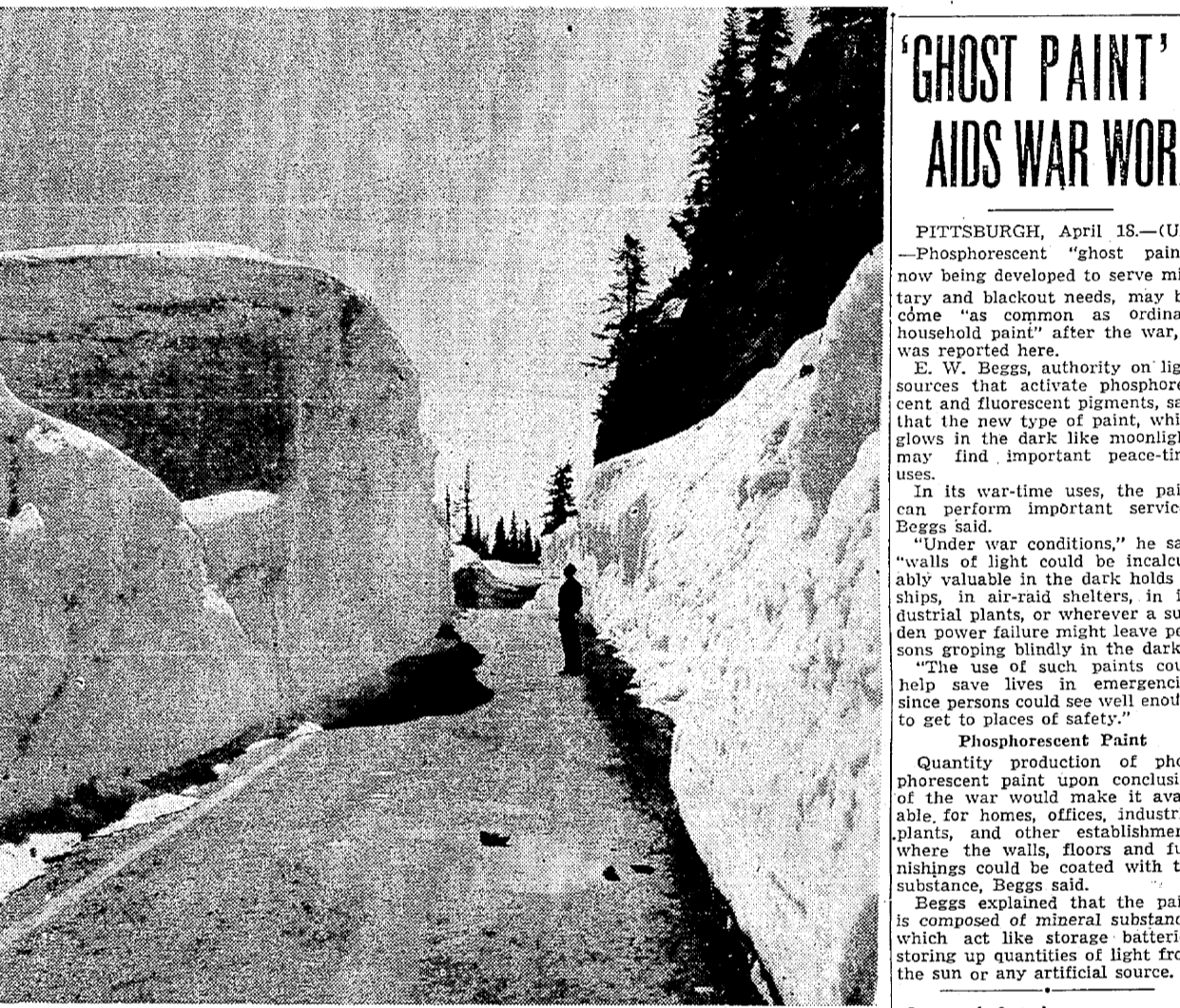
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# PLOWS, BULLDOZERS ON NACHES HIGHWAY



Near the 5,440-foot-summit of Chinook Pass on Naches Highway, a rotary snow plow and bulldozer are shown (upper) cutting a lane for travel in about 10 feet of snow. The bulldozer is breaking trail and feeding snow back for the plow to blow to the sides. Behind the clearing machines on the west slope of the Cascades, snow walls (lower) line the highway. The snow bank at the left is about 25 feet high. (Additional photographs on Page 1, Rotogravure Section.)

# Naches Road Over Chinook Pass Will Open About May 1

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paratus has bucked upward only a few hundred feet. It's slow going when snows of many storms lie 10 feet deep.

As the roadway is cleared, snow or mud often cover it again as slides break loose. Tons and tons of snow roaring down a mountainside are not to be taken lightly. Tall trees are broken off and carried along as the avalanche gathers momentum.

Highway workers keep eyes alert for possible slides when they are in treacherous areas. They know that men and machines can be buried instantly in the tumbling mass.

**Machine, Men Buried**

Rotary plows carry two-way radios to be in contact with the nearest highway camp. Palmer Larsen, maintenance foreman on the stretch of road between Enumclaw and the summit of Chinook Pass, recalls a time a few years ago when a slide distress call came by a round-about channel.

"A rotary plow was clearing snow several miles above our camp

working up the east slope from Yakima. The summit is their meeting place. Then both crews widened and smoothed sides of the white furrows before it is opened to travel between the West and East side of the state.

Last spring, after a winter of light snowfall, strategic Chinook Pass was opened April 15. This year the opening will be about two weeks later.

**Over-All Control Of Prices Is Protested**

A protest against over-all price control was sent to Price Administrator Leon Henderson yesterday by I. W. Ringer, secretary of the Washington Retail Grocers & Meat Dealers Association.

Ringer said scores of small, independent retail food stores will be put out of business if the reported plan of over-all price control is to compel retailers to absorb the difference between present "shelf prices" and replacement costs.

The message also was sent to the Washington Congressional delegation.

**Indians Will Hold Annual Salmon Feast**

THE DALLES, Or., April 18.—Indians of the Pacific Northwest will journey here tomorrow to join Celilo villagers in a three-day feast of The Salmon, or Kah-Oit.

The feast, an annual rite in thanksgiving for past favors of the Great Spirit for sending many salmon up the Columbia, also will be attended by families of whites, guests of Chief Tommy Thompson, venerable chief of the Columbia River tribe.

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# OYSTER RAISERS LOSE JAP HELP

OLYMPIA, April 18.—(UP)—Evacuation of Japanese from the Pacific Coast area is a blow to the rich oyster-raising industry in this district.

The oyster industry of Washington is valued at about \$1,500,000, with 90 per cent of the oysters on the Pacific Coast being produced in this state.

**Back-Breaking Job**

Through heritage and long practice, the Nipponese have taken over almost all of the jobs on the oyster beds and in the opening houses and canneries. While people do not care for the back-breaking job on the mud flats or the monotonous opening of oyster shells.

Oyster operators here say the evacuation of their help will leave them with few, if any, workers. The tiny Olympia oysters, which locals think of as the nation's best, will live several years without getting too large, but the Pacific oysters will grow too large for the market if not harvested in a year or two.

The problem of getting spat, or young oyster seed, to grow future crops is not so pressing, although all Pacific spat came from Japan until recently.

**Labor Needed**

Oyster growers on this coast now are beginning to catch a few spat themselves and are not relying on imported seed oysters.

If labor can be obtained to do the work formerly done by Japanese, the industry will not suffer financially because it has had to pay the Japs union wages the same as white help.

Russian women are being urged to speed up munitions production.

# Johnsons To Celebrate 54th Anniversary

Fifty-four years of marriage will be celebrated today by Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Johnson, Seattle residents since 1906.

The Johnsons were married in Pueblo, Colo. Johnson was a pioneer florist here until 1921, when he retired. He is 82 years old and Mrs. Johnson is 77. They have three sons, Karl, Leonard and Glen Johnson; one daughter, Mrs. Bess L. Edmundsen, and four grandchildren.

The celebration will be at the Johnson home, 221 W. 105th St.

# Capt. Dolan Will Talk To Reserve Officers

Capt. James J. Dolan, United States Army chaplain, will speak to the Seattle Reserve Officers Group on "The Army Morale Officer" in the 40 and 8 Club, Third Avenue and James Street, Tuesday noon.

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# MOOSE TO HOLD MEMORIAL RITE

Lodge No. 211, Loyal Order of Moose, will hold its annual memorial services in honor of members who have died during the past year at 1 o'clock this afternoon in Moose Temple, 1316 Eighth Ave.

In charge of the ceremonies will be William Valentine, Charles Wornwood and George Mansfield. Those who will be honored are the late Edward Stricha, Louis Dambrosia, Carl A. Helander, Charles Schnell, Terrance McEntee, Henry Tollen, J. J. Davis, J. H. Latrell, Charles Irving, John E. Johnson, Charles S. Hanson, C. H. Turner, Ludwig Hallin, George Childs, Benjamin Nock and Charles Lindberg.

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# 'GHOST PAINT' AIDS WAR WORK

PITTSBURGH, April 18.—(UP)—Phosphorescent "ghost paint," now being developed to serve military and blackout needs, may become "as common as ordinary household paint" after the war, it was reported here.

E. W. Beggs, authority on light sources that activate phosphorescent and fluorescent pigments, said that the new type of paint, which glows in the dark like moonlight, may find important peace-time uses.

In its war-time uses, the paint can perform important services, Beggs said.

"Under war conditions," he said "walls of light could be incalculably valuable in the dark holds of ships, in air-raid shelters, in industrial plants, or wherever a sudden power failure might leave persons groping blindly in the dark.

"The use of such paints could help save lives in emergencies, since persons could see well enough to get to places of safety."

**Phosphorescent Paint**

Quantity production of phosphorescent paint upon conclusion of the war would make it available for homes, offices, industrial plants, and other establishments where the walls, floors and furnishings could be coated with the substance, Beggs said.

Beggs explained that the paint is composed of mineral substances which act like storage batteries, storing up quantities of light from the sun or any artificial source.

# Couple's Argument Becomes Riot of 200

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—It all started as a "friendly" argument between a man and his wife, but before it was over some 200 patrons of a tavern in suburban Kansas City were throwing beer bottles and swinging from the floor early today.

After it was over no one could explain how they joined in the melee, but sheriff's deputies reported the tavern floor was covered with broken glass and at one time at least a dozen free-for-all fights were in progress. Three persons were held on assault charges.

**Prune Gaining Favor**

COLUSA, Calif., April 18.—(UP)—Vitamins A, B, and G have elevated the erstwhile lowly boarding-house prune to the dignity of one of America's most sought after foods, according to R. P. Baker, zone agent for Prune Promotion Zone No. 1 in California, who reports a 15-per-cent increase in demand during the past four months.

**Legion Post to Meet**

Yeoman (F) Naval Post No. 4 of the American Legion will meet at 7:45 o'clock tomorrow night at the 40 et 8 Veterans' Club. The meeting has been advanced one week because many members will be working on draft registration April 27.

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