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Reserve Officers Needed.

THE Secretary of War, George H. Dern, makes an annual report to the president. His report for the year 1935 was made not long ago. In addition to containing the usual information regarding the national defense so far as the land forces are concerned, he gave also the following interesting comment upon the subject of military training:

At the beginning of the World War the Regular Army had about 6,000 officers. When the war ended there were some 250,000 officers in the Army of the United States. Shortage of trained officers was one of our greatest problems. Soldiers without officers are more useless than officers without soldiers, for trained officers can take men off the street and make soldiers of them, while soldiers without officers are little better than a mob. The success of an army depends upon having an adequate number of trained officers.

Our scheme of national defense contemplates securing the extra officers that will be needed in war time from the officers commissioned in the Organized Reserves, who are chiefly college Reserve Officers' Training Corps graduates. This is one of the basic and essential parts of our scheme of national defense. Those well meaning but misguided persons who agitate against military training in colleges are therefore seeking to undermine the nation's ability to defend itself.

The propaganda against military training in colleges is based upon the fallacy that such training instills a spirit of militarism in the youth of America. In my opinion, any candid, unbiased observer will reach the conclusion that this is a sheer assumption, which has no foundation in fact. It is no rash asserion to say that Reserve Officers' Training Corps graduates are no more jingoistic or truculent in international affairs than those who have not had military training. But they are better prepared to serve their country in time of national peril.

We must assume that all citizens except a few who despise our form of government and desire its overthrow, think the United States is worth fighting for. If they have that patriotic feeling in their hearts they should not permit themselves to be misled by seditious propaganda, but should wholeheartedly and loyally support every agency created by the National Defense Agency Act, which sets up the best organization for a citizen army that has ever been conceived. The provisions of that act are entirely democratic and are consistent with the aspirations of the most idealistic lover of peace.

It is natural that the secretary of war should be interested in building up our military reserves. In spite of the fact, however, that he speaks with prejudice, his contention is sound and should be heeded.

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aren't going back to where we started from. We'll probably wind up, in the end, a LONG WAY SHORT of the goal the radicals have set and a long way AHEAD of where the conservatives would like to stop.

THE writer, who is a conservative (in the sense that conservatives refuse to believe that wealth can be created without labor, that water will voluntarily flow uphill or that you can spend yourself rich) concedes neverthe-

less that radicals perform a valuable service in this world.

Conservatives, broadly speaking, are those who are fairly well off as things ARE, and therefore don't want to see any change. SINCERE radicals are NOT satisfied with things as they are, and want them DIFFERENT.

Reasonable conservatives are obliged to admit that without the radicals things would REMAIN as they are, and so there would be no progress.

We can't get along in this world without progress.

(NOTE, please, the emphasis here placed upon SINCERE radicals. About half the political troubles we suffer from are due to the fact that so many of our political radicals AREN'T SINCERE, but are merely seeking votes in the easiest way.)

RAMBLINGS of the **NEWS-REVIEW** **MAN** By PAUL JENKINS

WALTER MARKS, 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marks of Riverdale, has received two fine purebred Poland China sows which he recently purchased from Cass Nichols, noted Salem breeder of Poland China, Duroc Jersey and Berkshire swine. These young sows were farrowed last March, and now weigh 250 pounds each. They are bred to the grand champion boar of the Oregon State fair, who also took the grand championship at the Pacific International.

Walter will use these two splendid animals as the nucleus of a drove which he expects to raise at his father's farm. For five years he has been interested in 4-H club work, and under the capable and understanding direction of E. A. Britton, chair leader for this district, has become very much interested in the production of fine hogs. He is planting five acres of ladino clover this coming season for pasture, to supplement the alfalfa already in production, and already grows the necessary corn and small grain.

These hogs cost the young farmer a mighty fancy price, and he is sparing no pains to house and care for them properly. His experiment it may be spoken of as such, bearing in mind the few highly bred hogs to be found in the county used for breeding purposes — will be watched with considerable interest. In an agricultural community such as this one is, anything tending to fit betterment merits hearty endorsement.

Mr. L. A. Dillard, president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, W. C. Harding, secretary of the same organization, and the writer accompanied Mr. Britton to the Marks farm yesterday morning, and had our pictures taken with these prize-winning porcers. All four of us carefully kept our hats on.

Asked again as to whether or not he was going to run for the nomination of the republican party for president again, former President Herbert Hoover said: "I have noticed that every Monday I have to answer that question and my answer is, as it was last Monday and the Monday before, that my sole interest is in placing the issues clearly before the American people. The issues, in my view, are the greatest that have confronted our people in many years."

He just can't give a plain "yes," and he just can't give a plain "no."

MARKETS

PORTLAND, Dec. 18. (AP)—BUTTER—Print, A grade, 36c lb. in carton; B grade, 34c lb. in carton; C grade, 32c lb. in carton. BUTTER—Print, A grade, 36c lb. in carton; B grade, 34c lb. in carton; C grade, 32c lb. in carton. BUTTER—Print, A grade, 36c lb. in carton; B grade, 34c lb. in carton; C grade, 32c lb. in carton.

EGGS—Buying price of whole eggs: Fresh specials, 23c; extra, 22c; standard, 20c; extra medium, 18c; no medium, 16c; under grade, 15c; pullets, 16c; dozen. COUNTRY MEATS—Selling price to retailers: country hogs, best butchers, under 15 lbs., 12c-16c lb.; vealers, No. 1, 12c lb.; light and thin, 8-11 lb.; heavy, 9-12 lb.; cutter cubs, 7-10 lb.; canners, 14-16 lb.; hams, 7-12 lb.; lamb, 14-16 lb.; medium, 12-13 lb.; 8c-9c lb.

LIVE POULTRY—Portland delivery, buying price: Colored hens, over 2 1/2 lbs., 16-17c lb.; under 2 1/2 lbs., 15-16c lb.; under 2 lbs., 14-15c lb.; Leghorn broilers, 2 lbs. and up, 18-19c lb.; under 2 lbs., 17-18c lb.; colored spring, 3 to 4 lbs., 17-18c lb.; roosters, 8-12 lb.; Pekin ducks, young, 14c lb.; geese, 11-12c lb.

ONIONS—Oregon, \$2.00 per 100 lbs.

SALEM, Dec. 18. (AP)—A parsonage, owned and maintained by a church as a home for its pastor, is not exempt from taxation as part of the church property, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled today. The opinion was requested by District Attorney Willis West of Clatsop county.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Umpqua Florists. Phone 630.—Adv.

"Never mind a new deal, how about a new deck?"



LOVE DENIED by Louise Long and Ethel Doherty

CHAPTER XIII

He thought a lot about Kent and the woman who was supposed to die and didn't. After all, she might be dead this minute and Damerell a free man. In that case, might it not be better for Sharlene to wait—to listen to Damerell's explanations? She had loved the man so deeply. Could pride destroy a love like that so instantly? He looked thoughtfully over at Mrs. Standing, wondering if he should advise her to stop Sharlene's mad flight before it was too late. But she, poor woman, was asleep, her face tired and white in the moonlight as the plane dipped. Lucien Morrow was asleep in another chair. No use consulting him, anyway—Lucien would just tell him not to be a natural-born fool.

The Colorado river was in sight when Sharlene came back to Stuart. "We're almost there," he said. "We're almost there."

He drew her head down so that she could hear above the noise of the propellers. "Sharlene—you don't have to go through with this, you know."

She looked at him, startled. "Getting cold feet?"

"No. I just want you to be sure—you haven't really given Damerell a chance."

"Chance for what? The woman to die? No, no, I hate him! Are you afraid?"

He shook his head and laid his finger on her lips. The plane was spiraling down toward the lights of the airport below. Sharlene went to wake her mother and Lucien Morrow.

The hustling young garage owner, whom Lucien knew from many location trips, was waiting when the plane landed.

"Good evening, Mr. Morrow. I've got everything ready. I've got the clerk waiting at his office to make out the license, and I got a justice of the peace."

"Is that all right with you, Sharlene?" Lucien asked. "Or would you rather have a preacher?"

"Oh, no. It's just a legal contract anyway."

Stuart winced. He wished indeed it were more to her than a legal contract.

So the cold contract was made in a hot, stifling little office smelling of stale tobacco. The big, shambling, untidy justice stood them up before him and cleared his throat importantly.

"Of course, you both realize this is a solemn business—entirely on the holy estate of matrimony?"

They both nodded, faintly amazed.

"Got a ring?"

Stuart looked baffled.

One Word Led To Another



The Postcard Divorce Court

Russia has seen the error of its detours and will make divorces harder to get. From now on your lawyer must know how to read and write.

In the early days of the revolution it was easy to check the husband at the half-mile post. All you had to do was call up the revolutionary committee and say, "Comrades, my old man is a Kulak."

That meant the next day your old man would be a clay pigeon out at the Trap and Field club. If he was a little fellow with watery eyes they would let the new troops practice on him. If he was a big handsome fellow the Commissariat would bump him off personally.

An easier and neater way to secure a free and equal divorce was to drop a postcard in the mailbox. It could be an anonymous epistle. You didn't even have to put a stamp on it. It could be dropped in the special delivery chute or mixed up with the parcel post packages. It made no difference. The postman always rings twice but the iceman sneaks in.

On the postcard you wrote, "Comrades, and to those whom I may discover, my old man is a kulump. He has grown wilkiers for a disguise. Shave him first and then shoot him. Or vice versa."

That was the communistic style of divorce. Just one postcard and it broke up a happy home into two equally hilarious sections. It was the postcard divorce.

It was equivalent to the companionate marriage among the Danakil cannibals. One companion ate the other companion. And if civilization has progressed by leaps, bounds and bites in the jungle, why should Russia set the clock back?

Equal rights for all become lopsided in any country where a souvenir postcard is equivalent to six months in Reno. Postcards are convenient but far too public. Why keep the family skeleton in the cupboard if relaxed vigilance gives him the chance to dip his bones in the ink and write a postcard that might as well be a roadside billboard?

We are glad Russia has dropped the shyster and unethical penny postcard in favor of the more dignified and reliable registered letter. So much intimate gossip traversing government channels would turn all civil service employees into Broadway columnists. And the stage, the movies and the postcard must all be kept clean.

BOOKS New ones at **ROSEBURG LIBRARY**

Friends of the library have been very kind lately, and, as a result, two new collections of books are available to readers. "A Graduate of Yale," who prefers that his gifts to libraries should be anonymous, has forwarded to Roseburg six fine books. Only the titles can be given here:

The Colonial Period of American History, the Settlements; by Charles M. Andrews, the volume awarded the Pulitzer prize in American history last spring as "the best book of 1924 upon the history of the United States."

The Colonial Background of the American Revolution; by Charles M. Andrews (revised edition).

Early American Wall Paintings, 17th-18th, by Edward B. Allen.

Old Coins, by Katie Wilson Baker.

At the Gateways of the Day, by Padriac Colum.

The Bright Islands, by Padriac Colum.

Bolshevism, Fascism and Capitalism, by George S. Counts, Lucile Villari, Malcolm C. Rorty, and Newton D. Baker.

Down the Santa Fe Trail and Into Mexico, the diary of Susan Shelby Magoffin, 1846-1847.

One Word Led To Another By **Bugs Baer**

KRRR PROGRAM (1,500 Kilocycles) **SPONSORED BY** **NEWS-REVIEW**

THURSDAY, Dec. 19 **Morning Hours**

6:30—Early Birds Concert.
 7:00—Alarm Clock Club.
 7:30—The News-Review on the Air.

7:45—Alarm Clock Club, cont.
 8:30—Devotional.
 9:30—Federal Housing Program.

10:00—Women's Exchange, Florence Grow, guest artist.
 10:30—Tango Time.
 11:00—Tavern's Novelty Funfest.

11:15—"As You Like It," a request program.
Afternoon Hours
 12:15—News-Review News Broadcast.

12:30—Roseburg Motor Company Varieties.
 1:00—San Souci Turkey Show.
 1:15—Hawallan Shores, with Pal La Claire and Pete Wright.

1:45—Vanity Fair.
 2:00—Guest Artist, Mrs. Charles A. Brand, soloist; Gladys Strong, accompanist.
 2:15—Storyland, a program for the children.

2:30—Guest Artist, Louis Graziano, accordionist.
 3:00—Salon Music.
 4:00—The Editor Views the News.
 4:15—The Sandwich Shop in Fun and Frolic.
 4:30-4:45—Organ Music.

Station KRRR went silent for a brief period this morning, when a condenser was burned out. Repairs were quickly made and the station went back on the air within a very short time.

A new daily program will go on the air Thursday under the sponsorship of the San Souci Turkey ranch. The music for this program is to be furnished by Walter Heinz, tenor, with Florence Grow, accompanist. Mr. Heinz is already well known to KRRR listeners. Prior to coming to Oregon he was the district winner of an Atwater Kent audition in his native state of Nebraska. Since coming to this city three years ago he has become a very popular entertainer, and his KRRR programs have brought instant requests for more of his delightful music.

Women of Douglas county are urged to take full advantage of the Women's Exchange, a daily feature at 10 a. m. Women are asked to send in household hints or original ideas of interest to housewives, and to submit questions regarding any household problems. Efforts will be made to secure and broadcast authoritative answers to all questions submitted. Children will find much delight in the "Storyland" program at 2:15 p. m. daily. Right now this program is featuring a Christmas serial.

ROOSEVELT'S HOLD GALA RECEPTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—The diplomatic reception—annual spectacle of gold braid, gowns and jewels—last night brought 1,100 persons to the white house to greet President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Henry P. Fletcher, former diplomat and now chairman of the republican national committee, headed a long list of republican guests.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Regular meeting 8:00 p. m., Thursday evening at the Macabea Hall. Everyone bring pound of food for Christmas baskets. Adjutant.—Adv.

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A Prescriptionist Pills
 at
Chapman's Drug Store



The second gift came from the American Legion auxiliary. The committee for community service

CLUB BUILDING GETS PWA MONEY O. K.

Final Approval Is Awaited for Interior Work on Canyonville Hall.

(Douglas County Special)
 DAYS CREEK, Ore., Dec. 17.—Approval of a PWA cash grant for the interior finishing work of the South Umpqua Rod and Gun club's community building at Canyonville has been given by the district office at Medford and now awaits action by the Portland office, expected within two or three weeks, according to C. C. Hill, president of the organization.

In the event the head office at Portland also approves the cash grant, work will be started immediately. This will include ceiling the main hall and adjoining rooms, laying the top flooring in the kitchen and corridor, and putting in windows and doors. Floors in the main hall and the club room are already completed, and the hall is being used by the Canyonville high school basketball team. The rod and gun club's recently appointed building committee, which is endeavoring to obtain the much-needed PWA grant, consists of John Amacher, chairman; W. W. Willis and H. J. Hish, the latter mayor of Canyonville. Also, C. C. Hill, president of the club and sometimes referred to as the "mayor of the South Umpqua," is taking an active interest in the matter.

Landscaping Planned
 At the rod and gun club's regular biweekly meeting Monday evening a landscaping committee was appointed, its members being fra Poole, chairman, Mark Elliott and Clifton Beals. This committee will obtain information and drawings from the state colleges and other sources in preparation for landscaping the club grounds for its community center in Canyonville. Planting work will very likely not be started until the club building is entirely completed.

The club heartily approved the plan of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club to open up the dam at Roseburg. This dam, long a bone of contention among sportsmen, is believed by the South Douglas clubs to be entirely too advantageous a spot for a minor group of fishermen to cast their hooks.

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