

### Air Chief Ends Gripes of GIs At British Airport

U. S. AIRFORCE BASE AT BURTONWOOD, England, Jan. 3. (AP)—Gripes from American GIs at this big aircraft depot won yesterday a firm promise of better living conditions soon.

Airforce officials here disclosed that Secretary for Air Stuart Symington before leaving for home had allocated an extra \$400,000 to make that promise good.

With it went Symington's blunt declaration that he will be back in late February to see that conditions have improved—"and I expect you," he told air officials here—"to back me up."

Behind the promise was the story of Symington's arrival here, where airforce mechanics work night and day to keep the Berlin airlift planes flying.

He found a base restless with bad morale, with grumbling which threatened efficiency in repairing and overhauling the transport planes.

Symington acted promptly. He called a meeting of the GIs. He asked them, in effect: "What goes Joes, let me know your woes."

He told them to write down their complaints—anonously if they did.

A bushel basket of them. They followed a pattern.

Not enough heat in the Nissen huts in which they are sheltered.

No carpet or matting on the cement floors. Too little light to read by night. Filthy sanitation. Bad cooking in some cases.

Symington rounded up American airforce officials in Britain and laid down his instructions for a quick remedy.

They've scouted around the material for the work that needs doing.

Now that they have the money to pay for it, the work will be underway within a few days.

Things should be looking up for GIs soon.

### Kiwanis Club To Handle Canvass In March of Dimes

Future projects were discussed at length at the weekly Lions Club meeting Thursday night in the Hotel Umpqua.

Del McKay, Roseburg chairman for the March of Dimes, reported on the forthcoming campaign. He announced that the Kiwanis Club had agreed to handle the solicitation this year. This has been done in the past by the Lions.

The part the Lions could take in the campaign was discussed but no action was taken.

McKay reported that there were 30,000 cases of polio in the United States this past year and that the foundation had exhausted most of its resources. He said that in Douglas County alone there were eight cases during the fall. Care of polio victims does not end with hospitalization and immediate medical care, but may continue for many years to come. This is largely responsible for the drain on the funds. Also, he said, considerable is spent on research into the cause and treatment of polio.

A directors meeting was called for 7 a. m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, in Umpqua dining room.

### DAV Broadcast Voices Thanks For Support of Cause

The Disabled American Veterans sent New Year's greeting cards by air Saturday in an unusual broadcast over Radio Station KRNR, in which the American people and the newspapers were greeted.

Commander Arthur Newell of Dean Perrine chapter, took part in the program and sent the following New Year's card to the residents of Roseburg:

"Good Americans, we of the DAV take this opportunity to pause . . . and say thank you for your support of our cause . . . you have backed us and patriotically taken our part . . . Happy New Year to you all from the bottom of our heart."

"The newspapers of the nation received this greeting:

"To the press of the nation we have much cause to say thanks . . . you have helped to lift the banner of our ranks . . . Happy New Year to all members of the Fourth Estate . . . and may you continue to do work so great."

The DAV commander closed his broadcast stating:

"Speaking for the disabled veterans of this community and the nation, I wish you all a Happy New Year and leave you with this thought:

"Hundreds of thousands of men died on the field of battle, and millions were disabled so that you could have the opportunity to greet this new year with a hope of peace and freedom.

"Don't forget them in the year to come."

### Fewer Acres Of Seed Certified; Clover Group Up

Acres of 70 crop varieties, passed for certification in 1948 under state seed and plant certification standards, dipped from a high of 70,396 acres in 1947 to 50,750 acres this year, H. E. Finnell, OSC extension certification specialist states.

Reason for the drop in acreage is accounted for largely by poor planting weather in the fall of 1947 and during the spring months of 1948. Markets also reacted unfavorably for some certified crops, notably Hannechen barley, Finnell reports.

As a crop family, the clovers were the only group to exceed their 1947 acreage totals. Seven clover varieties included in the certification program totaled 9,491 acres this year as compared with slightly more than 7,000 acres passed a year ago. Certified Ladino clover continues to hold the top position among the clovers with a total of 5662 acres this year.

The acreage of the new Kendall variety red clover is slowly increasing. This year 62 acres of the crop were passed for certification. Finnell states the acreages of certified Midland and Cumberland variety red clovers were well over their 1947 acreage totals.

Certified grasses, which include ryegrass, the fescues, bents and others, totaled 27,595 in 1948. This is about 4000 acres below the acreage of 1947. The fescues as a group, however, did exceed their 1947 acreage largely as a result of increased market demands for those seeds.

Twenty-four cereal crops included in the certification program dipped 5,000 acres from 1947 to a total of 6104 acres in 1948. Biggest drop was in Hannechen barley. It slipped from 7,234 acres in 1947 to 3,490 acres this year.

The acreage of certified Willamette vetch fell 7,000 acres in 1948 to 2727 acres. With increased demand, Finnell expects this loss to be regained in 1949.

### Officer Candidate Program Initiated For Naval Reserve

With billets available for 2500 candidates from U. S. colleges and universities, a new officer candidate program which permits draft exempt college students who are members of the organized Naval Reserve is being initiated by the Navy.

To be draft exempt the candidates must be veterans or must have been a member of an organized reserve unit prior to June 24, 1948.

The first six-week training course will be held in the summer of 1949 at either Newport R. I., or San Diego, Calif.

In addition to quarters, subsistence, medical attention and transportation the student officer candidates will be paid \$135 while undergoing their basic six-week training course, and \$150 for the advanced six-week course.

Candidates must complete both summer training periods before finishing their work for a degree in college.

To be eligible for the program students must be in good standing in their college or university, citizens of the United States, not more than 17 years old or more than 27 years old on July 1 of the calendar year in which they become eligible for appointment to a commissioned rank. They also must attend weekly drills of the Organized Reserve during their academic year.

### Fire Losses Upped, Death Toll Lower

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Fires branded a \$725,000,000 record loss across North America in 1948 but took fewer lives than in other years, a survey shows.

The year's total fire loss was 3 percent over 1947 according to a report by Percy Bugbee, general manager of the National Fire Protection Association, non-profit international fire control organization.

For the United States and Canada Bugbee listed 32 fires causing individual loss of \$1,000,000 or more and 243 other toppling the \$250,000 mark.

He added, however: "There were no loss-of-life fire disasters in 1948 to compare with the hotel fire epidemic of 1946 or the Texas City disaster of 1947."

Greatest fire death toll in the U. S., excluding aircraft accidents involving fire, was 17 in an explosion in a Chicago candy factory on Sept. 7.

### Tax Filing Aid Dated For Douglas Farmers

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be in various Douglas County towns during the early part of January to assist farmers in preparing and filing their 1948-ES, Declaration of Estimated Tax for the Calendar Year 1948.

or the preparation and filing of their income tax returns for the calendar year 1948 in lieu. Other taxpayers will be assisted later, the announcement from the Portland office states.

Dates for appearances locally include Roseburg, Jan. 5 and 6; Myrtle Creek, Jan. 5 and 6; Glendale, Jan. 7; Oakland, Jan. 7 and Reedsport Jan. 11. In Roseburg the deputy will be on duty at the local internal revenue collector's office at 319 Pacific Building.

A barkhan is a traveling mound, or dune, of loose sand. Some in Egypt have been known to move as much as 30 feet a year.

Roanoke Island, Va., was the birthplace of Virginia Lane, first baby born of English parents in the new world (in 1587).

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### Sheep Breeders To Meet Jan. 7th

Sheep breeding and management problems will be discussed by a panel led by Dr. Fred McKenzie, chairman, OSC department of animal husbandry, at the fourth annual meeting of the Oregon Purebred Sheep Breeders Association in Rickreall, Friday, January 7.

Starting time for the meeting as announced by Benton County Agent S. A. Jackson, secretary of the association, is 1:30 in the afternoon. The afternoon business and discussion meeting will be followed by the association's annual banquet in the evening.

Both the meeting and banquet will be held in the Rickreall Grange hall.

Secretary Jackson has asked that all persons planning to attend the banquet make reservation in advance. His address is County Extension Office, Corvallis.

Association President R. V.

### Average Cost to Grow Logans to Process 12c Lb.

The fifth in a series of progress reports on cost of producing berries for processing in the Willamette valley has just been issued by the O.S.C. experiment station dealing with loganberries.

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**ODDS AND ENDS TABLES**

A little bit of everything, and too many items to list, but each item has been reduced to a sacrifice price to sell fast.

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