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DRAFT LAW SOON—

Quick action by the U. S. senate last week gave approval to a new bill providing for drafting American youth for service in the nation's armed forces. The house of representatives moved with equal alacrity on the measure and it is expected that a joint committee soon will be ironing out differences which result from amendments added by the lower house.

Effect of senate action and of the house moves toward passage was immediate upon the 18-year-old lads of the country. It was exemplified here in Oregon by the fact that literally hundreds of boys attempted to volunteer for service in the national guard on the eve of the guard's departure for a two weeks summer training period at Fort Clatsop. It was impossible for these would-be volunteers to be accepted by the guard but the incident clearly demonstrates that a speed up in regular army enlistments may be expected before the action on the draft bill can be completed and its provisions put into effect.

The demand of the populace of the nation for measures to insure adequate armed forces will soon be answered with the activation of a draft law. It is not an all-inclusive law, but its proponents believe it meets the requirements of the present day. More stringent requirements covering a broader segment of our population would, of course, be essential if war should become imminent. It is the hope of the nation's leaders that those stronger provisions never will be needed and that the current draft law will so strengthen the nation's forces as to supply any aggressive-minded foreign powers with ample evidence that the United States is ready and willing to protect its own freedom and to back its demand for observance of the freedom of other nations with all the power at its command. If that fact is established, there is ample reason to believe that war will not come.

VANPORT DEATH TOLL LOW—

Time and again during the last two and a half weeks rumors have been rife that the Vanport City flood took a terrific toll in human lives—a toll that would probably be up in the hundreds. Some even stretched the story to thousands.

Backing up these rumors were protestations of individuals that their uncle or cousin or a friend personally saw numerous drownings and that another friend personally saw officials removing bodies from flood waters literally by the boat load. "They are holding up the death toll to prevent a panic," was the claim made time and again.

You heard the rumors. We all heard them. In fact, most of us heard them from folks who should have known better. Some

of us tried to Scotch the rumors, but found that a hopeless task.

Now, two and a half weeks after the dike broke and released the flood waters that inundated Vanport City, evidence is piling up that gives strong refutation to these rumors. Up to Wednesday afternoon a total of only seven human bodies had been recovered from the flood waters and debris. Lists of missing persons have been dwindling to an extent that leaves a comparatively few residents of the Vanport area still unaccounted for. Officials of Vanport College report that all students of that institution have been accounted for, as well as all employees with the exception of one.

This is valid evidence, indisputable evidence. It should end all of the rumors regarding huge loss of human lives in the Vanport disaster. Even the loss of seven lives is tragic, but it certainly does not approach the tragedy that would have existed had the earlier rumors had any foundation in fact.

A GRANDSTAND FOR SANDY HIGH—

Electors of Sandy high school district will pass on the budget proposed for that school for the coming year next Monday night. The budget, surprisingly, is lower than that of last year.

Despite the smaller budget estimate, school officials have provided for some much needed expansion of facilities. Part of this expansion will be in the agricultural department and another part will be the construction of a grandstand for the high school athletic field.

Through contributions of boosters for the Pioneers and from receipts from special benefit events and other sources, the athletic field is being lighted. Building of a grandstand will complete its improvement and give to Sandy high school a layout of which it may be proud and one which is in keeping with the other fine facilities and accomplishments of the school.

Indications are that school patrons will enthusiastically approve the budget and look forward with keen anticipation to placing Sandy on equal footing with other schools in its athletic league, all of which already have grandstands at their athletic fields.

Han Troh's Skyport, down Gresham way, has taken on a metropolitan atmosphere this last week. Not only has the number of planes stationed at the field and general use of the field increased as a result of the evacuation of other fields as protection against possible flood, but Troh's Skyport also has become the operating base for two large advertising blimps. First time in history two big blimps have been moored at one private airport, in these parts at least.

Congress has written into law over the veto of President Truman additions to the social security law which will expand the number of individuals covered by social security to a considerable extent. The new provisions also will put several types of workers in a position to qualify for social security coverage if their employers wish to provide for it. This group consists principally of employees of a number of units of local governments which heretofore have had no opportunity to participate in the benefits of the act. There are many who subscribe to the theory that all persons should have a similar opportunity and the recent enactment seems to be a step toward governmental acceptance of that thinking.

Mt. Hood Pow-Wowers Hold Fun-Fest



More than one hundred residents of the mountain area attended the Mt. Hood Pow-Wowers' annual Whoopie dinner at Timberline lodge June 8. Shown above during a drawing for prizes are (left to right): Mrs. Harry W. Lofgren, Zig Zag, Pow-Wower secretary; Robert S. Smith, Sandy, Big Chief; Carolyn Zimmerman, Gresham, who drew the winning numbers; Jack S. Greenwood, Wenme, master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Vance Dolph, Rhododendron, the winner.

German Orphan Writes Ladies Aid

Mrs. Louis Dubarko and Mrs. Karl Ruther were hostesses at a meeting of the Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran church last Thursday, June 10, in the Lutheran school.

A letter was read from a German orphan girl in Heidelberg, Germany, adopted by the group, expressing her gratitude for packages received. The letter from the 10-year-old girl was written in German. Mrs. Ronald Krebs was in charge of the program for the month.

The July meeting will be held July 1 at the home of Mrs. Herman Miller, 2945 N. E. 47th St., Portland. A picnic will be held at Laurelhurst park on the second Thursday of July, the group's regular meeting day.

Visitors Noted at Sandy Bluff Home

SANDY BLUFF—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ormsby, Portland, and their daughter, Eleanor, of Sandy, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Howard.

Other afternoon callers were Mrs. Grace Weaver, Mrs. Donald Peer and J. C. McCreight, all of Portland.

Jackie Corley came out Sunday to spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caldo and pick berries for Fred Warner.

Mrs. Holley Ault and son, Benny, spent Thursday visiting 'Grandma' Byron and Perle Crose

and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ault. In the evening they attended Rebekah lodge in Sandy.

Workers started picking berries Sunday on the Fred Warner farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ault spent Sunday of last week with their son Albert and family.

The annual school meeting will be Monday at 8 p. m. at Cottrell school, and will include consideration of financing the building of another class room. All voters are urged to be present.

Capper Bill Backed By Voters' League

PLEASANT HOME—At a recent meeting of the United Voters League of Eastern Multnomah county, held at the Pleasant Home Baptist church, a resolution was adopted that the group go on record in behalf of the Capper bill, which would control the advertising of alcoholic beverages. It was also resolved that a copy of the resolution be sent to Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon, for inclusion in the Congressional record.

The resolutions were presented at the meeting attended by residents of Orient, Victory and Pleasant Home. Mrs. Fred J. Toole, state president of the W. C. T. U., was speaker.

The meeting was sponsored by the laymen's movement recently organized in this area with the following officers elected to serve: Vern Wasson, chairman; Rev. Harold May, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Louise Nelson, secretary.

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