

Navy Announces Modification of Physical Requirements for Men

A relaxation of physical standards for enlistments in the U. S. navy and the naval reserve was announced this week by the navy department. In commenting on this action, the navy department announcement stated that numerous men who in past months have sought to enlist and have been rejected on the basis of minor physical defects will be accepted as recruits, but which now are waived, are seasonal hay fever, correctable nasal deformities of such a degree as not to interfere with duty; undernourished and underdeveloped applicants, providing the condition is not due to organic disease; and minor surgical defects which can be corrected within a month. Applicants who possess 18 natural serviceable teeth, with at least two molars in functional occlusion and not more than four incisors missing, will be acceptable. Dental treatment will be given at the training stations.

Any applicant who has been rejected because of any of the defects noted above is urged to re-apply for enlistment in the navy or naval reserve immediately.

All applicants accepted with defects requiring correction will be hospitalized. After correction of these defects recruits will be returned to their training stations at the earliest practicable time.

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Newcomer



Dr. Richard E. Waldstrom of Oswego recently became associated with the Hillsboro office of Dr. William E. Hinds, osteopathic physician and surgeon.

Bee Infection In State Shows Steady Decline

American foulbrood, a dangerous infectious disease of bees, dropped to 288 per cent in 1941 in Oregon bee colonies compared with 35 per cent in 1940, according to the state department of agriculture plant division.

Every year since 1935, when the state bee inspection program was started, has found a decrease in the percentage of American foulbrood. In 1935, the state as a whole showed 9.5 per cent and about 47 per cent of the colonies were infected. This year but 14.8 per cent of the colonies were infected or 7 per cent less than last year.

The significant thing about the 1941 report is that in most of the state the territory is clean enough that there is little danger of picking up American foulbrood from outside one's own yard, points out Thur Black, Salem, supervisor of the 16 seasonal inspectors who handled the bee work. "This does not mean, however, that there are not still quite a few yards that have this disease."

A decrease in American foulbrood over last year was found in 15 counties: Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Hood River, Linn, Malheur, Multnomah, Marion, Morrow, Tillamook, Union and Yamhill.

The following is a summary of apiair inspections in Washington county during 1941: Number of inspections made, 85; colonies inspected, 1697; colonies with American foulbrood, 48; per cent of colonies with AFB, 2.8; colonies infected with AFB, 20; per cent of colonies infected, 21.0; EFB colonies, 22; and bees, 130.

The state department of agriculture plant division lists 2650 beekeepers for 1941, approximately the same number as a year ago.

Fresh eggs are probably the most popular part of the menu of the United States navy. In one year over 146,016,000 are consumed.

The epaulettes and shoulder marks now worn by U. S. naval officers survive from olden days when fighting seamen wore metal plates on their shoulders to protect them from saber cuts.

GONE is the hope that we might sit out this WAR. Gone also is the early lives of several hundred of our own, murdered on American soil, no warning, no provocation.

ILL conceived, unbelievable inhumanity plunges our tradition of peace-loving country into a most diabolical WAR.

VILLANY, infamous villany, reaching for world domination threatens our very shores, our institutions, our freedom, our whole philosophy of life.

EVERY American must, will respond in this WAR crisis with faith, courage, loyalty, endurance and sacrifice. Everything is at stake, everything that is worth living for and dying for.

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Season's Greetings FROM YOUR TUALATIN VALLEY CO-OP

Churchill Sees Roosevelt for War Conference

Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt went to a conference in the White House Monday night following a long secret overseas trip by British fighter bomber.

President Roosevelt told the press there was one primary objective of the conference—the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world.

There was widespread speculation that the heads of the great democracies would confer on such questions as: Establishment of a supreme command of all fighting forces in the war; joint axis aggression and establishment of a joint ministry of supplies for all nations.

Nearly 500 independent welders on strike in eight San Francisco bay shipyards and a magnesium plant were confronted with soldiers, armored cars, police, and counter-picket lines Monday when they started a walkout.

The army is here for one purpose—to see that any man who wants to go to work will be given the opportunity, said Major-General Charles H. White, in command of the troops.

The battle of the Pacific came even closer to home during the week when submarine raiders, diving close to California shores, torpedoed American tankers and freighters.

The tankers Enid and Agawis were both torpedoed and shelled, the navy disclosed Sunday. The former sank with an undetermined number of crew members lost, and the Agawis escaped by changing her course. An enemy submarine shot a torpedo at the tanker H. M. Storey north of Santa Barbara Monday but missed it.

Of importance was an announcement this week that all private airplanes on the coast are to be grounded indefinitely on army orders.

Russian claims of gains over the retreating German army seemed rather substantiated when Adolf Hitler disclosed Sunday that he had made himself the immediate head of all German land forces.

Hitler fired Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch, who directed the conquest of western Poland, in Europe, at a time when it seemed apparent that armies of the third reich were unable to check their Russian retreat.

President Roosevelt Monday proclaimed New Year's day as a day of prayer for America. "We are confident in our devotion to country, in our love of freedom, in our inheritance of courage, but our strength of all men everywhere, is of greater avail as God upholds us."

With the signature of President Roosevelt, the draft expansion law, which makes registrants between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, liable to military service, became a law Monday.

Selective service officials began laying plans for registering 23,500,000 men between the ages of 18 and 64 inclusive. These men will be registered on several dates, by age groups.

British armies continued their drive into Libya early this week, thrusting a spearhead 150 miles deep into axis Tripolitania, bringing to 450 miles their aggregate penetration since the beginning of their last offensive to drive the Germans and Italians out of north Africa.

Oregon Ranks Third In Bond Purchases

The state of Oregon ranks third in the United States for per capita purchase of defense bonds and stamps, according to announcement by Ray Conway, associate state administrator for the program.

Leading in Washington, D. C., and New York state holds second place, according to figures reaching Oregon officials. Ted R. Gamble, state administrator of defense savings, was called to Washington, D. C., to a national conference.

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Pioneer Walker Home Houses One of Finest Historical Collections

(By Roy L. Davidson)

Lauretta Walker Olds, pioneer daughter, still lives on the old farm settled by her grandfather in 1852.

If you want to see one of the best historical collections in the northwest—relics and emblems of early pioneer right into his own yard and stepped down from the saddle. But there disaster overtook him. The mirror was not wrapped and as Mr. Walker turned around, the saddle horse saw his reflection in it.

It was too much for him—another horse appearing from thin air and challenging his own rights. Quick as a flash, he whirled and launched a broadside of flashing heels that shattered the new mirror in smithereens. The patient old grandfather cleaned up the broken pieces and next time he made the trip to town, he brought out another mirror. Mrs. Olds still has it as a part of her priceless collection.

Tragedy made its scar in the family narrative. In 1915, Dr. Linklater had made a call at the Walker home, and Robert Walker, Mrs. Olds' father, accompanied the doctor to the Oregon Electric station nearby. It was dark and Dr. Linklater rushed forward to flag the oncoming train. He might have been blinded by the headlights; perhaps he slipped—no one knows for sure, but he was struck down and died the following morning.

Just a year later, Robert Walker himself met an almost similar death, at the same station, being hit about 8.30 one morning and instantly killed. Rachel Coffee Walker died eight years ago.

Through the long years of her life upon the Old Meadow farm, Lauretta Walker Olds, aided by Sam, has added to her collection of old pieces of the pioneers. Sam is somewhat of a pioneer himself, having been born in 1844 in Yamhill county back in 1844. There are at least two rooms that house nothing but old tables, old spinning wheels, cabinets, bureaus and dozens of other priceless objects—things that are rich in historical value, articles that can nowhere be replaced.

An old coal oil lamp with a marble base, sets on the shelf, unmindful of the electric globes that now furnish light. It was in its heyday three-quarters of a century ago, but used then on very special occasions—the price of kerosene being \$2.50 a gallon and so expensive that it could be used for light only when the family was up to something extraordinary.

One spinning wheel dates to 1808, another came around the Horn and served Rachel Coffee Walker, who carded and spun wool from sheep raised on Old Meadow farm. She manufactured the yarn into underwear and stockings for her family. There's a dainty little desk, which was made for Rachel Coffee's father back east, when she was but six years old. It came across the plains in an old prairie schooner.

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Robert Walker, a son, was only 11 when the family arrived in Oregon. He worked industriously until about 71, when he began to lose interest in his surroundings and began talking of the long overland trip to Missouri. But his pioneer parents were not surprised. They knew of the beautiful boyhood sweetheart, Rachel Coffee, whom young Robert had left behind. So the young man set out on the hard journey, went to Missouri, and returned with his bride.

To the couple, Robert and Rachel Walker, were born five children, of which Lauretta Walker Olds, the youngest, is the only survivor. She was born in a small log cabin of the large home, has never lived anywhere else, doesn't want to live elsewhere. "It's my home," she says, and she is always busy at something, frequently digging among her plants and shrubs, and under the great trees, some of which were wagon pioneers themselves when they were just seeds or switches.

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(Not necessarily news)

Mildred Lerch knowing all about barbed wire fences. Florence Wunderlich dishing out pickles. Berneta Kummer doing last year's needle point. Eva Williams wanting to be in the aviation corps. Carolyn Danielson telling "cats" about kittens.

Marian Cypher leaving early. Martha James making a hat. Birdlyn Matteson solving "difficult" problems. Anna Mary Hartman telling stories. Jean Alexander knitting.

Ralph Easter wanting half-inch cut off on each side. Oney Kramien being smoked out. Mammias, papas and grandparents taking in Christmas programs with pride. Children and Santa Claus making one temporarily forget the world's troubles. Paul Patterson and editor serving as reminder. Ralph Easter making a good Santa. Angie Harrington waiting impatiently for that telephone ring for the other kind. From Texas. Mrs. Bill Bagley cooking soya beans. Dr. George H. Butterfield buying his wife a practical Christmas present. Paul Ringle parking on near scene of a fire. J. L. Anderson wishing for heat. Mary Frantz estimating the sizes worn by a customer's wife.

Mildred Nordquist practicing the golden rule. Bill Christensen being introduced as Ole Olson. Marie Hoffman, Mattie Olm and Dorothy Harms "gunning" for their unknown friends.

Robert Walker to kill game, which not only furnished food for the family table but found a ready sale in Portland—long before anyone thought of a limit or hunting license.

Most of the Indian relics were picked up on the old farm—it was a favorite camping place of Indians who gathered huckleberries in its wooded patches. The collection is so varied, the different pieces have their individual stories back of them—it's quite impossible to do them justice in so short an article. They must be seen to be really appreciated.

Just recently Mr. Neupert of the Portland Consolidated Plumbing company bought a 120-acre parcel across the road from Old Meadow farm. It is a part of the original Walker donation. Neupert is spending an estimated \$65,000, improving the place, building white fences, barn and other buildings. He will raise race horses, Percherons, fine sheep and Blank Angus cattle. On the sloping acres he is setting out holly and filbert groves—it's going to be a show place.

"It's a fine thing for this part of the country," says Mrs. Olds, as she views the improvements across the road. But lavish and elaborate as the new set-up is, with the big investment, the gleaming paint, the thoroughbred that will strut their pedigrees, she would not consider for one short moment giving up her old home for all that glamour. She wouldn't want to live anywhere but in the old pioneer home in which she was born. She said so.

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December 31 will mark the deadline for applications for new (1942) licenses for a number of fee accounts of the foods and dairies division of the state department of agriculture. These include commercial fertilizers and feeds; bakery licenses; carbonated beverages; egg dealers (wholesalers who sell to retailers); gasoline licenses; agricultural lime and agricultural minerals; and grade A milk licenses for plants, dairies and shippers. The grade A licenses are not collected from dairymen or operators in cities that have their own milk ordinances. Notices of the approaching deadline have been mailed to all holders of 1941 licenses.

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