

Camp Rumor Is Studied

Effects of Proposed Cantonment Receive Consideration

MONMOUTH—Prospect of the allocation of a military cantonment and training camp between Monmouth and Corvallis continues to intrigue residents of north Benton and south Polk counties. Starting as a rumor, the story is believed to have anchorage in certain procedures, one of which is that more than one Oregon site, including this location, has been investigated through action of a military board of the Ninth corps area having headquarters at the Presidio, San Francisco.

The area includes several western states, and if the army's present maximum of about 1,500,000 is increased materially, establishment of more than one additional cantonment is believed imminent. Oregon, with its long sea-coast margin, is logically in line for such a placement.

Six potential sites are said to be under consideration in case a cantonment may be established, so, other selective factors being favorable, the south-Polk-north-Benton local has a probable 16 per cent chance of being selected.

State highway representatives have been looking over this locale also in recent weeks, quietly gathering information which may relate to improvement and changes. The old discussion about routing the west side highway in its course through the city of Monmouth has been revived apropos the topical interest.

Farmers are excited over the possibility that the government might purchase land up to 65,000 acres for such a military reservation. Those who own good soil are loath to sell, those with less desirable land are non-committal, and those having hilly and otherwise unprofitable tracts are avid for a transfer.

Rural mail carriers are also concerned. This area is threaded with rural routes, and these specific routes will definitely be eliminated if, and when, a cantonment is established because army posts have their own post offices for mail receipt and distribution.

P. M. Schweizer, veteran carrier on route two, Monmouth for nearly 19 years, would lose fully 90 per cent of his Saver-Airline trek, with about 11 miles left in the Wells section. Harry Kester, carrier on route two, out of Monmouth, would have about one-third of his territory curtailed, comprising part of the Elkins-Lewisville and Dallas sectors. Roy Holt, carrier on route one in North Benton county, would have an estimated 50 per cent of his route absorbed in the reservation lands. These are the only routes involved, but they are important to the three carriers.

She's a He After Five Years



"Miss McDardle"



Albert J. Hawkins

Arrested on charges of stealing \$35 from a fellow roomer in Pittsburgh, "Miss Dorothy McDardle" turned out to be Albert James Hawkins, a runaway boy who had been masquerading as a girl waitress for five years. Among other things Hawkins revealed that he had many dates and that "sure the fellows wanted to kiss me." A mine foreman, he said, insisted on marrying him. Albert is shown as "Miss McDardle" and as Albert.

Catholic Daughters Schedule Reception for New Members

MT. ANGEL—Stayton, Salem, and Woodburn courts of Catholic Daughters of America are invited to a reception planned for new members of the Mt. Angel court in the club room of St. Mary's school Monday night.

A business meeting will precede the reception and refreshments will be served. New members are Mrs. David Travis, Mrs. William Prosser, Mrs. Joseph Bickler, Mrs. Gerald Zollner, Mrs. James Meek, Mrs. Alfred Schiedler, Mrs. Sylvester Schmitt, Mrs. Carl A. Sprauer, Mrs. Al Saalfeld and Mrs. Fred J. Schwab.

MT. ANGEL—Crowding the community's post-Lenten social calendar are three benefit card parties, the first April 16, and the other two on April 22 and April 29.

On Wednesday night, April 16, the Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring a bridge and 500 card party in St. Mary's auditorium.

Mrs. Henry Saalfeld is chairman of the committee in charge. The party slated for April 22 is sponsored by St. Ann's Altar society, the Catholic Daughters of America and the American Legion auxiliary. Proceeds will be used to continue the hot lunches for children of St. Mary's school. The card party will be held at St. Mary's auditorium. Mrs. Cletus Butsch is general.

Hot luncheon served to underweight and needy children for the

past three months have proved a success and the different organizations have agreed to use this method to finance their continuance.

The third benefit party will be held at the Mt. Angel normal school by the Alumnae association Tuesday, April 29.

In addition to cards, there will be dancing and games. Miss Therese Ficker, local vice-president of the Alumnae association, is general chairman. The proceeds will be added to the scholarship fund.

Services Set For Pioneer

STAYTON—Martin Vuber, 69, died Saturday morning at the Martin convalescent home, Salem. He was born in Wisconsin December 4, 1871. Survivors include seven children Alvy, Woodburn, Adele Larson, Stayton, Matilda Michels, Washougal, Edwin and Helen, Salem, Ernest and Frances Kramer, Aumsville; two brothers, Paul and Joseph, Sublimity, and six grandchildren.

Rosary will be said at the Weddie funeral home, Stayton, Tuesday at 8 p. m. The funeral will be held at the Sublimity Catholic church Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. Interment is to be at Sublimity Catholic cemetery.

Mining Men Slate Meet

Federal Aid Question For Development of Interests Is Topic

SCIO—Proposal of the Crown Mining company, Scio, which owns potentially valuable interests in the Elkhorn mining district on the Little North Fork of the Santiam river, east of Scio, to apply for federal financial aid in developing its properties, is the inspiration for a special meeting of stockholders at Scio April 17.

Cyrus Peery, son of the late R. E. Peery, veteran mining man of this community, has called the special conference with a view to obtaining sentiment of stockholders toward a program of development.

Ore veins have been tapped by means of a shaft and tunnels, but recent investigation in the mine disclose cave-ins, debris and water, which must be removed to clear the way if progress is to be made.

Anaconda and Butte, Mont., interests are reported recently to have become interested in the Elkhorn district, taking over the old Black Eagle interests, more recently known as the Northwestern company. This fact, it is advanced by Crown men, lends and promotes confidence in the Elkhorn district. Nuggets and other placer findings, recently reported, seem to have augmented interest in the district.

It was reported in Scio a few days ago that Fred Rosenberg of Portland has become interested in the district as a consulting mining engineer. It was further stated that Rosenberg is familiar with copper mining and geology in the famed Anaconda district of Montana, and that attention of mining men from that state has been attracted to the North Santiam region.

Scio stockholders in the Crown mine announce renewed interest in the proposition, which is to receive serious consideration at the special meeting of stockholders in this city next week.

SCIO—Raymond F. Chromy, resident and business man of South Scio, entered Tuesday upon his official duties as a member of the city council. He was elected at the March meeting of the local commission to succeed W. A. Ewing, who resigned.

Rural residents at the south outskirts of Scio reopened negotiations with the council for extension of city water service to the south city limits, from which point they propose to supply water to their homes. The proposal was rejected at a recent meeting of the council. Petitioners are to present further details at the next meeting of the council, which promised consideration of the subject.

Scio efforts to provide rubbish disposal were continued, the proper committee reporting that no deal had been consummated with Ollie Beard for a proposed site on his farm near the city.

No action was reported by the ordinance committee, of which Guy Funk is chairman, in the proposed regulation of closing hours for card and pool rooms in the city. It appears a complaint had been lodged with a council member some time ago that these places were running until long after midnight at times.

Greek war relief matters were deferred pending return of Mayor J. A. Withers, who has been out of the city but who is expected to return the latter part of April.

Transient renters in the city are to be refunded for deposits made in advance for city water privileges at such times as refunds are due them, it was agreed by the council. Some migratory people have moved out owing the city considerable sums for water service, it was reported, hence requirement that they pay in advance, with privilege of reimbursement when due.

Councilman M. B. Cyrus, president of the body, presided in the absence of Mayor Withers.

Grangers' News

UNION HILL—The home economics club of Union Hill grange met all day Wednesday for the spring cleaning of the grange hall. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heater, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John Steinberger, Mrs. M. M. Gilmour, Mrs. Philip Fischer, Mrs. W. M. Tate, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. J. C. Krenz and Verna Scott.

Plans were made to serve a grange benefit lunch at the public auction sales at the A. T. Savage, jr., farm, Victor Point, Tuesday and at the E. I. Charlesworth farm, Valley View, later in the month.

General arrangements will be in charge of the home economics committee: Mrs. M. M. Gilmour, chairman, Mrs. Floyd Fox, Mrs. C. C. Carter, Mrs. John Steinberger and Mrs. Philip Fischer.

On special committees are Mrs. Paul Jaquet, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Floyd Fox, Mrs. W. M. Tate, Mrs. Henry Peters, Mrs. Philip Fischer, Mrs. J. S. Steinberger, Mrs. B. E. McElhany, Mrs. J. C. Krenz, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. H. E. Hubbard, Mrs. G. D. Scott, Mrs. Paul Jaquet, Mrs. W. F. Krenz, Mrs. V. D. Scott, Mrs. Marion Fischer and Mrs. Glenn Parrish.

Independence Residents Busy With Many Varied Activities

INDEPENDENCE—The president of the Rebekah lodge of the state of Oregon will visit the local chapter Tuesday night. Rev. Loyal H. Vickers, pastor of the First Baptist church, has been chosen to head boys' work in the Baptist denomination of the state. In May, his expenses will be paid to the northern boys' convention at Wichita, Kan.

A vocational school, in automobile and metal mechanics, is being held five nights each week for a three-hour period at the Lytle Storey garage. Boys who have finished high school and are between the ages of 17 and 25 years are eligible.

Classes will continue for two weeks with Storey instructor. Under the direction of William Noble, chief of police, and Duane Marshall, 17 boys of the local Boy Scout troop, No. 37, started parade training last week. The drill will continue on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

At a special meeting of the Independence city council, a used truck was purchased from J. A. Inglis Motor company for \$157.50 to be used for city improvement work. The council decided this when they learned it would cost the city \$300 to have the dirt removed.

Miss Esther Nuernberger, who comes from the home service commission of the General Electric institute, Cleveland, Ohio, will conduct a cooking school at the A. L. Thomas Hardware company Tuesday, starting at 2 p. m. An invitation has been extended to all ladies.

The Willamette Valley Matrons and Patrons association, Order of the Eastern Star, were guests of Adah chapter Thursday. Over 150 were in attendance.

Road Problems Come Before City Council

INDEPENDENCE—The chamber of commerce invites the people of Independence to attend their regular meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. at the Campbell hall if they are interested in street improvements, hard surfacing and oiling of the streets and building curbs.

George H. Kessler, engineer, representing John Cunningham, will be present to answer questions relative to the WPA sewerage work.

Dr. C. A. Fratzke, program chairman, has secured Senator Dean H. Walker to give highlights on the recent session of the Oregon legislature. A movie will be shown of the collapse of the Tacoma bridge.

The meeting will include a 6:30 p. m. dinner and program at 8:30 p. m.

Easter Services Set at Dayton

DAYTON—Easter day services in Dayton will start with a sunrise Christian Endeavor meeting in cooperation with the chamber of commerce at the city hall.

Dr. Walter Meyer will give the address "Darkness Then Dawn." Other numbers include group singing; prayer, Rev. George Hatch, pastor of Christian church; reading, Joyce Seifried; music by Ardith and Jeanne Remme; devotionals, Lester Bienz; music, "The Lord's Prayer," Rev. Floyd Sartwell, pastor of Evangelical church, and benediction, Rev. V. Trimmer, full gospel assembly.

Farmers Union News

The quarterly meeting of the Polk county Farmers Union was held at the American Legion hall in West Salem Wednesday. A good crowd was in attendance.

County Agent W. C. Leth reported around 650 mattresses will be made in Polk county. He also urged farmers to try raising grasses for a cash crop instead of so much grain, as the largest crop of wheat ever raised in the United States is the outlook for the present year.

Max Gehlhar of the Oregon Products company, talked on co-operative power and social security and old age benefits for the farmer.

Harley Libby, Jefferson, state president of the Oregon Farmers Union, told of the prospective prices to be set by the government on farm products and urged that something be done about them. He also gave a short report on junior work.

One of the most important resolutions passed was in opposition to the proposed cantonment in southern Polk and northern Benton counties, which, it is said, would relieve much fertile land from the tax rolls.

AUMSVILLE—Farmers' Union met at the hall Tuesday night. A report of the convention at Gervais was given by the local delegate, Mrs. Lee Sutton.

Mrs. Fred Steiner, chairman of the agriculture committee, gave a report on that phase of farm union work. A discussion on the Farmers' Union proposed cooperative hospital was held.

Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Roy Porter and Mrs. Strunk. Members of the Marion local were visitors.

Street Work Considered

Stayton Chamber Cons Maintenance of Roads, 90 Blocks Are Oiled

STAYTON—Maintenance of the oiled streets in Stayton was the center of discussion at the city council meeting.

Approximately 90 blocks of street oiling was completed in 1940 and it is planned to carry on a regular maintenance service to prevent unnecessary wear and breakdown of the improvement. The graveled streets have been graded.

The auditing of the city books, done by Lee S. Ross, Salem, was discussed.

STAYTON—Stayton Lions club, meeting at the Bon Ton Tuesday, discussed contacting the Southern Pacific Railway company to investigate sign crossings at Aumsville and North Santiam.

Leading up to this discussion was the number of accidents that have occurred at these crossings. It is the opinion that the company should place proper signs and signals at these crossings. Grant Murphy reported that the road signs are ready and will be installed in the near future.

Kenton Thompson, Robert Wakefield and Mathieu Forrette of the boys' and girls' committee will select a boy to represent the club at Beaver State, Corvallis.

Present were Hub Saalfeld, Cliff Likes, R. G. Wood, Gilbert Schachtick, V. R. Tuel, Charles Berger, Wendel E. Weddle, George R. Duncan, Murray Shampang, H. J. Rowe, Dave M. John, R. P.

Grady, Wilbur Porter, Merton Cox, Lawrence Spraker, Edward J. Bell, F. N. Smith, Grant Murphy and Clarence Baldwin.

STAYTON—The annual Easter Monday card party will be given by the Catholic ladies in the Foresters hall Monday at 8 p. m.

Committees in charge are: decorations, Margaret Hendricks, Mrs. Joe Pieser, Mrs. George Van Handel and Angeline Lambrecht; refreshments, Mrs. Wendel Freere, Mrs. Peter Deidrich, Mrs. Fred Albus, Mrs. C. M. Sutton, Mrs. J. P. Merz, Mrs. Frank Kerber, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. George Frichl, Mrs. Sim Eitel and Mrs. Albert Boedighermer; tickets, Mrs. William Albus, Mrs. John Gries, Mrs. Lawrence Smith and Mrs. Marie Shields; prizes, Mrs. Albert Dozier, and Miss Clara Spaniol; properties, Mrs. Martin Gehlen, Mrs. Henry Gesher and the Catholic young people's organization.

STAYTON—Miss Irene Fisher was initiated into Eva Rebekah lodge. Mrs. Tessa Van Nuys and Mrs. Marie Cole sang two duets. Mrs. Ellen Reynolds and Mrs. Marie Cole were elected delegates and Mrs. Alda Murphy and Mrs. Margaret Shafer, alternates, to the session of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon to meet in May at Baker.

Six were present from Mill City, nine from Lyons, one from Gervais, one from Glendale, and 39 from Stayton.

The committee, Mrs. Maude Beauchamp, Mrs. Anna Harold and Mrs. Grace Neibert served refreshments. The Easter motif was used.

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