

They Prepare for Survey of Women Skills



Voluntary registration of women which commences throughout Oregon on Monday, February 16, is not to be undertaken in Marion county without preparation. For several weeks Mrs. David Wright, chairman, (standing, left) and her assistants have worked outlining the canvass which is to determine the womanpower of the county that may be called to aid with defense industry or to replace men going into such industry or armed services. The past week they have stamped, sorted into packets and prepared for use approximately 30,000 questionnaires. Pictured here with Mrs. Wright are Mrs. Larry Flagg (also standing) who has donated her services as secretary; seated, left, Mrs. Robert Pence, Polk county survey chairman, whose headquarters are also in the US employment service office in Salem; in the foreground, left to right, Mrs. Eric Butler and Mrs. Ray Yocom, co-chairman for the survey in Salem; working at a table in the corner is Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, who assisted with the sorting. Regular workers, but not in the office the morning the picture was taken, are Mrs. Leon Gleason and Mrs. George Edwards.

Corps Size to Be Increased

Women's Motor Unit Seeks New Members; Two Captains Set

SILVERTON - Registration for the Women's Motor Corps has been reopened here and hopes of the Silverton civilian defense committee are to obtain 123 registrants.

At the last report, 80 had registered.

J. J. Lewis, of the local defense committee, has been named su-

pervisor of the motor corps. In referring to the corps, Mr. Lewis said Wednesday that "things were shaping nicely," and that he hoped "a sufficient number would register so that the corps would lend itself to the rest of the defense set-up at Silverton, giving three districts each with its own captain."

He further explained that Mabelle Towe and Myrtle Lorenzen had already been named captains of corps and that if enough register, a third captain will be appointed.

A group of Silverton members of Ridgely encampment, IOOF motored to Canby Tuesday to initiate the degree for the Canby encampment.

Included in the group were

George Christenson, George Bush, Olum Larson, Perry Nofsker, John Gerhke, Bruce Bennett, Grover Pomeroy, Ole Jacobsen, Paul Schneider, George Howard, Carl Bremer and Fred Smith.

Mrs. S. A. Gay left Wednesday for Needles where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Arlo Taylor.

Whitman Tapers Off For Willamette Games

Walla Walla, Feb. 12-(AP)—Guard Ray Odell showed the way with 15 points for Whitman's 42-32 victory over Lewiston normal Thursday in a warmup basketball game for next week's Willamette series.

ON THE INSIDE—
in Washington!

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
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Singapore may be lost, and the proud emblem of British empire swept from the China seas where so long it has waved unchallenged; but that flag comes down amid scenes of daring action by the sons of empire that thrill British hearts everywhere.

Whatever the recriminations that flow from the imminent and seemingly inevitable disaster, as gallant and hopeless a gesture of defiance to Japanese foes is being enacted on that far-away island as the brave annals of a thousand years of British fighting manhood afford.

"The Singapore radio told its empire listeners Thursday—with music—that radio communications were still in British hands," said a London bulletin.

Surely the spirits of Britons who have died gallantly on many a lost battlefield down the years were murmuring "well done" to the brave of another generation keeping the faith at Singapore. It was theirs, as it was the mission of Britons who died in that storied charge of the light brigade at Balaklava, not to question why, "theirs but to do and die." They have not failed, be their fate what it may.

It is certain that lost Singapore must inevitably bring bulky-shouldered, strong-chinned, indomitable Winston Churchill again before parliament to renew his promise of blood, sweat and tears to come before victory. The dire fulfillment at Singapore of that Churchill prophecy demands a new war accounting. Its impending fall cast gloom over all the empire and over its embattled allies.

It could bring him to the most critical hour of his war leadership. There is little he can say to soften the shock of that new blow without revealing military information of utmost value to the foe. There is little he can promise for the immediate future, perhaps for many long, weary months, but more blood, sweat and tears.

There are faint tinges of silver lining to the pall of battle smoke and destruction that hangs over Singapore, however. It has cost the Japanese two months and more in time to take it, and unknown but certainly terribly heavy losses in life and expended war reserves.

This is a war of grim attrition on all fronts. To what extent the battle of the Malay peninsula and of Singapore has sapped Japanese resources can only be conjectured.

But a cumulative aggregate of Japanese war wastage is building up behind the ever extending conquest front, now thousands of miles from home bases. That must ultimately prove the crack in Japanese armor if the will to fight on among the United Nations remains as unbroken as is that of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his men on Bataan, or on the last-ditch British rear guard at Singapore.

There is one other glint of silver for the anti-axis nations in far Pacific skies. It comes from spokesmen for stout-hearted Dutch allies, rallying anew for a formidable last-ditch stand on Java.

Netherlanders from the Spice Islands meet the challenge of crumbling Singapore with brave

Public Interest Great in Plans Of Timber Firm

SCIO—Considerable public interest is manifest here concerning plans of timber interests which recently made surveys of lands in the Thomas and Bilyeu creek basins east of Scio, in the west foothills of the Cascade range.

No particulars have been made public, it is said, relative to the report that timber interests plan a spur railroad to proposed operations and erection of a sawmill of 50,000 feet daily capacity. Over 400 men would be employed in the timber and at the mill, rumor says.

A. C. Rahn, farmer a few miles east of Scio, has contracted with the Scio school board to deliver 55 cords of 4-foot wood to the local school buildings for the 1942-43 school year. Price to be paid is \$3.20 per cord, delivered by August 15.

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County School Head Urges All Boards to Act on Teachers

Urging members of Marion county school boards to take action in securing teachers for next year, Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent has written notifying them that deadline for dismissing teachers under the Oregon law draws near.

Teachers not notified of re-election or dismissal by March 15 will be deemed to have been elected for the following school year at salaries not less than they have been receiving, the law declares. Such teachers may bring actions of mandamus to compel school boards to issue contracts for the following school year, Mrs. Booth points out.

Protection to boards is provided by a provision that teachers must notify the board in writing by April 1 of their acceptance or rejection of the positions tendered. The law governing the contracts of boards with teachers was passed by the last session of the state legislature.

"If you have a good teaching staff, by all means reelect them for another year," Mrs. Booth's letter to school boards declares. "We have lost many teachers to other better-paying fields of work and are very much concerned about filling positions next year. Do not

place too much faith in degrees, but look for teachers with character, personality, ability to get along with youngsters; and select teachers who have a firm and unswerving belief in the republican form of government. If you have teachers with these strong character traits, try to pay them enough to hold them in the teaching field. We have great pride in the American schools and must keep our faith in them," the letter continues.

An expression of appreciation to board members of the county for their cooperation and understanding this year and for "your fine spirit of helpfulness" is included in the letter.

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