

# Notes on Champoege Day—No. 1

## 'Oregon' One Time Was Larger Than It Is Now

This is the first of three articles dealing with "Champoege day," the centennial of which will be observed May 2, 1943. This first article deals with the historical setting in which Oregon's provisional government came into existence, tracing as much of the region's earlier history as is pertinent to the subject. The later articles will deal more directly with events in Oregon in 1841 and 1843. They will appear in the Sunday Statesman, April 18 and 25.

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The name "Oregon" meant, to Americans of a century ago, not merely a scattered settlement of some 240 white persons in the Willamette valley between Oregon City and Salem, nor even the area included in the present state of Oregon. It meant a much greater area extending from the summits of the Rockies to the Pacific shore, and from the 42nd parallel, then as now the Oregon-California boundary, northward to a line extending approximately through Prince Rupert, Canada; 54 degrees, 40 minutes.  
This definition of "Oregon" must be kept clearly in mind if a proper study is to be made of the significance of "Champoege day," the centennial of which is to be celebrated May 2, 1943. Necessary also is an outline sketch of the surrounding circumstances; but for the sake of clearness, the sketcher the outline, the better.  
United States claims to this great Oregon territory were based upon Robert Gray's discovery of the Columbia river in 1792, the overland exploration by the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804-5 and the founding of Astoria in 1811 by John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur company. That last item was somewhat clouded by Astor's sale to the Canadian North West

company at the time of the war of 1812.  
In the peace settlement after the war the United States wanted the boundary established at the 49th parallel—as it eventually was—but the British would not agree. At most times, if not at all times until the settlement finally was made, Great Britain was willing to make the Columbia river the boundary; and thus it is claimed by persons who think of "Oregon" in present-day terms, that the events of 1843 had no bearing on the territory's eventual allegiance. But they did affect the settlement of the "Oregon Question."  
In 1818 the matter was temporarily settled—or more accurately, left unsettled—by a treaty of joint occupation, whereby the United States and Great Britain agreed to leave the region "westward of the Great Stony mountains" neutral, equally open to citizens of each nation until a boundary should be established. This continued, in so far as the two governments were concerned, to be the territory's status until 1846, three years after the first "Champoege day."  
Meanwhile in Oregon, the North West company held a fur trading monopoly until it was merged with the Hudson's Bay company in 1821. John McLoughlin appeared on the scene in 1824 and built Fort Vancouver. His men explored much of what now is Oregon; he became in fact if not in name its governor, a sort of benign dictator. It was his duty to represent the interests of Hudson's Bay company, and those interests were linked with Great Britain's territorial claims. Today we know—though most Americans a century ago thought otherwise—that he was much too human and humani-

arian for a dictator's role.  
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Thus in 1843 "Oregon" remained to be won or lost, and people in more civilized portions of the world were beginning to appreciate its value. The little settlement in the Willamette valley was the center of an international contest which threatened to develop into a war. What happened in that settlement was bound to have some bearing on the contest's outcome. Several things did happen here in 1843; outstanding among them the creation of a provisional government avowing allegiance to the United States, and the arrival of a large number of additional American settlers.

## Benefit Dance Ticket Sale Drive Opens

Salem's civil air patrol, approximately 100 strong, this weekend join members of the Cooties, Veterans of Foreign Wars dance club, as ticket salesmen for a dance scheduled by the Cooties April 22 at VFW hall at a benefit for the CAP.

The patrol, recruited as a civilian defense project and operating under army authority as an auxiliary to regularly enlisted air force personnel, pays its own way, its members buying the army type uniform with US insignia which they alone of all volunteer units are privileged to wear.  
Stringent training is provided for members of the patrol and required of those who retain their standing in the organization, members pointed out Friday. Lt. Austin Cater is commander of the Salem squadron, for which Capt. Lee Eyerly is adviser.

Music for the benefit dance is to be provided by the Oregonians.

## Gates Club Reelects; Federation to Meet

GATES—The Gates Woman's club held its annual election of officers Thursday. All officers were reelected to their respective positions.  
Francis Clinton, home demonstration agent, gave a talk and demonstrated methods of mending.  
The Marion county federation of Women's clubs will meet at Gates this year on Friday, April 30. The Mill City Woman's club will assist with the entertaining.

## Around Oregon

The Oregon state grange shifted its annual meeting, set for June 7-11, from La Grande to Eugene.  
The Oregon racing commission granted a dog racing license to the Multnomah Kennel club subject to approval of the western defense command.  
Lake county irrigation farmers were promised ample summer water supplies by officials attending a snow survey and irrigation water forecast meeting at Lakeview.  
The state convention of Oregon Garden clubs was set for June 1 and 2 at Pendleton.  
Portland police, enforcing a 9:15 curfew ordinance, temporarily jailed 60 juveniles and released them upon parental assurances it would not happen again.  
Henry Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard ordered a seven-day week for burners, chippers, and welders but excluded women and helpers.  
Mrs. Caleb Simpson, Bend, died in Portland from injuries suffered last October when a gate fell on her head.  
The forest service announced at Portland that a six-week training course will begin Tuesday for 150 volunteers who will spend their vacations in anti-fire work.  
The trial of Johnny Jennings Lewis, charged with negligent homicide in the traffic death two weeks ago of Pvt. Carl Niedziak of the Pendleton air base, was set to open Monday in La Grande.  
The Coos county republican executive committee suggested that Gov. Earl Snell name a successor for County Judge E. L. Peterson, who is retiring to become director of the state department of agriculture.  
Sheriff Allen Birch of Tillamook county recovered the horns of his automobile with the arrest of three men found with a large assortment of car parts.

## Officer Wounds Shooting Suspect

KLAMATH FALLS, April 10. (AP)—James E. Echer, 35, was seriously wounded by Assistant Police Chief Orville Hamilton Saturday.  
Deputy District Attorney Clarence Humble said Echer was shot in the abdomen when he dropped his hands after the officer told him to keep them up. Hamilton, who sought to question Echer about the wounding of Woodruff L. Hubbard in the leg, thought Echer was reaching for a gun, Humble said.  
The district attorney said witnesses told him Hubbard was shot after an altercation. Two shots were fired at police who pursued the assailant.

## Franciscan Father Dies in California

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., April 10. (AP)—The Very Reverend Father Martin Knauff, 56, provincial of Franciscan fathers in Santa Barbara province which includes California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Utah and part of New Mexico, died in St. Francis hospital Saturday following a long illness.

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## Sociological Society Sets Wartime Session at WU

Willamette university will be host to the northern division of the Pacific Sociological society Friday. Dr. S. B. Laughlin, Willamette professor of sociology and chairman of the local committee announced plans for the streamlined wartime session.  
The meeting will begin at noon with a luncheon at the state hospital where Governor Earl Snell, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell will be present with members of the board of control, the parole board, heads of girls' and boys' state training schools, superintendent of the Fairview home and the state warden.  
Topics to be discussed at the public meeting at 2:30 p. m. in Collins hall on the campus will center around "American Correctional Institutions in Wartime" and "The Sociology of War." Chairmen of these discussion groups are David Lockwood of the Washington state department of finance, budget and business and Dr. Norman S. Hayner, from University of Washington, a former Willamette student.  
Speaking on "Washington State Correctional Institutions in Wartime," will be Richard A. McGee,

## supervisor of Washington state institutions and president of the American Prison association. The author of two textbooks on industrial education and numerous articles and pamphlets on penal and correctional management, McGee has been educational supervisor at Fort Leavenworth and at the US penitentiary at Lewisburg, Penn., and warden of the New York City penitentiary. McGee is also the editor and founder of "The Prison World."

Dr. Carl W. Topping of University of British Columbia and author of "Canadian Penal Institutions" will discuss "Recent Trends in Canadian Penal Institutions."  
A general discussion will be held on juvenile delinquency. Dr. Eldon H. Moore from University of Oregon will interpret "The Social Functions of War," and "Morale in the Shipbuilding Industry," will be presented by Dr. Joseph Cohen of the University of Washington.

## WPB Halt Rule Cancelled, Work On Road to Start

An order of the war production board halting construction of approaches to the new Pacific highway overcrossing at Judkins Point, south of Eugene, has been cancelled and work on the project will proceed, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer announced here Saturday.  
The contractor had made all plans to start the 4000 foot surfacing project when the WPB issued its stop order a week ago. Four to six weeks will be required to complete the project. A temporary grade crossing which Baldock described as dangerous will be eliminated when the new overcrossing is completed and opened to traffic.

## Tractor Mishap Injures One

SILVERTON — Jacob Hubert, Mt. Angel, was brought to the Silvertown hospital late Saturday afternoon suffering from head injuries and lacerations sustained when he was crushed between a tractor and a tree. Severity of his injuries was not known Saturday night although he was said to be resting more easily.  
R. A. Lals also was an accident patient at the hospital, where he was brought Saturday night with a broken right arm.

## McMinnville Rules Against Garden Digging Pets

McMINNVILLE, April 10. (AP)—Dog owners were busy Saturday tethering their pets in their own yards as the result of an ordinance passed by the city council making owners subject to a \$10 fine if their dogs damage gardens.

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