

Personnel for Navy Reserve Units Needed

(Story also on page 1.)

With the quickening of naval reserve activity at McNary field added recruiting personnel needed, naval reserve officers said Saturday.

Needed immediately are former WAVES, especially those who served as yeomen, link trainer specialists and tower operators, all of whom are enlisted men.

Salem Air Service, which now occupies the big hangar on the east side of the airport, is slated to vacate the hangar and to move into a hangar on the west side of the field. The navy will then occupy the east hangar.

Officials of Salem Air reported Saturday that they had moved their shop to the new location but that the office, equipment and planes were still in the old building.

"Neither the new shop nor office has been completed," one official said. "We are operating from the old stand and probably will continue to do so until the navy takes over this building."

Waits on Dry Weather

Work by the city on strips and a new road is waiting for dry weather. Laying the base for the road and some work on the strips was accomplished last fall.

Meanwhile across the road from the airport the new navy and marine corps reserve armory is nearing completion. Except for a small amount of inside finishing work the \$268,000 structure is completed, according to Comdr. D. N. Morey, jr.

Commodore Morey and six enlisted navy and three enlisted marine personnel are active in occupying the building. Comdr. Morey is in charge of the building and its maintenance but navy and marine reserve units are directed by their own officers.

Reserve Units

The navy unit has three reserve units—the surface, Seabees and air reserve—totaling about over 400 men. When the naval air squadron moves here it will probably use the building for class-room instruction.

Two engineers from Bremerton, Wash., navy yard, are going over electronic equipment at the armory now, Comdr. Morey said. They will call for bids to install the equipment on April 1. It is hoped to begin installation within 15 days after the bids are opened, he declared. The equipment consists of radio, radar and transmitter sets.

The armory now has one of the best indoor rifle ranges in the area, Comdr. Morey said. Civilian organizations, such as gun clubs and other groups, may use the range, he said.

McKay Says CVA to Delay Development

Gov. Douglas McKay, home from conference on the Columbia valley authority in Pocatello, Idaho, reiterated Saturday that he believed establishment of a CVA in the northwest would delay development and lead to a dictatorship from Washington to the detriment of state's rights.

Also attending the parley was Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg.

The governor and the executives of Washington and Idaho—Arthur B. Langlie and C. A. Robins, respectively—signed a resolution asking congressional authorization for Columbia river development through existing agencies in cooperation with the states.

McKay particularly commended the reports of the army engineers

and national reclamation bureau, and said the governors considered it vitally important that these reports be brought to the attention of congress during the current session.

Slavs Protest Propaganda Bombardment

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—The Yugoslavia news agency, Tanjug, said today Albania violated international law by dropping propaganda leaflets over Yugoslav territory last Thursday.

In a broadcast recorded here the news agency said: "The Yugoslav peoples will know how to find means to prevent such methods of Albanian leadership against Yugoslavia."

Tanjung said the leaflets, dropped by an Albanian plane, "contained the most brazen lies and slanders against Yugoslavia and her leadership."

"This is a serious violation of the air space of Yugoslavia and the throwing of slanderous material represents an unprecedented violation of international law and sovereignty," Tanjug declared.

The leaflets, it added, were collected quickly and turned over to Yugoslav government authorities. Albania is one of the cominform nations at odds with Yugoslavia's Tito who has been accused of deviating from the orthodox communist line.

Snake 'Cure' Worse than Rat Menace

COLUMBUS, O., March 26 (AP)—Snakes. Everywhere you looked there were snakes. Housewives in a west side neighborhood were panic-stricken today.

Women, in house dresses and aprons, were armed with brooms and clubs. They screamed and shouted as they wielded their weapons—attempting to kill about 200 snakes wriggling over their lawns. Then—

"Hey—quit killing those snakes," a man shouted. "They're mine. I brought them in from the country to kill rats." Edward Minshall told the flabbergasted women.

Minshall explained he had captured about 200 garter snakes. He said he put them in his basement, but some of them must have escaped.

One housewife indignantly asked why he didn't try some other rat-catching device which would be more acceptable to neighbors. Someone suggested a cat.

"Cats are no good," said Minshall. "I had some cats," he said, "but one day I saw one of them asleep. A rat ran right over it and the cat didn't move. I threw them all out and decided to get snakes instead."

Minshall, however, agreed to dispose of the snakes.

Solons Apply To Sen. Wilcox For 'Charity'

Sen. Marie Wilcox, Grants Pass, is the only senator getting paid nowadays and her colleagues Saturday began applying for loans.

A news story in Saturday's Statesman reported that Grants Pass citizens had raised \$262 for Mrs. Wilcox and Rep. R. C. Coulter, also of that city. The Grants Pass legislators, like the rest of the lawmakers, have worked 26 days without pay.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, read the story on the senate floor and said he hopes the movement spreads throughout the state.

Pamphlets Trade Charges in Monmouth Sector's School District Consolidation Battle

MONMOUTH, March 26 (Special)—More fireworks exploded here today in school consolidation scramble when statements attributed to the state department of education by opponents of the plan were denied in a leaflet by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

Voters will go to the polls Monday at Monmouth and Independence to decide whether the Monmouth school district will consolidate with Independence and seven other small school districts.

Putnam and assistants Donald Emerson and Walter Snyder denied making the statement that the state department of education recommended an allowance of 30 per cent above estimates be allowed to compensate for extra cost of operation under consolidation. The denial was in the form of a pamphlet signed by Neal Edwards, chairman of the Monmouth school board, and Louis C. Britt, chairman of the Independence school board.

Virginia Wilson Queen of Ball At Willamette

Lovely Virginia Wilson, freshman brunette from Parkdale, was crowned queen of Willamette university's annual Letterman's club ball by Club President Howard Lorenz last night in the campus gymnasium.

The coronation ceremonies took place after Miss Wilson and four other contestants—Janyce Baker, Salem; Shirley Hansen, Denver, Colo.; Drann McMakin, Camas, Wash.; and Betty Jean Mullin, Portland, listened intently to the queen announcement by last year's queen, Pat Ryan, Vancouver, Wash. The other four were automatically made Queen Virginia's royal court princesses.

Earlier Pamphlet

The questioned statement appeared in an earlier pamphlet signed by "The Monmouth Public School Improvement Committee." The committee includes Ralph Winegar, James W. Gentile, C. H. Lauerman, L. O. Fettes, Thomas H. Gentile, Claud Snair, C. Condon and P. S. Berg.

Prof. M. R. Thompson, Oregon College of Education, a member of the Monmouth school board and formerly superintendent of schools in Monmouth, also vigorously denied a statement attributed to him in the committee's pamphlet. Thompson said that his actual statement was so twisted as to place him in the light of seeing no urgent need for consolidation. "On the contrary," he said, "I believe that we should consolidate now."

Thompson's denial was confirmed by others present at the board meeting at which he spoke. Explanation Made

James Gentile, member of the improvement committee, said tonight that the statement was not attributed to any of the three education department heads but was indirectly attributed to the department. In the case of Prof. Thompson, Gentile said that his statement had not been twisted, but that one sentence was inadvertently added which Thompson did not say.

Man Admits Attempting to Wreck Trains

WEST NEWTON, Pa., March 26 (AP)—Police Chief Earl H. Sterner said tonight a 22-year old West Newton youth admitted in a signed statement he tried to wreck two crack Baltimore and Ohio railroad trains.

Sterner identified the youth as Walter Fergus. He said the attempt to wreck the trains was made late last night in this small community, about 30 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Fergus pleaded guilty tonight to a charge of malicious injury to a railroad. He was released under \$2,500 bond pending a court appearance.

Justice of the Peace J. E. Moorehead, who said he witnessed the signing of a statement by Fergus, quoted it as saying in part: "I went haywire last night while sitting at home. The longer I sat, the better I could see the switches. I just couldn't help myself so I went down and planned the wreck."

Sterner said Fergus placed several ties on the rails but that the speeding Columbian, a Washington-to-Chicago passenger express, passed over the ties safely. Then, the Police chief added, Fergus told him he placed more ties on the track and tried to cut a switch lock with a hack saw. The saw inadvertently cut an electrical circuit, automatically setting a red block against the engineer of the second section of the Columbian. The engineer stopped and crewmen went forward to discover the blockade.

The police chief said Fergus was observed in the vicinity and that his arrest followed several hours later.

The Ohio senator's suggestion would duplicate the action congress took last year, when it voted \$5,050,000 in actual appropriations for 15 months but permitted the president to telescope the allocations into 12 months. The president did not.

Taft said an amendment may be offered for a 10 per cent cut in the over-all \$5-580,000,000 figure in line with economy talks between house and senate republicans.

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Russian Hero Wins Aintree, Reds Applaud

LONDON, March 26 (AP)—Only a year ago they made jokes in the Fleet Street bars about a horse picker named Cayton.

Cayton handicaps for the communist London daily worker. He had failed to tout the winner of the Lincolnshire handicap. The winner was named Commissar. He paid 33 to 1.

"Heard about Cayton?" They'd say. "He has been purged by the state. Didn't pick Commissar."

Tonight in the Fleet Street bars they took off their hats when they spoke of Cayton.

Still on the job—the purge was just in the jokes—he was the only newspaper expert who thought Russian hero could win the grand national.

Cayton recommended Russian Hero as a sound "each way" bet—that is, to win and place.

Russian hero paid 66 to 1 in the Handicap and nearly 203 to 1 in the Aintree Tote.

Next week there'll be a new joke! Cayton's been purged for making capitalists out of the party faithful.

Toastmaster Clubs Welcome New Chapter

Willamette club was added officially to the list of Toastmaster clubs Saturday night when President Joseph Prange was presented with a charter by Blair T. Alderman, Eugene, lieutenant governor of district 7.

Seventy-seven members and guests were on hand at Nohlgrun's restaurant. The fourth member of the organization in Salem. The others are Capitol, Salem and Toastmistress club. All were represented at the meeting at Nohlgrun's restaurant.

Out-of-town guests at the charter session were Sheldon Heat-vedt, Albany, area governor, who was principal speaker, and Mrs. L. W. Wrenius and Mrs. C. W. Densmore, both of Albany Toastmistress club.

Representing Salem clubs was Mrs. Grace Hartley, chairman of council 3, Amanda Anderson, president of the Salem Toastmistress club, Elmer Amundson, president of the Capitol club and Darel Jones, president of the Salem club.

Game Tithing Held Bar to Federal Aid

The legislative ways and means committee faced a new financial problem Saturday when word was received from Portland that Robert M. Rutherford, Washington, D. C., had ruled that state game commission funds cannot be tithed to the state's general fund without the possible loss of \$260,000 a year of federal game funds.

Rutherford is attached to a division of the department of the interior which has charge of giving this aid to the states. Sportsmen had objected strenuously to diversion of 10 per cent of game commission revenues to the general fund.

Several ways and means committee members said Rutherford's ruling might open up the whole tithing question as it involves state activities. Records here show that the state game commission's share of tithing to the general fund is approximately \$108,000 for the 1947-49 biennium.

CIRCUIT JUDGE ADDED

Gov. Douglas McKay Saturday signed into law a bill giving Lane county another circuit judge, and immediately appointed William G. East, Eugene attorney, to the new post.



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Fire Quelled in Old Cannery; Arson Hinted

Possibility of arson was being investigated Saturday night by Fire Chief W. P. Roble and city police detectives after a blaze was discovered in the old unused Paulus Brothers cannery building on South High street.

Firemen were called to the big two-story structure at 5:19 p.m. when a fire broke out near the ceiling of the first floor at the east end of the building. It was brought under control before the blaze could spread.

Evidence of several set fires in scattered parts of the building were discovered by firemen, leading to the investigation. One bonfire underneath of wooden stairs on the ground floor was apparently recently set and papers had been burned at one point on the first floor and two on the second floor.

The cubicle on the second floor had recently been occupied by a transient. Several cigar butts were found in the vicinity of a unrolled bed sack. Residents of the area said the building had often been entered by transients and juveniles.

Fliers Unhurt In Arctic Circle

EDMONTON, Alta., March 26 (AP)—A Canadian rescue plane late today located seven U. S. air force fliers marooned on the icy coast of Ellesmere island since Thursday night when their C-52 cargo ship crashed.

Previous radio messages received from the fliers said they are unhurt and "in excellent condition." The RCAF dropped survival equipment to the men and planned to evacuate them tomorrow in a ski-equipped C-47 transport.

The downed plane was sighted on the coast of Ellesmere island on Smith sound, between Baffin bay and Kane basin, about 850 miles north of the Arctic circle.

France, Italy Sign Treaty To Tear Down Tariffs

PARIS, March 26 (AP)—France and Italy signed today a treaty designed to tear down the tariff wall between them and eventually to unify all their trade.

The pact calls for a Franco-Italian customs union in 1950 and a complete economic merger by 1955.

Hubby Spanks New Orleans Beauty Queen

NEW ORLEANS, March 26 (AP)—Beauty queen Barbara Jean Floyd bit, slapped, scratched and kicked her air pilot husband today, and got a spanking in return.

But the paddling "didn't hurt a bit," she said, "because I had my girldie on."

The fracas took place in the lobby of a hotel, before reporters and photographers who waited hopefully for several hours, aware of her ire.

Red-haired Barbara Jean's Irish temper was up over published statements by her husband, Capt. George Cauthen of McBees, S. C., concerning their South American marriage. She wants the marriage annulled.

Barbara Jean, "Miss New Orleans of 1948," met and married Cauthen seven weeks ago while she was on a tour trying to stir up a Pan-American beauty contest. Cauthen, pilot for a Colombian air line, is 28. She is 18. She returned home a week ago.

and at first denied newspaper reports of the marriage. Then she said she had married him only because she was out of funds, and hoped he could wangle transportation for her tour.

Cauthen arrived here yesterday. This morning she read a newspaper interview quoting him as saying "I've just been taken"; that her mother told him he was "in for trouble" when he married her; and that her actions had created "undesirable reaction" in Latin America.

Barbara Jean was waiting for him in the hotel lobby. As he entered, she:

Struck him in the face with the newspaper. Kicked away a suit box and shoe box he held up for protection.

Pulled his hair and scratched his eye.

Bit his leg, tearing his trousers and leaving lipstick smudges on the dark blue suit.

Twice pulled him back as he tried to climb a stairway and flee.

Cauthen, smiling and apparently confused, held her wrists, apologized to the hotel manager who stood near. Finally Cauthen said, "you asked for it, Barbara." Pushed her to the floor, turned her over his knee and gave her several whacks on her gray gabardine suit.

Later, she headed for a newspaper office and waited until the next edition came out with a picture and story of the fray. She protested bitterly over a headline, "Husband Spanks Beauty Queen." "What do you mean?" she de-



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