

Guard Given Training Aids During Drills

(Picture on page one.) The well-trained soldier is the least likely to become a battle-casualty — that is the lesson pounded home in weekly drills of Salem's Company B, 162nd Infantry, of the Oregon National Guard.

"Training counts," says Lt. Joseph Meier, company commander. "That was demonstrated in the last war. Most of the casualties were counted among men with little military training."

The 121 men and five officers of Company B go through a series of training paces designed for the four sections of the company — the rifleman, mortar squad, recoilless artillery and machine gun sections.

A valuable training aid for the rifleman and mortar squad is a "sand table." This is merely a rough contour map mounted on a table. It depicts in miniature — hills, roads, creeks, fences and other ground features.

This realistic guide is used to supplement classes in squad tactics, Lieutenant Meier said. From it the men get a better idea of the tactical problem depicted.

Rifleman go through three phases of training. They are first year (basic), second year (intermediate) and third year (advanced tactical). Indoor training at the local armory becomes the real thing at the guard's two-week annual summer training session.

Although his company is up to full strength, said Meier, recruiting campaigns are conducted periodically to line up men to fill vacancies which occur from time to time in the group.

Salem's other national guard unit, Company C, meets each Thursday night at the armory under the command of Capt. William Dyer. It conducts the same type of training sessions as does Company B.

"National guardsmen are now getting some of the best training ever given in their units," said Lieutenant Meier. "There are many veterans of the last war in the guard who still remember lessons learned in combat."

Salem School Falls Victim To Prowlers

Prowlers ransacked McKinley elementary school over the week end. It followed break-ins at two other Salem public schools a week ago.

Janitor Vernon Weaver discovered the incident at 2 p.m. Sunday and notified police. He told them it had happened sometime since Friday afternoon.

Whether any valuables had been taken was undetermined by police when they were unable to contact the school principal. The investigation will continue today.

The culprits unclashed a basement door after breaking a pane of glass in the door window. They also broke another window but failed to enter by that route because it was nailed down.

All faculty desks were ransacked as in last week's burglaries at Bush and Richmond schools.

Severe Earthquake Centers in Caribbean

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 20—(AP)—A heavy earthquake shock, so severe it drove the indicator off the chart, was recorded early today at Spring Hill college's seismograph.

The shock was believed to have centered around the southwest coast of Nicaragua.

Jump in Social Insurance Tax Starts Jan. 1

By Charles Meloy WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—A 50 per cent increase in social insurance taxes will go into effect six weeks from today, raising \$667,000,000 more a year.

Beginning January 1, employers and employees each will pay 1 1/2 per cent tax on wages and salaries up to a wage or salary maximum of \$3,000. The present rate is 1 per cent. It has been in effect since the system of retirement and survivors' benefits was started 13 years ago.

The schedule of benefits will remain unchanged. However, under a bill passed by the house and pending in the senate, both the premium and the benefits would be higher.

Officials predicted the taxes will affect some 39,000,000 workers and 2,700,000 employers next year, requiring employers and employees to share equally in tax payments as high as \$90 a person per year. The present maximum is \$60.

Under the pending legislation, the number of workers affected may rise to 50,000,000 and the top employer-employee tax payment per person to \$108 before 1950 is over, they said.

The house-passed bill, which a senate committee is to take up in January, would apply the 1 1/2 per cent levy to earnings up to \$3,600, thus upping the combined contribution of employer and worker at that level another \$18.

The higher levy to go into effect automatically on January 1 results from legislation passed in 1948 by the 80th congress.

Coffee Price To Stay High

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—The American housewife apparently will have to get used to paying more for coffee.

With prices now at an "all time high," world supplies for the next few years are likely to remain about the present levels, the commerce department said today. It assured that no immediate shortage is foreseen.

The department published a 3500-word study of the world coffee situation by Albert M. Prosterman and Alice M. Taylor, of the food branch.

The two experts said the key to the situation is Brazilian production which has been going down since the depression years when the South American country burned hills of coffee it couldn't sell.

BRASS BACK RECRUITING NEW YORK, Nov. 20—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wartime chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, joined today in asking more enlistments in the organized reserve corps.

The two army officers, appearing together publicly for the first time since the end of the war, spoke to 10,000 reservists at the Kingsbridge armory in the Bronx.

ERSKINE STILL CRITICAL NEW YORK, Nov. 20—(AP)—John Erskine, 70-year-old novelist, teacher and lecturer, remains on the critical list, Beekman-Downtown hospital said today. His wife has said he was suffering from high blood pressure.

State Employees Ask Retirement Act Changes

PORTLAND, Nov. 20—(AP)—The Oregon State Employees association wound up its annual convention today with resolutions. The principal ones were aimed at major changes in the 1946 retirement act.

Delegates requested retired employees be given credit for all service prior to the act instead of only up to 20 years; that prior service benefits be increased to \$4, which would pay out about half the employees base pay instead of the existing \$125 a month maximum; that retirement be optional after either 30 years service or the present allowable age of 65.

The association said these changes would encourage "young men in their 20's" to enter state service.

Another resolution called for the 1951 legislature to liberalize the retirement act to include payments made by the state in the monthly annuity to beneficiaries of employees who die before retirement age. The state's share would not exceed the amount of the annuity purchased by the employer.

On working conditions, the state employees asked standardization of all employees, schedules to a five day, 40 hour week. They said current work weeks vary from 40 to 46 hours. They also asked that Columbus Day be restored as a legal paid holiday. This was taken away by the 1949 legislature.

E. F. Chidsey, La Grande, was elected president; E. A. Banford, Salem, vice president, and Lois Manning, Salem, secretary-treasurer. New directors are P. M. Brandt, Corvallis; James Banks, Salem; Gordon Shattuc, Salem; J. D. Wilson, Salem; Ted Jones, Eugene, and William Lawless, Portland.

Salem was voted the 1950 convention site.

Princess in Malta with Sailor Husband

VALLETTA, Malta, Nov. 20—(AP)—Princess Elizabeth got here in time today to spend at least part of her second wedding anniversary with her sailor husband, Prince Philip. He had planned to arrive last night, but fog delayed her departure from London for 24 hours.

Philip bounded up the landing steps of the plane which brought Elizabeth here from London as soon as it landed this evening. He gave her a big hello in the cabin before bringing her out to face the photographers.

The princess greeted Malta's governor, Sir Francis Cressy, and Archbishop Gonzi, along with a few naval personages, but there was a minimum of ceremony.

The royal couple was taken to Villa Guardamangia, which will be their home during her stay here. Among the vessels which can be seen from the villa is the destroyer Chequers, which is the prince's home at sea. He is second in command of the vessel.

The princess expects to rejoin her year-old son, Prince Charles, in London before Christmas.

U. S. Official Dies, Result of Game of Russian Roulette

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Nov. 20—(AP)—U. S. District Commissioner Richard R. Simmons, 35, died in Home hospital last night after accidentally shooting himself in a game of "Russian roulette."

Simmons was in the bedroom of his home rehearsing for a play. He told his wife he was going to try a game of "Russian roulette," but Mrs. Simmons thought he was joking. He put a gun to his temple, after spinning the chamber, and pressed the trigger. The weapon discharged and he crumpled to the floor.

Demos List 18 Possibilities in Congress Race

McMINNVILLE, Nov. 20—(AP)—Democratic party leaders today completed organization of a First Oregon Congressional District committee. They then listed 18 potential candidates to oppose Rep. Walter Norblad in next year's general elections.

The ten county session was attended by some 70 democratic workers. Luis A. Martine-Lally, Salem, was named committee chairman; Lyman Ross, Aloha, is vice chairman, and Mrs. Manley J. Wilson, Warren, is secretary.

The list of possible candidates to oppose the Astoria republican are: W. W. Dillard, St. Helens, Washington county district attorney; Harry Dillon, McMinnville, president of Linfield college; Mrs. Elizabeth Genne, Forest Grove; Edward E. Gideon, Salem, a congressional candidate in 1948; Roy R. Hewitt, Salem, former dean of the Willamette university law school; State Senator R. D. Holmes, Astoria; Albert T. Kemmer, Beaverton attorney; Glen Lee-mann, mayor of St. Helens; Dr. Lloyd C. LaMaster, Oregon State college faculty member; Robert D. MacLean, Waldport, a state tax commissioner; State Rep. Howard Morgan, Monmouth; Earl A. Nott, Yamhill county district attorney; Lyman Ross, Aloha, former state senator; Stanley S. Skoko, Clackamas county commissioner; Gordon Sloan, Astoria attorney; Robert W. Thornton, Tillamook county democratic chairman; Manley J. Wilson, Warren, a candidate for the senate last year; Harlan M. Woods, Tillamook county judge.

VA Reminds New Insurance Deadline Near

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—The veterans administration reminded ex-GI's today that there's another insurance deadline coming up Jan. 1.

Any World War II veteran may take out a national service life insurance policy, or reinstate a lapsed policy, before that date simply by providing satisfactory evidence of good health, the agency said.

It added that less-than-total service-incurred disability will be disregarded in determining good health of the applicant.

Starting January 1, however, each candidate for a policy or a renewal must demonstrate that he is an insurable risk.

The rules also become more strict January 1 for veterans applying for the national service life insurance "total disability income provision."

This provision gives veterans extra coverage for a small additional premium, in the form of a specified monthly income in event the insured person becoming totally disabled.

Survivors of Ditching Tell Of Hardships

By James Streibig HAMILTON, Bermuda, Nov. 20—(AP)—Eighteen survivors of a B-29 crash off the Bermuda coast spent a "miserable" 79 hours on storm-tossed seas and some were dunked in the water when their rafts capsized, the plane's commander, said today.

Lt. Col. John Grable of March Field air base in California, the commander, and other survivors of the crash Wednesday about 400 miles northeast of Bermuda were interviewed at Kindley field hospital.

The bruised and salt-caked fliers were delivered to the Kindley air base by the Canadian Destroyer Haida, which had picked them up from the chill waters of the Atlantic yesterday.

Two of the 20 men aboard the B-29 did not survive. The tail broke off the plane when it was ditched out of fuel. It turned nose down in less than a minute.

One of the men who was killed was hurt by wrecked girders from the air giant. The second escaped injury but was unable to swim against the heavy seas. The men were lost because heavy swells made it impossible to reach them, Grable said.

14 Walked Off Fourteen of the survivors were able to walk off the destroyer. Four were carried to the base hospital. One appeared to be suffering badly from shock.

Lt. Cmdr. Edward T. G. Madgwick, Ottawa, captain of the destroyer, said waves 50 to 60 feet tossed the survivors in their rescue boat, which had been dropped to them by a B-17. He said the boat rose so high on the waves the men stepped or were handed across the destroyer's forward deck without using a ladder.

Men Pretty Dazed Lt. Cmdr. Alfred A. H. Kerley of Victoria, B. C., said the men seemed pretty dazed when they were picked up.

"We fed them soup and coffee and they wolfed that down," he said.

Reporters asked Grable how conditions were during the time on the sea.

"Miserable" was his reply. He said one raft capsized on two different nights but fortunately all the men got back aboard.

Prayed a Lot Asked whether any of the men had showed religious zeal, Grable said:

"No one turned evangelist, but we all thought a lot and prayed that we would be picked up."

"What are you going to do?" they were all asked.

"I think we are all going to the church, and then maybe we will celebrate a bit," Grable said.

"What was the main topic of conversation?"

"Move over and give me a little room," but nobody said please." Grable referred to the fact that the six-man rafts carried nine men each because a third raft had jammed in the tail section and was not recovered.

The survivors were not thirsty because it had rained a good deal of the time. They also had equipment to purify salt water for drinking. They lived on emergency rations, which are mainly hard candy. When they were picked up, they had one day's rations left.

Sir Harry Lauder On Recovery Road

STRATHAVEN, Scotland, Nov. 20—(AP)—Sir Harry Lauder sat up in his bedroom today—exactly three months after it was announced he was critically ill with a blood clot in his right leg and a kidney ailment.

His physician, Dr. John Stewart, is now confident the 79-year-old comedian will recover. Lauder is cheery, jokes with his physicians and is enjoying his pipe again.

Strike Thins Truck Travel On Ohio Road

CLEVELAND, Nov. 20—(AP)—Truck traffic on Ohio highways thinned out today. The AFL Teamsters union started a strike of some 8,000 workers employed by Ohio firms in long-distance trucking.

Because of reduced week-end operations, the walkout called last night will not have full effect until tomorrow and perhaps later. For the first few hours of the strike several terminals dispatched vehicles as usual. No picketing was reported.

The AFL Ohio highway drivers council and the Ohio over-the-road employers' association set up headquarters in the same downtown Cleveland hotel (Carter) to plan strike strategy.

Representatives of these two groups had negotiated here from last Tuesday until a stalemate yesterday afternoon. Then the union called the strike it originally set for last Thursday.

The union is asking 25-cent hourly pay hikes, company contributions of one dollar a week for each employe to a health and welfare fund, and changes in working conditions.

Snow Sifts into Lakes Region

CHICAGO, Nov. 20—(AP)—Light snow sifted into the eastern Dakotas and most of the Great Lakes region today. There was sleet in parts of northern New England and western New York.

Elsewhere, much of the nation had fair weather. Chilliest morning temperatures were reported in northern Minnesota, with the low reading, 14 degrees, at Duluth.

It was warm in most of the south from coast to coast.

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Republicans to Rip Formalities From Kickoff

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—(AP)—Republicans set out today to fire party spirit for 1950 with a huge fried chicken box supper stripped of formalities.

While the democrats have hired a ballroom in the swank Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York for a \$100-a-plate dinner as a fund-raising kickoff for the coming elections, GOP leaders announced plans for a \$1 or "bring your own" supper in Uline arena here.

The democratic dinner will be held December 2. Vice President Barkley will make the principal speech and his new bride will be an added attraction. The announced goal is \$500,000 for the next campaign.

But, the GOP said today it's going to be no stiff-shirt affair for them this time. Their Lincoln day box supper, February 8 has been tuned to recent pleadings of some of their leaders that the "Grand Old Party" direct more appeal to the "average guy."

They're making it a big show for the little man, instead of a collection for the campaign.

GOP National Chairman Guy Gabrielson today appealed to party members over the country to help make it a demonstration of "party spirit" for the congressional campaign.

Lady Astor to Get Flagpole of Month Award

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 20—(AP)—The motion picture industry council today accepted Lady Nancy Astor as its first candidate for its new Flagpole of the Month award.

The council, representing 35,000 persons in the film industry, stated that Lady Astor was nominated by Hollywood glamor girls, recent targets of her criticism.

"We are awfully tired of people who use attacks on Hollywood... as a device for getting their names into the papers," a council spokesman explained. "Flagpole sitting has been the most obvious resort of the publicity seeker 'and we can think of no better reward... than to give them their own flagpole to sit on."

The spokesman said the flagpoles will come in various sizes from the toothpick variety for people with midget minds to the five-foot economy size for people who can't stand high places.

THE SALEM DEVIL IN THE LUNCHBOX NOW SHOWING! Starts at 6:45 P.M. Cary Grant Ann Sheridan "I Was a Male War Bride" William Eythe Laura Ellicott "Special Agent"

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