

Legion Head Urges Retention of Draftees



YEAR OLD DRESS IS worn here by Sandra Joene as she makes her own preparations for the Oregon pageant here this week. The dress was worn by her sister, Mrs. Susie Bishop. Costumes like these will be used in the Pageant costume parade at 3 p. m. Wednesday with everyone eligible to participate. (Wiltshire engraving)

Three Children Drown; Accidents Cost 12 Injuries

County's week-end accident toll Monday totaled 12, including three children who drowned and more than a dozen persons in a variety of mishaps. ...

Oregon Trail Pageant Program

- Wednesday, July 23—Eugene Day
3:00 p. m. Old time costume parade.
3:30 p. m. Arrival of Susannah, Belle of the Trail, and her retinue to Eugene.
3:45 p. m. Judging of old time costumes, City Park block, 8th and Oak streets.
4:30 p. m. Address of welcome to Susannah and visiting Belles by Mayor Elisha Large.
4:45 p. m. Public reception for Susannah and party at Osburn hotel.
5:00 p. m. West Coast Circus attractions at Amusement Center.
7:30 p. m. Final judging of whisker contestants, City Park, 8th and Oak streets.
8:00 p. m. Free entertainment, amusement center.
Thursday, July 24—Oregon Day
11:00 a. m. Civic and industrial parade.
3:00 p. m. Old fashioned costume Whist party, Osburn hotel.
8:15 p. m. Crowning of Susannah V, Pageant grounds.
8:30 p. m. "Oregon Trail" Pioneer Pageant at Lane County Fairgrounds, 13th and Monroe streets.
9:30 p. m. West Coast Circus attractions, Amusement center.
Friday, July 25—Pioneer Day
10:30 a. m. Pioneer Parade, forms at Fairgrounds.
12:30 p. m. Pioneer Barbecue and Reunion, Fairgrounds. (Admission by ticket only).
1:00 p. m. West Coast Circus attractions, Amusement center.
8:30 p. m. "Oregon Trail" Pioneer Pageant, Fairgrounds.
10:00 p. m. Queen's Ball, Gerlinger Hall, University campus. (Admission by invitation ticket only).
Saturday, July 26—Lane County Day
12:00 noon Guest luncheon and Pioneer style show, Eugene hotel.
2:00 p. m. Baseball, Civic Stadium, Eugene Athletics vs. House of David.
8:30 p. m. "Oregon Trail" Pioneer Pageant, Fairgrounds.
9:00 p. m. Free entertainment, Amusement center.

Germans Claim Gains Through Stalin's Line

One Soviet Division Said Destroyed; RAF Raids Take Toll

By the Associated Press
A German military spokesman declared late today that a "big destructive battle is in progress east of the Stalin line"—presumably in the Smolensk sector guarding Moscow—and other Nazi sources reported the annihilation of an entire Soviet division in bloody fighting around Mogilev, on the Dnieper river.
Dispatches from Moscow quoted private Soviet advisers as saying that Smolensk, key city 230 miles from the Russian capital on the Minsk-to-Moscow motor highway, was still in Red army hands despite a German claim to the contrary.
A Nazi spokesman compared the situation in the 30-day-old conflict with Nazi successes on the western front in June, 1940, after the turning of the French Maginot line.

Big Raids Planned

Meanwhile, striking at Germany's side door in support of the Russian war effort, the British said RAF warplanes would launch the heaviest air raids in history against the Reich in the next three months. Attacks on a scale "which will make Coventry look like a pinprick," were predicted.

Weather Slows 'Blitz'

The Germans said extremely bad weather was hampering their blitzkrieg style of assault.
DNB, the official German news

Pageant Cast Must Attend 3 Rehearsals

All members of the Oregon Trail pageant cast will be required to attend the three dress rehearsals Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the fairgrounds, Mrs. Doris Smith, director, announced Monday. No one will be excused.
The gates will be closed Monday night to all except participants who must show their passes in order to enter. Participants are to enter by the Madison street gate and may park their cars inside, just behind the grandstand.

Whiskalantes Eye Beards

The Whiskalantes are now seeking bearded Eugeneans as well as the beardless, but for a different purpose.

The black-garbed organization will handle the final judging of whisker contestants at the city park, Eighth and Oak streets, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., according to Nelson Paris, Whiskalante head, and are seeking contestants for the judging.

Prizes will be offered in various classifications, Paris said, with classifications and prizes to be announced tomorrow.

Parade Slated Tuesday Evening

With attendance expected to near the 1500 mark by late Tuesday, delegates and visitors to the annual American Legion and auxiliary conventions in Eugene are looking forward to the "big parade" and the drum and bugle corps contest, Tuesday evening.

The annual 40 and 8 parade will be at 7 p. m. Monday.

The all-convention parade comes Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., entering Willamette street on Seventh avenue and proceeding to the Civic Stadium, 20th and Willamette streets. The stadium will be open at 7 p. m. in order that those wishing to see the parade end there may do so, and then be on hand for the drum contest.

One of the big events of each Legion convention is the drum corps and majorette contests. These will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Civic Stadium following the parade.

Prizes are awarded to the drum corps excelling in march formations, cadence, drumming, and music.

Six junior drum corps and five senior drum corps, representing various sections of Oregon, have registered for the competition. The brightly colored uniforms, banners, and smart march formations create a spectacular scene.

The general public is invited to the competition, tickets obtainable at the Civic stadium.

The majorette contest will be participated in by 14 girls from leading Legion posts throughout Oregon. Mary Anderson, University of Oregon band drum major, will be the official hostess to these girls and will assist in the judging.

Featuring in the program, too, will be the Eugene band and a Scotch kilty band.

Judges of the different events are: Marching cadence, Lieut. Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Captain Frank I. Agule, Captain Harry Powell; drumming and music: Myron Blackwell, and Norman Cory; majorette contest, Robert Wiseman, Tom Mayer, Elwood Riceman, and Lloyd Williamson of the Ashland kilty band, assisted by Mary Anderson. At the microphone will be James K. King as general announcer. Lawrence W. Manerud is chairman from the Eugene post of the Legion for the contest, and Harry Powell heads the parade committee.

Worker Paid To Keep Quiet

At least two Legionnaires got some sleep last night, but it cost them money.

Commander Vic Brown of Portland had room 207 in a local hotel. Kelly Owens of Salem, had room 307.

Both were trying their best to get sleep in the wee hours, when a mechanic in a garage across the street began to pound on a fender.

Both hurried to their respective windows.

"Hey" they chorused, "How much do you earn a day?"

"Six dollars," was the reply. The two Legionnaires split the bill, paid off the mechanic, and slept soundly.

Other Legionnaires, hearing the story Monday morning, were pretty sore. "It sets a dangerous precedent," they charged. "We should worry," said Brown and Owens, "we got enough sleep to last us."

Dr. Erb To Be Aide

Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, has accepted the offer of the Oregon Trail pageant to serve as aide to Governor Charles A. Sprague, who will be marshal of the civic and industrial parade Thursday morning.

President Urges Draft Stretch as Dangers Spread

Disintegration of Army Threatened, Says F.D.R.

WASHINGTON, July 21—(AP)—Legislation permitting the president to take over private property for use in national defense was passed by the senate today and sent to the house.

WASHINGTON, July 21—(AP)—Declaring that America was in "infinitely greater" danger than a year ago, President Roosevelt asked congress today to authorize extension of the one-year period of active service in the army of selectees, national guardsmen and reservists.

Unless the extension is granted, Mr. Roosevelt said, the nation will be taking a grave national risk and disintegration of the army will be under way within two months.

Responsibility for maintaining the efficiency of that army, the chief executive said in a message to congress, rests solely with the legislators.

Mr. Roosevelt dramatized his request by trying an innovation. He transcribed the message on records so that his words might be broadcast to the nation and the world.

The president emphasized that conditions had changed since a 12-month limitation was placed a year ago on the service of selectees, guardsmen and reservists.

"Today it is imperative," he

Politics Start For Convention

By Monday afternoon, convention politics were brewing at good speed among the Legionnaires, preparatory to elections coming Wednesday morning.

Although several candidates are being mentioned, many observers questioned Monday declared Joseph K. Carson, former mayor of Portland, is in the lead for the post of department commander.

As announced in Sunday's Register-Guard, Frank Miller, Forest Grove, now vice-commander, also is in the race for the commander's post.

E. L. (Buck) Knight, The Dalles, is in the lead in pre-election talk for the post of national committeeman, succeeding Joe Chamberlin, incumbent. Chamberlin, now in active army duty, sent a wire to the convention Monday, wishing all success and stating he would see the Oregonians at the national convention in Milwaukee.

General White Visits Convention

Major General George A. White, commander, 41st division, Fort Lewis, arrived in Eugene, Monday afternoon to take in the American Legion state convention.

General White will lead the big convention parade to be held Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The general reports the northwest troops were most happy to get out of California following the war maneuvers there and to be at home again.

Colonel Harry Brumbaugh, Fort Lewis, was here with General White.

Eight and Forty Elects Officers

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Eight and Forty club, fun and honor organization of the American Legion auxiliary, at sessions being held Sunday in connection with the state convention here.

The new officers are: Mrs. Marian Sommerset of Astoria, president; Mrs. Lucille Freeman of Portland, first vice-president; Mrs. Eva Gray of Portland, second vice-president; Mrs. Hazel Alden of Seaside, historian; Mrs. Pauline Lennegille of Portland, chaplain; Mrs. Helene Warner of Portland, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. Margaret Underwood of Portland, retiring president as member of the national executive board.

A feature of the afternoon's program was the presentation of colors to the department of the Eight and Forty in memory of Mrs. Melody Boatright who organized the Oregon chapter.



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ALFRED P. KELLEY, (left), Milo J. Warner, national commander (center), and Frank Miller, department vice-commander, discuss Legion policies. All were in Eugene Monday for the opening session of the state convention. (Wiltshire engraving).

Convention Sidelights

From Pacific coast to Atlantic coast and attendance at three department conventions within four days will be the record for American Legion Commander Milo J. Warner and his aide, Joe Deuschle, member of the national headquarters staff.

They arrived here from Alaska, flying to Portland and coming on to Eugene by car, Sunday. Monday, they left for Little Rock, Arkansas to attend the meeting there, and on Thursday must be in Vermont for a meeting in that state. "It's a flying life, this being the national commander, or officer of the day for a year, as I prefer to call the position," Mr. Warner said.

"Would one send the firemen home in the middle of a big fire?" was the quiet comment from Commander Warner when questioned about releasing trainees when their year is up while he was informally meeting with the Oregon people, Sunday evening.

This was Commander Warner's first visit to the Oregon coast and he expressed the wish that he might have been able to be here for the pageant.

From the convention meeting floor at the McDonald theater, Monday, Mr. Warner received a cheer when he said one reason

he had been interested in getting the national office was that he might visit the Oregon department, also, because Ben F. Dorris, convention chairman, lives here. He paid high tribute to Dorris as an outstanding Legionnaire.

It was with pride that Department Commander Alfred P. Kelley, Oswego, now in active army duty again, announced the Oregon membership to be 12,832, an all-time high mark.

Vic Mackenzie, Legion's national convention director, is among those taking in the convention; also, Dr. Paul I. Carter, Portland, manager of the U. S. Veterans hospital; and Richard Smurthwaite, Legion national employment officer.

The 1940 state championship junior drum corps from Albany enlightened the opening meeting Monday morning by marching through the assembly, drums and other instruments giving full blast. The group is out to retain its title in the contest, Tuesday night.

Earl Snell, secretary of state, also was on the convention platform.

Legion Auxiliary Convention Opens with Impressive Rites

The Oregon department of the American Legion auxiliary opened a busy convention program Monday afternoon, at the Methodist church, starting with the impressive advance of the colors and procession of officers.

In addition to many interesting reports due on Americanism activities, welfare work, and other projects, Monday found the group buzzing with bits on the election due Wednesday morning.

Mrs. J. W. McInturff, Marshfield, is unopposed as the candidate for president of the department auxiliary, and Nota Francis, president of district No. 7, also is unopposed (so far) for the department vice-presidency, but the real interest seems to settle around the recommendation of an Oregon candidate for the office of national vice-president, western district, the election not to take place until the 1942 national convention. Mrs. Laura Goode, retiring department president, is to be recommended to the convention for this office, but another candidate or two might enter the race before election.

Highlighting the opening session Monday afternoon, were the talk by Mrs. Roy L. Cook, Albuquerque, New Mexico, present national vice-president for the western division, and the reports on the recent Girls State, sponsored by the auxiliary in the interests of Americanism and good citizenship. Appointments of committees were to be read during the afternoon.

(The complete program for Tuesday for the auxiliary appears inside today's paper.)

Governor Sprague Tells Legion Army Men Should Serve Longer

Declaring it "incredibly and criminally stupid" to send back to civilian life the men now in service, because of the emergency the country faces, Governor Charles A. Sprague, in addressing the American Legion's state convention, Monday morning, expressed his approval of some fair legislation to keep these men in training and to augment the country's armed forces.

"Eager as I am to have the national guardsmen, the reserve officers, and the selectees return home, I think it would be incredibly stupid—criminal stupidity—to send these men home at the end of their year because it would result, as General Marshall says, in virtual disintegration of the armed forces. As long as the world situation is as dangerous as it is now, we must not only retain in service our present trainees, but we must augment the forces, and above all, we

Eugene Throng Hears National Leader Speak

Telegram Sent Senate Military Affairs Committee

By MARIAN LOWRY

Placing the American Legion, nationally, in support of retention of selectees and national guardsmen now in service, as advocated Monday in President Roosevelt's special message to congress, Milo J. Warner of Toledo, Ohio, national Legion commander, Monday morning opened the annual state Oregon Legion convention in Eugene with an announcement that he had sent the following telegram to Senator Robert Reynolds, chairman of the senate military affairs committee:

"In view of the present emergency we can not afford to have an army which goes with the snows. The American Legion feels the situation demands enactment of necessary legislation to insure keeping intact during the emergency the troop units already trained, and retention of selectees in service under fair and feasible regulations, and we also consider this is the time to enact into law a permanent system of universal military training.

Signed, Milo J. Warner, national commander, American Legion."

Stand Applauded

Applause and cheers greeted his announcement from the stage of the McDonald theater, crowded to near capacity with Legionnaires and auxiliary members assembling here for their four-day department conventions. Commander Warner's address, given as the public event opening the convention, also stressed the need for national unity.

National defense is first in America, above all partisanship and selfishness, and whenever a decision is made every loyal American should stand behind that decision, he said.

"Before we elect officials we have the right and should exercise that right to the fullest to express our views, but after the election, through which in democratic manner we choose our leaders, and after the decisions are made, we should stand, united and loyally, behind those whom we have elected," Commander Warner declared.

The country must face facts as they are NOW, not as they were two or three months ago, he declared.

Referring to the national Legion executive group's action on labor strikes and in demanding the resignation of Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, in May, Mr. Warner stated the Legion is not opposed to labor but declared: "We feel no alien should be permitted to direct any labor organization, or any social, economic, or political adjustment." His statement brought thunderous applause from the audience. He reviewed the Legion's stand against radicalism, especially mentioning the defense program.

Perkins Discussed

The lack of leadership, the treatment of radicals, and in some respects, encouragement by Secretary Perkins to these radicals, led the Legion to ask for her resignation, he stated. For the past few weeks, Secretary Perkins has rather retired to the background, he said, declaring: "It is highly important there be an active, efficient leadership in labor by one who is thoroughly American, courageous, and has an understanding of labor and leadership of it."

The situation between Germany and Russia also was briefly discussed by the national commander. "The United States and the American Legion are confronted with this situation: We are against Hitler and his gang of Nazis, and we are against Stalin and his gang of communists. We do not like either of them, but Hitlerism must be stopped," Commander Warner declared.

"This country can not ignore the fact that communism was started in Russia, that efforts have been made to have communism function as a subversive force in America, placing Russia first.

America First

"In America, America comes first," the speaker thundered.

With the situation arising between Germany and Russia, Commander Warner said he canvassed his national group of officers to give the answer from the Legion that effort be made to redouble our own defense, that effort be made to redouble aid to Great Britain, that the freedom of the seas be maintained for American ships, and that American shipping be protected, that the Legion redouble its effort against nazism, communism,

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