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"SCHOOLS PRE-MILITARY CENTERS"

Returning from the recent war council of American educators in Washington, D. C., Dr. Frank W. Parr, executive secretary of the Oregon state teachers' association announced: "Oregon schools from now on must consider themselves centers for pre-military training."

This is a dictum which needs to be tempered with common sense. For years this newspaper has advocated more attention to fundamentals and basic disciplines and has been mildly critical of sugar-coated educational experiments.

Now, we would deplore just sincerely any hog-wild effort to "regiment" under the patriotic pretence of "helping the war effort."

The same basic principles are sound for war or peace. Except possibly for high school seniors, most of the children in public schools are too young for military rigors or anything like that.

The army and navy and the waiting world will be content if young people come up to the age of service who know how to add and subtract, read and write, and take a simple task and do it well, for the greatest "break-down" has been in work habits.

If there is any department in which special emphasis is needed it is in HEALTH. We have had too much athletics, too little thorough-going physical training. It isn't going to be easy to strengthen these departments because the armed service are robbing the school of "physical ed" people.

However, what the nation needs is the "sound mind in the sound body" and not so much meandering in the "millennial haze." The school program for war or peace calls for good sound sense.

SUGGESTIONS ON SPREADING WAR WORK.

One of the next moves of WPB may be an effort to distribute large portions of war industries to smaller cities. Several representatives of WPB have been in Eugene the last few days conferring on this problem. The purpose is twofold:

- 1. To relieve unbearable congestion in such cities as Portland and Seattle.
2. To increase efficiency in war production.
Eugene has had some important experience in this problem. Last May the Chamber of Commerce raised a small special fund and sent Fred Brenne to Portland to make direct contact with government agencies and major contractors.

This leads to some conclusions: 1. Except in lumber, plywood and industries natural to the country it is a waste of time and effort to labor with production pools. 2. In lumber, plywood and the new field of plastics big achievements are possible and especially if WPB could assist with competent technicians in some of these fields.

For instance, although Eugene is not likely ever to have any shipyard greater than Chet Good's, there is nothing to prevent Kaiser or any other concern from erecting very simple factory sheds, moving in the machinery and the workers and making certain portions of their job here or any other point outside of the congested area.

WHAT DO WAACS, WAVES, WAAFS DO.

From many readers we are getting inquiries as to just what the Army's WAACS and the Navy's WAVES and the Air Corps' WAAFS will do when they have been trained to military fitness. The answer is that the WAACS, WAVES and WAAFS will relieve men in uniform of a great variety of duties. It is quite likely that these women will see much service overseas. That is one of the main reasons for putting them in uniform because most of the civil service women employed by the armed forces are not "fitted" or eager to enter combat zones.

There is almost no end to the chores which

these female auxiliaries will perform. In the Air Corps they will fly planes for the ferry command. In all branches they will serve as typists, telephone operators, airplane dispatchers, clerks, laboratory technicians, librarians, bookkeepers, hygienists, dietitians. There are very interesting opportunities for any woman who has the command of foreign languages or one who understands ciphers and codes. There are many phases of combat intelligence where women can be just as effective as men, as for instance in the interpretation of aerial photographs. The gal who joins up to get romance will have to do a lot of hard work if she hopes to stay in long enough to rate romance. The discipline is stern.

It begins to look as though every able-bodied female is going to have war work of some kind. Lillian Van Loan came back from a vocational conference the other day at which some Washington big shots declared that by the end of another year three quarters of the women of the United States are going to be in war work. Apparently he hasn't been checking up on the number that are having babies. But anyhow the number of women in service of some kind is going to be very large.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMITY

"Don't expect the stately minut of cricket," warns a booklet which the RAF places in the hands of its fledglings sent to the United States for flight instruction. And an American corollary just issued for soldiers going to England concedes that cricket may seem slow to boys used to the hustle of baseball, but remarks that it isn't really an easy game to play well.

If British taxicabs have comic-looking front wheel structures, watch them turn around in a twelve-foot street and you'll know why. "The British are leisurely—but not really slow. Their crack trains held world speed records," the American booklet reminds its readers. "A British ship held the trans-Atlantic record. A British car and a British driver set world's speed records in America."

In America, says the British booklet, "the idea is to win, not just to have a game—and it's not a bad idea for a fighting man." Americans, continues the British brochure, are gregarious. "It has been said that of the three great democracies, France specializes in equality, England in liberty, and the United States in fraternity."

Fortunately, circulation of at least sizable excerpts from the booklets has been rather general in both countries. Each pamphlet, in its own witty, friendly way, contributes to the amity and enlarged understanding between the two great allies that have so much in common in their religious, political, and economic backgrounds. It is fine, too, that the booklets emphasize so clearly that understanding between the two nations is not only a wartime necessity. The tasks of peace these young men and their friends will face will call for cooperative endeavor through the years.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By JOHN W. KELLY
WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 21.—FARMERS of the Pacific Northwest are due for a headache within a few months over the gasoline and tire rationing. Joseph Eastman, office of defense transportation, will soon have distributed several million questionnaires to owners and operators of motor vehicles from taxicabs to farm trucks (only exception will be private passenger cars), in which the owner must explain what he uses his vehicle for and must justify its use or get off the highways. Farmers of Washington and Oregon can readily justify the use of motor vehicles in the harvest season, moving crops to market, but aside from this short harvest season farmers can expect difficulties. Mr. Eastman is determined that every non-passenger motor vehicle that does not have a legitimate excuse shall be placed in cold storage for the duration, because rubber must be saved.

A Chicago printing house has been grinding out the questionnaires and they are now being shipped to representatives of ODT in both states and will be distributed to owners of non-passenger motor vehicles. Truck operators have been waiting for something of this sort, but not the farmers. On hundreds of farms a light truck is the only means of transportation, serving for marketing throughout the year as well as during harvest. Deprivation of the farmer's method of locomotion will raise a storm, and farmers are never loath to voice their complaints. ODT is assembling lists of motor vehicles from the motor vehicle departments of Oregon and Washington and these will be used to reach all licensed trucks, taxicabs, busses, etc.

Rationing of gasoline on a national scale, long predicted by this service, is designed to save tires, which will soon be beyond price. Federal officials assert that one year hence non-essential cars of all descriptions will be almost extinct in the program to conserve rubber. The gasoline tax, collected by the states, has been holding up fairly well, but from now on a substantial drop in this revenue is forecast. Reports from the northwest say that very few people have regarded the loss of tires seriously and have been using their cars (passenger type) without stint, either considering the alarm over rubber shortage as propaganda or believing that synthetic rubber will be available by the time they require new tires. This view has not been shared, however, by logging truck operators, who despite priorities are finding tires harder to get with each succeeding month.

SHEPHERDERS and cowhands nearing the 50-year mark are being drafted by local boards in Washington and Oregon. These herders and cowboys are not married. Taken from the ranges, they are being shipped to reception centers and ranch owners are already protesting at this loss of farm labor. Despite their age, too old for combat, these men of the open spaces are expected to be assigned as mule skinnners or horse wranglers, if they are not rejected for physical defects. Taking men 45 and over is a foretaste of what can be expected in the near future.

IN THE SEARCH for spruce the government has sent timbermen to Alaska to look over the situation. It is the intention to raft the spruce logs to Puget sound and the Columbia river, from which points they will be distributed. According to reports, this Alaska spruce will not be obtainable before next spring as roads cannot be built in the rainy winter season. There is only a small amount of spruce and hemlock on the Oregon coast but a larger amount in western Washington, all of which is scattered. Loggers with timber stands containing spruce are still waiting for some method of financing roads prior to the rains. One timberman who has the spruce and hemlock of extra large size has no money to build roads and although this timber is within six miles of a river a leading bank refuses to cooperate, despite the anxiety of the government to obtain logs. The bank, it is alleged, is holding the timber as security for a loan and insists that the entire loan be repaid before it will permit a stick to come out of the woods.

Breakfast Event On Tuesday

By MARIAN LOWRY
AN event for Tuesday morning will be the annual "bosses' breakfast" given by the Credit Women's Breakfast club. This year's event will be at the Osburn hotel at seven o'clock. Featuring the program will be a skit by Dean J. R. Jewell of the University of Oregon school of education; and numbers by a vocal trio, Mrs. Mignon Carmichael, Mrs. Ora Blowers, and Mrs. Margaret Minturn with Miss Ellamay Small as accompanist. Mrs. Jack Norris is program chairman. Miss Mardelle Edwards will preside as president.

WEDDING REPORTED
Word has been received here of the marriage of Mrs. Elizabeth Knox Price to Clair A. Anthony in Long Beach, Calif., on Sunday, September 20. Mrs. Price was formerly of Cottage Grove and Eugene.

NEBRASKA CLUB
Nebraska Ladies' club will hold the first meeting of the fall term Wednesday, at the Springfield Methodist church parlors.

Miss Wilhelm To Wed On Sept. 28

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wilhelm of Junction City are announcing the approaching wedding of their daughter, Miss Mary Wilhelm, to Edward O. Uttinger, son of Mrs. O. E. Uttinger of San Francisco. The ceremony is planned for September 28 in the army chapel at Fort Stevens, Oregon.

ST. CLARE GUILD TO MEET MONDAY
St. Clare guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church is meeting Monday evening at the home of Miss Grace Griggs at 2160 Onyx street at seven-thirty o'clock.

'Bond' Show Set For Friday Night

"Salute to Our Heroes" month, during which bond sales are being directed by the motion picture industries of America, will receive its final boost this week with local theaters engaged in special projects to encourage sales. Friday night at 11:30 o'clock, the McDonald will present a preview of "The Pied Piper," adventure comedy featuring Monty Woolley. Admission to the preview can be obtained only by purchasing a bond before that date. A free ticket will be given each purchaser.

An important short feature for the preview will be a technical subject showing the Jap attack of Midway last December. Running about 20 minutes, the short was taken during actual fire by Commander John Ford, Academy award winner, who was present at the time. The reel shows the sinking of a Jap transport and the activities of the fighting marines there. James O'Connell, McDonald manager, says the short is "one of the finest reels you'll ever see."

Also encouraging sales is the project in which the Hellig, May-floster, McDonald, and Rex are sponsoring this week. Each person who brings an uncompleted war stamp book to the box office and purchases stamps to fill it up will be given a free ticket to one of the four theaters. The tickets will be good through Friday, and the unfilled book must be brought with the purchaser, it is announced.

Fill Will Replace Part Of Long Bridge

A dirt fill 345 feet long will replace all but 92 feet of a long county bridge on the Jasper-Fall Creek road, crossing a low place a short distance above Jasper. County Engineer P. M. Morse announces. This is the first of a long bridge, crossed after leaving Jasper going east. The present bridge is 437 feet long. The 92-foot stretch will be left in the center. Work will be started as soon as it is possible to get lumber for the 92-foot span, which is to be rebuilt. The next bridge to the east will be rebuilt entirely.

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Navy Offers Radio Training to Men

An opportunity to all American men between 17 and 50 to take a three-year course of college level training in radio and sound engineering will be offered Lane county men Tuesday through the naval recruiting office, by Ensign R. H. Smith, U. S. naval reserve, who will be in the postoffice building navy headquarters on that date for special consultation.

Chief qualifications to be admitted to this important course of study are that men be physically fit and that they have taken high school algebra and physics. The courses will be taught at Texas A. and M., Northwestern University, or at Treasure Island naval school.

Acceptance means receipt of a rating of radio technician, second class (equal to that of staff sergeant in the army), pay of \$96 per month plus \$34.50 for dependents, opportunities for fast promotion and to qualify as chief radio technician. The course is equivalent to three years of college training in this field, but because of intensified methods due to importance of the war, it will be completed in a time considerably short of that. Each scholarship in radio engineering costs the government \$1500 per man. Among advantages offered are free clothing and medical attention, good food, best of physical development under expert trainers, and preparation for an excellent job after the war is over.

The navy office will answer inquiries and arrange for opportunities to talk with Ensign Smith during his Eugene visit. The telephone is 1252.

HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 21.—(U.P.)—A 19-year-old youth, William E. Briggs, who admitted to police officers that he was absent without leave from the army, was held to the grand jury today under \$1000 bond after being arrested on a charge of theft.

Women Praised For Work In Lumber Mills

Who said women are the weaker sex? With lack of manpower they have developed proficiencies for welding and other jobs.

In Lane county's lumber industry, at the present time, 27 women are working in the Westfir Lumber Co., and in the River Lumber Co., doing "men's jobs."

According to the employers, the women are doing as well as inexperienced men would be doing on the same job, and "they like their jobs, too." The U. S. employment service encourages the employment of women wherever possible to accelerate the war effort.

Hard Of Hearing Society Begins Program For Fall

Fall program of Eugene Society for the Hard of Hearing opens Tuesday evening, Sept. 22, at 7:30 at the vocational school, Fourth and Madison in the second floor studio room. Various department heads will interpret the subject "Know Your Vocational School," with a resume by Mrs. Lillian Van Loan. Any interested person may attend.

Beginning Tuesday evening, September 29, at 7:30, free classes in lip reading are to be conducted weekly, also in the studio room. Persons with defective hearing, whether members of the society or not, are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to learn lip reading.

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Play Cast Gives Party Saturday

HONORING Mrs. Eyer Brown, director, and Marvin A. Krenk, members of the Very Little Theatre cast of "The Philadelphia Story" held a party late Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Parker. Mrs. Parker is president of the group and Mr. Parker had a part in the production.

Cast members presented a writing portfolio to Mr. Krenk, who left Sunday for Chico army flying school, California, for service. Earlier, Mrs. Brown had been presented with a corsage.

Among those present at the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffith, Miss Patricia Cole-ric, Miss Dorothy Parks, Horace W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Krenk, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Walker, Mrs. Ottilie T. Seybolt, Miss Patricia Parker, Mrs. Marjorie Clear, Major and Mrs. Carlton E. Spencer of Salem, Miss Patricia McCarthy of Portland, Glenn Hasselroth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Ethan L. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Eyer Brown, and the hosts.

Shower Is Given For Bride-To-Be

A miscellaneous shower was given last week for Miss Myrtle Davis, bride-elect of Thomas Chamberlain, by her sister, Miss Florence Davis and Mrs. R. S. Chamberlain.

The following guests were included: Miss Myrtle Davis, Mrs. R. S. Chamberlain, Miss Florence Davis, Mrs. Clarence Davis, Mrs. Leo Cox, Miss Lucille Walker, Miss Gertrude Davis, Miss Carol Davis, Mrs. Lester Johnston, Mrs. Mae Sherbondy, Mrs. Ida Berl, Mrs. Bessie Starmer, Mrs. Laura Nelson, Miss Esther Ecklund.

Games were played and refreshments were served. The party was given at the home of the honor guest.

Meeting Tuesday

The executive board meeting of the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet at ten-thirty Tuesday morning. The meeting formerly had been announced for eleven-thirty. A morning program will be presented at eleven-thirty with Mrs. W. F. Lillian in charge. Miss Eleanor Scott will be in charge of the devotions on the afternoon program.

Home Sales Reported By Local Realty Firm

The F. J. Berger Realty company has announced the sale of a number of city homes the past few days.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William F. McKibben at 958 East Twenty-first has been sold to Hattie L. Hall who has just moved in. Vale Parker's home on Bessie street and Whitney avenue has been sold to E. L. Karr and wife.

The home of J. L. Harpham at 82 East Twenty-fifth Avenue was sold to Vale Parker.

Jake Marguth's home has been sold to Mary Bacina at 105 Jefferson.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Leas at 2561 Friendly has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. James Patton from north of Eugene.

Hazel Warfield has sold her new home at 1521 West Eighth Avenue to Joe B. Ross and wife and expect to move there within a few days.

The home of Max J. Robertson and wife at 1542 Washington street has been sold to T. J. Busch and wife from the Harlow district and now are moving in.

The new modern home at 72 East Twenty-fifth Avenue belonging to J. L. Harpham company has been sold to Matt V. Futrell and wife of Noti.

The first airplane flight by Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk, N. C., lasted only 12 seconds.

Miss Erb Leaves For Stanford

Mrs. Donald M. Erb and her elder daughter, Miss Barbara Erb, left Monday for Palo Alto, Cal. Miss Erb to enter as a freshman at Stanford university. She graduated this spring from University high school.

Stanford opens its year Monday, Mrs. Erb and daughter to spend this week visiting California.

Eugene Girls Pledged At OSC

Rushing ended at Oregon State college Sunday with two hundred girls pledged in the various organizations.

Miss Phyllis Korn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Korn of Eugene, pledged Delta Delta Sorority. Miss Korn graduates this spring from University high school.

Miss Lyla Toll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Toll of Eugene, listed among the pledges of Gamma Phi Beta. Miss Toll graduates this year from Eugene high school.

Calendar

- Monday
6:30 p.m.—Quota club meeting, Osburn hotel.
7:30 p.m.—Eugene Builders and Professional Women's club open house in parish house of St. Mary's Episcopal church.
8 p.m.—Oregon Rose lodge meeting, Moose hall.
8 p.m.—Graduate Regents of Women of Moose meeting, home of Mrs. Elmer Geiger.
8 p.m.—Faculty Wives club E.H.S., home of Mrs. Harry Johnson.
Tuesday
9:30 a.m.—Alpha mistletoe circle, all day meeting, Baptist church.
11:30 a.m.—Women's Society for Christian Service, Methodist church, meet at church.
1 p.m.—Illahee Division luncheon, home of Mrs. Otto Troxel near Springfield.
8 p.m.—Royal Neighbors of America meeting, W.O.W. hall.
8 p.m.—Eagles auxiliary meeting, Eagles hall.
8 p.m.—Methodist Service guild meeting, church parlors.
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