

Offers Larger For Boys 17

News for navy-minded youngsters was contained in a statement this week by Chief of the Eugene navy station that an enlarged

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quota for enlistments from this age group has been opened by the navy for the immediate future.

The recruiter urged that young men who previously have applied for naval enlistment but who have not yet been accepted because of quotas in effect recently, visit the navy recruiting station at once for completion of enlistment procedure.

It is not known, the recruiter pointed out, how long the currently expanded quota for 17-year-olds will remain in effect. These youths must apply far enough in advance of their 18th birthday to allow for completion of enlistment before they become subject to selective service at the age of 18, after which time they are not eligible for voluntary enlistment in the navy or any other military service branch.

In announcing the newly-enlarged enlistment quota, the recruiter also pointed out that the opportunity for 17-year-olds to qualify for the navy's radio technician program—a type of training which involves intensive and valuable education in the field of modern high frequency—still is open. He invited young men interested in this opportunity to visit the local station where they may be given a test to determine whether they can qualify for "RT" training. Those who can qualify may be enlisted with the advanced rating of seaman first class. Men of other ages, up to a maximum of 50½ years, also may take this test.

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SEED HARVEST—Harvesting of the cabbage seed crop at the Glenn Strome farm, Lancaster district just north of Junction City, began last week. These pictures are scenes at the cutting, preliminary to the crop drying to be combined. Upper left—Some of the group of Junction City business folk and neighbors who turned out to put in a Sunday helping Strome cut the cabbage. Upper right—Kenneth Murphy, one of those going from Junction City, is shown using the corn knife to cut the plants loaded with seed pods. Lower left—The pods were opened and arranged to show how small are the seeds and how well filled are the pods in the Strome crop. Lower right—Glenn Strome holds up one of the branches to show how heavily the plants are loaded with seed pods. Also, we asked Martin to pose for the picture because we thought you also would appreciate the semi-toothless grin, Master Martin being at the ripe old age of seven years, and quite the little king at the Strome home, to the parents as well as two older sisters, Virginia and Glenadine. (Glenn Hasselrooth pictures, Wiltshire engravings)

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you figure these seeds run better than 25 to a pod, and each plant has hundreds of pods, well it becomes fancy mathematics to consider how many seeds in 50 acres or so. Usual returns on cabbage seed run roughly about 1000 pounds per acre.

Cabbage grown on this particular acreage is for kraut making, and like other crops in its classification is now under contract for eventual lend-lease deals.

Details On Growing
The cabbage at the Strome place is the Glory Enkhuizen variety. The seed is planted by date, usu-

ally June, 25, this acreage having been planted at that time in 1943. The plants are transplanted in the early fall and at that time the crop receives its only thorough artificial irrigation, the overhead watering system being used.

The cabbage is then left to take its course through heading and growing into seed, being ready to harvest by the time the following dry season arrives. Of course, during this development time, weeds have been kept out and protection given against bugs and insects.

The 13 months period until the seed is to be ready bring their worries and gambles, too, because of the whims of weather.

The plant, when ready for seed harvest time, is very bushy and scarcely recognizable as the former cabbage plant and head. Some of these bushes are so large that one is a good load to lift, even for a strong man. The plants are cut off, near the ground, with corn knives and laid in windrows to dry, just as grains are shocked for curing before being combined.

Some Humor, Too
Growing cabbage for seed has its humorous moments, too.

The Strome acreage is alongside the highway, and the family report that some times cars stopped and the occupants would get out to cut a head or two of cabbage—some expressing the thoughts: "it's a shame all that cabbage is allowed to go to seed and waste," or "what a pity they could not get help to harvest this cabbage before it went to seed!"

The cabbage for seed is not

grown twice successfully on the same plot of ground. Already, Strome has cabbage to be harvested for seed in the summer of 1945 growing on another part of his farm, and the present "cabbage patch" will be turned over to growing one of the fescues for seed. Strome is known as one of Lane county's leading seed growing specialists and raises several other crops for seed, including some of the fescue grasses—chewings, red creeping, and Alta; also, hairy vetch, common vetch, and others. Cabbage happens to have been his only vegetable crop this year. Strome farms 800 acres, nearly 500 of which surround his beautiful country home.

This cabbage crop and many of the other vegetable seed crops around here, are grown with advisory supervision of Alfred Tyler, representative of the J. A. Boyce company, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

The group of friends and neighbors showing up Sunday to cut the cabbage had a big day of it and cut more than 10 acres that day. Among those in the group were Betty Lee Huffman, Goldie Alexander, Bernice Alexander, the Canida Brothers, Jake King, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Borgard, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Borgard, Virginia Borgard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murphy, Kenneth Murphy, Adolph Danielson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jacobsen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Alfred Lint, Paul Hoagland, Clarence Carpenter, D. Anderson, Walter Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Swartz.

House-to-House Drive Made For Pickers

ALBANY, July 29—(U.P.)—Linn county farmers, faced with the most acute manpower shortage in the last two years, today were making house-to-house calls here in an effort to recruit bean pickers.

County farm labor officials said the response to pleas for bean pickers had not been "too disappointing," however, the current weather had hastened the maturity of the crop, making immediate harvesting imperative.

OPA Lowers Barley Prices

WASHINGTON, July 29—(U.P.)—The office of price administration cut barley ceiling prices last night an average of three cents a bushel in production areas, effective Aug. 1.

It said the new schedule would return parity prices to farmers for the 1944 crop. Present prices are higher than parity, the agency said in reminding it had announced last February that ceilings would be adjusted to reflect parity.

The new regulations also provides a uniform mark-up of \$4 a ton for sales of barley at retail stores.

The schedule allows a maximum of 15 cents a bushel for malting barley, except in the case of Hannchen barley grown in the Tule Lake district of northern California and the Klamath district of southern Oregon. For this type in the areas specified, and for Hanna, Hannchen and Chevalier barley, grown in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and northern Idaho, a premium of 25 cents is allowed.

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Maximum Fresh Plum Prices Up

WASHINGTON — (U.P.)—Maximum prices for fresh plums at the shipping point were increased by the office of price administration yesterday by approximately nine-tenths of a cent per pound.

OPA said adverse weather conditions had resulted in reduced yield, impaired quality, and increased harvesting costs.

The new ceilings, for shipping points in California, Oregon, and Washington, are: \$3.19 for standard four-basket crate with a net weight of not less than 29 pounds nor more than 33 pounds; 10.3 cents per pound for plums graded and packed in all other containers; and 9.1 cents per pound for plums sold loose and ungraded in any containers.

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Good reservoir storage put us safely past the peaks of 1942 and 1943, but now with increased city population, plus growth in water districts outside the city, plus the first summer's water supply to Glenwood, the water demand has increased 12.3% over 1943.

The McKenzie pipe line will supply about 8½ million gallons daily by gravity flow, and no more, but on many days more than that is being used with the consequence that the reserve storage in the reservoirs is being consumed to make up the difference.

If we let the reserves get low in the reservoirs the consequence might be disastrous. Not only would a critical fire hazard be created, but residents on the higher levels might be entirely out of water.

We are asking the public's voluntary cooperation in reducing waste and limiting consumption of water to essential uses.

We believe that the accumulated total of small voluntary savings by everyone through careful, thrifty use of water, will amount to enough to relieve the threatened shortage, and make unnecessary any further restrictions.

Here's a Few Ways You Can Help Save Water:

- ★ **LIMIT THE USE OF WATER** enough to keep the lawn in fair condition until the fall rains come. Use water only on the lawn. Turn your sprinkler down to keep the water off streets and sidewalks.
- ★ **DO NOT OVER WATER YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN.** If harms them both and wastes lots of water. Avoid operating sprinklers during a wind to save evaporation and misapplication.
- ★ **WATER IN THE EVENING OR EARLY MORNING.** It is much better for both lawn and garden, and you will save lots of water through lack of evaporation.
- ★ **CULTIVATE YOUR GARDEN MORE.** Thorough shallow cultivation lessens the amount of water required.
- ★ **FIX LEAKY FAUCETS AND HOSE.** Small drips can run into many gallons in a short time.
- ★ **TURN THAT FAUCET OFF**—Don't let the water run longer than necessary into sink or tub. Turn it off as soon as you have what you need.
- ★ **DURING HOT SPELLS** do not "play with the hose" or leave the hose running water on the ground unattended.

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If you will cooperate with us we can avoid making any drastic restrictions.

Eugene Water Board