

Army Interested In Cavalry Horses

The United States Army is undertaking to locate sources of top cavalry riding horses, says O. S. Fletcher, county agent, who recently received a letter from Col. F. W. Koester, in charge of headquarters of the western remount area, asking cooperation in locating horses.

In his letter Col. Koester said that the army has not purchased any horses recently but never knows when it might need to buy some in a hurry. He asked the county agent to make a list of cavalry riding horses available in Lane county and furnish it to the army. Specifications set forth by Col. Koester are as follows:

Big bodied, full made horses of superior quality and type; absolutely sound and free of blemishes; solid colors only with minimum of white markings—none off-colored; square gait—none that paddle or are splay-footed (toe out).

Show preponderance of pure blood—preferably registered half breds, thoroughbreds, Anglo-Arabs, or crosses with recognized light horse breeds; type comes first but proper type will usually be accompanied by adequate blood if breeding is known; sufficiently gentle to be handled, including picking up feet, and sufficiently well broken to be shown under the saddle at all gaits; i.e., walk, trot, gallop.

Age: full 4 to 8; height 15 to 16 hands; sex, gelding; weight 1000-1150.

Lane county people having horses that will meet these specifications, which they would be interested in selling to the army if it decided to purchase, are invited to list them at the county agent's office.

The Pekin Court Gazette, China, was 640 years old when the first newspaper was printed in Europe in 1524.



Ralph Laird Accepts Position At Salem

Ralph P. Laird, well-known farmer of Lane county and long prominent in grange work here, has announced he has accepted a position as farm labor assistant in the office of the county agent, Marion county, and leaves Monday for Salem.

Laird has turned over operation of his farm in the Edenville district near Jasper to his son, Raymond Laird.

Laird is the immediate past master of the Lane county Pomona grange, having served two terms, and is the present chairman of the state grange agricultural committee. He also is a former Lane legislator, having served in the 1937 session.

Synthetic Output Rate Tops Record Use Year

AKRON, O., Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—In 1944 America's war-born synthetic rubber came into its own, and production reached a rate of more than 800,000 tons a year, a rate that exceeds the record rubber consumption in the United States for any one year—781,000 tons, in 1941, John L. Collier, president, The B. F. Goodrich company, said today.

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"In 1941, only 6,000 of that record 781,000-ton total of rubber consumed was synthetic oil or eight-tenths of one per cent.

"In 1942, the nation scraped along on 394,000 tons of rubber, of which only 17,000, or 4 1/2 per cent, was synthetic.

"In 1943 large-scale production of synthetic was started, and of the 489,000-ton total used, it accounted for 171,000, or 35 per cent.

"In 1944 synthetic rubber shouldered the bulk of the nation's rubber load, accounting for 80 per cent of a consumption that will exceed 700,000 for the year. For the final quarter of the year this percentage already has moved up further to better than 35 per cent."

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SPRINGFIELD

EASTERN STAR TO MEET
SPRINGFIELD—Cascadia chapter, OES, will meet for its regular meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic temple. The past matrons will serve.
Officers of the club for 1945 will hold a practice on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the temple.

HOLIDAY GUESTS
SPRINGFIELD—Guests visiting at the Green Ridge Ranch, home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen, during the Christmas holidays included: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Laksone of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Rickert and children of Veneta, and Mrs. Virginia Buck of Portland.

INSTALLATION SCHEDULED
SPRINGFIELD—The Royal Neighbors of America lodge will hold their installation of officers for 1945 in the Legion hall on Wednesday.

The officers to be installed at this time are: orator, Lela Squires; vice-orator, Agnes Jones; past orator, Ina Cline; recorder, Laura Denning; receiver, Estia Bler; chancellor, Grace Johnson; marshal, Fern Cornell; assistant marshal, Irene Godfrey; inner sentinel, Mary McBe; outer sentinel, Georgiana Sutton; manager, Elsie Cornell; physician, Dr. Melville Jones; musician, Elsie Cornell; Faith, Agnes LeBeau; Courage, Rosa Waddell; Modesty, Jessie Gerber; Unselfishness, Dora Berg.

PAST NOBLE GRAND CLUB

SPRINGFIELD—The Past Noble Grand club of the Juanita Rebekah lodge will hold a meeting Tuesday with a potluck luncheon at noon.

On the committee in charge will be Helen Donaldson, Estella Findley, Eva Lockman and Lottie Fisher.

ANEAS CLUB TUESDAY

SPRINGFIELD—There will be a meeting of the Aneas club Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. T. Mitchell.

PROGRESS CLUB

SPRINGFIELD—A meeting of the Progress club will be held at the home of Mrs. Doris James on Friday. Mrs. Ann James and Mrs. Elsie Ward will assist the hostess.

The members attending will answer roll-call with current events.

SCOUTS' LEAP YEAR PARTY

SPRINGFIELD—Girl Scout troop 5, led by Mrs. Roscoe Perkins, met Thursday for a Leap Year party in the Scout House.

Guests were Buster Briggs, Bobby Nace, Darwin Crist, Darwin Allison, Billy Jensen, Wesley Orhood and Charles Edwards.

NOTARY PUBLIC

SPRINGFIELD—Kenneth R. Gile, recorder-elect of Springfield, has had his license as a notary public filed in Salem, a United Press dispatch reported.

P-TA COUNCIL TO MEET

SPRINGFIELD—The executive council of the Springfield P-TA will meet at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Lincoln school.

STITCH AND CHATTER

SPRINGFIELD—The Stitch and Chatter club will meet at the home of Miss Clara Jones Wednesday at 8 p.m.

GENERAL WSCS

SPRINGFIELD—There will be a general WSCS meeting Wednesday beginning at 11 o'clock.

A potluck luncheon will be served by members of circle 3 at 12:15. The business meeting and program will start at 1:15 p.m.

Cpl. Robert G. Boyd Wounded In Action

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boyd, route 5, Eugene, received word from the war department Saturday that their son, Cpl. Robert G. Boyd, 20, was wounded in action Dec. 6, in Germany. He served with the field artillery.

Corporal Boyd entered the army in June, 1942, shortly after his graduation from high school, and went overseas late in June of this year.

Mrs. Mary Halverson

Mrs. Mary Halverson, 89, a native of Norway, died Saturday at her home on north Grand street. She had made her home in Eugene for the past three years, coming from Montana. She was a member of the Lutheran church at Galata, Mont.

Surviving are four sons, James Halverson of Eugene; George Halverson of Leonard, N. D.; Andrew and Henry Halverson of Galata, Mont.; three daughters, Mrs. Ella Jensen, Mrs. Helda Gredvig and Mrs. Caroline Jensen, all of Eugene; eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. at the Branstetter-Simon mortuary, Rev. Harold E. Aalbu officiating. Interment will be at Galata, Mont.



LT. DOROTHY NERBAS Nurse Widowed In War Receives Commission

Mrs. Dorothy Nerbas, 543 Seventeenth avenue west, local nurse whose husband, First Lt. Arthur H. Nerbas, was killed in action in Italy Oct. 2, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. army nurse corps, and reported Friday to Madigan General hospital at Fort Lewis, in Tacoma, Wash. She will begin active duty by entering basic training there.

Following four weeks of the basic course, Lieutenant Nerbas will be assigned to the station hospital at Camp Cooke, Calif.

District Registers 100th Scout Troop

On the last day of the year, the Oregon Trail council, Boy Scouts of America, registered its one hundredth unit when Troop 75 at Taft filed its application for a charter.

The present figure of 100 Boy Scout troops and cub packs in the six-county council represents a 33 per cent increase during 1944 over the 75 units at the first of the year.

First year-end membership figures reported by K. A. Wells, scout executive, show that the total registered membership with the Boy Scouts of America is 3357. This figure is nearly double the membership of 1720 on Jan. 1, 1943 and is a 64 per cent increase over the membership at the first of this year.

Greatest increase since January 1943 was in the number of adult volunteer leaders, the preliminary report shows. During the two-year period there was a 120 per cent increase in all leaders with a 134 per cent increase in cub pack leaders. The increase in scout leaders was 103 per cent.

The number of boys also increased 89 per cent with the greatest gain shown in cub membership—a gain of 128 per cent. The increase in Boy Scouts was 72 per cent.

The preliminary report also shows that all seven districts in Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Coos, Douglas and Curry counties which make up the Oregon Trail council surpassed their goals made at the first of this year.

The membership gains in the Oregon Trail council during 1944 were among the highest in the four northwestern states which make up region 11 of the Boy Scouts of America. The local council will rank first in the increase in Boy Scout membership, the report showed.

Letters From—

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are doing. Love, Marvin.
Corporal Bucken was taken prisoner when Dataan fell. He was graduated from Lowell high school in 1938, and enlisted in the ground forces of the air corps as a mechanic in the spring of 1940. He was stationed at Clark Field, P. I., until it fell, and then was transferred to Bataan.

This letter is the second received from him in the three years.

From the Osaka prisoner of war camp in Nippon (Japanese name for Japan) Millard W. Volgamore, machinist's mate 2-c, has written to his father, Carl F. Volgamore, now of Vancouver, Wash., who sent the letter on to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teters of Dorena.

Volgamore, taken prisoner on the Philippines, and confined in a camp there for a time, later was transferred to Japan. His letter, the first received in a year, reads:

Dearest Folks—Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive. Hope you are in good health, as I couldn't feel better. How are Gene and Sis. Have not received any letters from you yet. I would like snapshots of the family. Received a box and sure was happy to get it. Thanks for everything. Will close now, hoping to be home soon. Your loving son, Millard.

ROADS ORDER 29,000 CARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Class I railroads as the year ended had nearly 29,000 new freight cars on order, according to the Association of American Railroads.

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Reds Believed Ready To Recognize Poles Of Lublin Committee

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Word spread here that Russia is about ready to recognize the Polish committee of liberation at Lublin as the provisional government of Poland.

Premier Stalin reportedly considers this action necessary to military moves imminent on the eastern front.

Both Washington and London so far have recognized the Polish government in exile at London, at the same time urging that it compose its differences with Russia over the Russo-Polish boundary.

Information in diplomatic quarters here now indicates the following as probable, although not certain, developments:

1. The soviet-backed Lublin committee, which Washington officials do not consider representative of the people of Poland, is expected to declare itself to be a provisional government. Moscow reports yesterday said this action might be taken before the year-end.

2. Russia would then recognize the committee's claim to provisional status, thereby giving it a diplomatic position in opposition to the position thus far held exclusively by the Polish government in London.

3. Russia's declaration of recognition would be followed in short order by declarations by various European countries within the Russian sphere of influence, probably starting off with Czechoslovakia.

France Cooperates

France is reported to have exchanged representatives with the Lublin committee already. But there are some reports that when the question came up between Stalin and De Gaulle at Moscow recently, De Gaulle made it clear that he did not consider the Lublin group representative of the Polish people and therefore at the moment could not promise recognition.

The Russians themselves are said to be aware of the political deficiencies of the Lublin outfit and for that reason alone have spent many months in dealing with the Polish government in London, seeking a settlement of the boundary dispute and a pro-Russian policy on the part of that government.

Now, however, Stalin has planned winter offensives against Germany in which he intends to liberate great new areas of western Poland.

He wants them ruled by a Polish government and having failed, apparently with finality, to come to agreement with the London Poles, is understood to be ready to accord governmental status to the Lublin committee.

SHORTAGE ACUTE

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—With an acute sawdust shortage already facing Portland residents, the outlook grew more critical today as the Clark and Wilson mill at Linnton prepared to shut down soon because of lack of logs.

Finland produced only four-fifths of its agricultural requirements before 1939.



NEW DEAN — Golda Parker

(Mrs. J. Alan) Wickham has been appointed acting dean of women at the University of Oregon, subject to approval of the state board of higher education. (Wiltshire engraving.)

Junior Safety—

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particular success in Portland, where there are some 1200 members. The Oregon Safety News, published by the department of the secretary of state, reports that Roseburg and Dallas also are working on installation of the patrol. Portland, Chief Bergman points out, already has in effect an ordinance giving the youngsters authority to stop or direct cars if necessary.

How System Works
Here is how the junior patrolmen work:

At the intersection, one patrol member is placed on each side of the street, on the side of the walk closer to traffic approaching from his left. When cars are going through the crosswalk, he will hold his stop flag before children waiting on the sidewalk. When they are crossing, his flag will direct motorists to stop.

Police place emphasis on the assertion that the youngsters will not direct traffic; they simply will give stop and go signals.

School officials, heartily in favor of the patrol, express their appreciation that its formation has not waited on a number of serious accidents.

Pvt. Hubert A. Lund Wounded In Germany

Pvt. Hubert A. Lund, son of Jesse Lund, 145 West Hilliard Lane, Eugene, has been wounded in action in Germany. He is in the airborne division, and was a member of a glider infantry company.

This is Private Lund's second time to be wounded. He previously was wounded during the battle of Africa.

He has been in the service since September, 1942.

ENGINEERS SPEND MONEY

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—The army engineers spent about \$43,000,000 in constructing and maintaining military and civilian works in the Portland area during 1944, it was learned today.

Partnership Formed By Real Estate Men

D. F. Mains and John J. Rogers have formed a co-partnership, to be known as Mains and Rogers, and will engage in the real estate business with offices at 97 Eighth Avenue west, to be opened the first of the year.

Both partners are experienced in handling real estate, both city and farm properties. Mains, for many years, was a salesman with the C. F. Hyde Realty company and in recent years has been active in building, city investments and rentals. He has owned a number of good farms since coming to Oregon in 1927.

Rogers, for many years a building contractor in Eugene, is an experienced farmer, has owned extensive timber interests and for the past four years has been identified with the Hodges Realty company as a broker, handling both city and farm property.

TIN HAT PAY HIGH

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—The nearly 92,000 tinhatters at this area's three Kaiser shipyards earned \$280,000,000 in 1944—a record-breaking payroll.

Gibraltar, a British crown colony, has an area of one and seven-eighths square miles.

Extension Units Will Resume Meetings

Home extension units of Lane county will resume their meetings this week, following a hiatus due to the holiday season. The following schedule:

Lost Valley—Home of Mrs. McCain, Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m.; "Favorite Winter Salads and Salad Dressings," project leaders, Mrs. Helen McCain, Mrs. Rose Mathews.

McKenzie River—Home of Mrs. June Kirkpatrick, Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m.; "Favorite Winter Salads and Salad Dressings," project leaders, Mrs. Frances Kirkpatrick, Mrs. L. A. Snyder.

Row River—Community hall, Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m.; "Professional Touches in Home Sewing," by Miss Lyle.

Jasper—Grange hall, Thursday, Jan. 4, at 10:30 a.m.; "Professional Touches in Home Sewing," by Miss Lyle.

Altavere—Home of Mrs. L. A. Snyder, Thursday, Jan. 4, at 10:30 a.m.; "Favorite Winter Salads and Salad Dressings," project leaders, Mrs. L. A. Snyder and Mrs. Kathryn Nelson.



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