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ARMY EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS
The knowledge that thousands of young men have been rejected for military service because of educational deficiencies came as quite a shock to most of us.

Now comes a report by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statisticians which reveals that the fight against illiteracy isn't going so badly as one might think.

What caused all the concern in connection with the draft, the report states, was the exacting mental and educational demands of modern warfare.

This statistical survey is undoubtedly accurate, and its conclusions seem sound.

Both stories were about majors. One was the flight leader who bombed the Bavarian town of Berchtesgaden without being aware that it was the site of Hitler's famous, historic fortified residence, the Berghof.

The other major commanded the railway operating battalion from which two officers and 158 men were convicted on black market charges.

But he admitted that he had felt unequal to his job and had asked to be reclassified. And he explained further, by way of extenuation, that he had only an eighth grade education.

It is not our purpose to embarrass or belittle these two officers. We do not question their courage or their integrity.

The Berchtesgaden incident was something of a joke, however incredible it may seem that a high officer had never happened to hear of Hitler's aerie.

But the black marketing of the "million

dollar battalion" had most serious military consequences. It might have been stopped sooner under an officer other than one who admittedly felt incapable of coping with his responsibilities, and victory might be a step nearer today.

OUT OF THE WOODS
By JIM STEVENS

Homes and Ships... Giant home building projects are sure to come in the Golden State after victory.

The question involves postwar business and jobs for the Pacific Northwest. A vital part of the answer is in transportation.

Before 1940 there were 90 ships available for the coastwise lumber trade.

And now the \$84 question: what is to replace the missing ships of the Pacific Northwest and California lumber trade to supply postwar home building in California?

The answer is a prime story—really the stuff for a serial in any national fiction magazine.

Here's the plot—mostly picked up from the employees' newspaper of the Albina Engine and Machine Works of Portland.

As early as 1942 L. R. Husse, the executive head of the yard, began to work out a postwar program.

"The stars are beautiful, but what our men deserve is something a little more concrete.

The subchaser builders of Albina got the spot. The U. S. Maritime Commission came in with the Navy.

"The postwar successor to the old lumber schooner has a capacity in excess of 2 and 1/4 million board feet coastwise storage and in excess of 2 and 1/2 million feet for offshore storage," says the Subchaser.

"The new vessel will have a draft of 18 feet. Lumber carriers must call at many different points, some in narrow, shallow channels or harbors, which makes maneuverability and reasonable draft essential.

"There are no 'ween decks. The deckhouse is at the stern, as in the oldtime schooner. There are three large holds without stanchions and with wide hatches.

"Length over all is 317 feet; beam, 48 feet; depth, 26 feet; draft, 18 feet; height of deckload, 17 feet.

So it looks like a good start for a water transportation between the major industry of this region and its great single market in the postwar.

The U. S. Maritime Commission seems to have more faith in the future of Pacific Northwest forests and their industries than one or two government agencies one might mention in a billious moment.

Hourly Farm Wage Rate Established

PORTLAND (AP)—The state WFA wage board has set 85 cents as the hourly maximum farm wage rate in Oregon, corresponding to the \$200 a month designated by the war food administration.

Only with WFA approval or if they paid more during the year before Dec. 9, 1943, can farmers exceed this pay, said Alden E. Orr, board executive officer.

The rate is based on a nine-hour work day and 26 work days monthly.

NAVY MOTHERS
Navy Mothers club sewing group will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. R. Fox, 1978 Eleventh avenue west.

P.E.O. GROUP
Chapter AY of P.E.O. Sisterhood is meeting this Wednesday at one o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. O. Holt.

JOINT INSTALLATION HELD BY GROUPS

Joint installation of officers was held by the auxiliary unit and Eugene chapter No. 3, Disabled American Veterans, at a recent meeting, with department officers attending.

Installing officer for the auxiliary was Mrs. Richard Faris of Grants Pass, department commander, who was assisted by the department conductress, Mrs. Elgin Ballor of Eugene.

Those installed were: Commander, Mrs. Otto Benda; senior vice president, Mrs. A. G. Sandahl; junior vice president, Mrs. Milo Thompson; chaplain, Mrs. Carl Hinz; treasurer, Mrs. James Burnett; adjutant, Mrs. William Wellborn; conductress, Mrs. Alfred Brooks; patriotic instructor, Mrs. Glennie Frost; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Gerald S. Kelsey; historian, Mrs. Florence Coleman; musician, Mrs. Helen Parke.

Department officers present, besides Mrs. Faris and Mrs. Ballor, were Mrs. Fred Egelus of Portland, senior vice commander; Mrs. Lois Pratt of Grants Pass, department adjutant; Mrs. A. C.

Newgard of Portland, past department conductress and also past commander of Portland Auxiliary No. 1; Mrs. Lee Moore, Eugene, past department commander; and Mrs. John C. Kalkhoven, past department adjutant.

Corsages were presented to the department officers and to the newly installed officers, by the auxiliary. The retiring commander, Mrs. Ballor, also was presented with a special gift by the auxiliary, and she in turn presented a gift to her adjutant, Mrs. Kalkhoven.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Elpha McBee gave a dinner, Sunday, honoring her daughter, Alice Faye, on the latter's fifth birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Leach and two daughters, Mary Mae and Louise, grandchildren, Loren and Della Rasmussen, of Blachly; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kalkler, son, Tommy, and daughter, Della, all of Junction City; Mr. and Mrs. Oren Warden, sons, Tommy and Virgil Warden of Wendling; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warden, Sr., and grandchildren, Roberts and Darlene Anderson; Mrs. Elpha McBee and daughter, Geneva, and the honored guest.

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SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
By MARIAN LOWRY

JOB'S DAUGHTERS SPONSORING DANCE

Job's Daughters are to be hostesses next Saturday evening at a "shamrock shuffle," a St. Patrick's day dance, the event to be in the McKenzie River Masonic temple, 630 Fourteenth avenue east.

The party, an informal sports dance, will be from 8:30 until 11:30 o'clock, date or stag. Invitation is extended to all Job's Daughters members, members of the Order of Rainbow Girls, and Star and Masonic members.

MRS. ROBLIN HEADS DAMES CLUB

Mrs. Roberta Madden Roblin, Honolulu, Hawaii, was named temporary chairman of the Oregon Dames club at the second meeting of the group Friday. Plans for definite organization of the group will be carried out at the beginning of spring term.

The Oregon Dames club is for the wives of university students, both graduate and undergraduate, and those now on the campus and in the armed forces. Sponsoring the organization are members of the Newcomers' group of the University of Oregon Women's Faculty club and the executive board of the Faculty club.

DOONAN-SUTTON WEDDING REPORTED

REEDSPORT — Charles Sutton of this city announces the marriage of his daughter, Miss Thelma Zora Sutton, to Frank Harrison Doonan, Jr., seaman 2-c U. S. navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doonan, Sr. The wedding which took place on March 7, at Coquille, Ore., Rev. Charles G. Brown, officiating. Attendants were Mrs. Phyllis Schoolcraft, sister of the bridegroom, and George R. Emery of North Bend.

Mr. Doonan, arrived last week following five years of service in the navy. He wears four service ribbons, the Pearl Harbor star, and three silver stars denoting five battles each, having twice been forced to abandon ships that were blown from under him. He was aboard the U. S. destroyer Shaw, bombed during the Jap attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and was knocked to the deck but managed to escape overboard just as the ship went down. Eight months later, on the night of August 8, 1942, he was aboard the U. S. cruiser Quincy, which was sunk while screening troop filled U. S. transports invading Guadalcanal. In the water for five hours before being rescued, he watched the U. S. cruisers, Astoria and Vincennes, follow the Quincy to her grave. The Doonans formerly made their home in Kalamazoo, Mich., from which place young Doonan enlisted. He hopes to be assigned to shore duty following his present furlough.

MULLANEY-TOMPKINS WEDDING IN EUGENE

VAUGHN—A pretty ceremony at the First Christian church, in Eugene, Miss Vivian Tompkins of Vaughn, was married to Ray Mullaney of Eugene, at noon, March 7. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tompkins of Vaughn and Mr. Mullaney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullaney of Eugene.

The couple were attended by Mrs. Margaret Kahle of Vaughn and Dell Pope, Eugene. The bride wore a powder blue suit with hat to match and her bridesmaid was dressed in a black suit with hat to match. Both wore corsages of red rosebuds and white carnations. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Fiscus, pastor of the First Christian church.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bosshart in Eugene. Mrs. Roy Ritter of Eugene, assisted by Mrs. Bosshart and Mrs. Tompkins, the bride's mother, served dinner to the following guests: Mrs. Cora Smith, the bride's grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. John Mullaney, parents of the bridegroom, Mrs. Margaret Kahle, Mr. Dell Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tompkins, and Mrs. Roy Ritter, Mrs. Bosshart, and the bridal couple.

The couple will live at San Pedro, Calif.



MRS. REX UNDERWOOD is playing in concert in Portland, Wednesday. Teacher of piano at the University of Oregon school of music, Mrs. Underwood recently presented a concert here (Kennell-Ellis photo, Wiltshire engraving).

COUNTY P-TA TO MEET THURSDAY

An event of county-wide interest will be the Lane County Parent-Teacher association meeting to be held at the Mt. Vernon school on Thursday.

The session will open at ten-thirty o'clock, closing at three o'clock. Mrs. James Pierson, county council president, presiding. There will be a pay luncheon at noon, demonstrating the hot lunch program carried out by the Mt. Vernon school during the past year.

The nominating committee will make a report, following which an election of officers will be held. Highlighting the meeting will be the election of delegates to attend to the voting, for the county, of the state officers at the regional convention to be held in Eugene April 19.

Mrs. Pierson urges as many unit representatives as possible to attend, as this is a meeting of special importance to the county. Persons taking the bus are instructed to take the ten o'clock or ten-thirty o'clock Springfield, Nicholas Garden bus, and get off at the end of the line where cars will be waiting to proceed to the Mt. Vernon school. Those persons driving personal cars are instructed to go out the McKenzie high-

way, east of Springfield, and signs along the highway will point the way to the school. Anyone desiring transportation may call Mrs. James Pierson, phone 3337-R. SHOWER GIVEN Tuesday afternoon, Miss Tompkins was honored with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Earl Johnson. The bride-to-be received many gifts. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Fred Ansted, Mrs. L. D. Pickens, and Mrs. H. Tompkins. Those present were Miss Vivian Tompkins, Mrs. Reginald Dibble, Mrs. Orrin Snellstrom, Mrs. Jos. Almaste, Mrs. Arthur Johnson and baby Katherine, Mrs. R. R. Harbert, Mrs. Emery Hauch, Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. Will King, Mrs. H. Baxendale, Virginia Kahle, Mrs. Beulah Scofield, Mrs. Tompkins, Mrs. Pic-

ken, Mrs. Tompkins and hostess, Mrs. Johnson, who could not attend sent gifts. STATE HEAD DUE Auxiliary to Central Union planning to entertain in Coos Bay, at its next meeting. A potluck dinner precedes the meeting, with J. H. Starr serving as chairman. Reducing fuel bills. TION soon pays for fuel. Oaks, 669 High.

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