

BOY SCOUTS ENROLL TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES IN OREGON

Ninety six Boy Scouts of the Crater Lake Area have just enrolled in the Oregon Green Guard as an added measure to exhibit their skills in woodsmanship during their outing at Camp McLoughlin, located in the Lake of the Woods area.

According to word received at state Keep Oregon Green headquarters, the Boy Scouts, under the direction of K. A. Wells, scout executive, received training in fire fighting methods from local Forest Service officials. The scouts organized a camp fire guard, had a two hour demonstration on the one lick method of fire control and received in-

struction in the use of forestry equipment.

Later, upon enrolling as Green Guard members, the boys received their emblems, badges, and fire manuals. The entire group pledged themselves to act in the protection of farm, field, and forest from devastation from fire.

Almost one half of the total number enrolling were from homes in Siskiyou County California. Because their summer time is spent in Oregon, the scout executive asked permission to enroll these youths. He was assured by R. C. Kuehner, secretary of the Keep Oregon Green Association, that the California boys might participate for, as he put it, "Fire is no respecter of state or county lines."

As new boys arrive at Camp McLoughlin, they will be signed with the Green Guard activity, it was indicated. Upon their return to individual homes, the scouts will continue their fire prevention leadership as a part of regular community service during the critical fire months ahead.

BANTAM HEN HITCH-HIKES RIDES, LAYS EGGS FOR HER BENEFACTOR; TAKES BATHS

Wes Hayes who lives at Reuben five miles from here, was eating his lunch at the mill last week when he noticed a small bantam chicken scratching in the gravel near him. He remarked to several other men there, of having one just like it at his place. After watching it for a while something frightened it and it headed for Hayes's car parked nearby. Upon reaching the car it presently jumped up under it. Curious the men went over to see where the hen went, and there, just under the floor boards the hen had a nest containing five eggs. Unknown to Mr. Hayes the hen had been riding back and forth to work with him for five or six days. Last Sunday he made several trips to the heavy timber for wood and the little hen went along. There is a creek near his place with steep banks which he crosses to go to work, so the hen evidently received a bath twice a day. —Log, Glendale.

RED CROSS TO SET UP FOOD ASSEMBLY CENTER IN SF FOR PRISONERS OF WAR IN ORIENT

Following a "green light" signal just given by the War Department the American National Red Cross will set up a Prisoners of war Food Package assembly center in San Francisco.

The center will be operating in time—probably within the next 60 days—to dispatch thousands of Red Cross food packages with the first neutral ship sent on a safe conduct voyage of mercy to the Far East, Schafer declared.

A Swedish vessel, now in service in the Baltic, will probably make the first trip to the Orient. Negotiations are now being considered through the International Red Cross to secure the German government's consent for its release.

The U. S. State Department and the American National Red Cross are Pressing daily for early release of the ship.

"As a neutral vessel must be used the entire program depends in a large measure upon securing the agreement with Berlin to grant a safe conduct, A. L. Schafer Pacific Area Manager stated.

"The attitude of the Japanese government—similar to that of the Germans in apparent reluctance to act swiftly on these matters—will determine exactly when the vessel leaves the Pacific Coast for the

Orient.

"We have definite reason to believe that arrangements for a ship shuttle service across the Pacific after the first trip can be worked out with the two Axis government said Schafer. "It is our intention to have the vessel assigned exclusively to this round-trip service at regular intervals.

In addition to the San Francisco food package assembly center, two others will be set up in the East by the Red Cross at the request of the War Department.

Four thousand food packages will be assembled each week in the local center.

Food going into the packages will be purchased by the American Red Cross, using funds collected during last spring's Red Cross War Fund campaign. For this reason, Schafer said, cash contributions are not being solicited now, even though many individuals and organizations still continue to send them in because of keen personal interest in friends and relatives held by the enemy.

"These contributions will very definitely be used for this project.

TEAMS OF 100
The Red Cross national organization is organizing and arranging for the assembly and loading of food packages. The San Francisco Chapter will supply a group of 500 volunteers to do the actual packing of food items—on a production line basis. Teams of 100 will work each day, five days a week, in a building at the corner of Grove and Gough Streets.

Opening of the center within the next 60 days, in time to have a huge shipment of thousands of food packages ready to go aboard the Swedish vessel on its first trip to the Far East.

Items in the prisoner of war pack perishable foods being packed in sealed cans—will include: cheese one fourth lb.; luncheon meat 10 and one half ounces; marmalade 1 tin; powdered whole milk, 1 lb. can; corned beef, 12 ounces; salmon one half pound; butter 1 pound; and such other foods in varying amount as sardines, plums, hard tack, raisins, milk, chocolate, tea, sugar, and

salt.

Failure of the Japanese to consent to allowing an International Red Cross representative to visit the Philippines is also holding up aid to men held prisoners in the islands. The IRC representative would investigate living conditions and report by cable on the needs of soldiers and civilians held there such as has been done elsewhere in the Far East.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Avena, Mr. and Mrs. John Edington, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson and baby daughter and Daisy and Jess Gilchrist picnicked at Trail Creek on Sunday.

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