

NO FRANCHISE FOR ARMY MEN

Soldiers in Oregon to Get No Vote

State Income Tax Must Be Paid by Those In State

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Several hundred regular United States armed service men stationed in Oregon must pay state income taxes this year although they are denied the right to vote.

Section 5, article 2, of the state constitution reads: "No soldier, seaman or marine, in the army or navy of the United States, or of their allies, shall be deemed to have acquired a residence in the state in consequence of having been stationed within the state, nor shall any such soldier, seaman or marine have the right to vote."

The measure was included, it is understood, to eliminate the possibility of the army controlling the vote in the early days when the protective garrisons stationed in the state comprised a large part of the population. The early legislators felt that the candidate with the biggest jug could easily get a whole army post to vote for him if soldiers were allowed the franchise.

For precedent in objecting to this situation the service men need look no further than the American Revolution. The fighting then was over taxation without representation.

They're not likely to revolt but the state income tax department will probably hear a lot of talk about the condition when the service men remit their taxes.

The rank and file of the three services for the most part do not receive compensation in excess of the minimum but there are a number of officers stationed in the state who will be required to pay.

The army provides the greater part of these. Army officers are stationed with the three districts of the U. S. engineers, the 29th engineers, the various reserve units, the civilian conservation corps and the coast artillery.

Navy officers on neutrality patrol will be eligible and marines, sailors and soldiers on recruiting service may find themselves contributing, depending on what the state does about quarters, food and clothing allowances.

SNEEZE DISLORGES BULLET

West Frankfort, Ill. (AP)—William Darnell sneezed and a bullet, accidentally fired into his head in 1920, emerged from his nostril. It had traveled a 19-year downward course from a point above one of his eyes and for several years had been lodged alongside his nose.

And She Doesn't Use a Crystal Ball



That President Roosevelt will be drafted for a third term is the prediction of Faith Hope Charity Harding, 4½, of Trucksville, Pa., child oracle who is claimed to have correctly called the European war, the Hitler-Stalin pact and the attempted shooting of the Duchess of Kent. Her mother says the girl seer knows nothing of her prophecies five minutes after they are made. In New York for scientific observation, Faith made no prediction as to what doctors might discover about her prophetic mind.

WEATHER SLOWS WORK AT PROVO

Construction of Project Continues

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Provo, Utah (AP)—Cold weather and constant threat of storms has slowed work but construction on the \$15,474,000 Provo river reclamation project—largest ever undertaken in this state—is going ahead and is 40 per cent completed.

Largest unit of the project is the Deer Creek dam, being built on picturesque Provo river in the Wasatch mountains above here. When finished, the dam will be the second largest earth-fill dam ever built under supervision of the federal reclamation department.

The project is designed to provide storage and distributing facilities to supplement the irrigation supply of some 100,000 acres of farm lands in Salt Lake and Utah counties and provide additional domestic water for cities and communities adjoining the irrigated areas.

Deer Creek dam itself will be about

1,500 feet long at the crest and 155 feet in height above the river bed. At the base, the dam will be 800 feet wide and more than 1,000 feet—a fifth of a mile—thick.

Into the dam, between layers of rip-rapped rocks will go 3,000,000 cubic yards of earth, enough to cover 20 acres to a depth of 155 feet. The dirt will be in six vertical layers, each performing a special duty in keeping the water from seeping through.

Lake To Be Seven Miles Long
Water will not start forming a lake behind the dam until 1942—but when it does a lake seven miles long will be formed in a canyon now occupied by the meandering river.

Before the dam proper could be built, 11 miles of railroad and 11 miles of highway that formerly trailed through the floor of the canyon had to be relocated on the hillside far above the eventual water line.

Work on the project has been under way for more than a year and a half. First step was construction of an outlet tunnel—a horseshoe shaped concrete conduit 17 feet across and 12 feet high—through which the river will run while the dam is under construction. Canyon walls have already been "stripped" down to bed rock and placement of some of the dirt and rock layers started.

Brush is what will be the lake bottom has been removed—to prevent fishermen's hooks from being snagged.

Two other important links in the project are the Olmsted and Alpine-Draper tunnels which will carry water through the Wasatches to the Salt Lake valley side of the mountain.

One Tunnel Completed
The Olmsted tunnel, 3,600 feet long, has already been completed and workmen started lining the 6½ foot diameter with concrete. The Alpine-Draper tunnel is 15,000 feet long and it was not scheduled to be holed through until next year.

A contract also has been let for pipe to form the main sections of the Salt Lake valley aqueduct that will carry the water from the tunnel heads to domestic reservoirs and irrigation structures.

Most plants take up nitrogen only in the form of ammonia, nitrates, or nitrites.

SEAMEN TRAIN FOR CONVOYS

Mines and Torpedoes Studied

Canadians Leave Work at Home to Serve on Naval Vessels

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 20 (AP)—Ships of the Canadian navy these days are grim appearing craft, stripped for action, with gun drills, torpedo practice and depth charge training the order of the day.

Hundreds of men are afloat on the east coast fleet and hundreds more are waiting assignments to replace those in service. A steady stream of recruits is entering training school and since the outbreak of war many hundreds of new men have passed through the guarded gates of headquarters.

Along with the recruits, retired "imperialists" have answered the call. Reservists have been brought up for full time service and plans are about to increase facilities to allow faster training of a greater number. The recruits come from all sections of Canada.

Among officers in service, or taking a training school "refresher" is a Montreal brewery press agent. Now he's an engineering officer. A Gaspe priest, who commanded a mine-sweeping squadron in the Dardanelles during the World war is back in service as a commander of a similar force. He had just finished preaching a sermon when he received his "call," he said. A Toronto insurance firm has lost its star salesman, and Edmonton has given one of its doctors as a ship's surgeon.

Convoy Details Elaborate
All convoys leaving Canada are arranged by the navy, and the naval instructions must be followed to the letter. The ship master who fails to follow even timing regulations to the letter does not slip twice. Convoy arrangements laid at this important port have been perfected to the last detail.

Principal work of the navy's larger units so far has been in connection with convoys. Smaller craft and auxiliary vessels are on continual patrol along the coast, with destroyers covering a vast area of open sea adjacent to the coast.

Close check is kept on activities of other British naval craft all over the world, and results of action are listed carefully. Statistics on and identification marks of all types of German warcraft are displayed conspicuously. The Graf Spee has been X-ed out, however, with her brief notation: "Montevideo, December 17, 1939—scuttled."

On shore, gunnery crews prepare for work at sea. Over their hands hang the advisory slogans: "Shoot First, Hit First, Hit Hard and Keep on Hitting" and "Engage the Enemy More Closely."

Barracks and training school are filled to overflowing and temporary buildings have been rising.

The intricacies of big guns, small guns, torpedoes, mines and other instruments of modern warfare are learned by seamen before they are sent to sea. They know, when their land training is finished, that 10,000 torpedoes driven by four-cylinder engines at speeds up to 40 knots, for instance, aren't to be fired lightly and that accuracy in marksmanship is paramount.

The recruits learn too why mines are so dangerous. They find out, by working on dummies, that the pressure of one hand is sufficient to bend a "horn," snap a tube of strong acid to form an electrical circuit and explode 500 pounds of TNT, which the average mine carries.

Because of congested training

Sues for Chance to Make a Living



Claiming that his right to make a living was jeopardized, Richard G. Scott won a suit against the Los Angeles Turf Club which he said deprived him of that right by barring him from Santa Anita race track, and consequently from the pari-mutuel machines.

STREET NUMBERS DEFEY MOVES

Salt Lake City, Utah (AP)—Mrs. Emily Levy has moved three times recently—but her mail still goes to the same street-number. First she lived at 453 Fourth East street. Then it was 453 Blair avenue. Now she lives at 453 East South Temple street.

school conditions, recruit seamen get a good idea of what they will be up against when it comes their turn to sling hammocks below decks aloft. But, other than that, they are comfortable. Modern kitchens turn out the best food in huge quantities and there are facilities for feeding 1,500 men at a meal.

Biting winds and zero weather which turn spray from plunging prowls into ice on the decks seem to make little difference to the crews when at sea. Warm clothing, supplemented by hundreds of sweaters and heavy socks, have been received from the Red Cross.

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SOLDIERS' NEEDS FOR LEAVE MANY

Canadian Organizations Provide Recreation

Halifax, N. S. (AP)—Shelter, recreation, baths, reading and writing materials—these, in that order, are the prime needs of Canadian soldiers, sailors and fliers, when on leave. In the east, where of all Canada, the war effort is most apparent, these needs are being attended to with efficiency, it is revealed.

The buildings taken over here by various organizations to be turned into hostels for the thousands of men in all services, are built on spacious lines. A former girls' boarding school, a commodious club, a church building, these are some of the places recently redecorated and fitted out for the services.

Pooling of funds provided by the national council of the Y. M. C. A., the National Red Cross Society, the government and others, committees made up of citizens are operating the Y. M. C. A. hostel, the Salvation Army hostel, the Knights of Columbus hut, as well as small canteens and rest rooms.

Beds for 25 Cents
Where beds are provided, the men pay 25 cents for the night, and get food at canteens cheaper than at restaurants. The men gather in the recreation rooms where books and magazines are available, and all kinds of small games can be enjoyed. The hostels do not stop at checkers, and cards, however, but provide gymnasiums for basketball, volleyball and ping pong.

When the men register at the hostels and before they turn in, they

leave word when they must be called, and in all cases those in charge see to it that the call is put in effectively. Since the middle of December when the army hut was formally opened 1,900 men have slept there, and there has never been a case of a man late for duty. The same can be said of the Y. M. C. A. which to date has taken care of some 4,000 men overnight.

All Services Accommodated
The "Y" has accommodations for 500 men overnight, but the average so far has not exceeded 200. It is for all allied services, including the merchant marine, members of which are vouched for by the navy league. Petty officers and N. C. O.'s are housed on an upper floor with their own reading and writing room which has been furnished comfortably by the women's auxiliary committee. In the bright and pleasant army canteen, are two radios, a grand piano, a pianola, easy chairs and lounges, tables and desks, and a general air of quiet and comfort.

Amateur theatricals and concerts are more numerous at the Y. M. C. A. hostels and at the Knights of Columbus hut than in the other places. Townspeople with talent are on the alert to provide entertainment, but the men harbor no little talent among themselves, so that shows, sing-songs, and skits take up many evenings. The old songs seem to hold their popularity with the men, and "Tipperary" is still shouted as it was in Flanders and hostels during the World war.

BIG FOX HUNT MARCH 2
Kennett Square, Pa. (AP)—Plans are being formulated for what may be the biggest fox-hunting event in the United States when the Bayard Taylor Memorial Hunt is held March 2 at Longwood Farms, estate of P. S. du Pont.

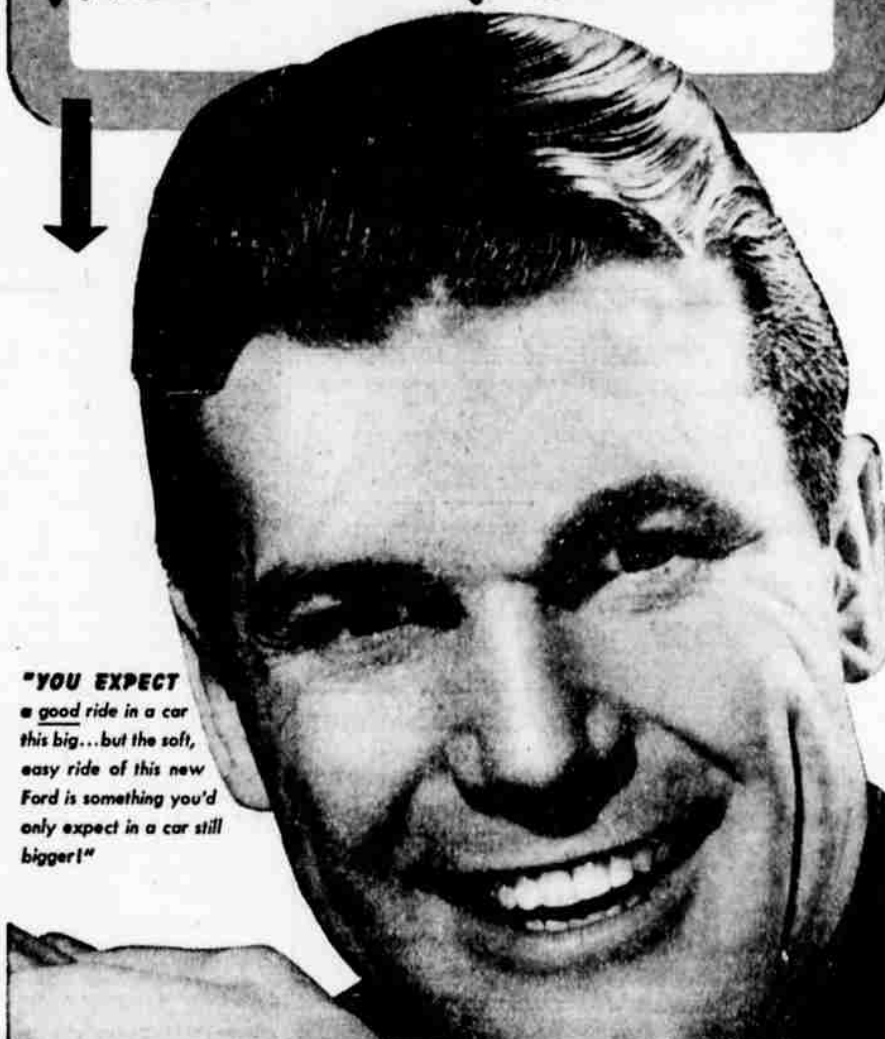
Mendon, Mass., Wrote Declaration in 1773

Mendon, Mass. (AP)—When the 13 colonies drafted the Declaration of Independence and became the United States, they were only following the example set by the town of Mendon. The WPA historical records survey has discovered that in 1765 the town voted not to comply with the stamp acts imposed by England and in 1773 drafted its own declaration of independence.

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