

Over 4000 Soldiers Will Return to State This Year

By Eric W. Allen, Jr.
Best estimates indicate that 4000 or more discharged members of the armed forces will be returning to Oregon during 1944. Already more than 12,000 soldiers and 341 Wacs have left the army for one reason or another and returned to the state.
Under present conditions this group presents only a small problem as far as employment needs are concerned. The chief difficulty in most cases is a psychological readjustment to be made by the individual.

Miss Sellwood Retains Post

Authorization of a pension or some other financial assistance by the state or federal government for the rehabilitation, care and education of the physically handicapped was stressed at the annual convention of the Oregon Chin-Up club here Sunday.

The club has a membership of more than 200, many of whom, because of some physical handicap, occupy wheel chairs.

"We are not looking for charity," one speaker declared, "but we are seeking state or federal assistance so that many of our members, now unable to care for themselves, may become self-supporting."

Members of the club were urged to write to the state senators and representatives of their respective districts in the interest of some financial recognition at the next legislative session.

Beth Sellwood Salem, was re-elected president of the club, while William Judd, Milwaukie, was re-elected treasurer; Phyllis Swift, Gresham, was chosen vice-president, and Bernice Nightingale, Stayton, secretary.

Among the speakers were State Senator Lew Wallace and George Levy, both of Portland. Wallace promised the club the cooperation of the Elks lodge and announced a monthly financial contribution from that organization.

Reports indicated that the club is gradually increasing its membership and has more than 1000 subscribers for the "Oregon Beacon" the club's official publication.

Most of the convention program, which included musical numbers and other entertainment features, was contributed by the club members.

Many members of the club, the reports indicated, are now self-supporting, while others are preparing themselves for various occupations.

A representative of the Eagles lodge said the state convention of that organization at The Dalles this summer would consider outright support for the Chin-Up club. A pot-luck luncheon preceded the business sessions.

Tompkins Says Ceilings Injurious

Grants Pass, Ore., June 13 (AP)—Morton Tompkins, state master of the Oregon Grange, said today that OPA tactics of setting price ceilings had in many instances brought financial injuries to farmers.

Tompkins said that the war food administration failed to fulfill its promises to support prices on certain food crops in many cases and that some price levels were below cost of production.

He said the conditions brought about by OPA practices would not build confidence and that, were it not for the patriotism of the farmer, food production would be endangered.



Elwood E. Gettman Worthy President



L. A. Hamilton Secretary

Gettman Heads Salem Eagles

Elwood E. Gettman, 770 North 17th street, became the new worthy president of the Salem Eagles lodge when officers for the year were installed. He succeeds Dr. F. L. Utter who has served during the last year.

Other officers installed were: L. T. Wallace, worthy vice-president; Leslie Hamilton, secretary; Julius Hoppe, treasurer; Judson Bressler, chaplain; Ray Moore, conductor; Bud Karn, inside guard; George Hagen, outside guard; Dr. Floyd Utter, junior past president; Tim Lindstrand, Eston Williams and Percy Cooper, trustees for three, two and one year respectively.

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tended to roll at landing speeds. When his rear seat man reported he was injured, Naftzger refused to jump. "His superb airmanship and unyielding determination," the citation said, "enabled him to effect successfully a high speed, cross wing landing, returning the injured man to a source of medical treatment."

Naftzger was born at Gervais, Ore. His wife, Altha, lives in Wilder, Idaho.

Bonneville Man In Navy Drowns

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