

## UMT Held Best For Defenses

Albany, May 6—Universal military training would not only provide the United States with a far better defensive force, but a more economical one than it has now, speakers at the two-day national security conference held here averred.

The night session was opened by Samuel Bowes, vice-commander of the Oregon American Legion department, which is sponsoring a series of national security meetings of which that held here was one.

Bowes emphasized the Legion's national defense program, calling for unity of command under a secretary of defense.

Capt. Clarence Embody, University of Oregon R.O.T.C. instructor, emphasized the necessity of long training for the modern soldier.

The conference was addressed in the afternoon by Mrs. Edwin Fortmiller, Albany, local security chairman; district No. 2 vice commander, Hollis Hull and Millard Willis, Albany.

Speakers were introduced by Mrs. Craig Coyner, Bend, department auxiliary president who said "security for America and peace for the world" is the auxiliary's security program.

## Birthdays Celebrated By Lincoln Residents

Lincoln—Mixed bouquets of spring garden flowers were used as decorations about the rooms of the Jeff Williams home at Lincoln when his birthday and that of his father, A. D. Williams, 85, was celebrated.

Additional guests were Mrs. A. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Williams and Jacky and Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller and Alice and Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fischer and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Sherman and Dickie, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bishop and Roger, Wayne Williams, Mrs. Owen Easley, Eddie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Alfred Williams and his fiancée Donna Krenz, Mrs. Jeff Williams and children, C. A., Martha, Virginia, Franklin and Le Roy.

## Mrs. Opedal Honored On 79th Birthday

Silverton—Mrs. Lars Opedal was honored on the occasion of her 79th birthday anniversary with a surprise at her home, with numerous other callers during the evening.

Guests were Mrs. O. W. Olson who made and presented the complimented guest with a "surprise" cake; Mrs. Ed Ostegaard, Mrs. Halvor Holm, Mrs. George Walker, Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Miss Hilda J. Olsen, Mrs. P. O. Henderson, Mrs. H. Thompson, Mrs. L. Kindblad, Mrs. R. O. Solim, Miss Bertha Loe, Mrs. L. Erickson, Mrs. M. N. Koleon, Mrs. Augusta Brekke, Mrs. L. Rongdrberg, Mrs. Leonard Hatterberg, Mrs. John Harstaad, Mrs. Karen Tostenson, Mrs. Nina Flaaten, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Almle, Mrs. P. O. Samdahl, Mrs. Melissa Golberg and Mrs. Conrad Johnson.

An additional guest was a daughter of the complimented guest, Mrs. Opedal, Mrs. O. G. Larson (Marth Opedal) of Portland.

## Gervais Woman Listed as Suicide

Mrs. Rose Marie Prantl, 37, was found hanging in a barn at her home on Gervais Rt. 1 Thursday by her husband, Albert Prantl, with C. C. Edwards, deputy coroner, listing the death as a suicide. She was reported to have been despondent be-



Pretty—and Smart—Jean Hove ruled over the May festival at Woodburn high school Friday and also has been selected valedictorian for the senior class. (Kennell-Ellis Photo).

cause of poor health. Sheriff Denver Young conducted the investigation.

Mrs. Prantl was born in Germany December 11, 1911, and came to this country with her parents when she was a little more than a year old. Surviving are her husband and four children from five months to 11 years old and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bittler, all of Gervais.

Recitation of the rosary at the Unger funeral home in Mt. Angel Friday night at 8 o'clock with funeral services at the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Gervais Saturday at 9 o'clock with burial at Gervais.

## Allotments Of Crops Proposed

Now that acreage allotments and marketing quotas seem likely on a number of major crops in 1950, the problem is one of keeping acreages taken out of allotment crops from piling up surpluses of other farm commodities.

According to E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the Oregon State PMA committee, this is one of the big problems—if not the biggest—facing farmers of this country today. As surpluses of one crop pile up there will be a tendency—if past experience can be used as a guide—to shift production to other cash crops. This,

in one year, may mean surpluses and ruinous prices for these commodities. Mr. Miller said that it has been suggested that there be a total allotment on the farm to cover all these crops. This would mean that in addition to the allotments on individual crops there would be a total farm allotment that would cover all cash crops, or crops that may be eligible for price supports. To be eligible for price supports, the farmers would have to be within this total allotment as well as all the allotments for individual crops.

On a farm where a farmer may have a normal acreage of 60 acres of wheat, 30 acres of corn, and 10 acres of potatoes, he may have individual crop allotments of 50 acres of wheat, 25 acres of corn, and 5 acres of potatoes. But he may have 20 acres in other cash crops, which if increased would help to build up surpluses. The idea suggested would be to set up an over-all allotment as well as allotments for individual cash crops. He would have to be within the individual crop allotment and the total allotment to be eligible for price supports on any crop.

The suggested proposal would help farmers to work together, instead of against each other, the chairman said. And as to what to do with the land taken out of these cash crops, he suggested that there is room for expansion of grass and legume crops both to increase livestock production and to conserve the soil.

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