

Military Court Courses Dated

May 24 will see a series of eight two-hour classes of training in military justice matters started here for all reserve and regular army personnel in the Salem area.

Purpose of the course, prescribed by training circular 7, DA, dated, March 14, 1949, is to impart to all military personnel an understanding of the fundamental principles and procedures of military justice and to insure availability of military personnel qualified to serve as members of court-martial at all installations.

Known as Basic Course A it is prescribed for all officers warrant officers and enlisted personnel of the regular army and civilian components, except such persons as general officers and personnel currently attending service schools, etc. The training is to be completed before December 31, 1949.

Under present plans the course will be run in two classes. The first class opens Tuesday, May 24, and the other begins Thursday, May 26. They will run concurrently each week until completion July 14. For personnel attending camp during this period arrangements will be made for them to attend the course while at camp. Point credits for attendance will be awarded and certificate of

completion posted to the individual's 201 file.

Subjects to be presented at the classes and the dates are: May 24 and May 26, military justice and the articles of war and disciplinary punishment under A. W. 104; May 31 and June 2, composition and jurisdiction of courts-martial and procedure before trial; June 7 and 10, personnel of general and special courts-martial and offenses; June 14 and 16, offenses; June 21 and 23, challenges, motions and plea and rules of evidence; June 28 and June 30, statements, arguments, findings, sentence and punishment; July 5 and 7, sentence and punishment and trial procedure; and July 12 and 14, Moot trial.

Instructors for the classes are Lt. Col. Francis T. Wade, Lt. Col. Eugene E. Laird, Maj. Clifton Enfield, Maj. Charles Jens and Capt. Robey Ratcliffe. All are members of the reserves.

Mrs. Rupp Honored

Mill City — Mrs. Herbert Schroeder, assisted by Mrs. Arlo Tuers was hostess in her home for a going-away afternoon party given in honor of Mrs. Ed Rupp, who has moved to Salem. Following an informal hour refreshments were served by hostesses. Mrs. Rupp was presented with gift remembrances by friends present, Mrs. Charles Kelly, Mrs. Claude Miller, Mrs. Clayton Baltimore, Mrs. Vern Clark and the hostesses Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Tuers.



Artistry in Wood—This six-foot table of maple and oak inlay has withstood years of exposure to dampness without a mark of deterioration, a memorial to Ben Schmitt, Roaring River recluse, who died recently. (Lebanon Express Photo)

Roaring River Recluse Proves Artist With Simplest of Tools

Lebanon—Working with hand tools and native Oregon wood, Ben Schmitt, aged recluse of Roaring River, fashioned furniture of such unique workmanship and design that local appraisers have set an approximate value of \$800 to \$1000 on each of two dining tables made of solid maple and oak inlay.

Schmitt, a German immigrant, died in February 1947 at the age of 79, in his cottage on Roaring River about a mile above the state fish hatchery. He had lived in Oregon for 40 years. Attempts to locate his relatives in Germany have so far proved fruitless. In such cases, the state land board becomes beneficiary of the estate the funds derived from it being ultimately turned over to state school funds.

Nothing was moved from the Schmitt home until last week when the furniture was brought to Lebanon for storage, pending final settlement of the estate. During the two years in the deserted house other articles became sodden and mouldy, but the tables withstood the neglect and are still in perfect condition.

They are on display at a Lebanon furniture store where they are attracting wide attention, especially from valley cabinet makers who are at a loss to see how such precision of angles, curves and expert fitting could be accomplished with hand tools.

Schmitt, it is reported, chose his own standing timber, cutting, seasoning and choosing graining and color with such remarkable detail that his finished product becomes mainly valuable as a collector's item.

Glenn Huston, county coroner, is administrator of the estate.

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West Salem School News

By ANN GALLASPY

The eighth grade class, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Howell, had a poster making project the week of May 9-13. The posters were on the subjects of "How to Apply for a Job," "How to Keep a Job," "Odd Jobs in the Summer," and "A Code of Ethics for Babysitters." When the posters were completed the eighth grade voted on the two best posters. The best poster was on "A Code of Ethics for Babysitters." Those who worked on this poster were Louise Owens, Phyllis Erickson and Joane Etter. The second best poster was on "How to Keep a Job." Those who worked on this poster were Keith Johnson, Deryl Pruitt, Lloyd Walker and Don Burk.

The West Salem PTA sponsored a talent show in the junior high music room. Many students participated in the show. Norma Curtiss played a short

song on the electric guitar; Louise Owens, Ann Gallaspy and Nancy Rust produced a short skit; Shirley and Dolores Curtiss sang and did a tap dance number; Mrs. Ora Smith gave three original readings, and Mrs. Isabel Schmidt presented Janet and Sherry Velen, Donna Beins and Joy Moore in several dramatic songs. The program concluded with Mrs. Isabel Schmidt playing a piano solo.

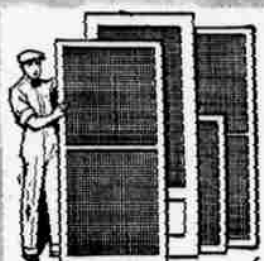
At the business meeting new officers for the following year were installed.

Fast Time Assured Lebanon Residents

Lebanon — It was indicated this week that Lebanon will follow the lead of other cities of the area and declare daylight saving time, since Albany, Corvallis, and Salem have already adjusted their clocks ahead one hour.

A survey by phone conducted this week showed farmers heavily opposed to the time switch while residents of town and the majority of business-

men favored the proposal. The measure will be brought before the council at next Tuesday's meeting, and a definite date set for switching time, provided it is approved.



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