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SENTRY MAKES A BOW

"To walk my post in a military manner . . . keeping constantly on the alert . . . observing everything within sight or hearing." That is a part of the general orders committed to memory in the United States army from the days away back when.

That order might be the basis of the policy of this newspaper, which today appears for the first time. The Camp Adair Sentries has one purpose—to serve the personnel at the camp with a medium of intercommunication between high and low and low and high alike.

These columns will be open to any member of the Camp Adair group, from the officer in command to the youngest and lowest-paid office boy, subject only to military censorship and the editor's right to keep out objectionable material.

There will be no politics. There will be no bickerings. Constructive criticism will always be welcomed. Anything which will be of value, either as suggestion or as morale builder, in boosting the great job along here, is wanted.

The Sentries seeks assistance in gathering the news of the camp. Your effort will be greatly appreciated if you send us a story any time, and we solicit regular correspondence from those who are interested in news writing and want a chance to publish their work.

In a statement of policy, let it be known that the Sentries is completely neutral in its relations with the towns and communities in the Camp Adair area. Advertisements from this entire area will pay the bill of publication of this paper. To favor one community or another in our columns would be unfair, to say the least, and would cut the Sentries' throat in the end. Already, before the first issue is in print, it has been necessary to make this point clear to some.

Whatever the camp wants in the way of a newspaper, it will be our earnest endeavor to deliver every week. Many persons can help us and many will—in fact many have already. The Sentries is grateful. A "crab column" has been suggested and will be conducted. "What's wrong with the communities near the camp," from the point of view of camp personnel?

These communities, without exception, want to be of service to the camp people. They want our good will and our business. If you have a pet crab which can be put into the form of constructive suggestion, send it in and the crab column will print it.

It has been impossible for the Sentries to get all over the camp and get acquainted with everybody. It's our purpose to know as many as possible and we will be circulating in the future.

Again, the one purpose of The Sentries is to serve the camp. We are thankful for the opportunity to do so and now we go at it hopefully, enthusiastically and humbly and hereby promise our level best.

Men working on foundations don't like the rain. The dust-eaters love it. Will somebody please straighten out this condition?

THANKS TO MANY

There are many "thank you's" which should be said by The Sentries in its first publication — too many to include all. We must mention some specifically and hereby do so with extreme gratitude:

We are grateful to Col. Des Islets, present camp commander, for his close cooperation in our throes of birth, and for his fine letter of welcome to us as published elsewhere in this issue. We appreciate the colonel's confidence in us and shall do our best to live up to it.

Thanks to H. C. (Sven) Johnson, coordinator, who has given us every help and whose interested suggestions have saved us time, worry and mistakes. The Sentries hopes to be worthy of continued help from his office.

The editor is personally grateful to Claude E. Ingalls of Corvallis for his friendly consultation and advice in formulating plans for The Sentries.

We have had a friendly reception wherever we've gone throughout the camp and are especially thankful to those who have helped us with this first issue.

The Sentries is grateful for the understanding and cooperation of the advertisers herein. Their space has been bought out of thin air since there was nothing to show them. We hope the camp people will appreciate this in their patronage.

FEELING OUR WAY

Subjects for editorial discussion in the Camp Adair Sentries must develop as the newspaper develops. There are many broad subjects which will present themselves as their parts apply to us here at the camp. Everyone can stand constant hammering on "Safety First," "A full day's work in a day," "Stay sober on work nights," and the like. The Sentries won't preach. Frequent reminders will not be amiss. And when we see something that calls for discussion, we shall do it in energetic and straightforward terms.

The Sentries will be "constantly on the alert."

HERE'S TO CLAY COCHRAN

Clay C. Cochran, now manager of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and former secretary of the Chamber at Corvallis, is the one man responsible for this location of Camp Adair. From the first letter of inquiry about camp sites in this neck of the woods, until the final location and building, Mr. Cochran was the guiding spirit in the cooperation the communities gave the army engineers in gathering data necessary.

The necessity of keeping material confidential, from a military point of view, kept Mr. Cochran's accomplishment light under a bushel. He worked quietly and efficiently and furnished the army engineers with the data they required. John Public will probably never know the mastery used in assembling and making available all the huge amount of material required.

Others helped. Mr. Cochran would be the last to claim sole credit. In fact, he leans backward the other way. But his guiding hand did the trick, and not without difficulties.

So here's to Clay Cochran! He brought the Willamette valley a fine military camp. He gave the army a fine camp, thereby doing his bit toward the great objective.

Mr. Cochran is now in Salem. His interest in the camp has not slackened with the completion of his first big job. On the contrary. He may be seen here several times a week. He is working for the good of the camp, and will bring a lot of support for Camp Adair from Salem in his new job there. He knows everybody personally, except—possibly—you. If that's the

Helped Locate Camp



Clay C. Cochran, present manager of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, who directed gathering material leading to present camp site by army.

case, find him and meet him. It will be worth your while, and no matter who you are—if you're connected with Camp Adair.

HOUSE-HUNTING?

The towns and cities in this territory are bending every effort to meet the housing shortage occasioned by the influx of Camp Adair workers. The Camp Adair Sentries hopes to be of some help in getting the right people together on an apartment, house or room.

If you are home-hunting, it will pay you to scan the columns of The Sentries from now on until you get located.

GASOLINE RATIONING

With gasoline supplies dwindling, with the complete absence of new auto tires and with automobiles themselves limited to but a few essential professions, it isn't out of line at all to bum a ride.

Neighborhood organizations are in order to come to work at the camp. Many are sharing responsibility in this effort. Col. Des Islets said the other day that he'd like to see five people in every car that comes on the reservation. His interest is your interest.

WATCH FOR POISON OAK

This is written especially for those who are new to this territory. If you get poison oak, don't fool with it. Go to your doctor as soon as possible. It grows here in the camp area and you may be the next one to get it. It acts differently on different people and on many it is serious. Don't lose wages and time uselessly. Get competent

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SILENT PRAYER

The peace around me makes me wonder . . . Will the skies be filled with the thunder From the motors of enemy bombing planes, Killing children in lovely country lanes?

I think of the peace and quiet— Here I am surrounded by it; Yet am I content as they Who die—keeping slavery away?

Let me find a job—help me to do it, In this war—'til we are through it. No fame or glory—all I ask Is to help men do their task.

Phyllis Hancock.

When someone wanted the coordinator's office on the 'phone the other day he asked for the "agitator."

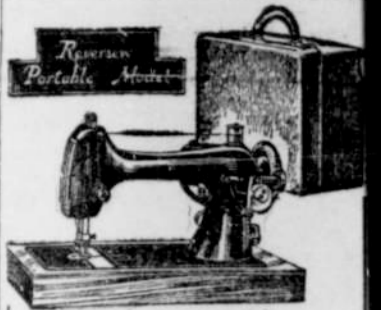
Send The Sentries some news items. Who, what, when and where.

How many men of the camp are interested in soft ball and other athletic games for evenings?

Everybody went fishing Sunday—well, almost everybody.

Camp guards complain that they are lonesome on Sundays.

Couldn't those guys over there on the hill dig out some smoother rocks?



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