

Coordinator Has Big Job at Camp

H. C. (Sven) Johnson Irons Out Wrinkles

The work of the coordinator's office is to make smooth any rough spots that may occur in the building of Camp Adair as it may affect the communities of the counties of Polk, Linn, Benton and Marion.

These rough spots may be housing rates or conditions, sanitary conditions of trailer camps or newly established auto camps or road problems that arise from changing conditions. In fact, it is the desire of the coordinator to attempt to guide those who are affected adversely in any way as a result of the construction of this new enterprise in the proper direction to a solution of their problem.

Everyone realizes that it would be impossible for one office to cure all ills and relieve all unpleasant happenings. However, the office of the coordinator attempts to help those who come to that office to find the proper source for relief and uses its best efforts to see to it that all possible help is received to adjust the situation to the best result of all concerned. This applies to cities and counties within the area served by the Four County Council, as well as to the individuals in the area.

"Please feel that the coordinator is your representative in any way he is able to help you and will welcome your suggestions or requests if there is any way we can be of help to you," Mr. Johnson suggests. "You are the builders of this wonderful camp and we want you to be treated right while you are here with us. The cities of Albany, Corvallis, Monmouth, Independence, Dallas, Salem, Lebanon and Sweet Home are all in this council and want you to know that your problems are their problems and that they want you to be happy and enjoy the time you have to spend off the job in any of these places. We are their representative and we hope to do this job so as to be of mutual benefit to all."

Is Coordinator



Courtesy Statesman, Salem

H. C. (Sven) Johnson, established by four counties and the cities around Camp Adair, to solve riddles arising in Camp-Civilian relationships.

Sven Johnson Brings Ability to See Thing From Wide Associations

When construction got under way at Camp Adair, many problems issuing from the relationship of the camp to the surrounding communities immediately presented themselves for solution. The result was that every Tom, Dick and Harry with something on his chest went rushing into the administration offices to see the area commander. To avoid impositions on both sides of the fence, the four counties effected and the larger towns in the area decided to open an office to clear these discussions.

Howard C. (Sven) Johnson of Albany was finally decided upon as the man to run this office. He was given the title, "Coordinator." Since April 1, he has been at the head of an office in the administration building just across the hall from that of Col. Des Isles. The office is maintained by an organization of the territory effected which has provided a budget for the activity and whose destinies are directed by a common council composed of representatives of the various sections of the area.

It is the intent of Mr. Johnson's office to handle all business which shall arise between the civilian in-

dividuals and communities on the one hand and the army command on the other. When problems arise which effect both, they are taken to Mr. Johnson, who provides the proper procedure to clear things up.

Mr. Johnson is well-known in this community, having come to Albany in 1932 as agent for the Standard Oil company. In 1933 he was moved to Corvallis and promoted to district manager in an area comprising Linn, Benton and Polk counties. For the past two years he has been in Port Townsend, Wash., at Medford and came back to Albany last fall, where he opened "Johnson's Real Estate Exchange." He has been there until assuming duties at Camp Adair April 1.

Known in Corvallis and Albany as Sven, Mr. Johnson is rapidly becoming acquainted with the force at the camp, especially in the administration building so far, and hopes to be able to be of service to both the contractors and workers as well as to the camp administration.

Coordinator Assisting In Housing Problems

An extensive survey is being conducted on rent conditions in some of the towns directly tributary to Camp Adair.

As complaints come into the coordinator's office, they will be investigated and publicity given those who feel that a full-year's profit should be made in a few months. The coordinator feels it is just as unpatriotic to hold up a defense worker from excess rental charges as it would be to do some other act that would tend to slow down or discourage defense workers.

H. C. Johnson, coordinator, states that he has several letters on his desk which designate certain places, private apartment houses, by address and name of owner.

It is hoped that the condition can be announced shortly as much improved, he says.

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Workers May Enroll in Technical Trade Class

Enrollment in evening classes in the trades, to prepare workmen for skilled jobs in Portland shipyards, may be made any time in the larger cities of the Camp Adair area. Classes are continuous at Salem and Corvallis and Albany, and are being conducted through coopera-

tion with the school systems. Carpentry and wood working classes have been most popular, authorities say, though metal working runs a close second.

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Monmouth Has Unique Dormitory Housing

Former Girls' Building Is Open for Workers

Monmouth, next town north of the camp on the highway 99W has a unique provision for Camp Adair workers who wish board and room facilities near the camp. A former women's dormitory used in connection with the college there, has been taken over by private enterprise, entirely renovated and refurbished and will care for 54 men. Chamber of Commerce Manager Gillett announces.

The building is modern, air-conditioned, has both tub and shower facilities and a large living room comfortably furnished with a piano and fireplace. Board is offered at the dormitory dining room.

Monmouth has room and board for 23 outside this dormitory and can "sleep" a total of 157, Mr. Gillett reports. There is a second house, formerly a college dormitory, which will care for a number of men, but no board is available there.

There are still plenty of trailer lots at the various camps around the Camp Adair area. There are trailer spots on all sides of the camp.

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