

A weekly journal devoted to the Willamette Valley's share in Uncle Sam's great war effort.

Camp Adair Sentry

Mounting Guard in and Around Camp Adair, Oregon

Trust your cause. Whatever is attempted is never well done unless the doer breathes himself into his deed. - S. Parkes Cadman.

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First Camp Flag Raised Tuesday

Event Honored With Ceremony; Pole Is Linn County Gift

Old Glory waves over Camp Adair.

The first flag to be flown at the camp was raised with appropriate ceremony Tuesday noon, on a pole given to the camp by Linn county. The pole, of steel pipe construction, is the same one which formerly flew the flag on the present location of the Linn county court house at Albany. It had been in service there for 42 years.

Judge J. J. Barrett, county judge of Linn county, made the presentation and Col. R. E. M. Des Islets accepted the pole for the post.

"I hope and pray it will bear the Camp Adair flag proudly, and long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of our brave," Judge Barrett said in concluding his brief remarks.

Following Col. Des Islets' brief acceptance, the flag floated upward to the stirring national anthem played by the military band from the cavalry regiment quartered in Salem.

The bell for noon recess rang a few minutes early to enable office personnel to attend the ceremony.

Workers Welcomed By Corvallis Mayor

Corvallis salutes you, Lt. Col. R. E. M. Des Islets, Glenville A. Collins, contractors, your staff members and the hundreds of other workers employed in the building of Camp Adair. Corvallis is glad to have had a part in bringing you here and we hope we have not been negligent in our efforts to make you feel at home or in meeting the many requirements your coming has placed on us. Corvallis feels she has much to offer and we hope your stay, brief as it must needs be, will be a happy one and that, some day, you will want to come back. ALL CORVALLIS wishes you success in the great undertaking in which you are engaged.

The completion of Camp Adair and its occupation by thousands of soldiers will thrust upon the entire area many complications and problems. Every effort has been made by all of the cities in the surrounding area to anticipate those problems and they are being met cheerfully, thoroughly and earnestly. We realize that our soldiers, when they come, will want recreation during their spare hours and every effort is being put forth to give them the kind of relaxation they want. The soldier's problem becomes OUR problem and I'm sure I speak for Corvallis when I say, "we shall not be found lacking in determination and effort in this great, patriotic duty."

This salute would not be complete without an expression of commendation to the "Camp Adair Sentry," the new official journal of "doin's" about the camp. Much valuable and interesting information was given us in the first issue about you folks who have become our new neighbors and already we feel better acquainted. The "Camp Adair Sentry" will prove to be an important guide to communities (Continued on page 6, column 3)

Workers and Visitors Watch Raising of First Flag at Camp Adair

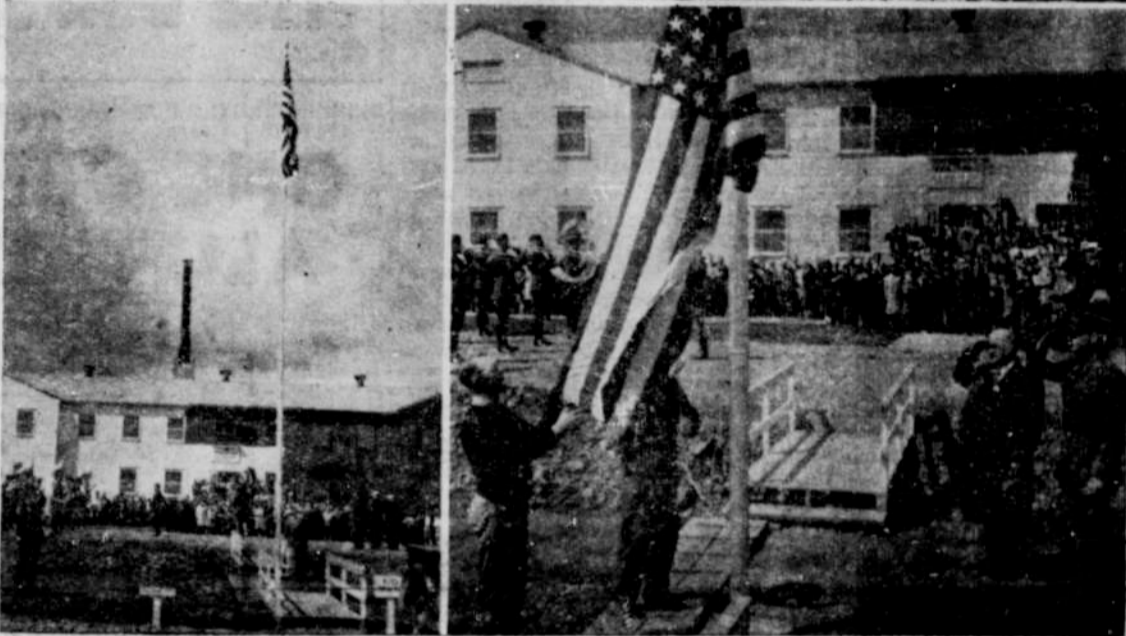


Photo by Bill Corvallis.

Visiting dignitaries, military band and administration building force watch ceremony accompanying raising first flag. Top: Standing with Col. Des Islets are J. J. Barrett, Linn county judge; A. G. Senders, mayor of Albany, and H. A. Renninger and Claude Smith, Linn county commissioners. Below, left: New flag and administration building employees. Right: Henry J. May and Henry Klinke raise flag while Col. Des Islets and Judge Barrett salute, and band plays national anthem.

Camp White Coordinator Praises Work Progress

Mr. Frank Van Dyke of Ashland, Oregon, who is the coordinator for Camp White in Jackson county, was a visitor to H. C. Johnson's office at Camp Adair last week.

Mr. Van Dyke inspected the grounds under the direction of Col. Des Islets and commented very favorably on the advanced construction period of Camp Adair.

Mr. Van Dyke's office as coordinator is in the chamber of commerce at Medford, Oregon. Comments from him were to the effect that the progress being made at our camp was undoubtedly very enviable and he felt that we were to be congratulated in the man at the wheel in this case.

Mr. Van Dyke returned to Medford the evening of the same day.

Correction Made in Safety Story Here

In telling about the publication of "Echelon" last week, The Sentry finds it did not have the Safety and First Aid programs straight. Here is the situation:

The Safety group is in the employ of the army engineers. Its business is prevention of accidents. There are two first aid groups. One is in the employ of the army engineers and the other is provided by the insurers and paid for through the insurance premiums paid by contractors. Several of the insurers pooled their effort to provide the service. All are free to camp workers.

Parker Schram Man Has Idea

Milliron Offers To Check Riders

We can share our cars and find a cheaper transportation.

We all, more or less, find it a difficult problem to solve the transportation angle from home to work and vice versa. Still, we find a number of cars traveling with only one or two occupants.

Would you like someone to ride with you? Or would you like someone to ride with? We can share expenses and make it much easier for everyone.

Do you like the idea? If so, why not register your car? Say, perhaps, you could stop over and see me, tell me where you live, how much you would charge and how many passengers you want, etc. Or maybe you want to ride. All I need do, then, is look up the respective car owners in file and tell you who in your town would like a companion. It could be done.

So, what do you say, fellows? Shall we share our cars and save gas, tires and trouble, and at the same time get cheaper transportation?

I would be glad to do my share by taking the names and addresses of car owners and would-be riders, etc. Stop over to Parker Schram after work and ask for Milliron.

It would be necessary, of course, to have a clearing house of a sort

Salem Registering Men For New Bus Set-Up

Salem chamber of commerce is asking workers who expect to live in the capital city to register with the chamber in order to facilitate arrangements for forthcoming bus transportation to and from there when the 40c rate is established.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Sentry you will find a blank which may be clipped and sent in, giving the information needed. It is to your own advantage to complete this registration if you are in the group affected.

Salem Hoping To Put on Bus

Committees Go Out After 1000 Signers On Subsidy Pledges

More than 1000 pledges for subsidizing cheap transportation to and from Salem, were to be signed up this week in the Salem chamber of commerce drive to get into the "defense area" of Camp Adair by official designation. Plans for the solicitation were completed last week by committees headed by Carl Hogg, president of the chamber.

Delay of a couple of days beyond Monday, to allow for incorporation of the project, was decided upon by the committee. The corporation will be a subsidiary of the chamber and its business will be to provide 40-cent round-trip fare to the camp.

The plan includes pledges from merchants and public-spirited citizens of from \$5 to \$20 per month, upon which the corporation may draw as necessary to carry the low fare project on.

"It is doubtful that the full amount of the pledges will ever have to be drawn," Mr. Hogg stated. "With reasonably full busses, the project is almost sure to pay its own way. But we must be on the safe side, and Salem is willing to help if necessary."

The 40-cent fare is necessary under government regulations if Salem is to qualify in the "critical defense area," which rating makes possible building and high priority ratings.

Registration of workers who intend to live in Salem and use the proposed transportation, is being carried on by the Salem chamber. In another column of this paper is a form for you if you are in that class. The same form has been carried in the Salem newspapers.

New Guard Shack Built For Detachment at "Y"

A new guard shack has been built for guards at the Y at the main gate.

Practically all out-of-camp traffic on the west side enters there now.

STATE OF OREGON
Executive Department
Salem

Oregon Economic Council
William H. Crawford, Director

April 25, 1942

Mr. Don C. Wilson,
Editor, "Camp Adair Sentry,"
Corvallis, Ore.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The first issue of this newspaper speaks well for its future life. You have visioned the need for its existence and have made clear how this "weekly meeting of minds" will help build a great new city, now in the making. Some day it will be as important as the co-ordinator's office.

I liked the way you took into camp the "Echelon" and the "Webfoot Courier." My good friends Col. Des Islets, Glen Collins, Sven Johnson and Clay Cochrane will have no complaint of the way you presented them to your reading public. And I think that the "Crab Pot" is an excellent idea.

Elmer, the camp tramp, apparently got stalled 13 miles away from town. You can probably locate him through the co-ordinator's office. I know that Miss Gallagher will build him up into a glorious career.

More power to you all. Please enter my subscription.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD,
Director.