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# Camp Adair Sentry

Mounting Guard in and Around Camp Adair, Oregon

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

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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## Ops. Chief Is Salem Speaker

G. A. Collins Guest Of Chamber; 200 at Luncheon on Monday

Glenville A. Collins, chief of operations at Camp Adair, was the speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday in Salem, where Mr. Collins talked to more than 200 persons of the capital city.

"I am under somewhat of a handicap in talking to you," Mr. Collins said, in opening his talk, "since I am sure you all expect to hear all about the progress of this big job we are doing at Camp Adair. And yet, I am under military orders to tell nothing about the camp."

Mr. Collins' talk was of a patriotic vein and he called up biblical and practical illustrations to show that we all have a part to do in the war effort, comparing the small part of an individual with that of the boy, David, in his successful attack upon the Philistine giant, Goliath.

A sidelight on Mr. Collins' participation in Camp Adair building was given when he told of his initial assignment. Although his home is at Palo Alto, Calif., Mr. Collins has wanted to get into the northwest, and in January, went to Portland and told the office of the army engineers that he wanted to get into the war effort. Within a few minutes he was hired, he said, and was assigned to a job in eastern Washington.

He returned to his home, packed up a few things and in two days, was headed back north for the Washington job.

As he came to the turnstiles on the bay bridge, a gatekeeper came out to his car and asked if he were Mr. G. A. Collins. He was wanted on the long distance telephone. The result of the call was that he was sent to Camp Adair. He had asked for Camp Adair first, he said, but at that time there was no opening here.

"It goes to show," Mr. Collins said, "that somebody has a line on you wherever you are. The incident impressed me as of someone carrying out his job efficiently."

## Work Is Promised on Independence Road

Workers leaving the east gate at Camp Adair and traveling north will be glad to know that a conversation Saturday morning between the highway department office in Salem and the coordinator's office developed information that the state highway department will place a service machine at once on the road to Independence and in the future will maintain this road in much better shape than it has been in the past two weeks.

It has come to the attention of those concerned that traffic is so heavy at the time of the shift changes on this road that it might be wise to consider staggering shifts, so as to avoid large numbers of cars on this available road at any one time. This is being studied for future guidance, however, and the action of the state highway department is certainly welcome at this time, H. C. Johnson, coordinator, says.

## NOTICE Cooperation Wanted

To employees working east of railroad.

When entering or leaving area:

Corvallis Traffic take D street to Lovering-Halverson road, south to highway 99W—follow the markers.

Albany Traffic — east gate, south to first road to left. This road is one mile shorter and much better to Albany.

Independence - Salem Traffic take roads to Independence road located at east entrance.

All northbound traffic to Dallas-Monmouth, etc., take road nearest your working area to highway 99W.

There is a traffic jam caused at the overpass resulting from all workers trying to use one entrance. Please cooperate with us and we will get you to and from work in a safer and shorter period of time.

United States Guard Headquarters

(SIGNED)

C. R. HEDGES

Capt., U. S. G.

R. M. STUTZMAN

Lieut., U. S. G.

## Money Is Raised for Salem Bus Operation

### Pledges of Merchants Are Over-Subscribed

Cheap transportation to Salem to and from Camp Adair was assured Monday when soliciting committees of the chamber of commerce of Salem reported success in raising money to guarantee a round trip rate of 40 cents.

The reports were made to Carl Hogg, president of the chamber, at luncheon Monday when six out of the eight chairmen reported approximately 80 per cent coverage of their respective territories.

"Committee members are working hard and I can report 100 per cent success," Mr. Hogg told the members at luncheon. "We will go over what we expected and the goal will be more than subscribed."

More than \$14,000 was reported pledged by noon Monday, C. C. Cochran, chamber manager, reported.

Pledges of from \$5 to \$20 per month have been secured, upon which the committee may draw each month to make up any deficit which might come from operation of the 40 cent fare. The chamber will back private enterprise in the venture. Mr. Hogg wanted it clearly understood that the chamber was not going into the transportation business, he said.

## Col. Des Islets Is Independence Guest

Col. R. E. M. DesIslets, area engineer here, was the guest speaker at the Independence chamber of commerce Tuesday evening. Nearly a hundred heard the colonel's talk about the camp.

A dinner for Mrs. DesIslets was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Butler, mayor of Independence, after which the men and women got together for an evening party.

## Corvallis Man Proposes Play

### Off-Shift Program Of Sports Planned For Adair Workers

An organized program of off-hours recreation for Camp Adair workers has been suggested by Frank Ramsey, head coach at the Corvallis high school. Mr. Ramsey has submitted his plans to authorities and is seeking financial assistance from the contractors. His plan is based upon the experience of other similar organizations to which he has assembled data.

The plan includes the organization of a camp softball league with teams from the various contractors' organizations. Included are horse shoe tournaments and volleyball for each camp. Other activities might be added according to demand, Mr. Ramsey says.

Coach Ramsey would provide the organization, schedules and contests, and competent direction and supervision for the whole activity.

## Auto Caravan Visits Camp Adair Tuesday

A caravan of cars from Corvallis headed by Mayor Howard W. Hand riding in car of Chief of Police Charles Devin visited the camp Tuesday. After conferring with Col. Des Islets in his office the caravan was under the direction of traffic control cars for the balance of their visitation to the construction area.

It was generally conceded that it was an educational trip and those present gained first-hand information of what was going on on the grounds. The caravan was arranged by Mayor Hand and was the first of a series that will be going through the grounds in the near future. Albany will have their Caravan Tuesday, May 12.

## Albany Merchant Will Head Baseball League

James W. (Jimmy) Jenks of Albany is acting head of the Oregon State baseball league through action taken at a league meeting in Albany Monday.

Mr. Jenks is president of the Albany baseball association, an ex-player and an Albany merchant.

## MAIL FOR SENTRY HAS GONE ASTRAY

Mail for this newspaper should be addressed to The Camp Adair Sentry, P. O. Box 347, Corvallis, Oregon. The same address is for news items or advertising.

Some of the mail during the past few days has been going astray and some arrived too late for the last issue through misdirection.

## Coordinator Hopes For More Gas Here

### Believes Effort to Bring Needed Relief

Extensive correspondence along with telegrams and phone calls seem about to bear fruit in the form of additional allowances for gasoline for the area Camp Adair workers. Many inquiries from those affected have been to the effect that not enough gasoline is available for sale in the various towns adjacent to the construction area to properly allow workers and suppliers to carry on their activities, without the handicap of running short of gasoline.

Coordinator H. C. (Sven) Johnson tells us that his office has submitted to the Pacific Coast Petroleum coordinator's office in Los Angeles, evidence supporting claim for additional gallonage and expects relief from this handicap soon.

Instead of a 33-1/3 per cent cut under sales in this area last year, it is expected there will be a 25 per cent over-ride for the same period; and this will not any more than carry the requirements of the workers at Camp Adair, Mr. Johnson estimates.

## Ship-Builders Ahead Of Contract Schedule

Delivering 36 new merchant vessels to the government in April, shipbuilders of the country exceeded their program set for one day. The maritime commission made the announcement Tuesday to the press.

A number of the state highway engineers, who have been staying in Monmouth, left for Alaska May 1. Most of the crew occupied family units which will be vacated. This will leave about 10 family units open for cantonment workers.

## Workers May Go to School

### Evening Classes in Trades Needed for War Effort Ready

The U. S. Employment service is requesting the establishment of supplementary training classes for training ship joiners and marine electricians at Camp Adair.

All carpenters and electricians working on the cantonment are eligible to enroll in these classes. This course will operate for approximately nine hours per week for six weeks. The classes will probably be two or three hours per night and three or four nights a week.

Men will be given basic training in ship joining and marine electricity. Advanced work will then be given them in the Portland area after entering employment in the shipyards.

All men interested in securing this training should register immediately with the local office of the U. S. Employment service, 357 Jefferson street, Corvallis, Wm. G. Loomis, coordinator of defense training for Corvallis, reported today.

At the present there are three classes in ship welding being conducted in Corvallis. These classes are conducted on a six hour basis and six days a week. There are three shifts now being conducted and the local school anticipates starting the fourth shift immediately.

This training is conducted by the federal government with the cooperation of the state vocational department and local school district. Enrollment is free of charge.

## Engineers Invited To Have Ball Clubs

### Both Men and Women Wanted in Schedule

Camp Adair Engineers have been asked to enter two men's teams and one girls' team in the Corvallis state league schedule. This number of players should be easy to obtain from such a group as we have here. To develop the best teams possible, we should first organize an inter-department league with a regular play-off among ourselves. The best players from the league play-off could represent the engineers in the State league.

The diamond is laid out and within a few days will be completed. A new ball, bat, and a pair of mitts are on hand, donated by enthusiastic ball fans.

Hank May of the transportation department says that his team is in great shape, and others are coming along fast. The First Aid team sponsored by "Curtains" R. Street and "Blind Tom" Julian have their eyes on the area championship. The survey section team has already issued an open challenge to all comers.

Anyone interested in scheduling games or playing on a team should see Al Rex in survey section, Henry May or Roland Street. Let's get behind the softball program and put it over!—a r. in "Echelon."

CHARLES A. SPRAGUE  
Governor

April 29, 1942.

Mr. Don C. Wilson  
Editor and Manager  
Camp Adair Sentry  
Camp Adair, Oregon

Dear Don:

Thanks very much for the copy of Vol. 1, No. 1 issue of the Camp Adair Sentry.

It is a newsy publication and should fill a real place in giving complete and authoritative information respecting Camp Adair.

I congratulate you on the contents and appearance of your first paper and wish for it and for you abundant success.

Cordially yours,  
CHARLES A. SPRAGUE,  
Governor.