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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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Work On Roads Slows Traffic

Highways on Either Side of Camp Are in Growing Pain Stage

Highways on both sides of Camp Adair to the south are torn up with construction, and traffic must be controlled to one-way going at least a part of the time.

On the east side the Independence-Granger section of the highway is being rebuilt and construction work is being carried on right across the east gate to the camp. Widening and straightening this road makes necessary much heavy grading and the road is almost low gear going, with the necessity of giving way to the construction equipment in places where it is working.

This road has been the subject of much talk and negotiation with the state highway commission and finally the state body took it over for reconstruction and maintenance from the counties whose responsibility it was formerly.

On the west side, 99-W is being widened and straightened from just south of the camp into Corvallis. Grading is less of a problem here, except in a few places, but there are several bridges which must be widened. It is at these bridge locations where one-way traffic must be enforced for a part of the time. Engineers believe that this will cause less trouble on this job, however, because heavy traffic is mostly one way now, at the morning and evening change of shifts at Camp Adair.

No estimate was available as to when these vital arteries would be completed and opened again to full traffic, but engineers estimated that the operations would take most of the summer.

Warm-Up Dance to Be Saturday Night

Calapooia Roundup directors are to stage their annual "Warm-up Dance" Saturday night, June 27, at the roundup hall at Crawfordsville. This is an annual event for the benefit of the Calapooia roundup association and will be attended by Queen Inez Mudgett of Shedd and her princesses, Wanda Hulet of Eugene and Betty Wallace of Monroe.

The Roundup this year will add several patriotic features, and will be held at Crawfordsville July 4 and 5.

Sentry Is Ordered to Do Splits on Guard

Confusion spread through McClellan Field, Calif., recently when a particular military order was posted on the bulletin board. Many a thoughtful head was scratched as perusers read:

"One sentry shall walk this post continuously in opposite directions!"

President Roosevelt signed the service men's pay allotment and allowance bill today, paving the way for financial aid to dependents of fighting men and reclassification of married men for the draft.

Dorsey Bus Line Now Runs to Camp Adair

Five busses are running on schedule now from Corvallis to Camp Adair and back, operated by the Dorsey Bus company of Corvallis. The new run supplants the Oregon Stages busses which have been making the run night and morning, and will continue to do so until September, Mr. Dean Dorsey reports.

When the Oregon Stages take over the runs again in September, Mr. Dorsey says, he will be on hand for helping with the peak loads, mainly on Saturdays and Sundays. He will continue with his operation of the school busses for Corvallis through the winter on week days.

At present, Mr. Dorsey says, busses make a pick-up tour of Corvallis before leaving the stage terminal for camp. They all go into camp at the Halversen-Sletten road, but half go on the east side of the railroad track and the other half on the west side. They are making a strenuous effort to get the schedule straightened out so that men may learn which bus goes nearest their work.

Martin Guest at Big Party at Dude Ranch

Plumbers Eat Chicken, Dance With Wives

Dewey Martin, official boss and check-signer of General Installation, was honor guest at the Dude Ranch west of Corvallis Saturday night, when his employees, "the plumbers," staged a party for him. The affair was a sort of return engagement for one given by the boss to his employees earlier in the Camp Adair game.

Chicken dinner was first on the evening program. Wives and office gals had to wait until after that to dance. Then they danced. The Dude Ranch barn was in excellent shape and "a good time was had by all."

Leo McNally, coordinator and general man-about-the-job, organized and promoted the party. Employees paid the bill. When Mr. McNally's authority was questioned—in but few cases—he flashed his leather medal. This medal, by the way, is a prize possession awarded to him recently for being the most stuck in the mud man on the job.

General Installation and its head, Mr. Martin, are from Olympia, Wash., and are installing heating and plumbing for Strong-Macdonald and some in the National Builders area.

Cantonment Council Has Monthly Session

The four-county cantonment council met Monday night at Monmouth for a regular monthly meeting and reports from H. C. (Sven) Johnson, coordinator. The group met at the Monmouth hotel for dinner and then held their session in the city hall, guests of Dr. Bowersox, mayor of the host town.

Transportation, housing, roads and highways and recreation plans, were some of the subjects covered in the report of Mr. Johnson. He also told something of negotiations going on between here and Washington, D.C., regarding official appraisals of property taken over for the camp.

SUNDAY SOFTBALL

With a big double header, the Corvallis Sunday softball season will start next Sunday, June 28, at the Corvallis park. Albany and Corvallis city league teams will compete. Admission will be 15 cents for both games and the first one will start at 2 o'clock.

The Albany Elks will play the Four Builders in the first game and Warner's will meet the Laundries in the second. These games will bring together some of the all-state players from last year's league eliminations and the games are promising real ball.

Gas Ration Is Upped in Area

50 Per Cent Increase Allowed After Long Parleys by Johnson

Stations within 20 miles of the Administration building at Camp Adair yesterday received an increase of 50 per cent over their base in gasoline ration, it was learned from oil company representatives. The new ration will serve to almost completely meet the present demands at stations in the camp area, the official estimated.

In allowing the half increase, the larger demands upon local stations was taken into consideration by the Pacific coast coordinator's office. The added influx of workers at Camp Adair has made this increase necessary.

The base before the present order was set at two-thirds of last year's sales. The 50 per cent increase, based upon this figure, will give local stations approximately the same amount of gasoline available as they had during the past year. That this will meet demands, even in the face of added users at Camp Adair, was explained by the fact that the normal local users—those buying gasoline last year—buy much less now on account of tire shortages.

The order issued yesterday by the various oil companies to their local distributors was the result of piles of correspondence and hours of work on the part of H. C. (Sven) Johnson, coordinator at Camp Adair. Mr. Johnson has pushed the necessity of more gasoline in the camp area from the beginning of his term of office which was April 1. Action was almost to take place when the announcement came out that gasoline would be rationed through the card system. This delayed action under the present plan of handling rationing through the oil companies.

When the card system was declared out, then Mr. Johnson went to work again, with the present result.

Assisted in his efforts by Col. Des Islets, the chambers of commerce and city organizations of the towns surrounding the camp, Mr. Johnson had ample evidence of the local shortage to present to coast authorities. The delay has been the change in rationing plans and just ordinary governmental red tape.

Soldiers at Camp Get Evening Entertainment

To relieve the lonesomeness of the soldiers now quartered at Camp Adair, they have been furnished with athletic equipment furnished by the U. S. Engineers soft ball organization. The boys have long evenings at their disposal and greatly appreciate the equipment, they say.

A radio has been placed at their disposal, given by the same engineers organization. The material and radio were purchased from funds saved from the engineers dance given at the Oregon State memorial union building some weeks ago, and is a residue after the purchase of equipment for the soft ball team in the Corvallis city league.

Camp Headquarters Organized This Week

Officers Are Given Assignments in Order

Headquarters, Camp Adair, was organized and activated June 21, with an order and assignments issued from the temporary offices in the Elks Temple, Corvallis, and made public Wednesday. The order was signed by Maj. Victor N. Miller, executive officer and adjutant. Nearly 30 officers and their temporary duty assignments were named in the order under authority of Col. George C. Ferch, commanding officer.

Maj. Miller has two active assistants. They are First Lt. Ernest M. Featherston, Coast Artillery officer, who is personnel adjutant, and First Lt. Arthur D. Van Orsdel, adjutant general's department, assistant adjutant. In addition there are non-commissioned officers and other soldiers who man the office.

Maj. Ralph E. Riordan is military intelligence head. S-4 and acting utilities officer is Maj. Arthur Dysart, C.E., and Capt. Carl B. Forsman, F.A., assistant.

Other officers now on duty here and their new assignments are: Quartermaster, Col. T. A. Baummeister, Q.M.C.; surgeon, Col. Daniel B. McCallum, M.C.; signal, Capt. Norval J. Reetz, S.C.; special services, Capt. Frank C. Wimer, Inf. (C.O.); 2nd Lt. Victor J. Mix, Inf. (service clubs); 2nd Lt. Hugh T. Teresfeldt, Inf. (postal officer); 2nd Lt. Harry T. Watson, Jr., Inf. (theaters).

Post exchange, Major Rudolph Ayres, A.E.S. (C.O.); 1st Lt. B. C. Wright, Inf.; 1st Lt. M. S. Grunder, Cav.

Police and prisons, 2nd Lt. Edwin S. McAllister, Inf.; D.E.M.L., Capt. Paul S. Rutledge, Inf. (C.O.); 1st Lt. W. R. Padrick, Inf.

Chaplain, 1st Lt. Alf W. Jorgenson, C.M.; public relations and billeting, 2nd Lt. Robt. E. Mal-lonee, C. E.; fire marshal, 1st Lt. Julius Hale, Inf.; judge advocate and bond officer, 1st Lt. Arthur Kirschenmann, Inf.; mess officer, 2nd Lt. Pete A. Lafka, Inf.; auditing officer, 2nd Lt. M. E. Marris, Inf.; medical section, Capt. Oliver C. Stauffer, M.C.; provost marshal, 1st Lt. B. C. Wright, Inf.; 1st Lt. Julius Hale, Inf., and 1st Lt. M. S. Grunder, Inf.

Inspector, 2nd Lt. M. E. Harris, Inf.

Col. G. C. Ferch New Camp Head

Veteran Officer of Artillery Branch Is Organizing Adair HQ

Col. George C. Ferch, artillery officer and veteran of two other wars, is here in command of Camp Adair and is rapidly getting his headquarters organized in a part of the Elks temple third floor office in Corvallis, pending active occupancy at the camp.

Coming here directly from Camp White, Medford, Col. Ferch's former home is in California. He was stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif., where he laid out the training aids, including target ranges, maneuver and drill areas. He performed the same duty at Camp White and now, will lay out the training aids here, "in addition to his other duties," as army orders are quoted.

"I grew up with Ft. Ord," Col. Ferch said in an interview yesterday. "I went there in November, 1940, and was there all the time during the development of that great post."

Col. Ferch served on the Mexican border in 1916. He was overseas 18 months in World War I. He was formerly a soldier, having come up from the ranks, of which he has held all but that of second lieutenant, he says.

During his service overseas in the A.E.F., he served in the famous Rainbow division under General Douglas MacArthur. Col. Ferch saw action in France and his army experience has been varied.

In taking command here, the colonel does not know the term of his duty, since he is of "troop age," meaning that he is still eligible to command troops in combat duty. Also, it may be that he will be moved on to organize another new post somewhere and establish the training aids on account of his past experience in that work. His command does not clash in any way with that of Col. Des Islets, he says, and Col. Des Islets will remain the area engineer, probably until the completion of the actual construction work at the camp, when his work will be completed.

Col. Ferch has a daughter 12, and Mrs. Ferch in his family. He was expecting them to arrive in Corvallis yesterday, but had not definitely located a home for them at the time The Sentry called upon him.

There are nearly 30 officers who have arrived here and are assigned to Col. Ferch's command, which is known as the Corps Area Service Command, No. 1911.

Four Builders Annex Hot One From S-H & W

Four Builders took Smith-Hoffman and Wright 2 to 0 last night in the rain. It was a hot game through six innings when it was called. Four innings in a drizzle bogged down when in the fifth the rain really began. When a batsman threw his club clear up into the stands in the sixth, umpires said "stop."

The win put 4 Builders in a tie with their opponents for first place in the Corvallis city league, the loss for Smith-Hoffman and Wright being their first.

The second game, Soldiers vs. Engineers, was postponed.