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HERE ARE THE SOLDIERS

In a few brief weeks, Camp Adair has been made ready to receive part of its complement of soldiers who will be with us here during their training period. It has been a fine accomplishment. It continues to be fine work for there is yet much to be done to complete the camp. But the first soldiers are here and we're glad and proud that we have had a part in making the place ready for them.

Welcome to the soldiers. All the effort and rain and heat and mud and disagreeable mud and dust in construction here have pointed to the coming of the soldiers.

Workers may begin to feel the pride in accomplishment because this forerunner of the vanguard lets us see over the top and completion of the big job.

Here come the soldiers! God bless 'em!

SOME RUMORS STINK!

There is a part of the populations of the towns surrounding Camp Adair which has been disgustingly unpatriotic, to put it mildly, in its reception of the camp. These separate groups — and they are in all the towns hereabouts — have knocked the idea of the camp and have looked toward the skies and repeated, "it will wreck the morals of our youth and spoil our fine residential towns," or words to that effect.

Now comes a rumor in Corvallis — and we'll have to guess from where it comes — that there were 10 rape cases in the college town during the past few days. Since The Sentry happened upon the rumor in more than one hearing, an investigation was made. The Sentry branded the statement as a damnable lie upon hearing it, but we made sure.

Chief Charles Devin of the Corvallis police is authority for the statement that there has been no rape case reported in the city of Corvallis since the camp construction was begun, not to mention the past few days when soldiers have been arriving at camp and when a

new outfit is here on patrol duty.

We asked Chief Devin if he would know it if such a thing were true.

"If there were but one case instead of 10, you bet we should know it," Chief Devin said. "Certain people would bounce down on us hard if a case of rape were even reported. I know of no case in Corvallis. We heard of an attempted case out on the highway, but even that didn't develop."

Spreading such rumors is closely akin to sabotage, since it is evident that it is meant to tear down confidence and loyalty of a community. It is dangerous for the one who spreads the rumor, too, since he might have a time backing it up.

Don't go glibly repeating such rumors, any more than you would deliberately tell a military secret.

There may be cases of rape in Corvallis and the other towns around here. But they won't come in bunches of 10 and they will be so few and far between that present percentages won't be altered.

The boys coming here to soldier for Uncle Sam are your boys and my boys and they are just as morally responsible as the boys who come each year to the colleges in our towns. They are the same boys.

If our daughters are in danger, we would better look to our daughters' background.

And if there is a case of rape in your community, don't lay it to the whole army. In a similar number of men anywhere — even at a church convention — there will probably be a snack of dirt.

HOUSING PROBLEM ACUTE

In the towns surrounding Camp Adair, housing is almost finished, according to reports from men who have been house-hunting. There are still some accommodations available in Salem, it is understood, and the chamber of commerce there is doing everything it can to list these properties. Landlords have been lax in listing their rental properties.

In Independence there are six new little homes rising. Ross Nelson, Independence and Monmouth theater man, is building them. They are being built under the "defense area" classification and could not be built were it not for the "critical defense" location of Independence. Other towns in the area are eligible but as far as could be learned, no new homes for rent are being built outside of Independence.

Camp Adair workers who will be leaving and who know now their approximate date of leaving, would confer a favor on house-hunters if they would list this data with the chamber of commerce in their respective communities. Apply the Golden Rule. In this case it will be easy.

SOME THINGS DONE WRONG

Everybody makes mistakes. ... The Lord made Judas. Caesar made Cleopatra. Napoleon and Hitler made a march on Russia. Hirohito made a flight to Pearl Harbor and Fatty Arbuckle made whoopee.

Some are just carelessness, when the perpetrator knows better. Some are sincere mistakes in judgment and some are actuated by greed. Some mistakes are not mistakes, but just pure cussedness.

Twenty-cent hamburgers, 10-cent Coco Colas, 10-cent candy bars and 20-cent shoe shines for soldiers are the latter but coupled with one or more of the others. And they're mistakes—all.

In the same category is the Jew-like gentile who whoops his rents, just because he mistakenly believes he can get away with it. Has he ever heard about the old honker who laid the precious metal? How long does he believe Uncle Sam and his army officers are going to sit idly by and take it? He's a war profiteer just as completely as if millions were involved.

Communities around Camp Adair are clamoring for the business which will come to their merchants from camp workers and army officers who bring their families along with them when they come here. These communities would do well to make a "survey" of their own side of the fence. It may need some whitewash.

We have a complaint from a sergeant that all the rentals are being held for officers. In his case, himself and a buddy, another sergeant, want to live in the same house and they say they can afford to pay as much rent as an officer.

Full speed ahead on the water system.

Albany Farm Help Is Reported Hard to Get

Cherry Pickers Much In Demand at Present

Cherry pickers are much in demand now as a result of weather conditions, according to J. D. Wilson, farm placement representative at the local U. S. employment service office, announcing orders for 90 pickers in yards adjacent to Albany.

Transportation will be furnished for 30 pickers wanted in a cherry orchard near here if they report to the employment service office, First and Ferry, at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. In addition, 30 pickers are wanted Wednesday morning for a North Albany orchard one mile from the city. Another grower, seven miles north of here, will furnish transportation for 30 pickers on Thursday morning, starting from the employment office at 7:30. The growers' association this year set the cherry picking pay at two cents a pound.

At least 50 more berry pickers are wanted for the Tennessee section where red raspberries, black-

caps, Youngberries and Boysenberries are being gathered. Trucks will pick up pickers at 6 a. m. from Ninth and Ferry, Ninth and Ellsworth, the employment office, Santiam and Main and the Dickson store.

Although the situation is fairly well in hand, there is still some demand for hay and harvest hands, particularly for men who can run tractors and combines and for sack sewers, said Mr. Wilson.

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