

# 1942 Christmas Shopping Supplement of the CAMP ADAIR SENTRY

## Only State Att'y. Gen. In Service Promoted

### Major J. W. Bonner of Montana Now Lt. Col. for Timber Wolves

The only State Attorney General in the service has just been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel, in the Timber Wolf Division of infantry at Camp Adair, where he is staff judge advocate for the division.

He is now Col. John Woodrow Bonner. His wife and four daughters live at Salem, his parents live at Missoula, Mont., and his professional connections of civilian life are centered in Helena, the state capital of Montana, although he also has been admitted to the United States Supreme Court.

Except for this war, in fact, he certainly would have appeared there recently in important cases, but last May he offered his services to the nation in a military way and shortly found himself in the combat division where he is now.

Col. Bonner has been president of the Montana department of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States and president of the Helena Reserve Officers Association. He is a former president of the Montana Bar Association, a former ex-officio member of the American Law Institute, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

#### Long Public Record

He has been attorney for the Montana State Highway Commission, Board of Railway Commissioners, Public Service Commission and Montana Trade Commission and has acted as attorney in cases before the State courts, United States District Court and Circuit Court of Appeals. Also he has appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission, Federal Power Commission and Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States Senate, in the 15 per cent rate cases.

At the time the colonel entered the service, last May, he had been Attorney General of the State of Montana for two years. His military training began with the R. O. T. C., University of Montana, in 1923, and he was commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's department, U.S.A., in 1934. He went to Ft. Lewis in that office, in 1940. Last May he became an examiner at Washington, D. C., attended a school there for two months, then was sent to the commanding generals' staff school for new divisions, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kans. From there he came to this camp, where he is happier than ever before, because he likes to serve with troops in the field.

#### Born in Butte

Col. Bonner was born at Butte, Mont., in 1902. The family moved to the Flathead Indian Reservation when it was opened in 1910, being among the first white settlers. It was cattle country, near Purma, Mont., and the colonel attended high school at Butte, then taught at the University of Montana. Later he was athletic coach and also taught history, politics, hygiene, physiology and literature.

He has academic and law degrees at the University of Montana and he practiced law in Butte for a year before moving on to Helena.

#### Wife Arrives



Maj. R. E. Riordan, post director of intelligence and internal security, whose wife arrived here from their California home last week. They will live in Dallas.

#### Apply for Insurance Now, Says War Dept.

For individual security, as well as to lighten the burden for commanders and medical officers, the War Dept. urges officers and enlisted men to apply for the new National Service Life Insurance policies without delay.

"Large numbers delay application until they reach the staging area for overseas duty," remarks a War Dept. memorandum. "This places a heavy additional and avoidable administrative burden upon organization commanders and medical officers."

"Although military personnel are privileged to apply for insurance at any time during their period of service, it is advisable that such applications be accomplished as soon after induction as may be practicable. This will benefit the individuals themselves, since their dependents will be protected without delay, and it will avoid a last minute rush for application before embarkation for overseas, when, because the stay of troops in the staging area is often limited, there may be insufficient time to accomplish these applications."

"This form of protection for dependents is too valuable to be neglected or left for last minute arrangements."

#### Music School Exams Scheduled Jan. 11-19

The Adjutant General's Office has announced that examinations to establish eligibility for attend-

ance at the Army Music School, Fort Meyer, Virginia, will be held Jan. 11 to 15, 1943. Temporary appointments as Warrant Officers, jr., will be made from graduates of this school.

Enlisted men who desire, and

are eligible for this training should make application immediately as all preliminary and final examinations must be completed and papers returned to the War Department, Washington, D. C., before February 10, 1942.



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