

The Old Timer's Report....

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MYSTERY SURROUNDS the method of drafting men for service, in spite of the much publicized plan. For World War I names were drawn from a giant fish bowl, deciding the order of induction. The same bowl was again used for World War II. The third draft calls will be made by birthdays.

Selective service officials have disclosed portions of the method, but by no means all. One age group will be called at a time from the 19-25 year eligible list. With each class those born on January 1 will go first, others following in order. But the stickler is, which age group will be the first called.

Registration will start sometime in August. A board for Coos county is now being considered and will be appointed by President Truman. A list of eligibles for this thankless job has been submitted from which the President will select a board, together with alternates. Under the new draft law no one can be called before September 22. First calls will be small, and increased from month to month, eventually 30,000 will be called each month for the entire nation.

The strength of the army from its current total of 542,000 men to the maximum of 750,000 by next July, one year hence.

Military leaders estimate 110,000 voluntary enlistments will be made by the 18-year-olds, who are not subject to the draft, but after they serve one year are then not eligible to the draft, which requires men of 19 to serve 21 months.

Some young men avoided the draft by enlisting before President Truman signed the new law. They are to serve three years in the National Guard, for the greater part live at home, attend drills when required, and with the assurance they will not be required to serve in combat or overseas duties. Once the bill was signed this opportunity was closed.

THE NOVEMBER BALLOT will be larger and more measures will appear than on any ballot in recent years. It would appear the people of Oregon do love to vote, but statistics deny that statement. It is the rule that the minority prevails, and that is nobody's negligence but our own. Each and everyone of us should see to it first of all that we cast our vote and then see to it our nearest neighbors do the same. The voice of a well rounded majority never harms, often the minority can be criticised.

An initiative measure would restore income tax exemptions to \$1500 for married couples or to \$750 for single persons. A \$50-a-month pension plan is another proposition. Provision for selling liquor by the glass in hotels, restaurants, clubs and on trains under a rather stiff form of licensing will be up for a decision. Another provision would do away with the property clause when voting on school indebtedness. And lastly but not the least are some fish measures, and other similar baffling propositions.

Nine additional petitions were not completed in time to be placed on the fall ballot.

NUMEROUS COOS county people now reside in or near Portland, and these people have been enjoying an annual get-together family picnic for some time. This year this event takes place Sunday, August 1, beginning at noon. The south entrance of Laurelhurst park is the meeting place. This is an informal, family style picnic, to which the public is invited.

HOW IT IS DONE, we do not know but buyers are in the county selecting choice peeler logs and paying \$95 a thousand for them. The logs are loaded on cars and shipped to Eugene for processing. Old growth fir, free of knots and specified lengths are wanted.

INCREASE IN PAY for postal employees, which is just and generally approved, means a slight increase in postal rates. Most outstanding is the new rate for airmail, which will



TYRONE POWER AND SCREEN NEWCOMER Jean Peters are the romantic leads in Daryl F. Zanuck's presentation of "Captain from Castile," which comes Thurs., Fri., Sat., to the Roxy theatre. The Twentieth Century-Fox film, photographed in color by Technicolor, is based on Samuel Shellabarger's sensational best-seller.

be six cents. Third class and merchandise rates will go up as will the rate on books, special delivery charges and insured mail. The new rate becomes effective January 1.

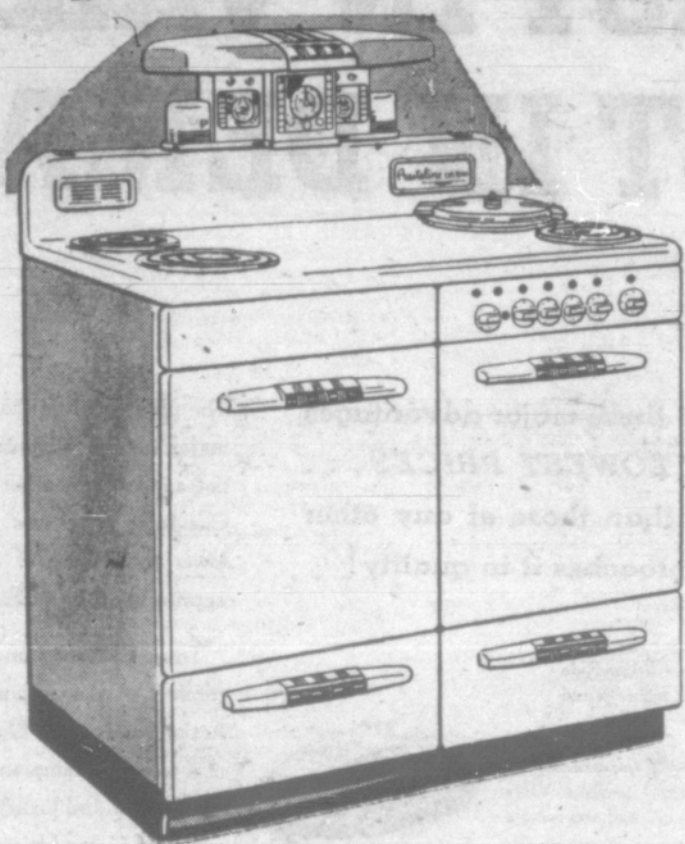
EACH DAY AND EACH month the immense volume of money paid to County Treasurer Clara Stauff must be accurately accounted for and the daily balances as well as the monthly balances must be exact. Not a penny must go unaccounted for. Mrs. Stauff informs us her work is never completed until a true balance is reached. On June 30, the end of the fiscal year, she was more than pleased when the obliging county auditor checked her accounting and subscribed his name to the final, proof positive of her accuracy. The work of the treasurer's office increases from year to year, and those interested will be happily surprised if they can take time off to make a few observations. All of the many friends of Mrs. Stauff have implicit

confidence in her ability to handle the job, and they too rejoice with her in the excellent work she is doing.

VISITING FRIENDS in Coos county after an absence of several years Albert R. Thelin of Oakland, Calif., is meeting many of the old time group. He resided at Norway from 1877 to 1884 and during that time made numerous trips to the bay. A small rowboat was used on the Coquille river and the Beaver slough branch to headwaters. The boat was left at Utter City, near the divide, from there the trip was via hand-car to the headwaters of Isthmus inlet, where a small steamer carried the party to Marshfield. Mr. Thelin says beavers were numerous and exceptionally industrious, great dams which prevented boats passing were built overnight. Trips from the Thelin ranch required two days each way, and obviously were made only when necessary.

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riers, a bright, energetic young republican has won one of the nation's most publicized and highly esteemed member of a leading democratic family. Van H. Seagraves of Oregon City, a wartime naval reserve officer and Miss Anna Eleanor Boettinger, eldest grand-daughter of the late President Roosevelt, were married at Phoenix, Arizona. Both are graduates of Reed college in Portland where the romance had its beginning. They will reside in Portland where Seagraves is a salesman for a meat-packer. Oregon should make these fine young people feel most welcome and assist them in their honest effort to live their lives among us.

LEISURELY SIGHT-SEEING, visiting old time friends as well as old time haunts, is a rare opportunity afforded all too few. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schuttpelz who own and operate a filling station at Lakeside junction, purchased several yards of railroad tickets, Pullman accommodations, etc., and started east. A card from them states they were thrilled with the Harvard-Yale boat races. They travel when they feel like it, go where they wish, and plan staying away until they become homesick. Their trip west will be via a southern route. These fine people, known throughout the county, are enjoying the sights of the nation, and their many friends are glad they can take time off to do that very thing.

Governor Dewey Autographs Picture

The Sentinel this week was the proud possessor of an autographed photo of Governor Thomas E. Dewey taken by Sentinel Advertising Manager Chuck Pritchard.

FISHES ON LOON LAKE

Bill Ortman and Leo Call spent Saturday trout fishing on Loon lake. They reported many small fish taken that had to be tossed back.

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