

Army Tells Where ASTP Graduates To Be Used

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — What becomes of the men who "graduate" from the Army Specialized Training program at O. S. C. and elsewhere? The army itself has just issued an official answer to this question.

By the spring of 1944 it is estimated that these graduates will be leaving the campuses at the rate of 10,000 per month. Many of these will be given responsible overseas assignments — some of such importance their exact nature is a military secret.

Hundreds are being assigned to special duty in this country where

their technical training is needed. Some are selected for Officer Candidate schools, though "the ASTP is not to be regarded as a sure road to a commission," the army warns. "The primary aim is to train soldiers for the highest duties they are capable of performing in specialized fields where the army has greatest needs."

FOREST RESOURCES OF OREGON TOLD IN NEW PUBLICATION

SALEM — "Forest Resources of Oregon" is the title of a 62-page illustrated bulletin that has just been published jointly by the school of forestry at Oregon State College and the state forestry department, with the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment station cooperating in the preparation of the material.

The booklet contains information covering the forest resources of the state, including a statement of the forests as they exist in seven separate state subdivisions. Complete data is given on the area and volume of the forests by ownership, species and counties; the rate of forest depletion and its causes, and an estimate of the current and potential growth. A description of the individual commercial tree species is included, together with their uses as manufactured products.

One section of the publication contains a discussion of sustained yield management, farm forestry, forest products research and a plea for improved forest practices.

Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind. Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws. Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in. Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace. Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be. —Lord Tennyson.

Stripped for Action



This young son of a coast guardman stationed at Boston is shown as he greets the New Year. True to traditions of the coast guard, he is "stripped for action" as he wishes you a happy New Year.

Mummer's Parade Descendant From Early U. S. History

On New Year's Eve 1930 more than 300,000 persons watched the Mummer's parade in Philadelphia. There were 12,000 in the line of march down Bond street and the parade lasted from early evening until the glamour and good-humored burlesque antics of the spectacle were far cries from what the uninitiated would expect to see in the staid Quaker City; nevertheless, the idea is descendant from Colonial days.

The earliest settlers along the Delaware river in the vicinity of present day Philadelphia were English and Swedes. The Mummer play "St. George and the Dragon" was traditional to the English celebration of New Year's; the Swedes were given to informal masquerades. It is not clear just when or how the Mummer play and the custom of masquerading joined forces; but after the Revolution, General Washington replaced St. George as the central figure of the festivities.

The whole thing was spontaneous and unorganized until, in 1886, it was sponsored by the Silver Crown New Year's association. In 1901, the Mummer's Parade was recognized by the municipal administration of Philadelphia, and officials and representative citizenry began turning out to participate in and witness the parade.

'Old China' Held Special New Year's Observances

In old China, New Year's was a very important festival: a time for taking stock of oneself, balancing accounts, "turning over a new leaf," visiting and giving parties, etc.

The celebration really began a week before the "first day" when homage was paid to the Kitchen God, whose paper effigy was ceremoniously burnt in order that his spirit might ascend to heaven through the smoke and report the conduct of each member of the family. Taking no chances, the children smeared the god's face with molasses before they burnt him to guarantee the sweetness of his report.

New Year's Eve has always been one of the busiest days of the year among the Chinese. All financial obligations must be met—a debtor on New Year's Day loses "face"; and that is about the worst tragedy that can befall an Oriental. So, the stores and accounting houses are open until midnight and firecrackers pop throughout the community.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



The men overseas don't mince any words about the way they want to find this country when they come marching home... do they, Judge?

"They certainly don't, Herb...and they shouldn't. They're doing a masterful job fighting over there to protect our rights and they have good license to expect us to protect theirs back here at home. One thing they're mighty clear on is their stand on prohibition."

"I saw in the paper just the other day the results of a poll taken among American

service men in England by the British Institute of Public Opinion. They asked hundreds of men point blank how they would vote on prohibition. 85% of them stated, in unmistakable terms, that they would vote against it. There's no doubt about it, Herb...the men overseas don't want any action taken on that subject while they're away."

"And they're 100% right, Judge, because I know how I felt when I came home after the last war—only to learn that we had been over there fighting for so impractical a thing as Prohibition."

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In your pursuit of happiness during 1944 we wish for you the fullest measure of attainment.

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Phil Sawyer



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An old adage assures us that "silence is golden," but, on the Eve of New Year's, we can hardly agree. We believe this is the time to speak up and tell you how much we have appreciated your patronage during the past year, and to wish you good luck in 1944.

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ONE'S "home may be frail; its roof may shake, the wind may blow through it, the storms may enter, the rain may enter", but at New Year's even such a home may be alight with cheer.

Standing on the threshold of 1944 there is reason to believe that the new chapter has brighter pages for all. With this thought we extend to all OUR SINCERE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

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On Sunday morning as you sit in church and see the vacant places in the choir and wonder where the war has taken the young people from your community you may feel certain that they are attending divine services if circumstance permits.



The future? Your guess is as good as ours—but, if our wishes count for anything, there is a lot of health and happiness in store for you in 1944.

RITZ TAVERN

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THE PRESENT That Lasts A Year A SUBSCRIPTION TO The Home Newspaper



LIKE a worn out old boot we discard the old year, and we voice the hope that 1944 will see many more unpleasant things thrown into the eternal discard. And now, we join our friends in the general rejoicing, and wish you a Very Happy New Year.

ILLINOIS VALLEY PARTS AND SERVICE Walt Freeman — Ray Wilson Cave Junction.



Undue Optimism is hardly justified, but, looking into our crystal ball, we see better days ahead. In the light of this fact we say Happy New Year with the old-time spirit. May the best of everything come your way in 1944.

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