

Navy to Build Six Super Cruisers

An announcement, made public recently by the United States Navy Department, that construction has been started on six 27,000-ton super cruisers, indicates that work on our new "Two-Ocean" Navy has been further accelerated. This latest statement concerning Naval shipbuilding brings the total number of new ships ordered since January 1, 1941 to 2,831—with 968 of these ships already under construction. Production line methods are being used wherever possible and a pronounced speed-up has been accomplished by the institution of a 48-hour week and a three-shift 24-hour day. 375,000 men are already employed in shipyards and another 125,000 men will be added to this force of workmen who are speeding ships down the ways at the rate of at least one every ten days.

So coordinated and precise is the current naval shipbuilding program that many months are being cut from the normal building time of American-made warships. This expert planning and new speed in construction of our ships from 45,000-ton dreadnaughts to small torpedo boats opens the way for the Navy to accept new qualified men for training at the rate of 12,000 to 15,000 a month. These men, enlisting in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve, will be sent to one of the four Naval Training Stations and may have a chance to go to a Navy Trade School even before assignment to the fleet. During this period they will receive regular Navy pay and the free Navy schooling is valued at hundreds of dollars.

Sport Gags

By K. D. P.

Well, the steelhead derby came to a close last Saturday when Ivan Harrington of Medford won the first prize with a 8 3/4 lb. steelhead and Mr. Carver of Eagle Point won the second prize on a 7 lb., 10 oz. steelhead. Personally I think the first prize should go to Mr. Neidermeyer who caught his 7 lb. 6 ounce steelhead on fly. You see all the other steelhead entered in the contest were caught on eggs. Mr. Neidermeyer was the only man to bring in the fish that was actually caught on fly. What's the matter with all those crack fly fishermen?

It is my belief that there would have been lots of steelhead caught on flies this year if it has not been for the roily water that we have had this year caused by the construction of the new dam at Gold Ray. I have only caught nine steelhead on flies and the rest on eggs. Last year I caught more on flies than I did on egg fishing.

If the construction at the dam is over before next summer rolls around, the fly fishermen will enjoy good fishing, particularly above the dam up to Dodge bridge and I really know that the egg fishermen will have to look to their laurels because in the last two years the largest steelhead had been caught in the vicinity of Dodge Bridge.

Vintie Beall won first prize last year by catching a big one that weighed close to 8 pounds near Dodge Bridge. And two years ago I caught a big enough one to land me the first prize and the fish was caught below Dodge Bridge.

Well, if the new ladders live up to all expectations, the fishermen will really enjoy their banner year.

High School Notes

The sophomores had a party Tuesday evening in the gymnasium. Miss Wilson and Miss Eyre attended to represent the faculty.

Several students have been absent this week because of illness. Among them are Jack McCoy, John Rector, and Lucille Metternich.

June Lock returned to school Monday after a week's illness.

The first pep rally was held in assembly Wednesday afternoon. Ruth Freeland, Beverly Watson, and Mildred Clark are yell leaders.

Salom Rizk, world traveler will speak to the students in assembly next Wednesday at 12:45.

School will be dismissed at 3 p. m. Friday because of the regular P.T.A. meeting.

The Girls' League are having a Sadie Hawkins party at the gymnasium Friday evening.

The student council met Wednesday after school to discuss plans for the high school carnival.

Within 4 months after enlistment, U. S. Navy recruits automatically receive a 70 per cent increase in pay and a promotion to a higher rating.

Rebekah Ladies Attend Convention

The Gold Hill Rebekah lodge initiated two candidates Mrs. Edna Kilburn and Mrs. Hattie Taylor last night. Three carloads attended from here. Today the Medford Rebekahs and a few of the Central Point Rebekahs are attending a convention at Glendale. The Medford lodge has chartered a bus and the Central Point members will travel with them. The state president, Mrs. Myrtle Alpine, will attend both meetings.

Former Resident, Old-time Printer, Wed in Colorado

Mrs. Damon received the following news from Colorado Springs, Col.: Formalties were waived Friday, October 24 when William A. Crane, 80, and Mrs. Minnie E. Johnston, both old-time printers, went to Pueblo to be married. District Judge J. Arthur Phelps decided the couple need not undergo the usual physical examinations required of marriage license applicants, and permitted

Homer H. King, chief deputy clerk to issue them a license immediately. Then the judge, at the couple's request, asked the Rev. William E. Bell, pastor of the First Methodist church, to officiate at their wedding, which was performed in the judge's chambers at the court house, with the judge as one of the official witnesses.

Crane, disclosing that this day marked the 25th anniversary of his former marriage, said he first came through Pueblo in a covered wagon in 1879. It was some time later he began to learn the printing trade at Fort Collins. Subsequently, he returned to Iowa and took over a newspaper which his grandfather had started prior to the Civil War. For 27 years he lived in Medford, Ore., where his wife died about two years ago.

All new recruits in the U. S. Navy and the Naval Reserve receive an elementary training in the use of all types of regulation Navy small arms—rifles, machine guns, automatic pistols. Assembling arms by sense of touch is included in this training.

Former Local Girl Married at Reno

Miss Gwendolyn Rae Marine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Marine, 702 West Fourth street, Medford, and Paul Murphy, son of Mrs. James Murphy of this city were married in Reno, Nev., at the courthouse Friday at 4:30 p.m.

The bride chose a black pin stripe suit with white and black accessories and a white chrysanthemum corsage for her wedding outfit.

They were accompanied to Reno by Mr. and Mrs. Marine and Mrs. Murphy. Both Mrs. Marine and Mrs. Murphy wore black ensembles with black and white accessories.

Mrs. Murphy attended school in Central Point and Medford and Mr. Murphy at Central Point. They will make their home in Medford, taking up residence at 1029 West Ninth St.

Two Pilots Killed In Plane Smashes

When 13 fleet pursuit planes left Medford municipal airport late Sunday afternoon, two of the pilots rode to their deaths, a third was badly in-

jured. Attracted by the arrival of 33 planes, a couple of thousand spectators saw the swift pursuit planes take off at 3:55 p.m., one following the other in the space of seconds. Not long afterward two of the young pilots were dead, victims of twin crashes near San Anselmo, California. Another bailed out when

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