

Careless Talk May Give Away Secrets

If you know what ship a sailor is on, or what company or regiment a soldier is with overseas, then you know a military "secret," the Office of Censorship in Washington warns. This secret ought not to be published. This is why:

A general needs to know the strength of his opponent: how many men, guns, ships, planes there are in each theater of war.

The Nazis and the Japs want to know these things about our forces. Their agents assemble the information like this: from paper, an item reveals the 600th Infantry is in Australia; another, that the U.S.S. Wisconsin is in the Mediterranean; another, that the 206th Tank Battalion is in North Africa.

Add hundreds of these bits of information together, and our enemies have a too-accurate estimate of American military strength.

These are OUR soldiers—Americans, all—whom we endanger by these "little slips."

This is not a "blackout" on the news about our soldiers. Considerable latitude in reporting personal experiences gives the enemy little military information. If the troop units, the ship names are kept secret. But in articles about soldiers and sailors and in the addresses for them, don't give away their fighting units.

Exams To Be Given For Army-Navy Cadets

Preliminary qualifying examinations for vacancies at both the U. S. naval academy and the U. S. military academy, to be filled from the Fourth congressional district of Oregon, will be conducted by the U. S. civil service commission, January 23, 1943. Congressman Harris Ellsworth announced today. Candidates for admission to the military academy are eligible between the ages of 17 and 22 years. Candidates for both academies must never have been married. Examinations will be given at the

post office building in the following cities: Eugene, Marshfield, Medford and Roseburg.

Candidates desiring to arrange for the examinations should notify Congressman Harris Ellsworth, house office building, Washington, D.C., not later than Jan. 12, 1943. They should designate their choice of places for the examination and give the date of their birth.

New Type Plaster Made of Sawdust

If costs were not a factor a home builder could apply a plaster to his walls that would have no water in it when applied, would be so strong that it could be pounded with a hammer without cracking, could have nails or screws put into it with impunity, and would provide better insulation by far than present gypsum plaster.

This "super-plaster" would be made largely of sawdust bound together with synthetic resins and applied without the use of water. Research men in the Oregon Forest Products research laboratory in the department of chemistry and the school of forestry at Oregon State college have worked out a completely successful plaster of this nature but have not yet found a way to reduce the cost from its present level of from two to three times as great as ordinary gypsum plaster.

One thing that may help do this, however, is a plan for using a thin coating of the new sawdust material over a wall surface of low-grade plywood or boards. Experiments with this idea have been started but are not yet complete. A thin coating of this nature would require little material and yet would hide surface irregularities and give approximately the same outward appearance as regular plaster, the research men report.

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Branch Bank to be Started at Camp White

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Research Program of State Reorganized

The research program of the Oregon agricultural experiment station in all its branches throughout the state has been completely readjusted and geared to meet war needs, according to William A. Schoenfeld, director of the station, and Ralph S. Besse, assistant director, who recently conferred with both central and branch station personnel in four district conferences.

Every one of the 267 projects has been scrutinized to see whether its continuance will further the war effort. Those not so contributing have been dropped or discontinued temporarily unless by so doing past findings would be rendered useless. Other projects of immediate emergency use have been added and others expanded.

Among expanded projects are those dealing with dehydration and other forms of food processing, points out Assistant Director Besse. One example of such research is that being conducted at the cooperative sea-food laboratory in Astoria, where at the request of the military authorities, a high-protein canned product suitable for emergency rations is being worked out making use of fish formerly little used for human food.

Another emergency wartime project is the testing of rubber-bearing plants in this state. One result already is the finding that Klamath county irrigated soils have produced on a trial basis at the rate of 7000 pounds of Russian dandelion root per acre, averaging 2.5 per cent rubber. As this crop takes less than a year from seed time to harvest, it may prove a practical source of rubber during the war.

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ICE CREAM—A NUTRITIOUS FOOD

The National Nutrition Program, designed to build healthy Americans, calls for the use of plenty of milk products in the diet. There is no more attractive way to serve milk than in good ice cream. Ice cream is more than a refreshing dessert. Facts regarding the content of ice cream establish it as a nutritious food and not as a frill in the diet. The protein and butterfat are those from milk and are of high quality. It ranks with milk and cheese as a source of calcium. An average serving (2/3 of a cup) furnishes nearly 1/6 of the calcium needed by an adult daily. Other minerals and vitamin A are also contained in important amounts. Simple ice creams may be included

early in the diet of pre-school years since it is not an overly rich sweet food. For the adolescent, ice cream is one of the most acceptable ways of providing elements for growth and energy.

For the family, serve apple sauce in a sherbet glass with vanilla ice cream on top and garnish with a cherry.

For company, make a layer ice cream by spreading one kind on top of another in the refrigerator tray. Sprinkle with crumbled macaroons or other sweet wafer or crushed peppermint stick candy. Freeze until firm. Serve in squares with a sauce if desired.

When "store" ice cream is not available make one of these delicious milk sherbets.

aiding Oregon to meet its crop production goals is in providing farmers with constantly improved methods," explained Mr. Besse. "The present research program of the station is the great backlog of results of research obtained through the past 26 years or more are major factors in making it possible for farmers to achieve successfully crop production goals that heretofore would have been considered impossible."

search program has aided in national defense are contained in a new biennial report of the station just issued as station bulletin No. 401.

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