

Mountain Troops Need More Young Men

Wanted, in a hurry, more young men to serve with the Mountain Troops of the United States army.

That is the call recently sent out to outing clubs everywhere in the nation, mountaineering, skiing and otherwise, through the National Ski Patrol System, consultant to the war department on mountain and winter warfare and for the selection of specialized personnel for this military organization.

Mountain Troops, beginning with the 87th Mountain Infantry regiment and since expanded, are under intensive training now at Camp Hale, in the high Colorado Rockies, and have their own basic training center at Camp Carson, nearby. The Ski Patrol System has just been asked to recommend several thousand more men for the mountains units.

Those who wish to volunteer before induction can still do so, no longer by enlistment, but by voluntary induction through their draft boards. Formally, candidates were required to have had experience in skiing or mountaineering, but this has been waived and the Ski Patrol announces that it will be glad to consider applications of young men who are first class raw material. Men who have lived and worked in the mountains, such as rock climbers, trappers, packers, guides, prospectors, timber cruisers, stock handlers and the like are still preferred or good skiers who are physically fit for rigorous mountain training, but these no longer are available in the numbers required.

Letters to Nephews

Dear Nephew:

"Love covereth a multitude of sin." That's what this heavy snowfall reminded me of. It was a glory world, so beautiful that a mere getting of breakfast had no meaning. The ugliest, most unattractive object was a joy to see. No artist could landscape so marvelously. Shrubs were bowed in strange shapes. Surely some, it was thought, would be broken, they were so crushed by their load. English laurel, aren't they called? And, typically English, they are standing straight again and looking the world squarely in the face after the storm.

"The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow, and what will poor robin do then, poor thing!" One robin thought he'd light on the edge of the barn roof. Dawn, down he went,—buried in the snow, beating his way out in a manner that reminded me of dad, when Uncle George's barn roof was being cleaned of its dangerous load of snow. Dad had climbed on it with Darrel and Tommy to clear it off. They didn't do it to suit him. He jibed at their way. He'd show them how a feller raised to know snow, did it right. He climbed to the barn's ridge, squared himself. And his feet flew out

from under him. He tobogganed down, leaving a path as clean as a whistle. He shot off the roof and disappeared feet first into the huge drift that leaned against the wall. Not an indication of him for what seemed like minutes. Then there was a surface movement like a mole burrowing. The snow began to churn. Arms flailed it like a snow-pow. Out boiled a man who strode to the house with mighty league steps. "Laugh, dang it," he yelled at two doubled-up boys. "You're so smart, you can finish it yourselves. I might-a got killed." And down the road he ran, back to the shop, while snow-balls and cries assailed him.

The robins aren't the only ones that storied. A bluebird darted by, before this heavy snow. A new kind of robin has been visiting. It's breast is yellow, tan, with the same color in bas on its wings. It wears a round, wide, black collar.

Boy, what a job you could have had shoveling the walks. The coal shovel was used. The snow had begun to thaw. The air was clean and fresh. Neighbors were busy, too. One little kid used a hoe. His sister had a 30" board nailed to a handle. She shoveled the snow like hops used to be pushed in Uncle Andy's hop kiln. A red-cheeked soldier laddie hosed his walk as his husky wife swept the scrapings. And when my rubber boots were removed, my feet were wet as sop. Now what! I'll need them soon in the outdoor work. Got a pair of wool socks that can be worn with them?

I forgot to tell you John was sent across at once because of his former service and experience.

Talk about reckless: forsythia, primroses, and violets insist on blooming. Am getting itchy to get out in the garden and scratch around. Would you enjoy helping me?

My thoughts (hope the dam don't break) and love are with you.

Aunt.

P.S. Where are you? Months, and no letter. Hold that dam!

LETTER RECEIVED—

Just received a very nice letter from Rev. R. C. Lewis at Serria Madre, Calif. He is busy using all his spare time preparing their ground and house to make a place of contact for the young people of Bethany church. With the many live oaks, they can prepare a place for picnic grounds and Bible conferences. There is a swimming pool just about 300 feet from there. He tells about the wedding of Chester Grimes. He also mentions Rev. Bender and family and speaks very highly of them. He also mentions that he cut out of the American the poem "Keep the wave in Old Glory" by Mrs. Holland, also "Dear Man Child of Mine" and was going to the local paper there and have them printed. He says they are both lovely. He also tells many interesting parts of his work and the good results he is receiving in his effort to help people.

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Energy BREADS

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60,000 Women and Children Aid Harvest Is 1942 Record

More than 60,000 women and children aided in the harvesting of Oregon crops for the 1942 season and yet more will be needed this year, was the consensus of reports from the United States employment service in a two-day session with the agricultural advisory committee in Salem, last week. (January 14, 15)

During last season only 35,548 of the 97,373 farm placements made by the USES were men over 18, the reports showed. More than two-thirds of the farm workers placed were from the local communities, while 22 per cent were from Oregon points and 10 per cent from out of the state. With rationing and other travel restrictions, the proportion of out-of-state workers is expected to be further reduced in 1943.

The bright side of the picture, however, was stressed by L. C. Stoll, area director for the war manpower commission, who said that a leveling off of labor demands by several shipyards and the shutdown in cantonment and other construction might help farmers in securing experienced year-round machine men.

"Oregon more than met its production quotas last year, and I do not believe that any farmer need hesitate about planting still more essential crops this year," Stoll said. However, several things must be done, agreed the conferees, to achieve a fuller utilization and better distribution of labor.

Included in the new program, according to Emory R. Worth, state director of the USES, will be a publicity and advertising campaign; more adequate training supervision and wholesome "on-the-job" surroundings for teen-age boys and girls; better housing facilities for workers; stronger effort to curb drunkenness and other forms of absenteeism; more active solicitation for clubs, church groups and organizations, etc., to share the responsibilities in the battle of food production.

J. J. Fisher, manager of the Gresham Berry Growers, Inc., was elected chairman of the farm advisory group and Worth was chosen secretary. The committee, representing farm groups in all parts of the state, was welcomed by Douglas Mulhark, representing Governor Snell, sometime in early February.

"BUSINESS MUST ADVERTISE"

GRINNELL, IOWA.— Unless the weekly and daily newspapers of the nation receive adequate advertising support during the war emergency, freedom of the press will be greatly endangered, according to Dr. Samuel N. Stevens, president of Grinnell college and merchandising counselor for many national manufacturers.

"Many newspapers have suffered a serious loss of advertising just when their functions become more vital to every community," Dr. Stevens said before an informal faculty meeting at Grinnell college. "This will get worse when full impact of rationing hits. It is only natural for a merchant who has little to sell to stop advertising. If all merchants and manufacturers follow theory, the press of the nation may become weak and insolvent—easy prey for unscrupulous propagandists.

Keystone of War Effort.

"The newspaper is the keystone of the war effort in each community," the Grinnell man continued. Bonds and other worthy causes, the "When we have drives for scrap, war newspaper must carry the publicity burden. Their magnificent job on the recent scrap drive without a cent of financial support is only one example. No one would think of asking a grocer for free food or an oil station to give away gasoline, but the newspapers give columns of space to every war effort—and do it gladly.

"The business which discontinues advertising is damaging itself and the community. The business world is littered with the ruins of firms which

thought they could quit advertising. My advice to any business man is to continue advertising, with an adequate budget, if he expects to ride out this hurricane.

"A community which loses its newspaper suffers an irreparable loss. People would be deprived of authentic local war information and wild, morale-damaging rumors would start. The boys in the service—who really appreciate the news of their hometown paper—would be sadly disappointed when it stops.

Three Ways to Help

"If rationing is sharing, each community must ration its ingenuity, resources, and co-operation and make a concerted effort to keep every possible business alive during the emergency," Dr. Stevens stated. "I believe each firm can greatly help itself three ways:

"Advertise consistently in your newspaper.

"Buy everything you can from fellow merchants.

"Become a member or help organize a strong, vigorous community club, which should include farmers, where problems can be thoroughly discussed and solutions agreed upon."

River of The West

For many years the Oregon, the Great River of the West, was more or less a mystery. Many explorers sailed past its mouth in their search for the Northwest passage. Heet, the Spanish explorer, thought he detected the river but was too timid to attempt passage of its turbulent bar. Captain John Meares, famous English pilot, was convinced that the river's mouth was but a bay, and named it Deception Bay. The headland to the north he named Cape Disappointment. The great Vancouver passed it by, declaring that there was no such stream.

In 1788, Captain Robert Gray, in command of the Lady Washington a ninety ton sloop, sailed into an Oregon harbor, presumably Tillamook Bay. One of his men whom he had sent ashore for grass and water was killed by the natives and Gray named

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BETTER LUNCHES FOR YOUR WORKERS

It's amazing what a variety of well-chosen, nourishing meals can be put up for the day or night workers if the six simple rules shown below are followed. Remember these six things:

(1) Give them plenty. Encourage your lunch carriers to eat a good, solid mid-day meal. Remember that lunch, whether eaten at home, from a box, or in a restaurant, should provide about one-third of the day's food needs. An ample lunch means a better day's work, with less fatigue.

(2) Give them variety. In a lunch box, as elsewhere, variety is the spice of life. Variety will keep box lunches from getting monotonous. Variety breads—variety in sandwich fillings; meats, cheeses, jams, jellies, eggs, salad fillings made from left overs. Variety in fruits, vegetables and desserts. Something different every day.

(3) Give them "protective foods."

This is where the lunch diet usually falls short. Include as many of these as possible. Milk, fruit and vegetables, and eggs are the protective foods and all lend themselves to lunch box use.

(4) Wrap them well—and separately. Wrap each kind of sandwich and other foods in a separate piece of waxed paper. This keeps things fresh and keeps flavor from mixing. Wrap salt in waxed paper or use a small shaker with a tight cap. Pack salads, juicy fruits and vegetables in glass jars with tight lids.

(5) Include a surprise. The unexpected adds zest to life. Don't let your family workers expect the same things day after day. Surprise them with little delicacies such as stuffed dates, a piece of chocolate, a package of salted nuts.

(6) Give them milk. Make milk a part of every lunch box meal. Put it in the thermos if it can't be obtained where your family members work. Make hot soups or hot chocolate with milk and use the thermos.

the bay, Murderer's Harbor.

Four years later, Gray returned to the Northwest coast in command of a larger ship, the Columbia, after having carried the American flag around the world. He wintered at Clayquot where he built the Adventure, the first American ship to be built on the Pacific coast.

In the spring of 1792, he sailed south and into the harbor on the Washington coast which bears his name. On May 11, Gray arrived at the mouth of the Great River of the West. The wind and tide were in his favor and he boldly set sail across the boisterous bar. The next three days he sailed up the river for thirty miles. On May 19, he landed, raised the American flag, planted some coins, and took possession in the name of the United States of America. Evidently Gray was not familiar with the name Carver had given it, Oregon, for he named the river for his staunch little vessel, Columbia.

Gray died in obscurity and poverty but he left a precious heritage of courage, vision and daring.

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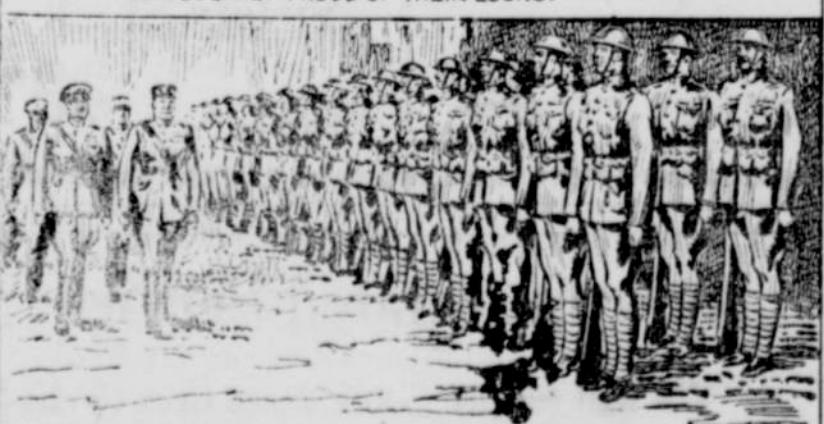
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