

Vacancies for Navy And Army Academies To Be Filled Soon

Congressman Harris Ellsworth announced today that preliminary qualifying examinations for vacancies at both the U.S. Naval and the U.S. Military Academies will be conducted by the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Monday, June 12, 1948, at the Post Office Buildings in Albany, Coos Bay, Eugene, Grants Pass, Medford, Roseburg, and Reedsport.

Candidates for admission must never have been married, and must be bona fide residents of the Fourth District. As of the date of entrance into the Academies, July 1, 1949, appointees for Naval Academy and Military Academy must be 17 years of age. The maximum ages are 21 and 22 respectively except in the case of ex-servicemen who may be two years older. Servicemen within the proper age limits may compete and will be given the examination by their commanding officers.

The examination will be about 3 1/2 hours in length and confined to vocabulary and reading, spatial relations, and algebra. Nominations will be on the basis of grades earned in the examination.

Candidates desiring to compete should notify Congressman Harris Ellsworth, House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. not later than one 1st, indicating their choice of place for examination, legal residence, and date of birth.

NOTICE

Central Point Extension Unit will postpone the May meeting until Wednesday the 26, at which time it will be in the home of Mrs. Warren Patterson, Upton Road.

Small Holdings Biggest Factor in Timber Land

Oregon's vast-land owning "timber barons" are very much flattered by overly vivid imaginations because actual facts and figures do not bear out the oft expressed belief that timber and trees are all owned by "big business."

This statement is made by O.S.C. extension forester, Charles R. Ross, who points out that woodland owners in the state number close to 45,000. He says 63 percent of Oregon's privately owned forest reserves are owned by individuals with holdings of less than 5,000 acres each.

Farmer owners of woodlands play important roles in the timber picture, Ross emphasizes. In western Oregon, for example, there is an average of close to 40 acres of wood for each farm. Many other small acreage timber owners are local businessmen, city workers living in the country, and various other investors.

From the national standpoint, 4,000,000 persons in the United States own a piece of woodland which contains less than 500 acres. Together these small acreage timber owners control 200,000,000 acres of forest. That is 60 percent of all the privately owned forest land in this country, Ross adds.

Meanwhile, a change is taking place in the minds of the small forest property owners, Ross states. Prior to about 1940, few farmers, for instance, saw anything but a pasture and wood reservoir in their woodlots. They felt it did not pay to try to sell small trees, and it took two lifetimes to grow salable timber. A sweeping change in viewpoint is now taking place, Ross observes, and present day woodland owners are seeking income from their trees. Nowadays they are talking knowingly of poles, sawlogs,

pulpwood and fuel markets.

Future markets for woodland products are bound to increase with second growth timber becoming more valuable as the result of inroads on the stands of old growth forests. The day when farmers can receive an annual "cash crop" from their woods is not too far distant, Ross concludes.

More Milk Cows Needed To Meet Oregon Demand

Urgent need for more dairy cows on Oregon farms is apparent in view of prospects for continued population growth and the fact that cow numbers show an actual decline, declares H. P. Ewalt, O.S.C. extension dairyman.

In Oregon now, there are approximately 245,000 dairy animals. Meanwhile, Ewalt, points out that as late as 1943 there were 290,000 head. In the prewar year, 1940, there were 262,000 dairy cows on Oregon farms.

The extension dairyman states there are now fewer cows in the state than there have been any time during the past 14 years. There are also fewer yearling heifers than at any time during this same period. This fact indicates that herd replacements are going to be more difficult to obtain in the future, Ewalt states.

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Along the same line he says dairy calf numbers are low. In fact, the calf population is lower now than at any time since 1942.

Reasons for the decline in dairy cow numbers are related to conditions brought about by the war, including scarcity and high cost of trained dairy workers. Ewalt states that high prices for other types of farm products such as seeds and grains brought about a shift from cows to the other types of agriculture. With feed costs high, coupled with attractive meat prices, more rigid culling of low producing animals took place. As a result of this culling, Ewalt says the average production per animal in the state has shown a considerable jump, although there are not enough of these better animals to supply current milk needs.

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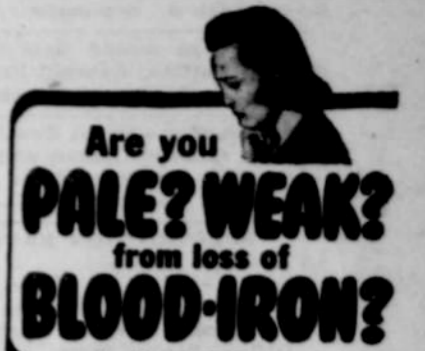
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gon dairy industry, Ewalt says dairymen need more than ever before to use good sires, to test for production and to save more good calves as steps toward having high producing, disease-free herds two, three or four years from now. Do not depend upon other dairymen for replacements, they might be using scrub bulls, Ewalt advises.

Two buzzards were lazily soaring over the desert when a jet-propelled plane zipped by them, its exhaust throwing flame and smoke. As it whizzed out of sight one of the buzzards remarked: "That bird was

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