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Black Jack Pershing

In Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C., alongside other so enshrined hero dead of World War I, General John J. Pershing was laid to rest Monday afternoon.

Unknown by many of the young, even though many of them had served in World War II, General Black Jack Pershing will be long remembered by the men whom he commanded and the citizens of the country at the time of his high point of service.

Eighty-seven years of age, Pershing rose to military eminence after winning appointment to West Point in 1882. He served through frontier duty, against the Indians, in the Spanish-American war, during the subjugation of Philippine tribes, as observer of the Russo-Japanese war, at the head of a punitive expedition into Mexico on an unsuccessful chase of Pancho Villa and finally, his crowning achievement, generalled the American effort in World War II.

Pictures of Pershing have usually inspired a sense of awe and a memory of valiant deeds. Pershing, at the head of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, was the first symbol of the United States reaching the stature of a world power.

Never before had such a total effort been expanded in a foreign war, so important to everyday life that it was everyday life. Some two million men, under his military guidance, embarked for Europe and many of them remained there with others leaving behind parts of themselves on a crimsoned battlefield.

Pershing, so the legend about him states, landed in France with a belief that Destiny had long awaited the arrival of the khaki-clad warriors under his command, as an instrument for history. But he was stopped cold by the firm suggestion by Allied leaders that the Americans would best fit in a sort of labor corps, to dig trenches and perform other tasks that would not rely upon a long background of military experience, and as replacements for armies already in the field.

It was Black Jack Pershing, with characteristic insistence, who established the fact that the doughboys were there to fight. His contributions to the final armistice were historically noteworthy. His army fought as a separate force.

He had always lamented that the offensive toward Berlin and Kaiser Bill's precinct halted practically at the borders of Germany. Military man that he was, with a long and varied experience in strategy of battle, he was convinced that Berlin should be made a shambles, in order to uproot and destroy the malignant plant of militarism. He was forced to yield his belief.

Honored and feted at his victorious return, General Pershing had even been the subject of political consideration for the candidacy of the President. Nothing developed further in that line and Pershing went off to his retirement from the army and public life.

With his impressive funeral rites and commitment to the national shrine, those who lived through World War I will touch, in reverence, stirring memories of General John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing.

Little of Everything

Political activity at Philadelphia will next deal with the efforts of the newly forming Progressive party which comes to the 1948 convention city for the avowed purpose of setting up the candidacy of Henry A. Wallace and Senator Glen Taylor as president and vice-president nominees, subject to national election in November.

While the Republicans vilified the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt, during their political blowout, they adopted a watered-down version of the New Deal, as a lure to the voting American public.

Next, the Democrats hopefully murmured the magic name during their appearance in the city of Brotherly Love and went on to beat the drums over their New Deal platform which, in some instances, isn't quite as forward stepping as the shouting and thumping might indicate.

Now comes the Progressives. They are frequently quoted as defining themselves as leading the way to a return of the principles of FDR, and their platform should out-New Deal the efforts of the other political parties.

The people of Philadelphia, this summer, seem to be seeing a little of everything, in a political way.

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Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries In Northwest Communities

WILL PLAY IT STRAIGHT

Citizens who generally suppose that carnival time is gambling time will learn that strong opposition to such a rule has developed in connection with the Oregon Territorial Centennial, set for August 12-15, at Oregon City.

The local ministerial association, relates the BANNER COURIER, has registered a stern protest, coupled with a warning, in regard to the carnival company which received a contract for the staging of sideshows and concessions in connection with the big Oregon City celebration.

The divines allege this carnival outfit is the same once charged with open gambling during the 1947 Multnomah county fair, at Gresham. After going on record as opposing the conduct of this carnival company, the association charges all law-enforcing agencies of the city, county and state with the responsibility of stopping any attempt to run gambling games on the first day of its stand, not the last.

Copies of the resolution the group passed in this vein have been sent to the city, county and state police, the district attorney, city manager, attorney general, newspapers, centennial committee and the carnival company.

Meanwhile, the centennial commission is going ahead with other celebration plans. A 500 mile pony express ride will be made to Boise, Idaho, to extend an invitation to participate in festivities to the governor of that state.

Arrangements with riding clubs along the Oregon Trail route have been made to help provide the estimated 70 riders who will carry the bid in relays.

This novel, historically symbolic project, of sending pony express riders from Oregon City to Olympia, Washington, Salem and Boise, by present plans, will start at 10 a. m. July 26, from the Clackamas county courthouse. To Salem will take one day, Olympia two days and Boise five days of cross country riding.

STRANGE NEW LOOK

An exchange copy came marching across the desk this week with a strange new look. True, the name was the same. But the look and feel were startlingly different.

In some ways resembling the outward format of the Christian Science Monitor, the GRESHAM OUTLOOK is so different in dress that it almost seems like another paper.

The radical change comes about because of the pressure for more news space—and the publication's manner of meeting this demand. A flatbed web perfecting press which puts out a larger paper, all folded and ready for the circulation department speeds up the newspaper's productivity printing twice as many pages at the one time as its former equipment could do.

As all newspaper plants switching over from old to radically new equipment would expect, the Gresham

ham sheet met with many delays and headaches before it was ready for the scrutinizing gaze of its readership.

The former high readability of the paper is not quite equalled in the first issue. But the management promises to reach its usual standards, after the "bugs" and quirks in the operation have been mastered.

The firm will be open for public inspection, at an open house tentatively set for this fall.

MASS NEEDLING

Throughout the lower Columbia country adjacent to St. Helens, a project of mass needling has been going on, in a series of weekly typhoid immunization campaigns.

As the SENTINEL MIST reports it, some 3500 people have been inoculated with a protection against the contamination that might lurk in the communities as a result of the recent disastrous flood.

Although the area is slowly getting back on its feet, it will be some time before all the damage has been repaired, with things as they used to be.

However You Go Public Camping Grounds Suffice

Whatever manner of transportation is used, an Oregon vacationist finds facilities for his convenience, in public campgrounds maintained by the forest service in the four national forests partly within the Willamette basin.

At some sites, there is room for trailers; at all there is parking space for cars. Community kitchens, fireplaces, spring, stream or piped water, tables, benches, toilets, bathhouses and other conveniences may be found.

Presented this week is an addition to the series which lists camping grounds maintained for public use. Clip this and following articles for reference when planning a day, overnight or longer.

TWIN BRIDGES—On Mt. Hood loop highway (St-35) 6 miles east of Rhododendron. Elevation 2907 feet. Space 1 trailer, 9 stoves, 11 tables, 4 benches, 2 toilets, stream water. Start of trail to Paradise Park on Mt. Hood, 1 shelter.

TWIN SPRINGS — On Abbott road 30 miles east of Estacada, fair mountain road. Elev. 4000 ft. No trailers, 10 tables, 10 stoves and fireplaces, 2 toilets, spring water. Supplies at Estacada. Huckleberries.

CEDA CREEK — On Brice Creek road 26 miles east of Cottage Grove, 2-way gravelled road except for last 4 miles. Elev. 1500 ft. Space 1 trailer, parking 20 cars, 5 camps, 4 stoves, 12 tables, 4 toilets, stream water. Supplies at Diaston 4 miles. Hunting, fishing, picnicking.

RUJADA—On Row River Forest road 22 miles east of Cottage Grove (off US-99). 2-way gravelled road. Elev. 1200 ft. Parking 30 cars, 10 camps; 9 stoves, 16 tables, bathhouse, 2 flush toilets, piped water. Supplies at Culp Creek 6 mi. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ALDER SPRINGS—On McKenzie highway (US-28) 15 miles east of McKenzie bridge. El. 3550 ft. 2 camps together. Space 3 trailers, parking 4 cars, 1 tr. shelter, 3 tables, 3 toilets, piped spring water. Supplies at Lost Creek ranch 6 miles. Fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking.

BERRY—On north Santiam by (St-22) 3 miles west of Detroit, elevation 1300 feet, 11 camps, tables, stoves, 4 toilets. Supplies at Detroit.

BIG LAKE—Two separate camp grounds on north and west shores of Big lake, on Old Pioneer Santiam wagon road. Best approach by mountain road 4 miles south of Santiam Pass from Santiam highway (St-54), 36 miles of Cascadia, elevation 4665 feet. 12 stoves and fireplaces, 11 tables, 9 toilets, lake water. Nearest supplies at Suttle Lake Resort 10 miles. Boating, fishing, hunting, mountain climbing, swimming. On Oregon Skyline Trail.

Festivities For Gaston Jamboree Set on August 1

Carnival concessions, featured events for children, free watermelon, an old-timers' baseball game between Banks and Gaston, horse exhibitions by the Forest Grove Ranch Riders and the coronation of a Jamboree Queen, who will receive round trip tickets to Victoria, B. C., for two, are included in the final arrangements by the Tualatin Valley Commercial club's first annual Gaston Jamboree, set for August 1, at the community center.

On Sunday evening, August 1, a dance and entertainment will wind up festivities.

Though men should rend your heart, let them not embitter or harden it. We win by tenderness, we conquer by forgiveness.—F. W. Robertson.

State Fire Laws Set Season From May 15 to Dec. 31

Now that the danger season for forest fires is approaching, a digest of the Oregon forest fire laws that apply particularly to farmers and woodlot owners has been prepared by Charles R. Ross, OSC extension forester.

In summarizing seven of the more significant laws, Ross has attempted to give the highlights as they apply to farmers and rural residents. The summary follows:

The Permit Law: Persons who wish to burn forest land, grass, grain stubble or stumps must secure written permission from a fire warden during the closed season which runs normally from May 15 to December 31.

Cigarette and Match Law: During the closed season, it is unlawful for anyone to throw away lighted tobacco, matches or other material on any forest land, private road, public highway or railroad right of way.

Campfire Law: Persons building campfires on land not their own are required to clear the ground immediately around the fire. Campfire must not be left unattended.

Willful Setting of Fire: Persons convicted of setting incendiary fires are liable to prison sentences.

Operator's Permit Law: Any one desiring to use fire or to use power driven machinery in connection with logging on or within one-eighth mile of forest land is required to get a permit annually from the State Forester.

Slash Burning Law: Individuals or companies that harvest forest products are required to burn slash each year if it is a fire hazard. The burning is supervised by fire wardens. Land owners share in responsibility for reducing slash hazards on their lands.

Closure Law: The governor's proclamation may totally or partially close such forest areas to all forms of use where fire danger is considered especially dangerous.

On GI Insurance July 31st Last Chance for Vets

World War II veterans are reminded by the veterans administration that they have only until July 31 to reinstate lapsed National Service (G.I.) life insurance policies on a "comparative health" basis.

Before August 1, most veterans may easily reinstate any amount of G. I. term insurance—from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500—regardless of the time their policy has been lapsed, and usually without being required to take a physical examination.

To reinstate G. I. insurance, veterans need only fill out a simple VA application form on which they certify their health is as good as when their policy lapsed, and pay two monthly premiums.

Gov't. Restricts Fancy Training By "Rights Bill"

Steps to eliminate avocational and recreational training courses under the G. I. bill are now taken by veteran administration offices in the Northwest.

Under legislation passed by the last congress, no part of the VA's appropriation for the fiscal year 1949 may be used to pay for any course started by a veteran after June 30, 1948, which the VA determines to be avocational or recreational in character.

Types of such training are dancing, photography, glider flying, bar

tending and mixology, personality development, entertainment, instrumental or vocal music, public speaking, sports, athletics and others.

Flight training and related aviation courses taken by veterans in connection with their present or contemplated occupation or business are authorized by the law.

Veterans who want training in a course considered avocational or recreational must submit complete justification to the VA that the course is in connection with their present or future occupation.

When such evidence is unsatisfactory, the veteran may request advisement and guidance from the VA before final determination is made.

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