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STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—With the Oregon National Guard scheduled for mobilization into federal service next Monday state affairs have assumed a decidedly military atmosphere this past week.

Governor Sprague on Thursday signed the formal order transmitting the president's proclamation calling up the Oregon troops for a year of intensive training but even before that machinery had been set in motion for a prompt and orderly compliance with the mobilization order.

The adjutant general's office which is also the headquarters of Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, has been a veritable bee hive of industry as a substantially augmented force of clerks and stenographers have labored over time to grind out the numerous orders and whip into shape the documents and records incident to the mobilization of Oregon's more than 4500 officers and men.

When Governor Sprague this week signed the official order calling up the national guard for federal service it was the third such order issued by an Oregon governor in the past 25 years. The first of these was in 1916 when the Oregon troops were inducted into service for duty on the Mexican border and the second in 1917 when Uncle Sam again turned to Oregon for help against Germany.

General White announced this week that Oregon guard units will be billeted in local armories where that plan is practical from the time they are mobilized next Monday until their departure for the concentration camps on September 23. Where local armories are not available or are not adequate quarters will be rented for the troops. Where it is not practical to set up unit kitchens and mess facilities arrangements are being made to feed the men at restaurants.

Local armories will be turned over to the care of civil authorities during the absence of the Oregon troops and leased armories will be closed during the mobilization period, tentatively fixed at one year but which, it is admitted, may be much longer.

Governor Sprague in addressing the state convention of the American Legion at Seaside this week made public plans for the organization of an "Oregon State Guard" if the need should arise for armed troops during the absence of the national guard. This "State Guard" would be made up of veterans of the World War, already well trained as soldiers and hundreds of whom have volunteered their services in any emergency.

The governor, however, expressed the belief that state and local police would be adequate to handle any ordinary situation that might arise with the help of a body of police reserves which it is planned to organize to supplement the state police force.

The state board for vocational ed-

ucation meeting in Salem this week gave its approval to plans for a substantial expansion of the entire state program in order to meet the increased demand imposed by the present national defense program. A survey of school shop equipment now available in this state is said to have shown that approximately \$200,000 will have to be spent to bring this equipment up to the standard necessary to meet the new demand arising through the need for trained workers in war industries.

O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education, has been granted a six months leave of absence in order that he may serve as head of the 13th naval district training program at the Bremerton, Wash., navy yards. Adams holds the rank of lieutenant-commander in the naval reserve.

At long last, it now appears, Oregon's \$2,500,000 capitol is to have a pole from which to display a flag on appropriate occasions. Failure of the capitol construction commission to provide for a flag pole has caused much comment and resulted in no little embarrassment to capitol officials, especially on one occasion when after Governor Sprague had issued a proclamation calling for the display of the flag on all public buildings on flag day it was discovered that there was no place from which to display a flag on the capitol itself. The Board of Control this week sent out a call for bids, on not one but two flag poles, one at either end of the building. The proposed poles are not to be of brass as specified by the capitol architects but are to be tall firs, 75 to 80 feet high, cut from Oregon's own forests.

Oregon patrons of private electric utilities paid out a total of \$22,189,107 for electric service during 1939, according to a report compiled by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner. The 1,349,474,260 kilowatt hours of electric power consumed in Oregon in 1939 represented an increase of 11.62 percent over the 1938 figures and was 7.79 percent over the previous high record established in 1937, Commissioner Bean said.

The industrial boom occasioned by the national defense program and war orders from Europe is being reflected in a substantial increase in employment in Oregon if records of the state unemployment compensation commission can be accepted as an accurate barometer. Only 2445 claims for compensation were filed with the commission during August while benefit payments of \$217,225 made during the month were nine percent below payments made in August, 1939. While benefit payments for the first eight months of the current year totalling \$3,310,513 were slightly higher than claims paid in the same period of 1939 they were far below the \$4,728,632 paid out during the first eight months of 1938, the commission pointed out.

Members of the Oregon national guard will not lose their right to vote through mobilization into federal service, according to Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle. The guardsmen will still retain their legal residence in Oregon after their mobilization and departure for concentration camps and will have the right to vote in their own precincts through the use of absentee voter ballots.

A large delegation of Oregon stationers who called on the Board of Control this week charged that out-of-state bidders for state supplies represented unfair competition in that they bid on merchandise of a quality much inferior to that offered by Oregon dealers. One spokesman for the delegation told the Board that the state should refuse to accept bids from firms outside the state as a measure of protection to local firms which pay taxes in support of the state government. The Board instructed the state purchasing agent to make sure the merchandise offered by the out-of-state bidders was up to state standards and then give the Oregon bidders the benefit of the five percent differential permitted to home industry.

The state supreme court, whose

Managed Grazing Aid in Grass Crop

The proper rate of stocking grazing areas will result in greater production of grass, and will reduce run-off of rain and snow water, according to observations in Oregon range areas made by W. T. White, chief of the Soil Conservation Service's range division in the northwest. Definite results of this nature have been obtained by ranchers in erosion control demonstration projects and on demonstration farms planned in cooperation with the extension service.

Proper stocking reverses the old overgrazing cycle. Better growth of the grasses means less run-off, which increases soil moisture, which in turn produces more actual forage. Overgrazing, on the other hand, reduces the root system of the plant, increases the erosion, and results in the loss of new grass seedings.

Practices which have aided in the proper grazing of dry land areas include the better distribution of stock water supplies, and placing of salt in a number of locations away from water rather than at one or more locations near water. The use of supplementary pastures, frequently developed on land retired from cultivation, has proved a real help in carrying out deferred grazing and other good management practices on native ranges.

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members have been on vacation since July, resumed its sittings this week. One of the first appeals to be heard by the court was that of W. R. Osborn of Amity against Peter Zimmeman involving a primary nominating election contest.

Local Elks Lodge Wipes Debt Slate

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, now owns its home free of all encumbrance, according to report of the trustees, L. E. Bisbee, Chas. B. Cox and J. G. Barratt. The last outstanding bond was paid off Monday by J. O. Turner, trustee for the bond holders.

Building their home just at the close of the World war when materials were high, the lodge members faced an uphill job to pay for it until 1936 when stringency of the times made refinancing necessary. Holders of second mortgage bonds for which there was little security at that time agreed to accept new bonds at 50 cents on the dollar face value which assisted the lodge to get its financial structure in shape. All outstanding bonds after the refinancing have since been redeemed at face with all interest paid.

ATTEND CLUB MEETING

North Central Oregon Schoolmaster's club met Monday evening at Arlington and selected officers for the year. Vince Barrett of Arlington was named president and Robert Knox of Heppner, vice-president. Attending from here besides Mr. Knox were Alden Blankenship, superintendent, W. S. Bennett and Kenneth McKenzie.

CALL FOR WARRANTS

Outstanding warrants of School District No. 1, Morrow County, Oregon, numbered 6273 to 6310 inclusive, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants ceases Sept. 13, 1940.

ROBERT V. JONES, Clerk,
School District No. One,
Heppner, Oregon.

CCC Selectors Have Meeting Here

Eastern Oregon county representatives of the state selecting agency headed by Clyde Getz, state supervisor of CCC selection, met with officers of Camp Heppner at the camp in an all-day conference last Friday, Sept. 6 to formulate and improve methods of selecting enrollees for the CCC.

This meeting proved valuable to the county selecting heads in selecting enrollees, giving them a clearer picture of the work, training and education afforded to the enrollees at Camp Heppner. A list of all jobs and training was enumerated for them.

After the morning meeting and a CCC lunch, the group visited a work project and the Lena side camp, one of the best in Oregon.

The following were present: Mr. Getz, Vern G. Henderson, district educational adviser, Vancouver barracks; Hilda Bent, administrator; Irene Lundell, Margaret Struthers, Mary Gail Harvey of Umatilla county; Jane E. Payne, Bereba Fish of The Dalles; William Smythe, Gilliam county; K. P. Weihler, Sherman county; Clara Gertson, administrator, Mrs. G. Clary, Judge Bert Johnson, Judge J. O. Hager and Jeff Jones, Morrow county; Marius P. Hanford, company commander; Dean H. Finley, subaltern; Maurice L. Shepard, educational adviser; R. T. Michener, acting project superintendent, and John Brogan, clerk, Camp Heppner.

O. E. S. TO MEET

The first fall meeting for Ruth chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at Masonic hall tomorrow evening, announces Mrs. Madge Thomson, worthy matron.

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