

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- High Camp Morale
- Labor Shortage
- Valuation Slump

By A. L. LINDBECK

It was the privilege of this writer to spend two days this past week with the troops of the 41st division at Camp Murray, Washington.

In a painstaking survey designed to uncover conditions in the camp, I found that in spite of almost continual rainfall which has, naturally, added to the discomforts of camp life the troops are well fed, fairly comfortable housed, adequately clothed; the morale of the troops is high, the health of the camp excellent and there is a minimum of complaint among the men themselves over the conditions under which they live and train in the new role as soldiers in Uncle Sam's regular army.

The last of the squad tents has now been equipped with a board floor and work is now under way on board sidewalks for the tents to further protect the men against the inclement weather of the wintry days ahead. Each tent is equipped, and has been from the outset, with a Sibley stove, entirely adequate for heating purposes. The men sleep warm and comfortably on steel cots supplied with good mattresses with three heavy woolen blankets—some have four—sheets and pillows, the latter heretofore looked upon as a luxury in an army camp.

Clothing issued to the men includes two wool blouses, two pairs of wool slacks, two pairs of heavy army shoes, one complete fatigue uniform of heavy blue denim, three suits of long wool underwear, three suits of light cotton underwear, four pairs of wool socks and three pairs of cotton socks, a heavy army overcoat and a raincoat, a regulation army hat and a cap for dress wear. A few of the men had not yet received their full issue of clothing, due in part to inability to fit the men with their proper size, particularly in shoes, and in part to inability of clothing and shoe factories to meet the suddenly extended demand for army equipment.

On the day I visited the camp only 130 men of the division were in the hospital, which is not many out of a city of 12,500 population, especially when it is understood that in the army every suspicious case is immediately hospitalized whereas in civilian life most of these cases would be treated in the homes or the men would continue about their usual activities with slight colds or a touch of tonsillitis.

Major John W. Beard, veteran chaplain of the 162d Oregon regiment, whose experience with the troops of the Oregon national guard dates back to pre-World War days told me that he had never seen a

time when the morale of the troops was any higher than in this camp. Most encouraging to one who has been privileged to live with the troops in camp during the past four annual maneuvers was the attitude of the enlisted men. While there was some dissatisfaction as is only natural in an army and under the circumstances, the men were, generally, not only uncomplaining but highly appreciative of their treatment and of the improvements being made in the camp for their comfort and convenience.

Oregon is seemingly short of skilled labor available for employment in defense industries, according to Otto R. Hartwig, vice-president of the state board for the mobilization of labor. With good prospects for the location of some of those new industries in the Bonneville power area on both sides of the Columbia river this new board is now engaged in a survey of the labor situation throughout the state in an effort to discover just where skilled men are available and the nature of their skills.

Oregon's assessed valuation slumped another \$4,430,000 during the last year, bringing it down to \$896,661,000, or approximately on a level with the valuation of 1911.

Compared with the peak valuation of \$1,125,100,000 attained in 1930, this net loss of approximately \$250,000,000 represents a drop of 20 percent in the state's valuation in the last ten years, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission.

This situation is explained by tax officials as due to four causes: Deflation of values following the depression; foreclosure on tax delinquent properties which have thus been removed from the tax rolls; depletion of the state's stand of timber either through fires or cutting operations; acquisition of privately owned properties by federal, state, and local agencies.

With voluntary enlistments on the increase Oregon will not have to call up a single man in the first quota of draftees to be ordered into the army on November 18, in the opinion of Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. The state board has just received from national headquarters a copy of the tale showing each state's quota of conscripts against which is credited voluntary enlistments which in this state is expected to more than offset the November call with a good prospect that even the second call will be largely filled by volunteers.

The state liquor commission has outgrown its present headquarters in Portland and expects to move into larger quarters following the expiration of its present lease in May, the liquor control board told Governor Sprague at a conference here this week. Liquor control policies were discussed with the governor during the conference.

Possibility of a reorganization of the parole set-up at the state train-

BOARDMAN NEWS

Nickerson-Hilder Vows Event of Week

By MRS. CLAUD COATS

Mr. Michael Gorham of Council Bluffs, Iowa, brother of Jack Gorham of Boardman, is visiting for a few days. He arrived in Echo at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Delbert Wetherell last week, and came on down here Friday. Mike Gorham is also the brother of Mrs. Frank Ackerman.

Ed Skoubo and Warren Dillon have obtained jobs near The Dalles working on the river. They left for there Sunday.

Among those going elk hunting within the last week were Mr. Chas. Dillon, Mr. Reese, Paul Smith, Charles Smith, E. T. Messenger, Elmer Sullivan, Glen Mallery and Lawton Hamblin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Raney and daughter Phyllis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gorham Saturday night. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Raney and Mr. and Mrs. Gorham went on to Blalock where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe, former residents of Boardman.

Henry Graves is home from his trucking job in Gibbon. He was employed there for the last three weeks.

A grange card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tannehill Saturday evening. A fair sized crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Bleakney were visitors on the project Monday and Tuesday. They came back for election.

George McNabb of The Dalles is here visiting Gilbert Petteys this

ing school for boys is seen here following a report by Budget Director David Eccles describing the present system as "a mess." Governor Sprague at a meeting of the board of control this week suggested that the parole staff at the school be reorganized rather than place the institution's parole functions under the state parole board which now exercises jurisdiction over inmates of the state prison.

If the state game commission wants to acquire lake bed lands in Summer lake it will have to double its offer of \$5 an acre. The state land board at a meeting this week set the price of this land at \$10 an acre. Approximately 3100 acres are said to be involved in the deal.

State Treasurer Pearson found it necessary to dip into other state funds this week for another loan of \$300,000 to the liquor commission to finance relief needs. The loan is underwritten by an issue of liquor certificates. Liquor certificates now outstanding total \$600,000 and Pearson estimates that these loans will touch \$750,000 by the first of the year.

The assessed valuation of utility companies operating in Oregon increased by \$1,347,125 during the past year, it was revealed by the state tax commission this week.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget committee of the Non-high School District of Morrow County, State of Oregon, at a meeting of said committee held on the 18th day of October, 1940, prepared an estimate in detail of the amount of money proposed to be expended by said Non-high School District for all purposes during the fiscal school year beginning June 17th, 1940, and ending June 16th, 1941, and an estimate in detail of the probable receipts of said Non-high School District from all sources for the school year 1940, 1941. The Board of Education of said Non-high School District has fixed the 9th day of November, 1940, at the hour of 3:00 P. M. at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place at which said estimates may be discussed with the Board of Education of said Non-high School District, at which time and place any and all persons interested will be heard for or against said tax levy or any part thereof. That said estimates and attached original estimate sheets are on file in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools and are there open to the inspection of all persons interested therein, and the same are by reference made a part thereof.

RECEIPTS	
Cash on hand at the beginning of the year for which this budget is made	\$ 5,294.40
Amounts received from other sources	244.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,538.78
EXPENDITURES	
Tuition	\$11,600.00
Transportation	6,200.00
Printing	25.00
Travel Expenses of the Board Members	50.00
Emergency	500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,375.00
RECAPITULATION	
Total Receipts	\$ 5,538.78
Total Expenditures	18,375.00
DIFFERENCE (Amount to be raised by tax on the Morrow County Non-High School District)	\$12,836.22

Dated this 18th day of October, 1940.
 RALPH I. THOMPSON, Chairman, Budget Committee
 JESSE WARFIELD, Secretary, Budget Committee.
 R. B. RICE, Chairman, Board of Education.
 LUCY E. RODGERS, Clerk, Board of Education.

week. He is hunting while here. Mrs. Edythe Nickerson of Boardman and Bob Hilder of Arlington were married Saturday, Nov. 2, in Boise, Idaho. Mrs. Chas. Nickerson, the bride's mother, accompanied them to Boise where she attended the wedding and spent the week end with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Nickerson.

CITATION
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW.

In the Matter of the Estate of B. F. DE VORE, Deceased.

To Frank DeVore, Marvin DeVore and Neil DeVore of the heirs of the above named deceased:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you and each of you are hereby cited and directed to be and appear before the above entitled court within twenty-eight days from the date of the first publication of this citation upon you to show cause, if any exists, why an order of sale should not be made authorizing A. G. DeVore, administrator of the estate of the above named deceased to sell the following described real property of said estate, to-wit:

Lot two (2) in Block "G" of the Town of Hardman, Morrow County, Oregon,

and the date of the first publication of this citation is October 10th, 1940.

WITNESS the Honorable Bert Johnson, Judge of the above entitled court with the seal of said court affixed this 8th day of October, 1940.
 C. W. BARLOW,
 County Clerk.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Hilda A. Klinger, deceased, has filed his final account of his administration of the estate of said deceased with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and that said court has fixed Tuesday the 12th day of November, 1940, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the County Court room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file same with said court on or before the time fixed for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 10th day of October, 1940.
 CHARLES KLINGER,
 Administrator.

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