



Washington, D. C., May 29.—At least three military projects in Oregon and another in Washington will be officially authorized when the army is increased (which is a foregone conclusion) and congress votes money to pay the men and to provide shelter. At long last the war department has selected Medford and Eugene for cantonment sites, estimated by the department to cost \$23,000,000 each. The third location will be in the vicinity of Bend, and it may be an anti-aircraft contingent, an army air corps or just plain infantry. For Washington the site will be somewhere in the Yakima-Pasco region, but no information has been released on either the Washington or central Oregon projects.

Army men are still figuring on locating a powder-making plant in the Pacific northwest and the only site that appeals to them is in the vicinity of west Umatilla, where the land slopes right, where there is unlimited water and where there is opportunity for a new settlement of industrial workers. Army officials are tight-lipped, but it is known that there is not enough powder production capacity yet, despite the government building plants and subsidizing private companies to operate them. Also, the ordnance department needs a source near the Pacific coast to supply the navy and to provide ammunition for the troops in Alaska (now about 8,000 in that territory) and for the army air corps. The munitions base at Hermiston is to be a warehouse for bombs, etc., but there is no provision for making the propellants in that territory nor anywhere in the northwest yet.

War department is not supposed to be politically minded, but the reason cantonments have been selected for the future in western Oregon and in eastern Washington is because those areas have received nothing. The army recognizes the need of votes and of scattering around its projects to its best ability and to the availability of sites in congressional districts which fit into its plans. And believe it or not there are new deal congressmen who have insisted on friends receiving contracts, and have been successful.

It is true that many important contracts have been awarded strictly on a fair basis, but nevertheless there are a few new dealers who have raised the roof until constituents have been given contracts. It appears that if a new dealer howls loud enough the war department surrenders rather than carry on a controversy with a member who can do damage on the floor of senate or house. Such threats have been made. It appears that senatorial courtesy prevents investigating committees from delving too deeply into instances where threats of members have influenced the army. There is talk of these matters in the cloakrooms, but never on the floor of the senate chamber or in the committee hearings.

Here are some things which Office of Civilian Defense intends doing to the noncombatants of the northwest. Organization of volunteer fire fighters whether or not a community has a paid department, and these are to be instructed in how to extinguish incendiaries and fires caused by exploding bombs. Mostly, the training is throwing a bucket of sand on the flames, and having plenty of sand buckets handy—especially on the roofs of houses and buildings; instruction on how to reach the top of a house quickly.

Training industrial and office workers in street fighting with tommy guns; the bushwhacking of an invader while taking advantage of every shelter. Organization of sky

watchers; those who look for approaching planes and telephone instantly to a moving headquarters, where the essential reports are collected and sent to a general headquarters. Men and women will be volunteers in this observation legion—girls and boys, too, especially Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls.

Instruction of men and women as air raid wardens; how to round up people and get them into shelters, quell hysteria and recognize different types of bombs; women taught how to administer first aid, to knit sweaters for soldiers, to watch prices of food as a check on inflation. Girls taught household duties, knitting bandages, taking care of babies while the mothers are working at Red Cross headquarters or otherwise engaged in national defense. Boys told how to clear highways, back yards of trash and remove anything that may catch fire from an incendiary. The boys also will be directed to pick up old tires, scrap iron and aluminum.

In every community these activities are to be stressed by the OCD. It is 100 to 1 that there will never be occasion to go into action against an invader, but practice and rehearsals by volunteers are in the line of preparedness. The idea is to have the American people ready should there be an attack on this country. The home guard, on the other hand, will be drilled in guarding utilities, power houses, water-works.

RHEA CREEK NEWS

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Wright with a pot luck luncheon, Mrs. O. E. Wright assisting. Some of the patrons were on hand to help remove a shed from the Wright land, later to be built into a wood shed for the grange hall. After noon the business meeting was held, after which the ladies got busy and tacked a comforter. Twelve members were present and four visitors.

The social night to have been held at Rhea Creek hall on May 31 has been postponed.

Miss Carolyn Bergstrom of Eight-mile has been elected to attend the 4-H club summer school at Corvallis. Her scholarship is sponsored by Rhea Creek grange. This will be Carolyn's first trip. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kruger spent a few days visiting relatives on Rhea creek. They now reside at Sherwood.

O. E. Wright made a trip to Portland Thursday of last week, taking his brother, Moses, down to consult his doctor. Mose has been in poor health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huston spent a few days at Ritter springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston and Miss Florence Becket made a trip to Klamath Falls to visit Mr. and Mrs. Tyndal Robison for a few days. Last fall Mr. Robison purchased a fine stock ranch in the Bonanza belt. The boys while visiting went fishing, "and did they catch fish, and what kind." Mrs. Walter Becket did not return. She went to Red Bluff, Cal., to visit her sister, Julia Clark. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Becket will return to Heppner for Memorial day.

Mrs. Frank E. Parker will spend the week end at Walla Walla with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket are spending Memorial day at Fossil.

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Quiz and Answers On Drivers' Licenses

Current driver's licenses expire June 30th and new permits will be required after that date, according to Earl Snell, secretary of state. Persons 70 years of age or older must take the state examination for new permits and persons not holding current licenses also must take the examination. All others may renew without an examination.

For the benefit of those who seek information on the license renewal procedure, the following questions and answers were prepared by the secretary of state:

Q. When do current driver's licenses expire?

A. On June 30, 1941.

Q. When are the licenses for the 1941-1943 license period due?

A. They are due on and after July 1, 1941.

Q. May I obtain my 1941-1943 driver's license prior to July 1 and may I use it before my present license expires?

A. Application forms for renewals are now available. You may now renew your license but it may not be used till after June 15.

Q. From what source may I obtain an application form?

A. From county sheriffs, chiefs of police, state license examiners, the branch offices of the driver's license division in Portland, the secretary of state's office at Salem and from some designated service stations and stores.

Q. Must I submit to an examination to renew my driver's license this year?

A. Not if you hold a current license and are under 70 years of age. Persons not licensed in Oregon during the 1939-1941 license period and persons 70 years of age or older must take the law examination, the eye test and the drive test.

Q. What is the fee for a driver's license this year?

A. The fee for the driver's license is one dollar, but this year, the secretary of state is required to collect an additional sum of 50 cents from each applicant. The money thus collected goes into the motor vehicle accident fund for the payment of hospitalization costs of indigent persons injured in automobile accidents.

Q. Must the 50 cent fee be paid in one sum at the time the license is obtained, or may the driver pay 25 cents each year?

A. The fee must be paid in one sum of 50 cents at the time the license is applied for.

Q. How many persons in Oregon are licensed to drive automobiles?

A. There are nearly 500,000 persons licensed to drive in Oregon now and it is expected during the 1941-1943 period the number will exceed 500,000.

Paul G. Smouse is U.-O. Graduate

Paul Gordon Smouse of Ione is the lone Morrow county graduate among approximately 650 students to be graduated from the University of Oregon June 8, according to word received here.

Smouse is a candidate for the degree of bachelor of arts and is majoring in business administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry V. Smouse and is a graduate of Ione high school. He is a member of Tau Delta Chi, men's business administration honorary fraternity.

Of the 650 students, approximately 550 are seeking degrees of bachelor of arts and science; about 100 are completing work for degrees of master of arts or sciences, master of education or other graduate standing.

The impressive baccalaureate and commencement exercises will have university staff members for speakers. Dr. Donald M. Erb, president, will address the graduates on "The State of the University," while Dr. Paul B. Means, recently elected professor of religion, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on "Tyranny and Truth." Both events will be held Sunday, June 8, in McArthur court.

Class reunions, the picturesque flower and fern procession, Failing-Beekman orations and other events will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6, 7 and 8.

Cattlemen Urged Against Expansion

War profits are misleading and false and for that reason livestock men should be very careful about expansion now. That was the burden of several of the many fine addresses presented at the 28th annual convention of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association at Ontario recently.

For instance, Dr. Orlo Maughan, Spokane economist, said that the peak of the price of cattle, on basis of purchasing power, was reached January 1, this year, or will be reached January 1, 1942. Studies have shown price peaks about every 15 years. A four-point program suggested to keep livestock producers on an even keel: 1. Do not expand; 2. Get out of debt; 3. Use credit only for production purposes; 4. Put part of the surplus into government bonds.

George Aiken, Ontario, member of the state game commission, discussed game problems of importance to stockmen, and named as the three major problems the increasing herds of elk and antelope and also beaver. Other outstanding speakers were F. E. Mollin, Denver, who spoke on national legislation effecting cattlemen; Mac Hoke, Pendleton, on taxation and ranch financing; J. D. Mickle, director of agriculture.

Highlights in a series of resolutions: Opposition to free admission of dressed meats from foreign countries; opposition to consolidation of forest service with department of interior; opposition to any increase in present charges for grazing on Taylor grazing act lands; protest against abuses occurring under protection of the Wagner labor law, amendment of which was urged, urged abolition of all big game refuges in Oregon with power to the game commission to create such when necessary; urged open season in areas of over population of elk, deer and antelope, reduction in antelope fees and low charge for elk tags; requests greater efforts to live-trap beavers that are doing material damage to cultivated areas but no open season on beavers was recommended.

All officers were reelected: Wayne Stewart, Dayville, president; Robert Lister, Paulina, first vice-president; Herbert Chandler, Baker, second vice-president; C. L. Jamison, Canyon City, secretary-treasurer. John Day was chosen as site of the 1942 convention, also to be held in mid-May.

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