



Washington, D. C., May 21.—Camp Adair, the new cantonment under construction in the Corvallis-Albany-Monmouth area, is far from satisfactory to 100 or more farmers whose lands are being taken by the war department. The farmers, who have been holding meetings and sending complaints to the national capital, explain they are for anything that will win the war, but they protest at the way they are being treated by the war department. From these petitions it appears that the farmers are being told what appraisal is made on their farms and that they are (or some of them) ordered to leave their land on a few days' notice, or immediately.

Many of the farms are in the finest farming section of Willamette valley and have been in cultivation almost a century. Farmers think they should know what the government intends paying, and when. Inasmuch as they must seek homes elsewhere, in strange surroundings, they must have money to purchase a place, or at least make a down payment. Those who have cattle or sheep say they cannot pull up stakes and move away without sufficient time to make arrangements for their livestock. War department simply says the land is needed for the cantonment; that money will be paid in due time, but they refuse to promise any extended notice of when the land must be surrendered.

In late summer the 104th division will be organized and located at Camp Adair, according to announcement by the war department. Over the many thousand acres in the cantonment property troops will be trained in anticipation for overseas service.

Linn county is also registering a kick. War department plans acquiring a great acreage near Halsey which will embrace many fine farms and homes. The people in the region do not want to move. The area is to be used as a target range.

At Camp Adair the mail will be carried through Albany to Corvallis because, it is explained by the postal department, Corvallis has facilities and is a larger town. (Albany and Corvallis have practically the same population except when students are at state college). The postmaster will not gain at Corvallis; soldier mail is free and therefore no allowance is made for cancellations.

Army is in the market for hundreds of horses for the cavalry to be used on the Oregon coast. Contrary to popular impression the horse has not been eliminated from the cavalry, which is not all mechanized. Cavalry is needed in the Oregon coast range, on cut-over timberlands and in the forests. Horses can maneuver in that country with greater expedition than tanks and trucks; they can go where it would be impossible for the machines to operate. From Curry to Clatsop counties detachments of horse cavalry will be spread supplementing existing forces.

Gold Beach, at the mouth of the Rogue river, has asked for an army air base but for the present, at least, nothing will be done.

War Production board is interested in the lime deposits of Wallowa and Baker counties (lime plays an important part in a number of materials needed for war). There is talk of locating a war industry in Grant county adjacent to the chromite deposits in the John Day country, and transporting lime to the site. Nothing definite as to this, but it is in the conversation stage.

If the powder plant discussed by the war department is located in the northwest it may be in the vicinity of Ontario or the Snake river,

near Lewiston. There are only a few places where sufficient water is available, say the army men, and the best of all is at The Dalles. However, they add, The Dalles is too close to the ocean and the policy is to push all new industries inland at least 200 miles, if possible. No powder plant will be built, however, unless WPB decides that existing plants are insufficient. One story is that the plants now operating have capacity to provide all the propellants required for a global war.

For several years growers of bent grass in Clatsop county have been urging an appropriation which would permit department of agriculture scientists to study grasses to determine which are best for certain localities. Always the request has been kicked out the window because bent grass is used on golf courses and was regarded as recreational. In the new appropriation a substantial sum is allowed for grass experimentation as a war measure. New diversion air fields require a grass that will stand up where runways are not paved. Bent grass will hold the soil from blowing and afford a cushion for landing planes. As airfields are scattered all over Oregon, different grasses are required, and to find out which is best for each climate the experiments will be made.

### Scott McMurdo Takes Pre-Medics Exam

Oregon State College, Corvallis, May 21.—Scott H. McMurdo of Heppner, junior in science at Oregon State college, is one of 19 pre-medical students who took the national aptitude test prescribed by the association of American Medical colleges as a part of the regular requirements for admission to any first class medical school in the United States. The same test is given throughout the country on the same day and is intended to indicate a student's general fitness for a medical career.

McMurdo has been a member of the pre-medics club which has been in existence at Oregon State college since 1932. Enrollment in pre-medical work here has ranged between 75 and 100 students annually since that time.

Those completing the course this year will enter the University of Oregon Medical school in Portland, St. Louis University Medical school, and Northwestern University Medical school.

McMurdo, who is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, plans to apply for admission to the medical school with the class which starts in 1943.

### Oregon 4-H Girl Early Winner in Annual Contests

Oregon's first major winning for the year in the 4-H club field has just been announced by the national committee on boys' and girls' club work. Harriet Phyllis Kempston of Lane county has placed in the blue award group in the western extension section in the farm accounting record contest. Her achievement entitles her to a trip to the twenty-first national 4-H club contests this fall.

Oregon is again participating in all of such national contests, according to H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader. Most of these contests have been given a wartime emphasis this year.

The national canning contest, for example, is aimed at stimulating even a greater preservation of food by 4-H canning clubs than the 11 million jars of food preserved by 250,000 4-H girls last year. State and national awards in excess of \$600,000 have been provided by Mrs. Ruth Kerr, glass jar executive, for this year's contests. National winners will receive \$200 college scholarships.

The national girls' record contest is aimed at training girls for the best use of material and financial resources to make satisfying and happy homes, particularly during the days of wartime stress. Montgomery Ward and company is supplying scholarships and other awards for this contest.

Emphasis on greater use of electricity on farms to replace a shortage of labor and to increase production is part of the purpose of this

### Lumber Freezing Cause of Concern

Much local speculation as to the scope and intensity of the recent lumber freezing order is being witnessed.

This order has directly affected thirty or more farmers in the county who were planning on building farm storage facilities as well as all those interested in the construction being planned by the Morrow County Grain Growers.

We all have a reason for being concerned over this order, states C. D. Conrad, secretary of the Morrow County USDA War board, because we will have a million bushels or more of wheat which will have to be piled on the ground if materials are not available for building additional storage facilities.

Some local speculators have heard that the freezing order will be changed shortly to release enough of the lower grade of lumber to take care of all farm storage needs but Conrad adds that very little information has been received officially other than all stocks of lumber in wholesale hands are frozen. Retailers are still permitted to sell any lumber they have but the stocks in the hands of retailers are not sufficient to even make a start on the building, which of necessity must be completed in the county within the next month.

year's rural electrification contest sponsored by the Westinghouse company under the supervision of the extension service. Awards begin with county winners and end with the presentation of six scholarships of \$200 each to those who rank highest nationally.

It is expected that the nail situation will be relieved shortly and word has been received from J. Fred Bergesch, priority manager for this district, that priorities are not needed for the purchase of nails but that some retailers are asking for priorities and they have a right to demand them if they wish; however, Bergesch added that priorities will be of no value to retailers in replenishing their nail supply and that any priority rating that a farmer may have requires the retailer to sell nails if he has them in stock.

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