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Signal From the Quarterback



Engine "revved up" for take-off, a Naval Aviation Cadet aboard the practice carrier USS Wright at Pensacola Naval Air Station gets the go-ahead signal from the flight dispatcher of an air group. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty. (Official Navy Photograph)

Epidemic Condition Makes Polio Fund Campaign Urgent

A request for advances of \$12,950 to enable four Oregon counties to carry on polio programs in the face of epidemic conditions was telegraphed to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in New York city today. The action, taken by the Foundation's Oregon representative, Felix Montes, was announced by Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland postmaster and chairman of the 1949 Oregon March of Dimes. Dr. Hedlund said that advances are being sought for Polk, Deschutes, Benton and Malheur counties. Twenty-five hundred dollars was asked for Polk county, \$1750 for Deschutes, \$3400 for

Benton and \$5350 for Malheur. Four other counties, Lincoln, Wasco, Yamhill and Umatilla, also have experienced polio epidemic incidence this year, and Dr. Hedlund said that although their funds are virtually exhausted, the four "appear able to squeeze through without direct assistance from National." First advances are being requested for Polk, Deschutes and Benton counties, but Malheur has received \$10,700 from the National Foundation this year, according to the state March of Dimes chairman. In all, Malheur has spent nearly \$23,000 in the past 18 months as a result of its 1947 epidemic and a few scattered cases this year. In addition, many Oregon counties—plus hundreds throughout the nation—have weakened their chapters' financial position by making substantial advances to the National Foundation, Dr. Hedlund said. Epidemics in North Carolina, Texas and California

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Gilliam Rancher Is Conservation Farmer of Year

Condon, December 4—Arthur C. Jaeger, Gilliam county cattle and wheat rancher was named Saturday morning as "Conservation Farmer of the Year 1948" at the twenty-first annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

He was selected from a group of seven county soil conservation contest winners by a committee headed by Floyd Root, Wasco. Jaeger received custody of a rotating plaque signifying the award. His personal award was a wrist watch engraved "Conservation Farmer of the Year 1948."

This is the first year the conservation award has been made. However, it will become a permanent feature of the wheat league's conservation program; according to new league president, Paul Kaseberg, Wasco.

County conservation award winners who competed for the wheat league award on the basis of work they had accomplished in soil conservation were: Cecil Byers, The Dalles, representing Wasco county; W. E. Bruckert, Wasco, Sherman county; Rietmann Brothers, Lexington, Morrow county; J. H. Rea, Milton, Umatilla county; E. R. McCance, North Powder, Union county; R. C. Hammond, Enterprise, Walla Walla county; and Jaeger who was Gilliam county representative.

County conservation contest winners received silver belt buckles. Engraved on each was the county of the winner, the year 1948 and the words: "Soil Conservation Farmer."

After the awards were made, Root stated that all of the county conservation winners had records indicating they had recognized the need for better farming practices "years and years" before soil conservation work became well known to the general public. He pointed out that Jaeger has been using a trashy fallow system on his place since the early 1930's.

Jaeger owns a 2600 acre ranch. Among his accomplishments in the record released by Root was the fact that he has retired from wheat production a total of 250 acres of land and replanted them to grass. He contour strip crops 180 acres of his wheat lands.

Purpose of the contest is to give recognition to farmers who have been doing outstanding jobs of conservation farming in the area which suffers badly from erosion. The ultimate objective is to make everyone in the area conservation minded Root explained.

In the days of the CCC camps, check dams and terraces were installed on the Jaeger ranch. He has maintained them since.

In 1944, the Jaeger ranch was named a demonstration site. Root pointed out that this took place two years before a soil conservation district was formed in Gilliam county.

Jaeger has carried on extensive grass seeding, range improvement program and stock water development with assistance from the Soil Conservation service.

In addition to Root, chairman, other members of the selection committee were as follows: Roy Forman, Antelope; Frank Anderson, Heppner; Lester King, Pendleton; Ray Kent, district conservationist, SCS, Pendleton; and E. R. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist.

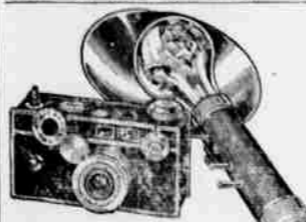
Fire Danger Now at Peak, Engineers Say

The danger of home fires will be greater during the next three months than during any other part of the year, the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out.

Year after year, fire losses climb as the temperature falls, the National Board engineers reveal. For that reason, they urge householders to inspect their

riddled National's epidemic aid fund, and Dr. Hedlund warned that "the situation in general means that the next March of Dimes must succeed as never before."

Last week end Dr. Hedlund conferred in Portland with Kathleen Allen of New York, director of the National Foundation's medical-social service, and was told that the nation's number of polio cases for 1948 would approximate 30,000—an all-time record.



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homes to reduce Winter fire hazards. Defective chimneys and flues cause many of the fires which break out in homes during the cold months. Chimneys should be inspected carefully, and all cracks and holes should be repaired. Flues should be cleaned. Overheated stoves and furnaces also endanger the home, the fire experts point out. When heaters fail to give sufficient warmth, they should not be forced. In many cases, the equipment may need cleaning or repair, and occasionally a new heater may be required, but "forcing" any heating device is always dangerous. Portable heaters should be cleaned regularly while in use, and kept away from combustibles. In one state, neglected portable heaters are listed as the number one cause of serious fires in residences during the past 25 years.

The National Board engineers also suggest that observation of these seven rules would reduce the probability of your home catching fire:

1. Don't use kerosene to start fires in stoves or furnaces. Use rolled or folded newspapers.
2. Refill portable oil heaters outdoors. Keep portable heaters where they won't get kicked over.
3. Don't overload electric circuits by plugging in too many heaters or appliances.
4. Remove all rubbish, old clothes or papers from the basement and attic, and check to be sure that no combustibles are placed close to any heating device.
5. Always put ashes in a metal container.
6. Place a tight-fitting metal screen in front of the fireplace.
7. Learn the quickest way to summon the fire department, in case of fire.

And if a fire does break out, turn in an alarm immediately and get everybody out of the house at once.

Parents Reminded To Demand Safety In Children's Toys

New Christmas toys can be dangerous to young children with prying fingers, the National Board of Fire Underwriters warns Christmas shoppers. Be sure they are safe.

The fire authorities advise taking special care in choosing electric toys. Toys of inferior construction can cause severe burns or start serious fires in Christmas trees and flammable decorations.

Parents should inspect electric toys their children receive at Christmas and supervise their play with any electric set. The children may get a severe shock from touching a radiator or other "ground" while handling electric toys.

Here are general rules for safe toys:

1. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories Inc. markers on electric toys.
2. Don't buy toys using alcohol, kerosene, or gasoline. They are hazardous in juvenile hands.
3. Don't place electric trains around base of Christmas tree.
4. Parents should plug and unplug electric toys themselves, rather than let small children do it. Play with electric toys should be supervised.

Student Navigators of the Skies



At Pensacola, Florida, future Navy carrier pilots are taught tricks of navigation on a large-scale model of an aviator's plotting board. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty. (Official Navy Photograph)

Fire losses in the United States will probably reach the staggering total of \$750,000,000 this year, according to the National Board of

Fire Underwriters. That sum would provide a \$440,000 endowment fund for every college and professional school in the country.

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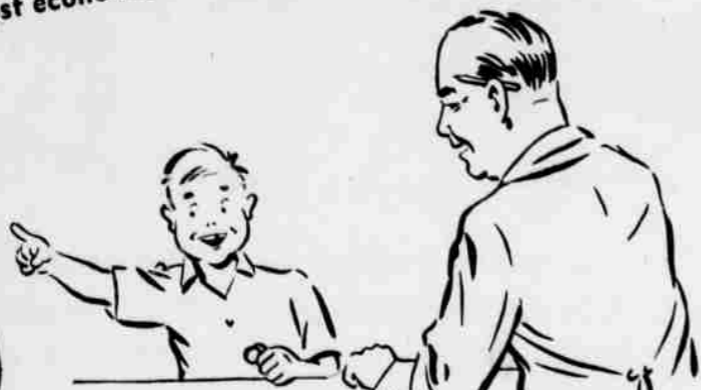
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