

### Students Go A-Farming at Farmingdale, L. I.



There is a threatened shortage of farm labor this year. In upstate New York alone 25,000 men and boys are needed this summer, and some 7,000 boys from city high schools have enrolled for farm training. Many of these are being trained at the State Institute of Agriculture in Farmingdale, L. I. At the left you see students at work in the dairy section of the institute. Right: Some of the students who are taking a course in farming.

### N.Y.A. TO ACCEPT GIRLS FOR OFFICE WORK TRAINING

"Forty girls ranging in age from 17 to 25 and from various parts of Eastern Oregon will arrive at Pendleton May 18 and 25 upon assignments to the new NYA Girls Resident Center near Hawthorne school," said Henry Vorlicky of La Grande, NYA director, and Mrs. Connie H. James of Portland, state director of NYA Girls' projects, today.

The girls will reside in one of the two dormitories—the boys occupy the other—which will be under the direction of Mrs. Marian Moriarty, who has been in charge of the NYA girls in La Grande for the past year.

Twenty of the girls will do part-time office work at the Pendleton Air Base and also receive stenographic training, while twenty will be trained in radio and sheet metal work, leading to employment in vital defense industries. The educational program is under the direction of Austin Landreth, city school superintendent and recent elected president of the Oregon State Teachers association. The Pendleton teachers will give instruction.

At the youth center in the past, only boys have been residents, taking training in machine shop, radio, carpentry, cooking, and welding; the average number being forty. Rev. Ed Stauffer, graduate of Northwestern Theological Seminary, is resident supervisor for NYA.

Boys taking training in welding

are being called to jobs in the Portland and Seattle ship yards at a base wage of \$1.12½ per hour immediately upon passing the American Bureau of Shipwelding test. An average boy requires 150 to 200 hours of training to pass this examination. Semi-skilled machinists, sheet metal workers and carpenters are in great demand. Many thousand girl clerical workers are now needed in defense industries.

All boys and girls assigned to defense training and work experience in Pendleton receive their board and room plus approximately \$9.00 per month in cash for personal use.

Young people interested in NYA assignments to defense training and work experience should contact Mr. Glenn T. Norton, Area Youth Personnel officer, Observer Bldg., La Grande, Oregon, for application.

### PROPOSED AAA CHANGES HAVE WAR BASIS

Comparatively few changes in the 1943 AAA program are sought in recommendations proposed by 1300 Oregon farmer committeemen and reviewed this week by the state AAA committee. R. B. Taylor of Adams, state AAA chairman, announces.

The state recommendations, based on action of the state AAA conference and the results of questionnaires filled out by county and community committeemen last month, demonstrate that the present farm program is adaptable to wartime as well as

peace-time adjustments, Taylor said. The changes sought, mostly designed to give greater assistance to farmers in meeting Food for Freedom production goals, place greater emphasis on pasture improvement, weed and rodent control, and simple conservation methods of farming needed to keep soils in condition for top production for the duration of the war.

One proposed change would encourage growers to utilize legume straw left on the land after seed crops are harvested, by discouraging burning of such crop residues. High in plant food content, legume straw has become more important for its fertilizer value since nitrates have become scarce, Taylor said.

Maintenance of the present allotment system for surplus crops and continuance of the provision requiring that 20 per cent of a farm's cropland be devoted to soil conserving uses were also asked.

Use of lime has developed to the point where existing lime plants in the state cannot keep up with the demand, and are now 10,000 tons behind on orders from farmers, the state committee learned. Continuance of the conservation materials program, which provides for distribution of lime and phosphate in lieu of AAA payments earned, was recommended for its contribution to pasture improvement and increased milk production.

Adoption of a modified "honor system" whereby farmers would report their own compliance with the program and performance of practices was also recommended by the committeemen.

### Gibraltar Rock Made Stronger

Defenses Called 'Fantastic'—Guard Fortress From Attack by Land.

LONDON.—The reported arrival of German troops on the Spanish frontier as having come through the Nazi-occupied Biscay littoral arouses renewed interest in the defenses of Gibraltar.

Just before the war Marshal Peñain, when ambassador at Madrid, paid a visit to the Rock and pronounced it, in a private letter to a Paris friend, "impregnable even from the land side, where the approaches can be easily enflamed by warships."

In the last four years, according to periodic reports dealing with generalities, the defenses have been completely reconditioned in order to meet modern methods of attack, which have been employed by the Germans elsewhere with more and more finish.

Writer Looks It Over.

Quite recently General Viscount Gort, who is in command of the Rock and director of the various naval, army and air staffs assembled there, was permitted to divulge certain aspects of the "new Gibraltar" and ordered an officer to accompany a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph of London on a tour of inspection through the works. From Madrid the correspondent got the following dispatch through to his paper, with no censoring in evidence:

"For two days I was taken through every phase of these fantastic defenses, starting where you cross into the zone from the little town of La Linea on the border.

"There are three zones. They are: The new defense area against attacks by land from Spain; the harbor areas containing the immense anchorage and dock facilities and the tremendous new seaplane base; the interior of the Rock itself, which has been developed fivefold since the war began, for the British have now made Gibraltar as impregnable from land as from sea.

"You reach Gibraltar along a narrow peninsula separating the Mediterranean from the harbor. On this stretch 26 sets of concrete tank barriers cross the road and you weave through these for a mile.

No General Entrance.

"On each side of this single route is a flat area 700 yards wide, studded with immense pillboxes and tank traps, flame-thrower stations and anti-aircraft batteries.

"At the end of the mile is the first of two canals between the sea and the harbor, cut across the road and serving as great modern moats. Beyond these you reach the garrison gates and the cantonments, the mined approaches to the docks and the Mole.

"Here a great battle fleet rides at anchor, among it two famous ships recently under repair at New York.

"There is no general entrance to the Rock. The Rock itself is a mile long and a half a mile wide, 1,000 feet high, consisting entirely of limestone, through which it is relatively easy to tunnel. Its fortifications are centralized on each of the three faces, each an immense network in itself.

"Some 2,000 tunnelers are working in Gibraltar 24 hours a day. There were two miles of tunnels when the war started. Today there are ten. A total of 20,000 men can live in that Rock indefinitely, and these men are stationed at Gibraltar now.

### Uncle Sam Contracts for 632 More Cargo Vessels

WASHINGTON.—The United States maritime commission announced that it had negotiated contracts for the construction of 632 additional merchant vessels. These, it was said, would bring its program up to President Roosevelt's request for 8,000,000 deadweight tons of shipping this year and 10,000,000 deadweight tons next year.

Captain Howard L. Vickery, a member of the commission, estimated that the 632 vessels, all of the emergency type known as Liberty ships, will cost \$1,110,000,000.

All the vessels will be completed by the end of 1943, Captain Vickery said.

### Offer Reward for Message-Bearing Pigeons

LONDON.—The Belgian bureau of information said that Germans in Belgium and France were offering awards for citizens to turn over to the authorities carrier pigeons bearing messages and also for parachutes, message containers and propaganda leaflets dropped by planes of countries at war with the Reich.

### 40% of Bomber Plant Workers Will Be Women

KANSAS CITY.—Officials of North American Aviation, Inc., disclosed that 40 per cent of the employees of its bomber assembly plant in Kansas City will be women. Employment of women workers began in the plant stock rooms. Company spokesmen said that training of women for skilled work in the bomber plant will begin soon. Wives of men in military service will be given preference.



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It is my belief that the affairs of the County Treasurer have been handled in a proper and business-like manner during my tenure of office. At any time I have been unable, because of illness, to be in the office, it has been in charge of a capable deputy, at no expense to the County.

On the record of the quality of my work in the office, I base my request for your further support.

**BETTY F. DeHART FOR COUNTY TREASURER**  
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE (Pd. Adv.)